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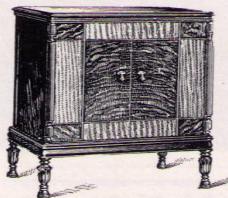
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Victor Radio-Electrola RE-45. The modern, complete musical instrument. Same radio equipment as R-32. All-electric radio and Victor Record reproduction. Automatic record brake. Marvelous power and quality. List price \$275. Less Radiotrons.



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This Christmas, for your home, for those who are dear to you, for yourself, you will naturally seek the supreme gift, a gift beyond price... the gift of happiness.

Victor micro-synchronous Radio, with Electrola, (playing Victor Records electrically) or the radio alone in its lovely Console, will provide more happiness, and more lasting happiness than any other gift at any price. Victor-Radio with Electrola is unique. It is perhaps the only thing in the world that can please everyone, all the time!

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When you go to your Victor Dealer's to hear the three models of Victor-Radio, you will find them beautiful, compact and soundly built, as become Victor instruments. You will recognize them as the gift that keeps on giving... a royal gift... at a very low price! Victor Talking Machine Division, Radio-Victor Corporation of America, Camden, N. J., U. S. A.

Make this Christmas memorable with Victor-Radio!

Victor-Radio

with Electrola




Victor-Radio de luxe R-52. Wall cabinet of classical design in finest walnut veneers. Radio equipment identical with that of R-32. Inlaid door medallions of matched butt walnut. Blended finish. A luxurious cabinet housing a marvelous radio set. List price \$215. Less Radiotrons.



Victor Super-automatic Station Selector. Just slide the knob to right or left... you have the station you want.



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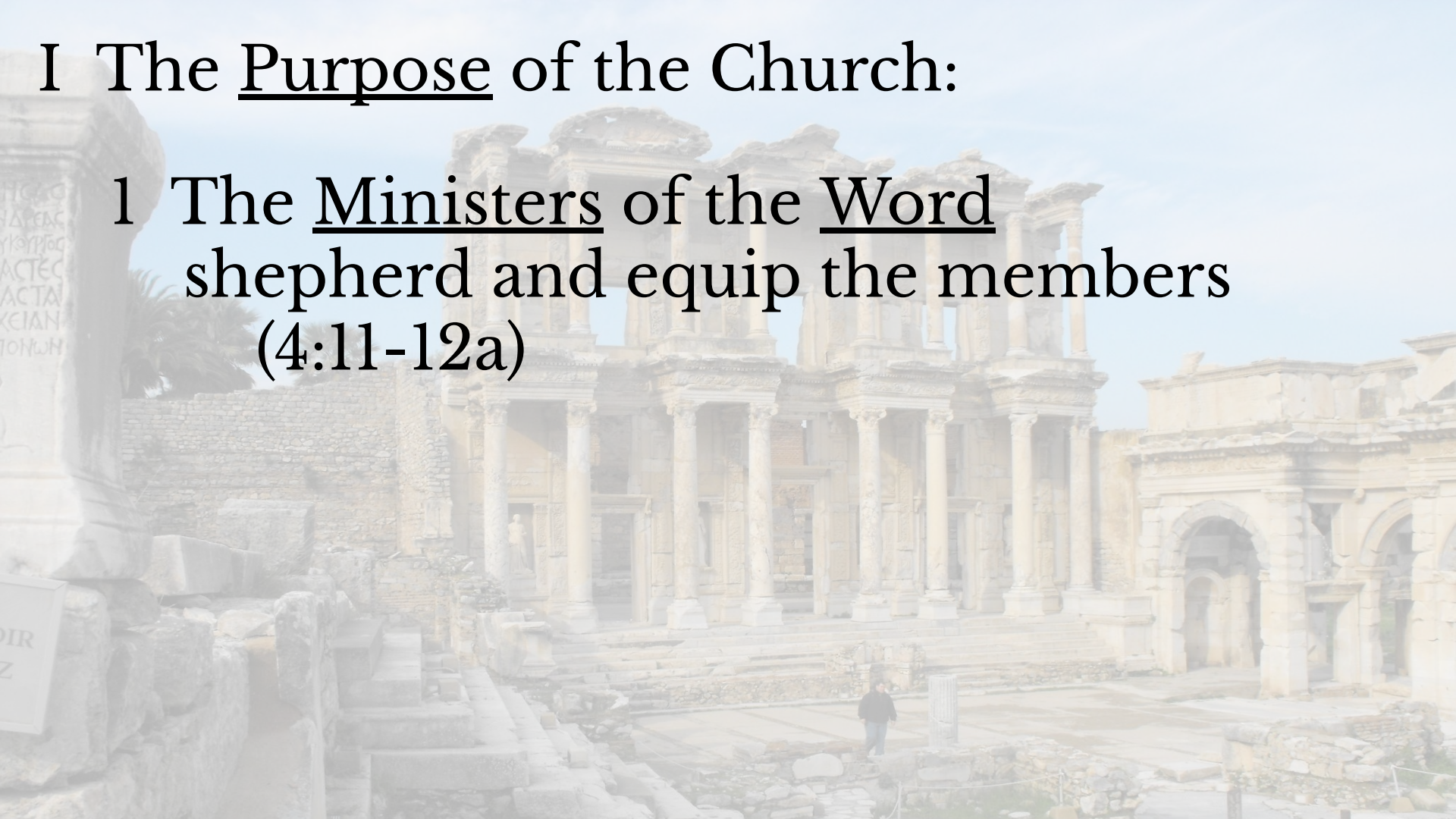
Building the Church
(Ephesians 4:11-13)

