第四篇

基督生機的身體
在愛裏把自己建造起來

詩歌：

讀經：弗四 8～16

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弗 4:12 爲要成全聖徒，目的是爲着職事的工作，爲着建造基督的身體，
弗 4:13 直到我們眾人都達到了信仰上並對神兒子之完全認識上的一，達到了長成的人，達到了基督豐滿之身材的度量，
弗 4:14 使我們不再作小孩子，爲波浪漂來漂去，並爲一切教訓之風所搖蕩，這教訓是在於人的欺騙手法，在於將人引入錯謬系統的詭詐作爲；
弗 4:15 惟在愛裏持守着真實，我們就得以在一切事上長到祂，就是元首基督裏面；
弗 4:16 本於祂，全身藉着每一豐富供應的節，並藉着每一部分依其度量而有的功用，得以聯絡在一起，並結合在一起，便叫身體漸漸長大，以致在愛裏把自己建造起來。

壹 基督生機身體內在的建造，是藉着元首基督在祂的升天（包括祂的復活）裏，將各種有恩賜的人（如使徒、申言者、傳福音者、以及牧人和教師），就是在神聖三一的分賜中所構成的人，賜給基督的身體—弗四 8～12，徒二 24，27，一 9：

Message Four

The Organic Body of Christ
Building Itself Up in Love

Hymns:

Scripture Reading: Eph. 4:8-16

Eph. 4:8 Therefore the Scripture says, "Having ascended to the height, He led captive those taken captive and gave gifts to men."
Eph. 4:9 (Now this, "He ascended," what is it except that He also descended into the lower parts of the earth?
Eph. 4:10 He who descended, He is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens that He might fill all things.)
Eph. 4:11 And He Himself gave some as apostles and some as prophets and some as evangelists and some as shepherds and teachers,
Eph. 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints unto the work of the ministry, unto the building up of the Body of Christ,
Eph. 4:13 Until we all arrive at the oneness of the faith and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, at a full-grown man, at the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,
Eph. 4:14 That we may be no longer little children tossed by waves and carried about by every wind of teaching in the sleight of men, in craftiness with a view to a system of error,
Eph. 4:15 But holding to truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, Christ,
Eph. 4:16 Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.

I. The intrinsic building up of the organic Body of Christ is by the giving of the gifted persons (such as apostles, prophets, evangelists, and shepherds and teachers), who are constituted in the dispensing of the Divine Trinity, by Christ as the Head in His ascension (including His resurrection), to His Body—Eph. 4:8-12; Acts 2:24, 27; 1:9:

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徒 2:24 神卻將死的痛苦解除，叫祂復活了，因爲祂不能被死拘禁。
徒 2:27 因你必不將我的魂撇在陰間，也不叫你的聖者見朽壞。
徒 1:9 說了這話，他們正看的時候，祂就被取上升，有一朵雲彩把祂從他們的眼界中接上去了。

一 以弗所四章八節說，『祂既升上高處，就擄掠了那些被擄的，將恩賜賜給人』：

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1 『高處』引自詩篇六十八篇十八節，指錫安山，（15～16，）象徵第三層天，神的居所。（王上八 30。）

詩 68:18 你已經升上高處，擄掠了那些被擄的；你在人間，甚至在悖逆的人中間，受了恩賜，叫耶和華神可以住在他們中間。
詩 68:15 巴珊山是大能的山，巴珊山是多峯多嶺的山；
詩 68:16 你們多峯多嶺的山哪，爲何嫉視神所願居住的山？耶和華必住這山，直到永遠。
王上 8:30 你僕人和你民以色列向此處禱告的時候，求你垂聽他們的懇求；求你在天上你的居所垂聽，垂聽而赦免。

2 詩篇六十八篇含示在約櫃得勝之後，神在約櫃中升到錫安山；（民十 35；）這描繪基督如何得了勝，且凱旋的升到諸天之上。

詩六八 大衛的詩，一首歌，交與歌詠長。
詩 68:1 願神興起；願祂的仇敵四散；願恨祂的人從祂面前逃跑。
詩 68:2 你要驅逐他們，使他們如煙被風吹散；惡人要見神的面而滅沒，如蠟見火而融化。
詩 68:3 惟有義人必然喜樂；他們必在神面前歡欣，並歡喜快樂。
詩 68:4 你們當向神唱詩，歌頌祂的名；要因那坐車行過荒野的人誇勝，祂的名是耶和華；要在祂面前歡樂。
詩 68:5 神在祂的聖所作孤兒的父，作寡婦的伸冤者。
詩 68:6 神叫孤獨的有家可居住，使被囚的出來得亨通；惟有悖逆的住在乾燥之地。

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Eph. 4:11 And He Himself gave some as apostles and some as prophets and some as evangelists and some as shepherds and teachers,
Eph. 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints unto the work of the ministry, unto the building up of the Body of Christ,
Acts 2:24 Whom God has raised up, having loosed the pangs of death, since it was not possible for Him to be held by it.
Acts 2:27 Because You will not abandon my soul to Hades, nor will you permit Your Holy One to see corruption.
Acts 1:9 And when He had said these things, while they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him away from their sight.

A. Ephesians 4:8 says, "Having ascended to the height, He led captive those taken captive and gave gifts to men":

Eph. 4:8 Therefore the Scripture says, "Having ascended to the height, He led captive those taken captive and gave gifts to men."

1. Height in the quotation from Psalm 68:18 refers to Mount Zion (vv. 15-16), symbolizing the third heaven, where God dwells (1 Kings 8:30).

Psa. 68:18 You have ascended on high; You have led captive those taken captive; / You have received gifts among men, / Even the rebellious ones also, / That Jehovah God may dwell among them.
Psa. 68:15 O mighty mountain, O mountain of Bashan, / O many-peaked mountain, O mountain of Bashan:
Psa. 68:16 Why do you look with envy, O many-peaked mountains, / At the mountain on which God desires to dwell? / Indeed Jehovah will dwell there forever.
1 Kings 8:30 And listen to the supplication of Your servant and of Your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear then in Your dwelling place in the heavens; and when You hear, forgive.

