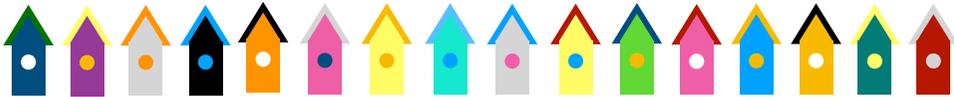
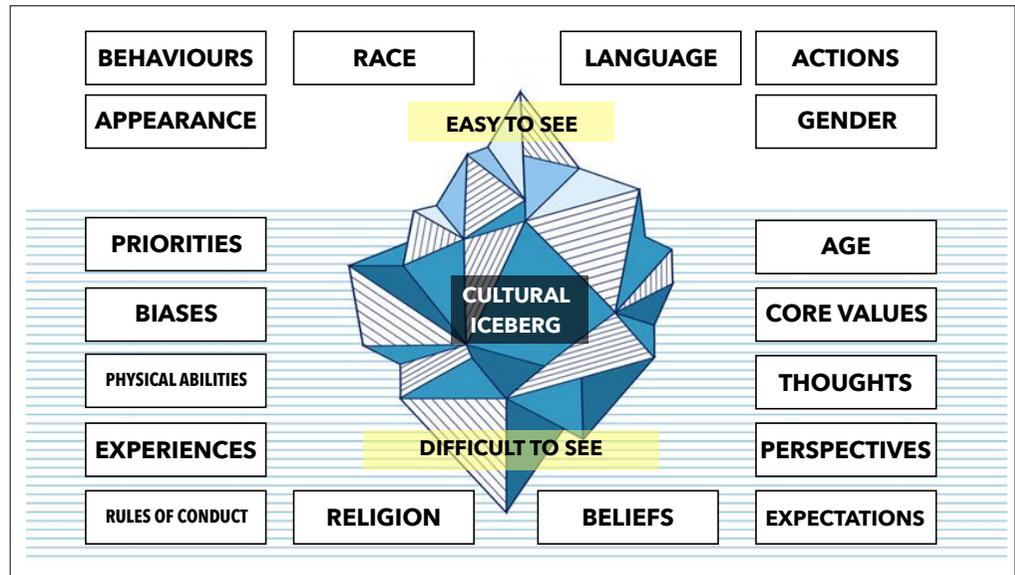


# A COMMUNITY STRENGTHENS FAITH WHEN UNITY IN CHRIST IS OUR COMMON GOAL



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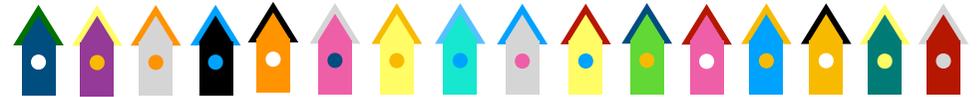
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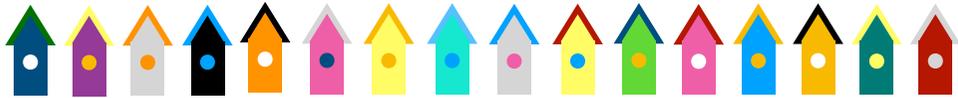
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<sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> **to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up** <sup>13</sup> until we all reach **unity** 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.**"

**Eph 4:11-13**

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**A COMMUNITY  
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WHEN YOU MATURE  
AND DRAW NEAR IN  
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"...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to **completion** until the day of Christ Jesus."

**Philippians 1:6**

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"<sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> 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.** <sup>16</sup> 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.**"

**Eph 4:14-16**

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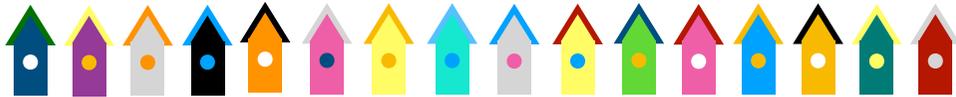
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<sup>20</sup> That, however, is not the way of life you learned <sup>21</sup> when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the **truth that is in Jesus**. <sup>22</sup> You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to **put off your old self**, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; <sup>23</sup> to be made new in the attitude of your minds; <sup>24</sup> and to **put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.**"

**Eph 4:20-24**

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# A COMMUNITY STRENGTHENS FAITH WHEN WE RE-COMMIT OURSELVES BACK TO GOD



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<sup>25</sup> Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbour, for we are all members of one body. <sup>26</sup> "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, <sup>27</sup> and do not give the devil a foothold. <sup>28</sup> Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. <sup>29</sup> Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

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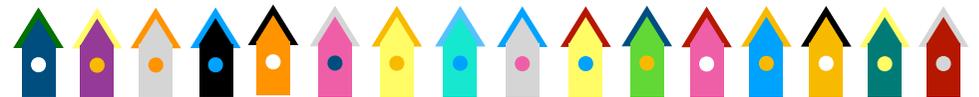
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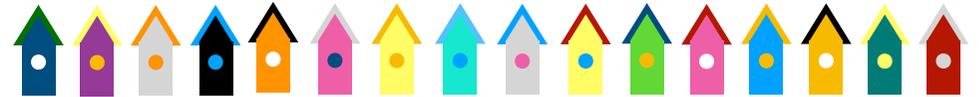
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**Eph 4:30-32**

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**A COMMUNITY  
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WHEN WE FOLLOW THE  
COMMANDMENTS:  
LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS**



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"The same Spirit who convicts my heart of sin, generates in me love for God, gives me new birth, provides my apprehension of the beauty of grace in the world, and seals my redemption until the coming of my Lord—this same Spirit who loves me so intimately and perfectly, I can cause to grieve."

**– Bryan Chapell**

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# LOVE GOD LOVE OTHERS



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"<sup>32</sup> If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.

**Luke 6:32-33**

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## COMMUNITY STRENGTHENS FAITH

Common goal: unity in Christ

Companions supporting & building you up

Completion in maturity in Christ

Re-committing ourselves back to God

Communicating in love

Commandment: love God, love others

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## A COMMUNITY STRENGTHENS FAITH WHEN WE COME TOGETHER FOR COMMUNION



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