

# *Growing in Love*



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<sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

# Themes of Growth

- Building up (vs 12)
- Mature adulthood (vs 13)
- No longer children (vs 14)
- Grow up (vs 15)
- Body grow (vs 16)

Growing in love comes from a variety  
of sources

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# Ephesians 4:14

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Growing in love means you look more  
like Christ

# Ephesians 4:13;15

<sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature adulthood, **to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,**

<sup>15</sup> Rather, speaking the truth in love, **we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,**

Growing in love benefits the church  
body

# Ephesians 4:16

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