2. Psalm 68 implies that it was in the Ark that God ascended to Mount Zion after the Ark had won the victory (Num. 10:35); this portrays how Christ won the victory and ascended triumphantly to the heavens.

Psa. 68 To the choir director. Of David. A Psalm; a Song
Psa. 68:1 Let God arise; let His enemies be scattered; / And let those who hate Him flee before Him.
Psa. 68:2 As smoke is driven away, You will drive them away; / As wax melts before fire, / The wicked will perish before God.
Psa. 68:3 But the righteous will rejoice; they will exult before God / And be glad with rejoicing.
Psa. 68:4 Sing to God; sing psalms to His name; / Triumph in Him who rides through the deserts - / For Jah is His name - and exult before Him.
Psa. 68:5 A Father to the orphans and a Judge for the widows / Is God in His holy habitation.
Psa. 68:6 God causes the solitary to dwell in a household; / He brings the prisoners forth into prosperity; / But the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

詩 68:7 神阿，你曾在你百姓前頭出來，在荒野行走，〔細拉〕
詩 68:8 那時地見神的面就震動，天也落雨；西乃山見了以色列神的面也震動。
詩 68:9 神阿，你降下沛雨；你產業凋萎的時候，你使它復甦。
詩 68:10 你的羊羣住在其中；神阿，你憑你的恩惠爲困苦人有所豫備。
詩 68:11 主發命令；傳好信息的婦女成了大羣。
詩 68:12 統兵的君王逃跑了，逃跑了！留守在家的婦女，分得了掠物。
詩 68:13 你們雖然躺臥在羊圈之間，卻像鴿子的翅膀鍍了白銀，翎毛鍍了綠黃色的金。
詩 68:14 全能者在境內趕散列王的時候，勢如飄雪在撒們。
詩 68:15 巴珊山是大能的山，巴珊山是多峯多嶺的山：
詩 68:16 你們多峯多嶺的山哪，爲何嫉視神所願居住的山？耶和華必住這山，直到永遠。
詩 68:17 神的車輦累萬盈千；主在其中，好像在西乃，在聖所一樣。

詩 68:18 你已經升上高處，擄掠了那些被擄的；你在人間，甚至在悖逆的人中間，受了恩賜，叫耶和華神可以住在他們中間。
詩 68:19 天天加給我們美福的主，就是拯救我們的神，是當受頌讚的。〔細拉〕
詩 68:20 神是爲我們施行拯救的神；人能脫離死亡，是在於主耶和華。
詩 68:21 神要打破祂仇敵的頭，就是那在自己罪過中往來之人的髮頂。
詩 68:22 主說，我要使他們從巴珊歸來，使他們從深海返回；

詩 68:23 使你的腳洗在血中，使你狗的舌頭，從仇敵得分。

詩 68:24 神阿，你是我的神，我的王；人已經看見你行走，在聖所中行走：
詩 68:25 歌唱的行在前，作樂的隨在後，都在擊鼓的童女中間。
詩 68:26 你們從以色列源頭而來的，當在各會中頌讚耶和華神。
詩 68:27 在那裏，有統管他們的小便雅憫，有猶大的首領在他們的羣眾中，有西布倫的首領，有拿弗他利的首領。
詩 68:28 你的能力是你神所命定的；神阿，求你堅固你爲我們所成全的事。
詩 68:29 因你在耶路撒冷的殿，列王必帶貢物獻給你。
詩 68:30 求你叱喝蘆葦中的野獸，眾民牛犢中成羣的公牛，把貪愛銀子的踹在腳下；求你把喜好爭戰的眾民趕散。
詩 68:31 公侯要從埃及出來朝見神；古實人要急忙向神舉手禱告。
詩 68:32 地上的列國阿，你們要向神歌唱，要向主歌頌，〔細拉〕
詩 68:33 祂是那駕行在自古就有，天上之天以上的主。看哪，祂發出聲音，是極大的聲音。
詩 68:34 你們要將能力歸給神；祂的威榮在以色列之上，祂的能力是在穹蒼。
詩 68:35 神阿，你從聖所顯爲可畏；以色列的神，是那將力量權能賜給百姓的。神是當受頌讚的！

Psa. 68:7 O God, when You went forth before Your people, / When You marched through the desert, Selah.
Psa. 68:8 The earth trembled, the heavens also dripped, / At the presence of God; / Sinai there quaked / At the presence of God, the God of Israel.
Psa. 68:9 You shed forth bountiful rain, O God; / You confirmed Your inheritance when it languished.
Psa. 68:10 Your living flock dwelt in the land; / In Your goodness You provided for the poor, O God.
Psa. 68:11 The Lord gives the command; / The women who bear the glad tidings are a great host.
Psa. 68:12 The kings of the armies flee. / They flee! / And she who abides at home / Divides the spoil.
Psa. 68:13 Though you lie among the sheepfolds, / There are dove wings covered with silver, / And its pinions, with greenish yellow gold.
Psa. 68:14 When the Almighty scattered / The kings in the land, / It snowed on Zalmon.
Psa. 68:15 O mighty mountain, O mountain of Bashan, / O many-peaked mountain, O mountain of Bashan:
Psa. 68:16 Why do you look with envy, O many-peaked mountains, / At the mountain on which God desires to dwell? / Indeed Jehovah will dwell there forever.
Psa. 68:17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, / Thousands upon thousands; / The Lord is among them, / As at Sinai, in the sanctuary.
Psa. 68:18 You have ascended on high; You have led captive those taken captive; / You have received gifts among men, / Even the rebellious ones also, / That Jehovah God may dwell among them.
Psa. 68:19 Blessed be the Lord, who day by day loads us with good; / God is our salvation. Selah.

