

THE PRACTICAL

EPHESIANS 4:2-6

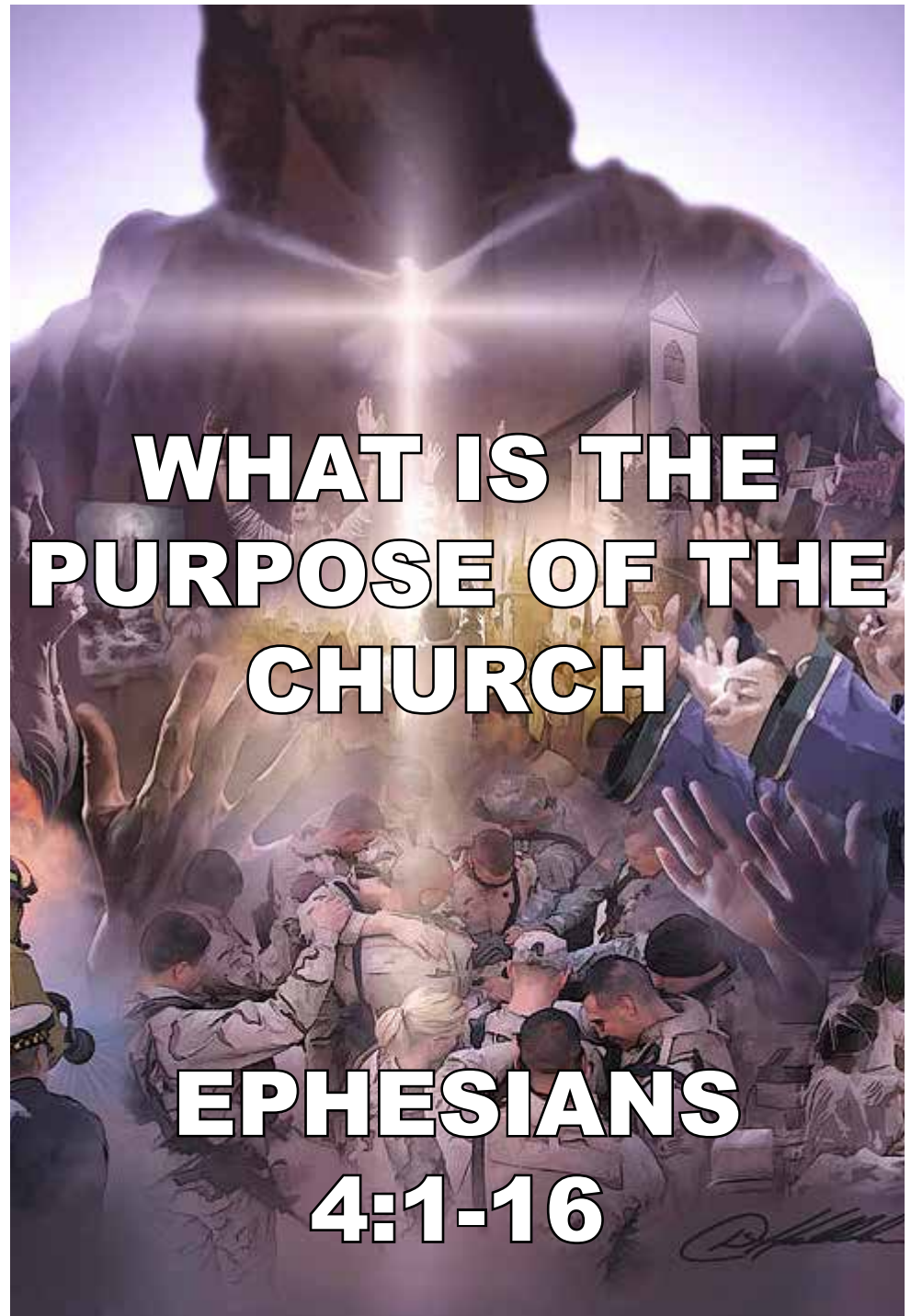
with all humility and gentleness, with patience, putting up with one another in love, making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you too were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.



THE PRINCIPLE

EPHESIANS 4:7-16

⁷ But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. ¹¹ And he himself gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, that is, to build up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God—a mature person, attaining to the measure of Christ's full stature. ¹⁴ So we are no longer to be children, tossed back and forth by waves and carried about by every wind of teaching by the trickery of people who craftily carry out their deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ But practicing the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Christ, who is the head. ¹⁶ From him the whole body grows, fitted, and held together through every supporting ligament. As each one does its part, the body builds itself up in love.



PERCEPTIONS OF THE CHURCH



THE PRIORITY OF THE CHURCH



THE PROBLEM FOR THE CHURCH



THE PURPOSE

EPHESIANS 4:1

I, therefore, the prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live worthily of the calling with which you have been called,

