

The Ministry of the Believers

1 Cor. 12:14-18

FALL MINISTRY
EXCITING NEW OPPORTUNITIES

KICK OFF



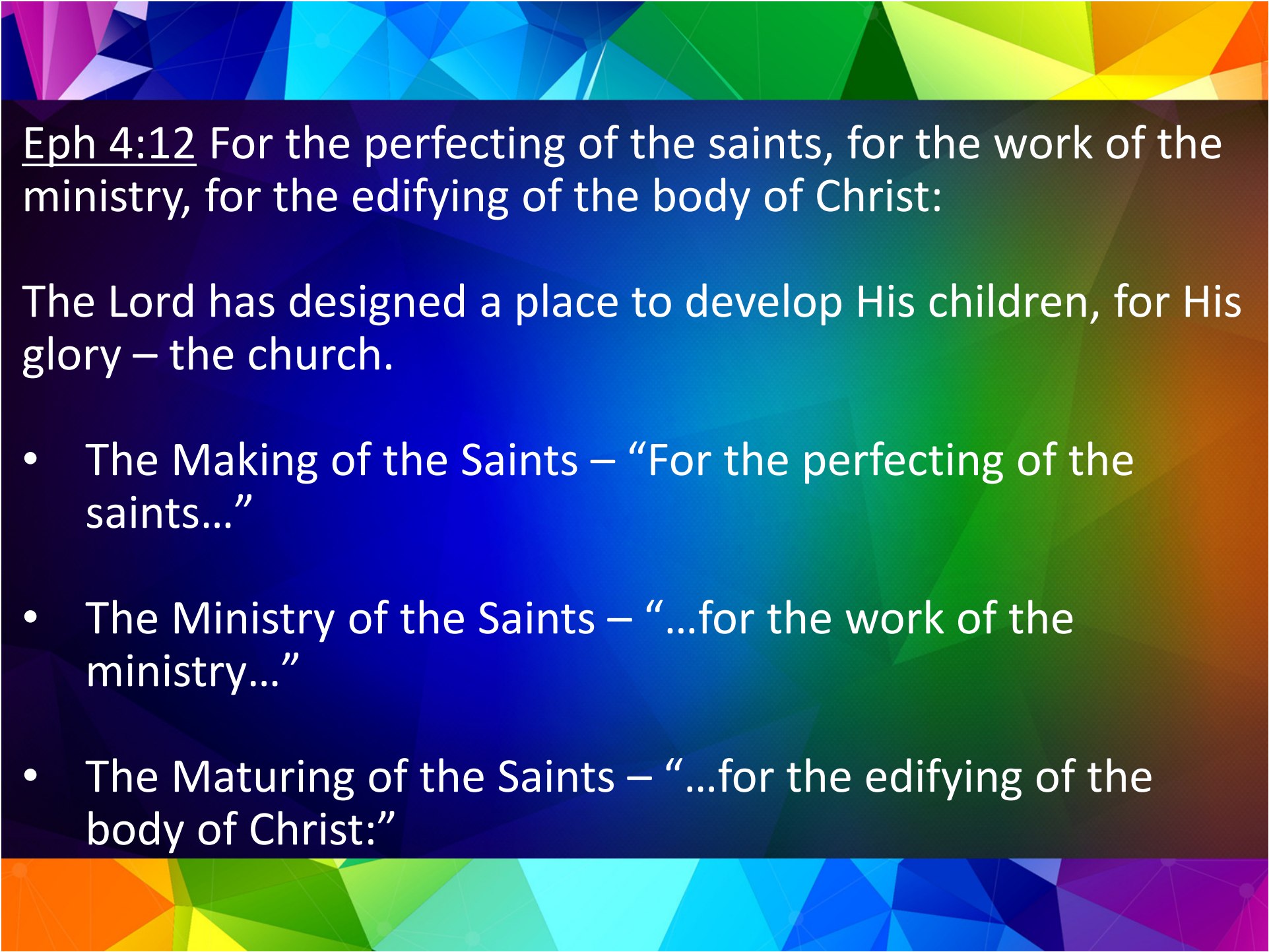
1 Cor. 12:14 For the body is not one member, but many.

15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?

18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.



Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

The Lord has designed a place to develop His children, for His glory – the church.

- The Making of the Saints – “For the perfecting of the saints...”
- The Ministry of the Saints – “...for the work of the ministry...”
- The Maturing of the Saints – “...for the edifying of the body of Christ:”

I. THE DIVERSITY BY DESIGN

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18 But now hath **God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.**

Psa. 139:14 I will praise thee; for **I am fearfully and wonderfully made:** marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

II. THE DEPENDENCE UPON THE DESIGNER

Jn. 15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: **for without me ye can do nothing.**

Phil. 4:13 I can do all things **through Christ** which strengtheneth me.

III. THE DUTY OF THE DESIGNEE

1 Cor. 12:20 But now are they many members, yet but one body.

21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. ...

24 For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked:

25 **That there should be no schism in the body;** but that the members should have the same care one for another. ...

27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

Develop an Attitude of Acceptance

Develop an Attitude of Appreciation

Cultivate a Spirit of Unity

Conclusion

1 Cor. 4:1 Let a man so account of us, **as of the ministers of Christ**, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

2 Moreover **it is required in stewards**, that **a man be found faithful**.