Psa. 68:20 God is to us / A God of deliverance, / And with Jehovah the Lord / Are the goings forth even from death.
Psa. 68:21 Indeed God will smash / The head of His enemies, / The hairy crown / Of him who goes about in his guiltiness.
Psa. 68:22 The Lord said, I will bring them again from Bashan; / I will bring them again from the depths of the sea,
Psa. 68:23 That you may bathe your foot in blood, / That the tongue of your dogs may have their portion from the enemies.
Psa. 68:24 They have seen Your goings, O God, / The goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary:

Psa. 68:25 Singers go before; players after; / In the midst of virgins sounding the tambourines.
Psa. 68:26 Bless God in the congregations, / Even Jehovah, O you who are of the fountain of Israel.
Psa. 68:27 There are little Benjamin, who rules them, / And the princes of Judah in their company, / The princes of Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali.
Psa. 68:28 Your God has commanded your strength; / Strengthen, O God, that which You have done for us.

Psa. 68:29 Because of Your temple at Jerusalem, / Kings will bring a gift to You.
Psa. 68:30 Rebuke the animals of the reeds, / The herd of the bulls among the calves of the peoples, / Trampling on those who lust after silver; / Scatter the peoples who take delight in war.
Psa. 68:31 Nobles will come out of Egypt; / Cush will quickly stretch out its hands to God.
Psa. 68:32 O kingdoms of the earth, / Sing to God, / Sing psalms to the Lord, Selah.
Psa. 68:33 To Him who rides upon the ancient heaven of heavens. / Behold, He utters His voice, a mighty voice.
Psa. 68:34 Ascribe strength to God; / His excellence is over Israel, / And His strength is in the skies.

Psa. 68:35 You are awesome, O God, from Your sanctuaries. / The God of Israel, He gives strength and power to the people. / Blessed be God!

民 10:35 約櫃往前行的時候，摩西就說，耶和華阿，求你興起，願你的仇敵四散；願恨你的人從你面前逃跑。

3 基督藉着祂宇宙的歷程，在祂的升天裏，擄掠了那些曾經被撒但所擄的，並使他們成爲賜給祂身體的恩賜—弗四 8 ～ 11：

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a 被贖的聖徒在還未藉着基督的死和復活得救以前，乃是被撒但所擄的—參路四 18。

路 4:18 『主的靈在我身上，因爲祂膏了我，叫我傳福音給貧窮的人，差遣我去宣揚被擄的得釋放，瞎眼的得復明，叫那受壓制的得自由，

b 基督在升天時，擄掠了他們，就是把他們從撒但的擄掠中拯救出來，歸給祂自己—詩六八 18。

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c 基督在升天時，把他們這一列被征服的仇敵，作爲祂的俘虜帥領到諸天之上，並使他們成爲賜給祂身體的恩賜。

d 現今神正慶祝基督在他們這些被祂征服的仇敵身上的得勝，並在祂爲着建造祂身體之職事的行動裏，在凱旋的行列中帥領他們這些俘虜—林後二 14。

林後 2:14 感謝神，祂常在基督裏，在凱旋的行列中帥領我們，並藉着我們在各處顯揚那因認識基督而有的香氣；

二 基督越在我們裏面升上、降下，俘擄我們，征服我們，祂就越用祂自己充滿我們，把我們構成賜給祂身體的恩賜—參弗四 9 ～ 10。

弗 4:9 （若非祂也曾降到地的低下之處，『祂升上』是甚麼意思？

弗 4:10 那降下的，也是那升上，遠超諸天之上，爲要充滿萬有的。）

Num. 10:35 And when the Ark set out, Moses said, Rise up, O Jehovah, and let Your enemies be scattered; / And let those who hate You flee before You.

3. Through His universal traffic and in His ascension, Christ led as captives those who had been taken captive by Satan and made them gifts to His Body—Eph. 4:8-11:

Eph. 4:8 Therefore the Scripture says, "Having ascended to the height, He led captive those taken captive and gave gifts to men."

Eph. 4:9 (Now this, "He ascended," what is it except that He also descended into the lower parts of the earth?

Eph. 4:10 He who descended, He is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens that He might fill all things.)

Eph. 4:11 And He Himself gave some as apostles and some as prophets and some as evangelists and some as shepherds and teachers,

a. The redeemed saints had been taken captive by Satan before they were saved by Christ's death and resurrection—cf. Luke 4:18.

Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to announce the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to send away in release those who are oppressed,

b. In His ascension Christ led them captive; that is, He rescued them from Satan's captivity and took them to Himself—Psa. 68:18.

Psa. 68:18 You have ascended on high; You have led captive those taken captive; / You have received gifts among men, / Even the rebellious ones also, / That Jehovah God may dwell among them.

c. In His ascension Christ led them to the heavens as His captives in His train of vanquished foes and made them gifts to His Body.

d. Now God is celebrating Christ's triumph over them, His vanquished foes, and leading them as His captives in a triumphal procession in His move for His ministry to build up His Body—2 Cor. 2:14.

2 Cor. 2:14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in the Christ and manifests the savor of the knowledge of Him through us in every place.

B. The more Christ ascends and descends within us, capturing and vanquishing us, the more He fills us with Himself to constitute us as gifts to His Body—cf. Eph. 4:9-10.

Eph. 4:9 (Now this, "He ascended," what is it except that He also descended into the lower parts of the earth?

Eph. 4:10 He who descended, He is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens that He might fill all things.)

