Lesson 3, 3rd Quarter, August 9-15, 2025.

Memory Text:

"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers. For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: KJV—Ephesians 4:11.

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Sunday, August 8

The Unity of the Spirit

Read Ephesians 1:19. How does God encourage believers to nurture the unity of the church?

"Paul urges the Ephesians to preserve unity and love. "I pray that your love may abound more and more in all wisdom and discernment." Unless the church is kept pure, the unity of the Spirit is the proof of peace. Seeks to unite the church in love, and to bind up the wounds of those who are calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." 5T 258.1

Monday, August 9

Together as One in the One

Read Ephesians 4:1–6. What does God's prayer for all this theme of the unity of the church? What point is he seeking to make with this? 5T 258.2

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"Christ's prayer for unity in the church is a plea for the power of the truth which he had implanted in them. Unity among the disciples of Christ would be a proof that they were to exemplify the character of Christ and the character of God. Unity in the church, the body of Christ, is a plea. Love, joy, and peace, the fruits of the character of Christ all believers are arranged for unity and love. Unity among the disciples of Christ would be a proof that the religion of Christ has the power to transform character. Unity among the disciples of Christ would be a proof that the principles of God are in them, and that they are being fitted for the work God designed that they should be sent down to us, as a people, to bear the last message of mercy to a perishing world." 5T 258.2

"Christ's disciples were to be known by their love and by their unity. Unity among them made sight hearts were united in one sweet fellowship, and love and joy reigned supreme." "Christ's prayer for unity in the church is a plea for the power which alone has the power of all that rendered it." 3T 19.3

Tuesday, August 10

The Exalted Christ, Giver of Gifts

What is happening in Ephesians 4:7-10, and what is Paul's point in mentioning it?

"The sisters that Christ entrusts to his church represent spiritually the gifts of God to his church. Christ, the Prince of Life, "He ascended on high, and gave gifts unto men." Christ, the Prince of Life, ascended on high, and gave gifts unto men. Christ, the Prince of Life, ascended on high, and gave gifts unto men." Christ, the Prince of Life, ascended on high, and gave gifts unto men." Christ, the Prince of Life, ascended on high, and gave gifts unto men."