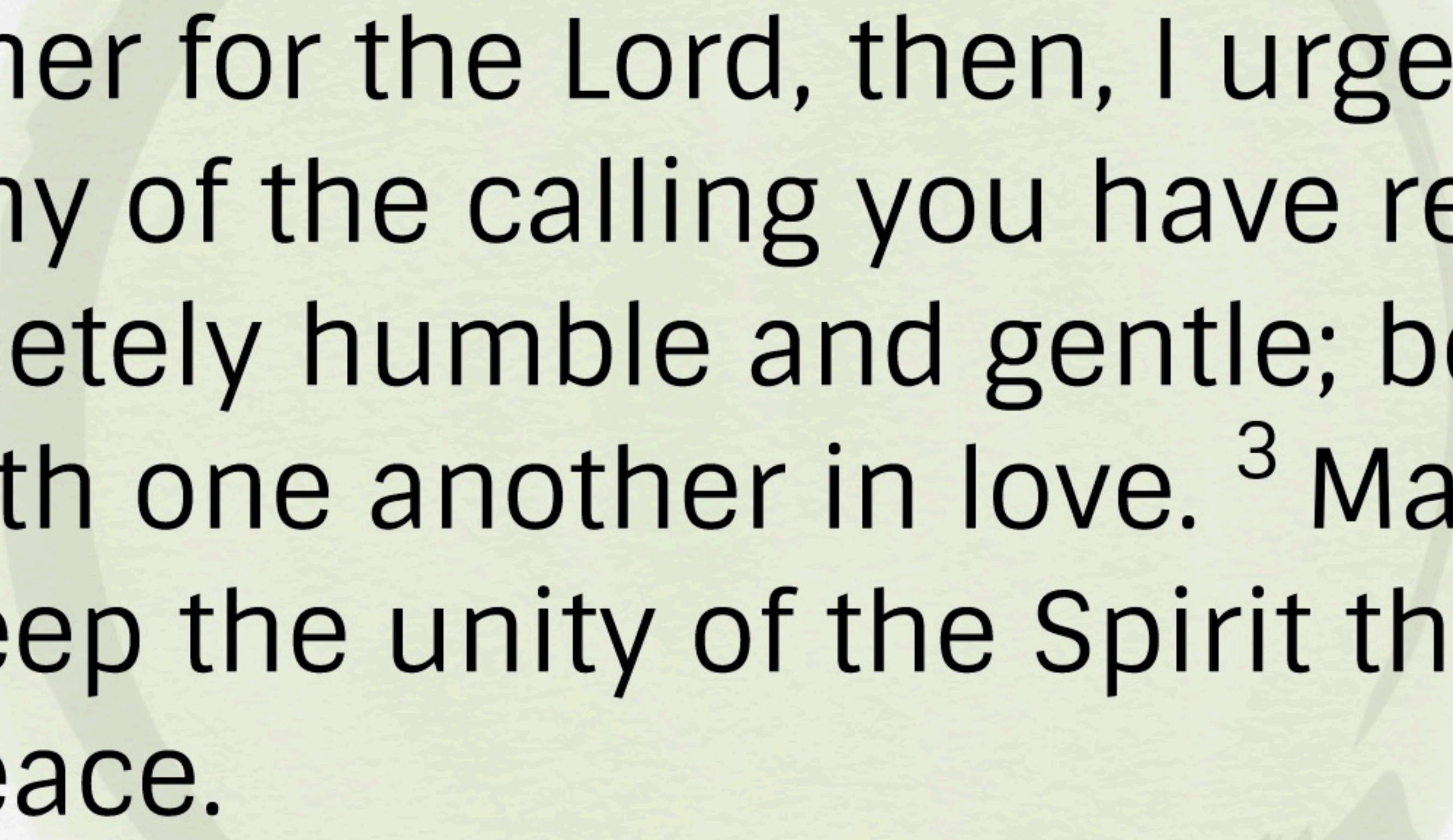


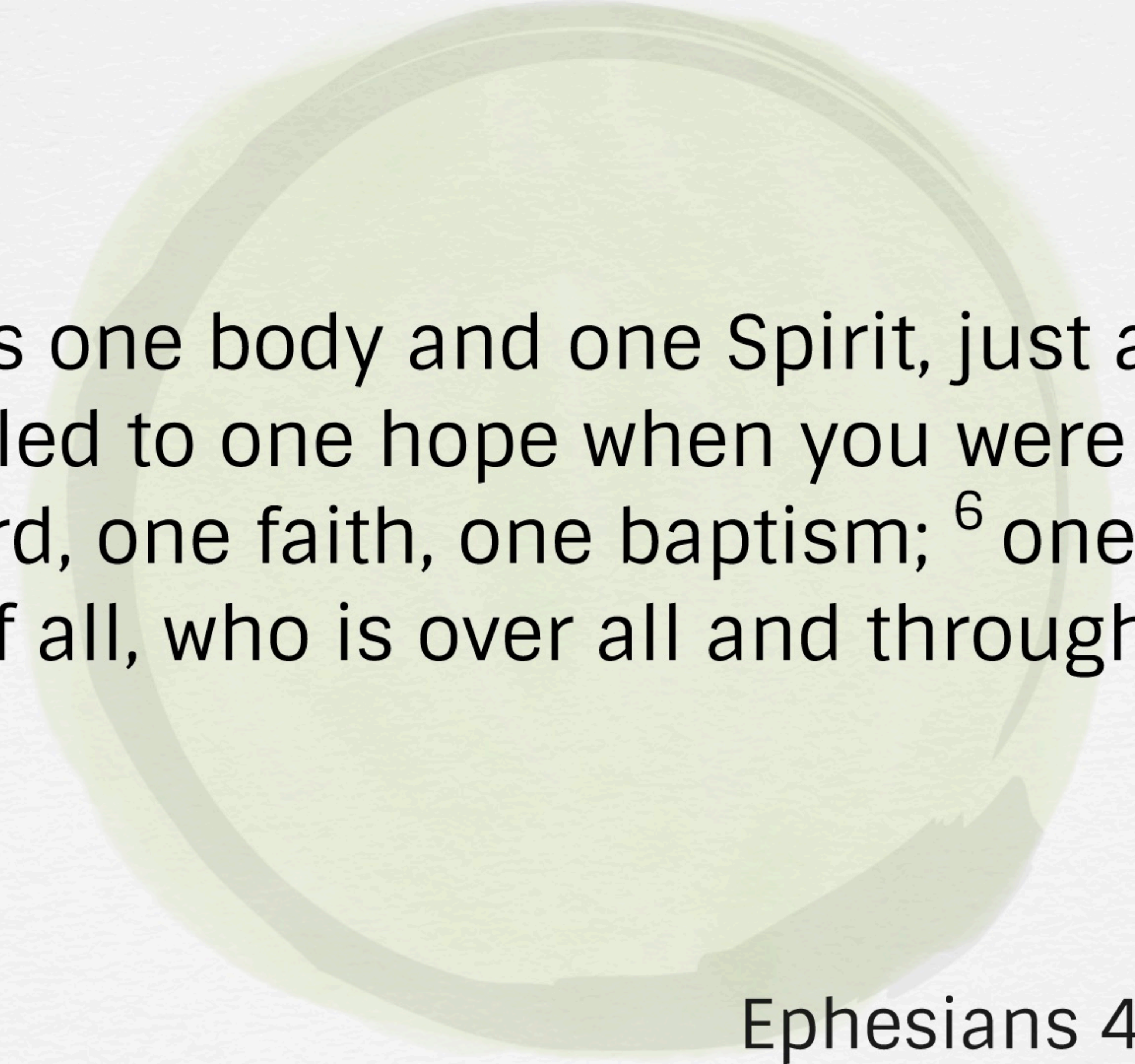
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One with Jesus



As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.
² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:1–16 NIV



⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;
⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:1–16 NIV

⁷ But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

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¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.