貳 基督生機身體內在的建造，乃是藉着有恩賜的人在神聖的分賜裏成全聖徒，使所有的聖徒都能作新約職事的工作，就是建造基督的身體—11～12節：

弗 4:11 祂所賜的，有些是使徒，有些是申言者，有些是傳福音者，有些是牧人和教師，

弗 4:12 爲要成全聖徒，目的是爲着職事的工作，爲着建造基督的身體，

一 十二節的『成全』一辭，原文的意思也表示使之完全、裝備、用功用供應；被成全的路在於在生命裏長大，並能熟練的盡功用。

弗 4:12 爲要成全聖徒，目的是爲着職事的工作，爲着建造基督的身體，

二 有恩賜的人成全聖徒，照着生命樹以生命的供應餧養他們，使他們在生命裏長大—創二9，林前三2，6。

創 2:9 耶和華神使各樣的樹從地裏長出來，可以悅人的眼目，也好作食物；園子當中有生命樹，還有善惡知識樹。

林前 3:2 我給你們奶喝，沒有給你們乾糧，因爲那時你們不能喫，就是如今還是不能，

林前 3:6 我栽種了，亞波羅澆灌了，惟有神叫他生長。

三 有恩賜的人（照着聖徒的度量）成全聖徒，使聖徒能作他們所作的，好直接建造基督的身體—太十六18，弗四11～12，參提前一16，四12：

太 16:18 我還告訴你，你是彼得，我要把我的召會建造在這磐石上，陰間的門不能勝過她。

弗 4:11 祂所賜的，有些是使徒，有些是申言者，有些是傳福音者，有些是牧人和教師，

弗 4:12 爲要成全聖徒，目的是爲着職事的工作，爲着建造基督的身體，

提前 1:16 然而，我所以蒙了憐憫，是要叫耶穌基督在我這罪魁身上，顯示祂一切的恆忍，給後來信靠祂得永遠生命的人作榜樣。

提前 4:12 不可叫人小看你年輕，總要在言語、爲人、愛、信、純潔上，都作信徒的榜樣。

II. The intrinsic building up of the organic Body of Christ is by the gifted per-sons' perfecting of the saints in the divine dispensing so that all the saints may be able to do the work of the New Testament ministry, that is, to build up the Body of Christ—vv. 11-12:

Eph. 4:11 And He Himself gave some as apostles and some as prophets and some as evangelists and some as shepherds and teachers,

Eph. 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints unto the work of the ministry, unto the building up of the Body of Christ,

A. The Greek word for perfecting in verse 12 also means “completing,” “equipping,” “supplying the functions”; the way to be perfected is to grow in life and to become skillful in function.

Eph. 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints unto the work of the ministry, unto the building up of the Body of Christ,

B. The gifted persons perfect the saints by nourishing them according to the tree of life with the life supply for their growth in life—Gen. 2:9; 1 Cor. 3:2, 6.

Gen. 2:9 And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

1 Cor. 3:2 I gave you milk to drink, not solid food, for you were not yet able to receive it. But neither yet now are you able,

1 Cor. 3:6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth.

C. The gifted persons perfect the saints (according to their measure) to do what they do for the direct building up of the Body of Christ—Matt. 16:18; Eph. 4:11-12; cf. 1 Tim. 1:16; 4:12:

Matt. 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Eph. 4:11 And He Himself gave some as apostles and some as prophets and some as evangelists and some as shepherds and teachers,

Eph. 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints unto the work of the ministry, unto the building up of the Body of Christ,

1 Tim. 1:16 But because of this I was shown mercy, that in me, the foremost, Jesus Christ might display all His long-suffering for a pattern to those who are to believe on Him unto eternal life.

1 Tim. 4:12 Let no one despise your youth, but be a pattern to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

1 使徒成全聖徒，是藉着看望眾召會，（徒十五 36，40～41，二十 20，31，）藉着寫書信給眾召會，（西四 16，林前一 2，）並藉着指派同工留在一地成全聖徒。（提前一 3～4，三 15，多一 5。）

徒 15:36 過了些日子，保羅對巴拿巴說，我們要回到從前宣傳主話的各城，看望弟兄們的景況如何。
徒 15:40 保羅卻揀選了西拉，也出去，蒙弟兄們把他交與主的恩典。

徒 15:41 他就走遍敘利亞和基利家，堅固眾召會。
徒 20:20 凡與你們有益的，我沒有一樣避諱不告訴你們的，或在公眾面前，或挨家挨戶，我都教導你們。
徒 20:31 所以你們應當儆醒，記念我三年之久，晝夜不住的流淚勸戒你們各人。
西 4:16 這書信在你們中間念了之後，務要叫在老底嘉的召會也念，你們也要念從老底嘉來的書信。
林前 1:2 寫信給在哥林多神的召會，就是給在基督耶穌裏被聖別，蒙召的聖徒，同着所有在各處呼求我們主耶穌基督之名的人；祂是他們的，也是我們的；
提前 1:3 我往馬其頓去的時候，曾勸你仍住在以弗所，好囑咐那幾個人，不可教導與神的經綸不同的事，
提前 1:4 也不可注意虛構無稽之事，和無窮的家譜；這等事只引起辯論，對於神在信仰裏的經綸並無助益。
提前 3:15 倘若我躭延，你也可以知道在神的家中當怎樣行；這家就是活神的召會，真理的柱石和根基。
多 1:5 我從前留你在革哩底，是要你將我所未辦完的事辦理妥當，又照我所吩咐你的，在各城設立長老。

2 申言者成全聖徒，是藉着教導聖徒將主說到人裏面，藉着在聚會中說話而建立榜樣，並藉着幫助聖徒晨晨復興、日日得勝，而過申言的生活—徒十三 1，林前十四 31，箴四 18。

徒 13:1 在安提阿當地的召會中，有幾位申言者和教師，就是巴拿巴和稱呼尼結的西面，古利奈人路求，與分封王希律同養的馬念，並掃羅。
林前 14:31 因爲你們都能一個一個的申言，爲要使眾人有學習，使眾人得勉勵。
箴 4:18 但義人的途徑好像黎明的光，越照越明，直到日午。

3 傳福音者成全聖徒，是藉着挑旺他們在傳福音的靈裏焚燒，藉着教導他們福音的真理，藉着訓練他們傳福音，藉着幫助聖徒裝備經綸之靈的能力，並藉

1. The apostles perfect the saints by visiting the churches (Acts 15:36, 40-41; 20:20, 31), by writing epistles to the churches (Col. 4:16; 1 Cor. 1:2), and by assigning their co-workers to stay in certain places to perfect the saints (1 Tim. 1:3-4; 3:15; Titus 1:5).

