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<sup>10</sup>His intent was that now, **through the church**, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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- This Purpose will be accomplished when the old values & habits of Jesus Followers are replaced by something new and radical.
  - Chapters 4-6 **The Church “DOES”**

Message in a Sentence:

*God's going fishing . . .  
 . . . and His Church is the bait!*

Every Church must ask the question:

*Is God catching anything with us?*

. . . this is where Paul now turns his  
attention!

# *‘Doing Church’*

*... The Lifestyle of God’s People.*

## Key to Remember:

God’s Church is irresistible when we demonstrate to people what they are longing for, but simply cannot find.

- When we do this, we are announcing the Kingdom of God to them!

## Demonstration #1: Living in unity together

*As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received . . . .  
Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. (verses 1 & 3)*

### 1. Our unity reflects God's unity

*There is one body and one Spirit, . . . one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. (v.v. 4-6).*

## 2. Our unity acknowledges that Jesus is Lord.

*We will in all things grow up into him who is our Head, that is, Christ. 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. (v.v. 15-16)*

### 3. Our diversity reflects God's diversity.

*But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it . . . It was (Christ) who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers.*  
*(v.v. 4-6).*

## 4. Our leaders are those whom:

- a. God has gifted & called to lead.  
it was he (Christ) who gave some to be:
  - *Apostles*
  - *Prophets*
  - *Evangelists*
  - *Pastors*
  - *Teachers*

*We Need More A.P.E. s in the church today!!*



#### 4. Our leaders are those whom:

- b. Act as servants, knowing what “success” is.  
*to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up . . . and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*  
*Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves and blown here and there by every wind of teaching . . .*

*Have*

*A*

*Great*

*Week!*

*God*

*Bless*

*You!!*