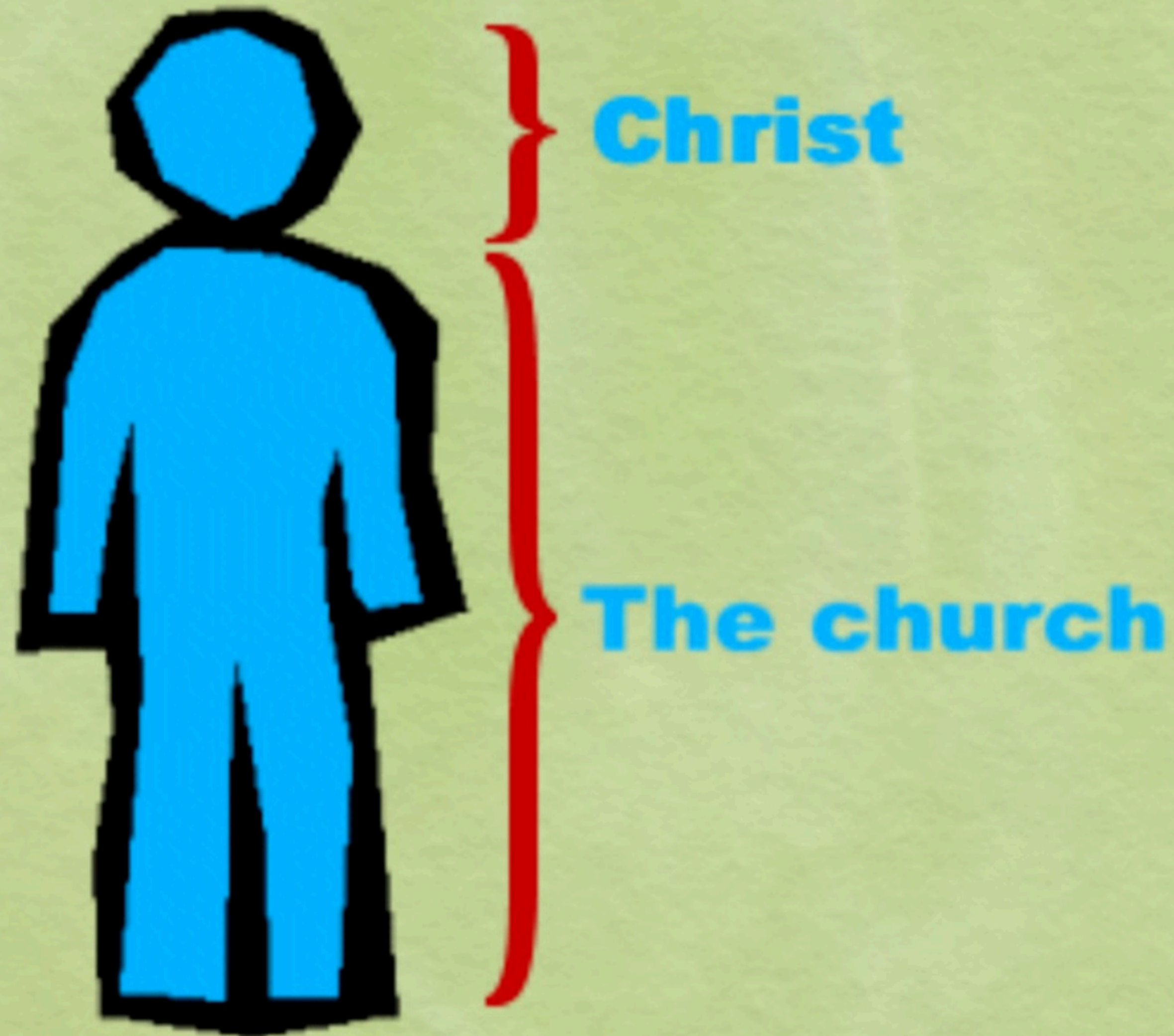
¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

One with Jesus - Four Elements:

1	Union	Eph 1:1-14	I am 'In Christ'
2	Participation	Eph 2:1-10	I am 'Raised with Christ'
3	Identification	Eph 2:11-22	I am 'Joined together in Christ'
4	Incorporation	Eph 4:1-16	I am in the 'Body of Christ'

The Body of Christ



Christian values that shaped Australian culture

Ephesians 4:2-6

**Be completely humble and gentle; be patient,
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**Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit
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**v5-6: ONE body, Spirit, hope, Lord, faith, baptism.
One God and Father of all...**

The Cult of Self

Whether you know it or not, a powerful cult is trying to recruit you. Cults tend to show a misplaced or excessive admiration for a particular person or thing, and this cult has chosen an irresistible figurehead: you! Frankly, it's easy to see why the promise that the Cult of Self makes can be too tempting to resist. It lulls us into thinking that we are unique, special, and superior. That our needs matter more than everyone else's. That we're not subject to the same rules as other people are.