Acts 15:36 Now after some days Paul said to Barnabas, Let us return now and visit the brothers in every city in which we announced the word of the Lord, and see how they are doing.
Acts 15:40 But Paul chose Silas and went out, having been commended to the grace of the Lord by the brothers.
Acts 15:41 And he passed through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches.
Acts 20:20 How I did not withhold any of those things that are profitable by not declaring them to you and by not teaching you publicly and from house to house,
Acts 20:31 Therefore watch, remembering that for three years, night and day, I did not cease admonishing each one with tears.
Col. 4:16 And when this letter is read among you, cause that it be read in the church of the Laodiceans also, and that you also read the one from Laodicea.
1 Cor. 1:2 To the church of God which is in Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, the called saints, with all those who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, who is theirs and ours:
1 Tim. 1:3 Even as I exhorted you, when I was going into Macedonia, to remain in Ephesus in order that you might charge certain ones not to teach different things
1 Tim. 1:4 Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God's economy, which is in faith.
1 Tim. 3:15 But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.
Titus 1:5 For this cause I left you in Crete, that you might set in order the things which I have begun that remain and appoint elders in every city, as I directed you:

2. The prophets perfect the saints by teaching them to speak the Lord into people, by speaking in the meetings to set up a model, and by helping the saints to live a prophesying life by being revived every morning and overcoming every day—Acts 13:1; 1 Cor. 14:31; Prov. 4:18.

Acts 13:1 Now there were in Antioch, in the local church, prophets and teachers: Barnabas and Simeon, who was called Niger, and Lucius the Cyrenian, and Manaen, the foster brother of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
1 Cor. 14:31 For you can all prophesy one by one that all may learn and all may be encouraged.

Prov. 4:18 But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, / Which shines brighter and brighter until the full day.

3. The evangelists perfect the saints by stirring them up to be burning in the gospel-preaching spirit, by teaching them with gospel truths, by training them to preach the gospel, by helping the saints to be equipped with the power of

着建立愛罪人並爲罪人禱告的榜樣—提後四 5。

提後 4:5 你卻要凡事謹慎自守，忍受苦難，作傳福音者的工作，盡你的職事。

4 牧人教師成全聖徒，是藉着牧養，就是餧養與保養年幼的聖徒，並教導成長中的聖徒—徒十一 25 ～ 26，十三 1。

徒 11:25 他又往大數去找掃羅，
徒 11:26 找着了，就帶他到安提阿去。他們足有一年的時間，在召會裏聚集，教訓了許多人。門徒稱爲基督徒，是從安提阿開始。
徒 13:1 在安提阿當地的召會中，有幾位申言者和教師，就是巴拿巴和稱呼尼結的西面，古利奈人路求，與分封王希律同養的馬念，並掃羅。

四 這成全的結果是，我們眾人都達到信仰上並對神兒子之完全認識上的一，達到長成的人，並達到基督豐滿之身材的度量—弗四 13，參約十七 23。

弗 4:13 直到我們眾人都達到了信仰上並對神兒子之完全認識上的一，達到了長成的人，達到了基督豐滿之身材的度量，
約 17:23 我在他們裏面，你在我裏面，使他們被成全成爲一，叫世人知道是你差了我來，並且知道你愛他們如同愛我一樣。

五 這成全會使我們不再作小孩子，爲波浪漂來漂去，並爲一切教訓之風所搖蕩，這教訓是在於人的欺騙手法，在於將人引入撒但錯謬系統的詭詐作爲—弗四 14。

弗 4:14 使我們不再作小孩子，爲波浪漂來漂去，並爲一切教訓之風所搖蕩，這教訓是在於人的欺騙手法，在於將人引入錯謬系統的詭詐作爲；

六 牧養和教導是升天的元首基督所賜給眾召會，以建造祂身體之有恩賜的人中間極重要的功用；（約二一 15 ～ 17，太二八 20，林前四 17 下，七 17 下，林後十一 28 ～ 29；）此外，基督作召會的元首也吩咐使徒要在眾地方召會設立長老，以執行祂對羣羊的牧養，（提前三 1 ～ 7，

the economical Spirit, and by setting an example of loving the sinners and praying for them—2 Tim. 4:5.

2 Tim. 4:5 But you, be sober in all things, suffer evil, do the work of an evangelist, fully accomplish your ministry.

4. The shepherd-teachers perfect the saints by shepherding—feeding and nourishing the young saints and teaching the growing saints—Acts 11:25-26; 13:1.

Acts 11:25 And he went forth to Tarsus to search for Saul;
Acts 11:26 And when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. And it happened with them that for a whole year they were gathered in the church and taught a considerable number and that the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.
Acts 13:1 Now there were in Antioch, in the local church, prophets and teachers: Barnabas and Simeon, who was called Niger, and Lucius the Cyrenian, and Manaen, the foster brother of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

D. The result of this perfecting is that we will all arrive at the oneness of the faith and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, at a full-grown man, and at the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ—Eph. 4:13; cf. John 17:23.

Eph. 4:13 Until we all arrive at the oneness of the faith and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, at a full-grown man, at the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,
John 17:23 I in them, and You in Me, that they may be perfected into one, that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me.

E. This perfecting will cause us to be no longer little children tossed by waves and carried about by every wind of teaching in the sleight of men, in craftiness with a view to a satanic system of error—Eph. 4:14.

