Working Together Finding My Place

Greg Kline · Ephesians 4:1–16

INTRODUCTION

- I can throw away with that calendar the sins and the mistakes of last year.
- The elders have assigned a theme for 2019, and that theme is growing together.
- We have within all of us, as babes in Christ, the potential to be spiritual greats, if we'll but grow.

1 You Are Part of Something Glorious

Ephesians 4:1–6; Ephesians 3:8–10; Ephesians 1:22–23

- If you're a child of God, if you through faith have confessed your faith before men, have repented of your sins and been baptized for the remission of your sins, that you're a part of the body of Christ.
- There is one body and one spirit. Just as you were called in one hope of your calling.
- Grace was given to me that I could be a part of this.
- The existence of Christ's body declares in itself the manifold wisdom of God.
- No real growth, no substantial sustaining growth will ever take place unless we understand the importance of that.

2 This Spiritual Body Is Equipped for a Purpose

Ephesians 4:7–12

- Christ didn't wash your sins away so that you could set on some shelf, forgiven of your sins, until the judgment day.
- He himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers for the equipping of the saints, for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.
- We are not redeemed and cleansed to set on some shelf somewhere. We are redeemed and cleansed and equipped to get to work.
- The tools that we're equipped with imply what type of work we're to be engaged in.
- Christ did not come and die on that cross so that we might do something which we could do without Him.
- This work is spiritual. And we've been equipped to that.

3 Growing Together Is Essential

Ephesians 4:13–16

- Till we all come to the unity of the faith and to the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.
- We mean growing in every sense of that word, in every facet of it, that we might grow up into that mature body.
- This growth is a self-perpetuating growth. How do we grow? We start by growing.

- Don’t choose the path of least resistance. Very little growth is accomplished the easy way.
- Be patient. Be patient with yourself. And maybe equally important, be patient with others.
- Third, start. Do something. Now, my advice would be to start small.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Will you accept the challenge this morning, this year? To grow together.**

MY NOTES