(Tasha Eurich, *Insight*, p. 86)



**The Materialistic cycle:
rushing > working > buying**



The Spiritual Consumer: complains & contaminates



Maturity = Incorporation: 'I am in the Body of Christ'

Ephesians 4:12-13

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Immaturity – remain spiritual infants

Ephesians 4:14

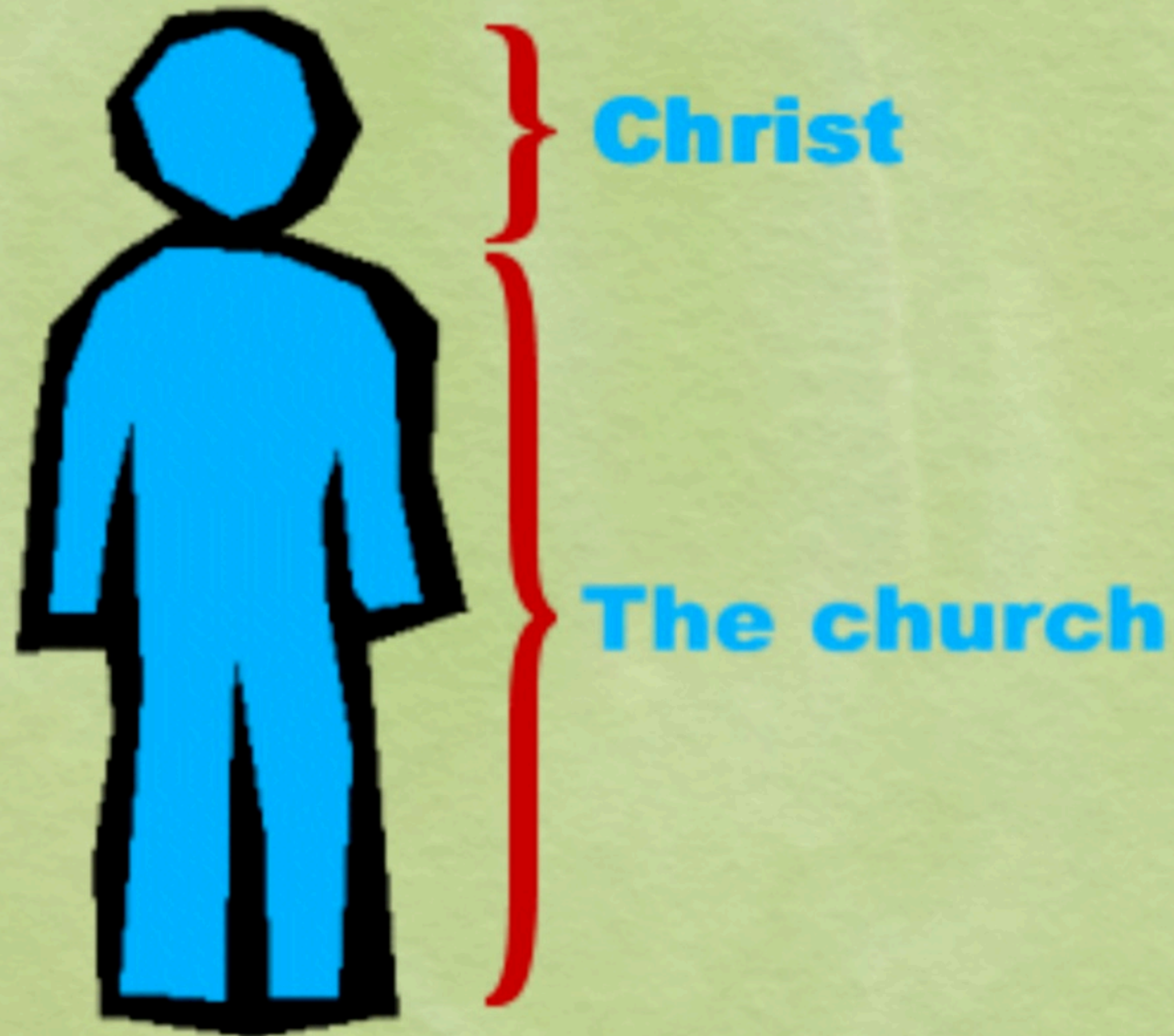
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Ephesians 4:15

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The Body of Christ



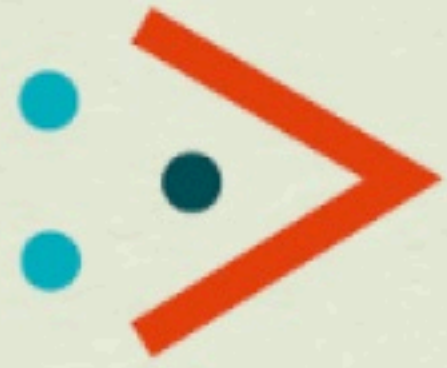
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to equip his people for works of service,
so that the body of Christ may be built up.