Eph. 4:14 That we may be no longer little children tossed by waves and carried about by every wind of teaching in the sleight of men, in craftiness with a view to a system of error,

F. Shepherding and teaching are the essential functions among the gifted persons given by Christ as the ascended Head to the churches for the building up of His Body (John 21:15-17; Matt. 28:20; 1 Cor. 4:17b; 7:17b; 2 Cor. 11:28-29); in addition, Christ as the Head of the church also charged the apostles to appoint elders in all the local churches to carry out His shepherding of His flock (1 Tim. 3:1-7; 5:17a; 1 Pet. 5:2a) and to

五 17 上，彼前五 2 上，）並且善於教導，以加強牧養並完成其目標。（提前三 2 下，五 17 下。）

be apt to teach in order to strengthen the shepherding and carry out its goal (1 Tim. 3:2b; 5:17b).

約 21:15 他們喫完了早飯，耶穌對西門彼得說，約翰的兒子西門，你愛我比這些更深麼？彼得對祂說，主阿，是的，你知道我愛你。耶穌對他說，你餧養我的小羊。

John 21:15 Then when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You. He said to him, Feed My lambs.

約 21:16 耶穌第二次又對他說，約翰的兒子西門，你愛我麼？彼得對祂說，主阿，是的，你知道我愛你。耶穌對他說，你牧養我的羊。

John 21:16 He said to him again a second time, Simon, son of John, do you love Me? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You. He said to him, Shepherd My sheep.

約 21:17 耶穌第三次對他說，約翰的兒子西門，你愛我麼？彼得因爲耶穌第三次對他說，你愛我麼？就憂愁，對耶穌說，主阿，你是無所不知的，你知道我愛你。耶穌對他說，你餧養我的羊。

John 21:17 He said to him the third time, Simon, son of John, do you love Me? Peter was grieved that He said to him the third time, Do you love Me? And he said to Him, Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You. Jesus said to him, Feed My sheep.

太 28:20 凡我所吩咐你們的，無論是甚麼，都教訓他們遵守；看哪，我天天與你們同在，直到這世代的終結。

Matt. 28:20 Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you all the days until the consummation of the age.

林前 4:17 因此我已打發提摩太到你們那裏去；他在主裏是我所親愛、忠信的孩子；他必題醒你們，我在基督耶穌裏怎樣行事，正如我在各處各召會中所教導的。

1 Cor. 4:17 Because of this I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, even as I teach everywhere in every church.

林前 7:17 只要照主所分給各人的，和神所召各人的而行。我在眾召會中都是這樣吩咐。

1 Cor. 7:17 However as the Lord has apportioned to each one, as God has called each one, so let him walk. And so I direct in all the churches.

林後 11:28 除了沒有題起的事，還有爲眾召會的罣慮，天天壓在我身上。

2 Cor. 11:28 Apart from the things which have not been mentioned, there is this: the crowd of cares pressing upon me daily, the anxious concern for all the churches.

林後 11:29 有誰輭弱，我不輭弱？有誰絆跌，我不焦急？

2 Cor. 11:29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is stumbled, and I myself do not burn?

提前 3:1 人若渴望得監督的職分，就是羨慕善工；這話是可信的。

1 Tim. 3:1 Faithful is the word: If anyone aspires to the overseership, he desires a good work.

提前 3:2 所以作監督的必須無可指責，只作一個妻子的丈夫，節制適度，清明自守，端正規矩，樂意待客，善於教導；

1 Tim. 3:2 The overseer then must be without reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, of a sober mind, orderly, hospitable, apt to teach;

提前 3:3 不醉酒滋事，不打人，只要和藹，不爭競，不貪財；

1 Tim. 3:3 Not an excessive drinker; not a striker, but forbearing; not contentious; not fond of money;

提前 3:4 好好管理自己的家，使兒女凡事莊重服從。

1 Tim. 3:4 One who manages well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity

提前 3:5 人若不知道管理自己的家，怎能照料神的召會？

1 Tim. 3:5 (But if one does not know how to manage his own house, how will he care for the church of God?);

提前 3:6 初信的不可作監督，恐怕他爲高傲所蒙蔽，就落在魔鬼所受的審判裏。

1 Tim. 3:6 Not a new convert, lest being blinded with pride he fall into the judgment suffered by the devil.

提前 3:7 監督也必須在外人中間有好見證，恐怕他落在魔鬼藉着人的辱罵所設的網羅裏。

1 Tim. 3:7 And he also must have a good testimony from those outside, that he may not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

提前 5:17 那善於帶領的長老，尤其是那在話語和教導上勞苦的，當被看爲配受加倍的敬奉。

1 Tim. 5:17 Let the elders who take the lead well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in word and teaching.

彼前 5:2 務要牧養你們中間神的羣羊，按着神監督他們，不是出於勉強，乃是出於甘心；不是爲着卑鄙的利益，乃是出於熱切；

1 Pet. 5:2 Shepherd the flock of God among you, overseeing not under compulsion but willingly, according to God; not by seeking gain through base means but eagerly;

提前 3:2 所以作監督的必須無可指責，只作一個妻子的丈夫，節制適度，清明自守，端正規矩，樂意待客，善於教導；

1 Tim. 3:2 The overseer then must be without reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, of a sober mind, orderly, hospitable, apt to teach;

叁 基督生機身體內在的建造，是藉着所有肢體直接的建造—到元首裏面，並本於元首：

III. The intrinsic building up of the organic Body of Christ is by the direct building by all the members—into the Head and out from the Head:

