The Church as the 'Perfect Male':
Ephesians 4:13 and the Unity of the Body of Christ

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"The Unity/Maturity of the Church" – Ephesians 4:13

In our previous study of this text, we saw that the 'perfect male' is a reference to the ultimate state of the church, which will occur when the Lord's people are finally gathered with Him in glory. But what does this ultimate state look like? And how do we know if the church is making progress toward this goal? In a word, *unity*. The progress or maturity of the church is the unity of the Lord's people.

1. What does the Bible mean by 'unity'?

2. Why is 'unity' a sign of the church's maturity?

   a. Because of the text (Eph. 4:13).

   b. Because of the context.

3. What does the equating of maturity and unity mean for the church?