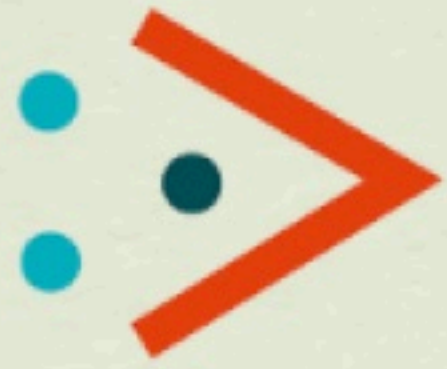
“The fivefold ministry is the way Jesus is present in the Church, and the way He extends His own ministry through us.”

“Each of the five callings is not just a ministry function. It is a mode of Christ’s own presence in and through his Body. To suppress any one of them is to suppress a dimension of Jesus’ ongoing ministry. The church that operates on 2 of 5 callings is not just under-resourced. It is presenting a partial picture of who Jesus is.” (Alan Hirsch, 5Q founder)





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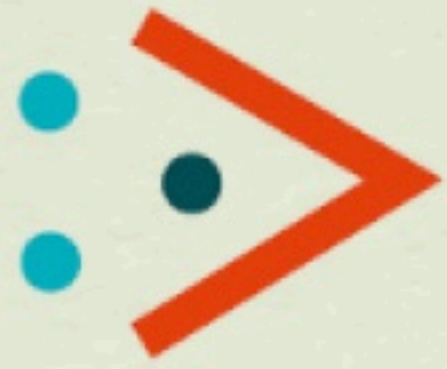
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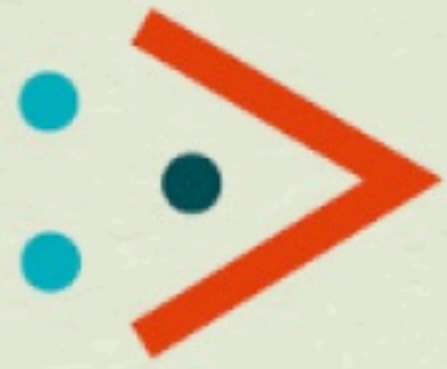
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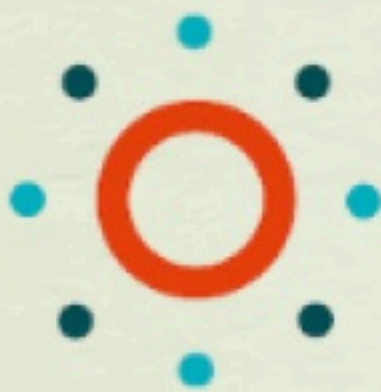
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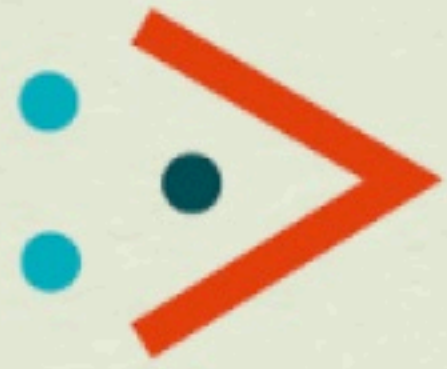
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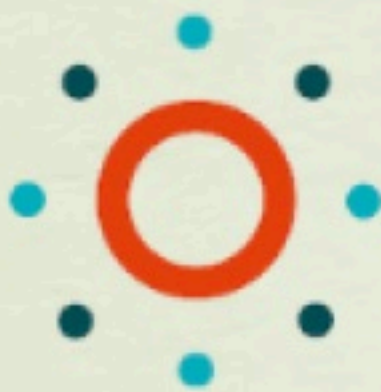
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- **Which five-fold gifts are you using?**
- **How are you contributing to our Discover Church family?**
- **Who are you helping to mature spiritually?**



DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS

- **Why is cult of self a problem for people?**
- **Read Ephesians 4:1-16. How do the five-fold ministry (v11) express themselves in Discover Church?**
- **Take the APEST survey as a Life Group and discuss how your diverse gifts actually strengthen you as a team.**

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