一 爲要被建造，我們必須在愛裏持守着真實，在

A. In order to be built up, we must hold to truth in love, growing up into the

凡事上長到元首基督裏面—弗四 15：

弗 4:15 惟在愛裏持守着真實，我們就得以在一切事上長到祂，就是元首基督裏面；

1 我們必須持守神永遠的經綸、包羅萬有的基督、以及作基督身體的召會的神聖真理。

2 我們必須服從元首基督，（林前十一 3，弗五 23，一 22，10，）讓祂神聖的生命擴展並擴增到我們裏面的各部分。（羅八 10，6，11，林後五 4。）

林前 11:3 我且願意你們知道，基督是各人的頭，男人是女人的頭，神是基督的頭。

弗 5:23 因爲丈夫是妻子的頭，如同基督是召會的頭；祂自己乃是身體的救主。

弗 1:22 將萬有服在祂的腳下，並使祂向着召會作萬有的頭；

弗 1:10 爲着時期滿足時的經綸，要將萬有，無論是在諸天之上的，或是在地上的，都在基督裏歸一於一個元首之下；

羅 8:10 但基督若在你們裏面，身體固然因罪是死的，靈卻因義是生命。

羅 8:6 因爲心思置於肉體，就是死；心思置於靈，乃是生命平安。

羅 8:11 然而那叫耶穌從死人中復活者的靈，若住在你們裏面，那叫基督從死人中復活的，也必藉着祂住在你們裏面的靈，賜生命給你們必死的身體。

林後 5:4 因爲我們在這帳幕裏的人，負重歎息，是因不願脫下這個，乃願穿上那個，好叫這必死的被生命吞滅了。

3 以弗所四章十五節的『元首』，指明我們在基督裏的長大，該是眾肢體在元首之下，在身體裏的長大；我們的長大不僅是在基督裏，更是在基督的身體裏。

弗 4:15 惟在愛裏持守着真實，我們就得以在一切事上長到祂，就是元首基督裏面；

二 本於元首，在神聖的分賜裏，全身藉着每一豐富供應的節緊密的聯絡在一起，並藉着每一部分依其度量而有的功用結合在一起，交織在一起—16 節：

弗 4:16 本於祂，全身藉着每一豐富供應的節，並藉着每一部分依其度量而有的功用，得以聯絡在一起，並結合在一起，便叫身體漸漸長大，以致在愛裏把自己建造起來。

1 當我們長到元首裏面，就能本於元首，產生出爲着

Head, Christ, in all things—Eph. 4:15:

Eph. 4:15 But holding to truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, Christ,

1. We must hold to the divine truth of God's eternal economy, of the all-inclusive Christ, and of the church as the Body of Christ.

2. We must be subject to the Head, Christ (1 Cor. 11:3; Eph. 5:23; 1:22, 10), and allow His divine life to expand and increase into all our inward parts (Rom. 8:10, 6, 11; 2 Cor. 5:4).

1 Cor. 11:3 But I want you to know that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of the woman, and God is the head of Christ.

Eph. 5:23 For a husband is head of the wife as also Christ is Head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the Body.

Eph. 1:22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,

Eph. 1:10 Unto the economy of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in Him;

Rom. 8:10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness.

Rom. 8:6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

Rom. 8:11 And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

2 Cor. 5:4 For also, we who are in this tabernacle groan, being burdened, in that we do not desire to be unclothed, but clothed upon, that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

3. The word Head in Ephesians 4:15 indicates that our growth in Christ should be a growth as members in the Body under the Head; our growth is not only in Christ but also in His Body.

Eph. 4:15 But holding to truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, Christ,

B. Out from the Head, in the divine dispensing, all the Body is joined closely together through every joint of the rich supply and knit together, interwoven, through the operation in the measure of each one part—v. 16:

Eph. 4:16 Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.

1. When we grow into the Head, we can produce out from the Head many

建造祂身體的許多功用。

2 每一個基督身體的肢體，都有其藉着生命的長大而有的度量，都可以爲着基督身體的長大與建造盡功用。

三 節的供應和各部分的盡功用，便叫身體漸漸長大，以致在神聖的愛裏把自己建造起來—16 節：

弗 4:16 本於祂，全身藉着每一豐富供應的節，並藉着每一部分依其度量而有的功用，得以聯絡在一起，並結合在一起，便叫身體漸漸長大，以致在愛裏把自己建造起來。

1 全身體使身體長大—參林前十四 4 下，31。

林前 14:4 那說方言的，是建造自己，但那申言的，乃是建造召會。
林前 14:31 因爲你們都能一個一個的申言，爲要使眾人有學習，使眾人得勉勵。

2 基督身體的長大，就是基督在召會裏的加增，結果叫基督的身體把自己建造起來—弗三 17 上：

弗 3:17 使基督藉着信，安家在你們心裏，叫你們在愛裏生根立基，

a 當基督進到聖徒裏面，活在他們裏面，眾聖徒裏面的基督就成爲召會—西三 10 ～ 11。

西 3:10 並且穿上了新人；這新人照着創造他者的形像漸漸更新，以致有充足的知識；
西 3:11 在此並沒有希利尼人和猶太人、受割禮的和未受割禮的、化外人、西古提人、爲奴的、自主的，惟有基督是一切，又在一切之內。

b 基督的身體因着基督在我們裏面的長大而長大，也就得了建造—一 18，二 19。

西 1:18 祂也是召會身體的頭；祂是元始，是從死人中復活的首生者，使祂可以在萬有中居首位；
西 2:19 不持定元首；本於祂，全身藉着節和筋，得了豐富的供應，並結合一起，就以神的增長而長大。

3 基督的身體在愛裏把自己建造起來，這愛是神的元素，神內在的本質；這愛是在基督裏面神的愛，成了在我們裏面基督的愛；藉着這愛，我們愛基督和祂身體上同作肢體者—約壹四 7 ～ 8，11，16，19，羅五 5，八 39：

functions for the building up of His Body.

2. Every member of the Body of Christ has a measure through the growth in life and can function for the growth and building up of the Body of Christ.

C. The joints supplying and the parts functioning cause the growth of the Body unto the building up of the Body itself in the divine love—v. 16:

Eph. 4:16 Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.

1. All the Body causes the growth of the Body—cf. 1 Cor. 14:4b, 31.

1 Cor. 14:4 He who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but he who prophesies builds up the church.
1 Cor. 14:31 For you can all prophesy one by one that all may learn and all may be encouraged.

