

### Are You Progressing or Regressing?

Series: Identity: Who We Are in Christ

(A Close-up Look at Ephesians)

– Ephesians 4:11-16 –

#### I. The MEANS to Our Maturity (vss. 11–12)

“Apostles”

“Prophets”

“Evangelists”

“Pastor-Teachers”

#### II. The MEASURE of Our Maturity (vs. 13)

#### III. The MARKS of Our Maturity (vs. 14–16)

What are the marks of a mature Christian?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 14)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 15)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 16)

I will not \_\_\_\_\_ as a Christian apart from significant

\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Application Questions. . .

1. What especially spoke to you in this passage?
2. Are you living out the “calling you have received” — In your work? Your home? Your relationships? Why or why not?
3. If you had never heard anything else about Christianity, what would you say were the most important features of the Christian *lifestyle*, base only on what you see in this passage (4:1-16)?
4. Which of the three “marks” presents you with the largest opportunity for growth?
5. Suppose a new Christian ask you, “How can I *know* that the Holy Spirit lives in me?” How could you use verses 12-16 to help give a meaningful answer?
6. How would you describe your own personal progress of living out that the truth expressed in this passage?