2. The growth of the Body of Christ is the increase of Christ in the church, which results in the building up of the Body by the Body itself—Eph. 3:17a:

Eph. 3:17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

a. When Christ enters into the saints and lives within them, the Christ within the saints becomes the church—Col. 3:10-11.

Col. 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,
Col. 3:11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

b. The Body of Christ grows by the growth of Christ within us and is built up this way—1:18; 2:19.

Col. 1:18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;
Col. 2:19 And not holding the Head, out from whom all the Body, being richly supplied and knit together by means of the joints and sinews, grows with the growth of God.

3. The love in which the Body builds itself up is the love that is the very element, the inner substance, of God; it is the love of God in Christ, which becomes the love of Christ in us, by which we love Christ and the fellow members of His Body—1 John 4:7-8, 11, 16, 19; Rom. 5:5; 8:39:

約壹 4:7 親愛的，我們應當彼此相愛，因爲愛是出於神的；凡愛弟兄的，都是從神生的，並且認識神。
約壹 4:8 不愛弟兄的，未曾認識神，因爲神就是愛。
約壹 4:11 親愛的，神既是這樣愛我們，我們也當彼此相愛。
約壹 4:16 神在我們身上的愛，我們也知道也信。神就是愛，住在愛裏面的，就住在神裏面，神也住在他裏面。
約壹 4:19 我們愛，因爲神先愛我們。
羅 5:5 盼望不至於蒙羞；因爲神的愛已經藉着所賜給我們的聖靈，澆灌在我們心裏。
羅 8:39 是高，是深，或是別的受造之物，都不能叫我們與神的愛隔絕，這愛是在我們的主基督耶穌裏的。

a 在這樣神聖之愛的情形與氣氛中，我們被神浸透，在祂面前成爲聖別、沒有瑕疵—弗一 4。

弗 1:4 就如祂在創立世界以前，在基督裏揀選了我們，使我們在愛裏，在祂面前，成爲聖別、沒有瑕疵；

b 我們實際認識並經歷這樣神聖的愛，就在這愛裏爲着長大而生根，並爲着建造而立基—三 17。

弗 3:17 使基督藉着信，安家在你們心裏，叫你們在愛裏生根立基，

c 在這樣神聖的愛裏，我們爲着身體的一彼此擔就—四 2～4。

弗 4:2 凡事卑微、溫柔、恆忍，在愛裏彼此擔就，
弗 4:3 以和平的聯索，竭力保守那靈的一：
弗 4:4 一個身體和一位靈，正如你們蒙召，也是在一個盼望中蒙召的；

d 在這樣神聖的愛裏，我們持守真實，就是持守基督與祂的身體—15 節。

弗 4:15 惟在愛裏持守着真實，我們就得以在一切事上長到祂，就是元首基督裏面；

e 我們需要在這樣神聖的愛裏行事爲人（生活、行動、舉止），好像神蒙愛的兒女，就是從神而生的神人，有神的生命和性情，屬於神的種類，以效法神—五 1～2。

弗 5:1 所以你們要效法神，好像蒙愛的兒女一樣；
弗 5:2 也要在愛裏行事爲人，正如基督愛我們，爲我們捨了自己，作供物和祭物獻與神，成爲馨香之氣。

四 『基督生機的身體是由身體自己直接建造的。身體是由基督所有的肢體，各按自己的度量盡

1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God, and everyone who loves has been begotten of God and knows God.
1 John 4:8 He who does not love has not known God, because God is love.
1 John 4:11 Beloved, if God has loved us in this way, we also ought to love one another.
1 John 4:16 And we know and have believed the love which God has in us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God and God abides in him.
1 John 4:19 We love because He first loved us.
Rom. 5:5 And hope does not put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.
Rom. 8:39 Nor height nor depth nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

a. It is in the condition and atmosphere of such a divine love that we are saturated with God to be holy and without blemish before Him—Eph. 1:4.

Eph. 1:4 Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to be holy and without blemish before Him in love,

b. It is in such a divine love, realized and experienced by us in a practical way, that we are rooted for growth and grounded for building—3:17.

Eph. 3:17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

c. It is in such a divine love that we bear one another for the oneness of the Body—4:2-4.

Eph. 4:2 With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, bearing one another in love,
Eph. 4:3 Being diligent to keep the oneness of the Spirit in the uniting bond of peace:
Eph. 4:4 One Body and one Spirit, even as also you were called in one hope of your calling;

d. It is in such a divine love that we hold to truth, that is, to Christ with His Body—v. 15.

Eph. 4:15 But holding to truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, Christ,

e. It is in such a divine love that we need to walk—to live, act, and have our being—as the beloved children of God, who are God-men, born of God, possessing the life and nature of God, and belonging to the species of God, to be imitators of God—5:1-2.

Eph. 5:1 Be therefore imitators of God, as beloved children;
Eph. 5:2 And walk in love, even as Christ also loved us and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor.

D. "The direct building of the organic Body of Christ is by the Body itself. The Body is built directly by all the members of Christ functioning, each in his

功用，主要的是申言，爲主說話，而直接建造的。…這個由基督所有肢體直接的建造，乃是藉着各種有恩賜的人，在升天基督（在祂的升天裏）神聖元素的全備供應下所作成全的工作。我們需要實行〔這事〕，好叫我們能在這地上看見這種生機建造的實際。』（李常受文集一九八八年第四册，四八三頁。）

own measure, mainly in prophesying—speaking for the Lord…This direct building by all the members of Christ takes place through the perfecting work of all the gifted persons under the bountiful supply of the divine element of the ascended Christ in His ascension. We need to practice [this] so that we can see the reality of such an organic building on this earth" (The Collected Works of Witness Lee, 1988, vol. 4, "Further Light concerning the Building Up of the Body of Christ," pp. 388-389).