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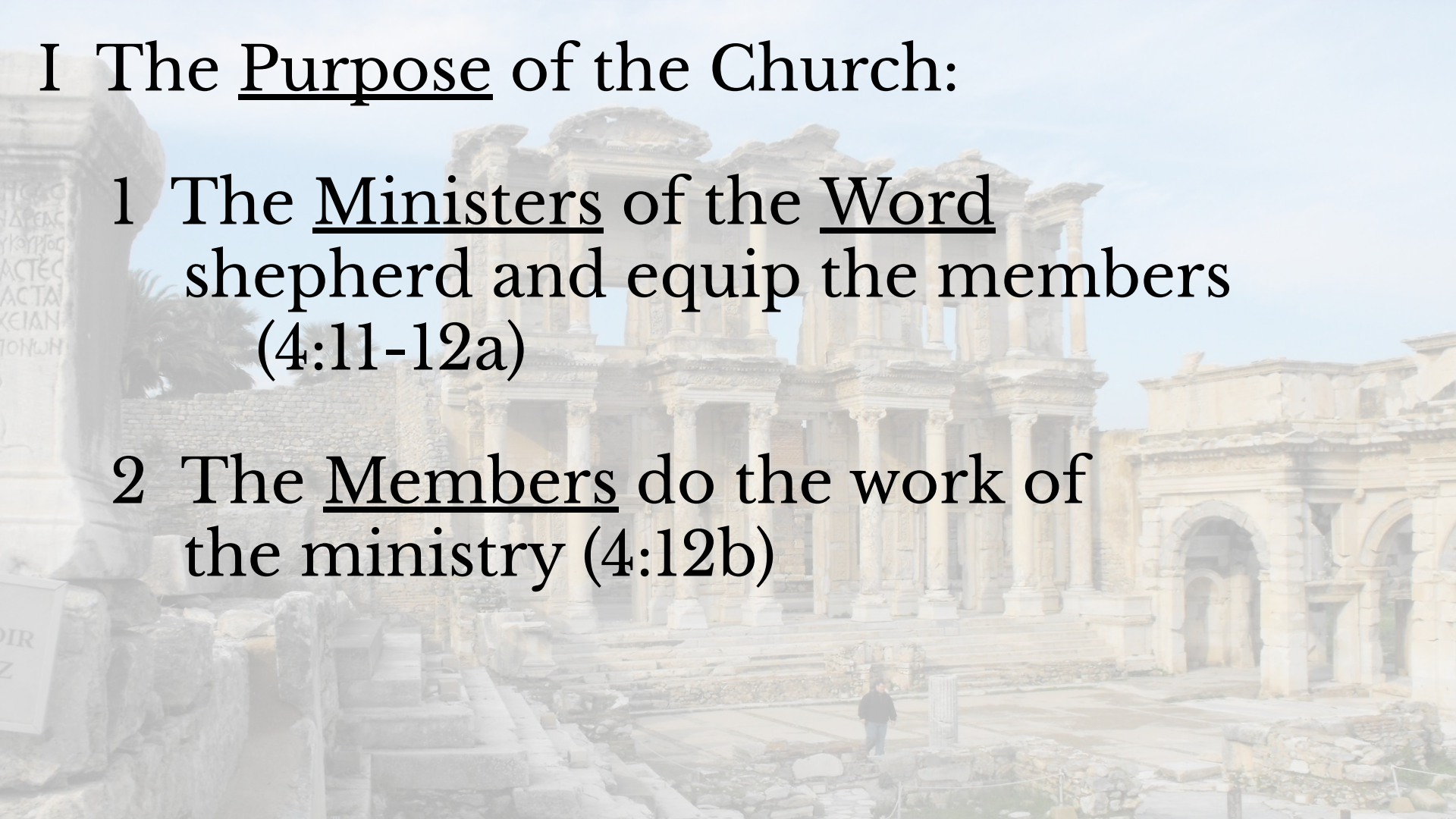
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serve, minister, give relief, wait tables, administrate

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- 3 We All build up/edify the body of Christ (4:12c)

The launching of the Free Church may be considered a result of daring rather than deliberate planning... the new converts were literally babes in Christ. They were surrounded by people from the State Churches whose limited knowledge of Christianity had been taught by government appointed clergy and based on the interpretation by church leaders. As the new converts began to study the Scriptures they enjoyed a new freedom. The question was no longer, "What does the catechism say?" but "Where is it written in the Word?" ... There was an immaturity which revealed itself in questions as to life style, relationship to the Church and her doctrines and the relationship of believers to one another as well as to non-believers. ...

The problems faced by the new believers collectively were also related to this lack of maturity... All had known only the one Church, the Lutheran State Church of Denmark, Norway or Sweden. Was departure from the faith and practice of that church an apostasy? What were the signs of spiritual growth based on the new light coming from the Holy Spirit through the Bible? The purpose of this volume is to deal with the spiritual growth of the individual believer and the collective growth within each congregation... It would be difficult to separate the two at times because the extent of the maturity of her members determines to a large degree the maturity of the congregation. The Scriptures refer to both– sometimes in the same passage:

“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: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.” (Eph. 4:11-13)

Likewise, there are believers who, though Christians for years, never seem to grow beyond the bottle and spoon-fed stage. Others appear to increase rapidly in knowledge but are unable to put it to practical use. There are congregations fully grown in organization and sensitive to a well-stated system of doctrine, but without spiritual life... Some older and mature congregations suffer from hardening of the spiritual arteries so that growth slows down and even stops due to the absence of spiritual renewals...

It is a history of strength and of weakness, of apprehensions of divine truth and of occasional mistakes. The history of intermingling forces of the human and the divine in the unfolding of the Kingdom of God on earth must ever be so. But the story has been told to little purpose if two essential features of congregational life have not appeared— those of unity and growth.”

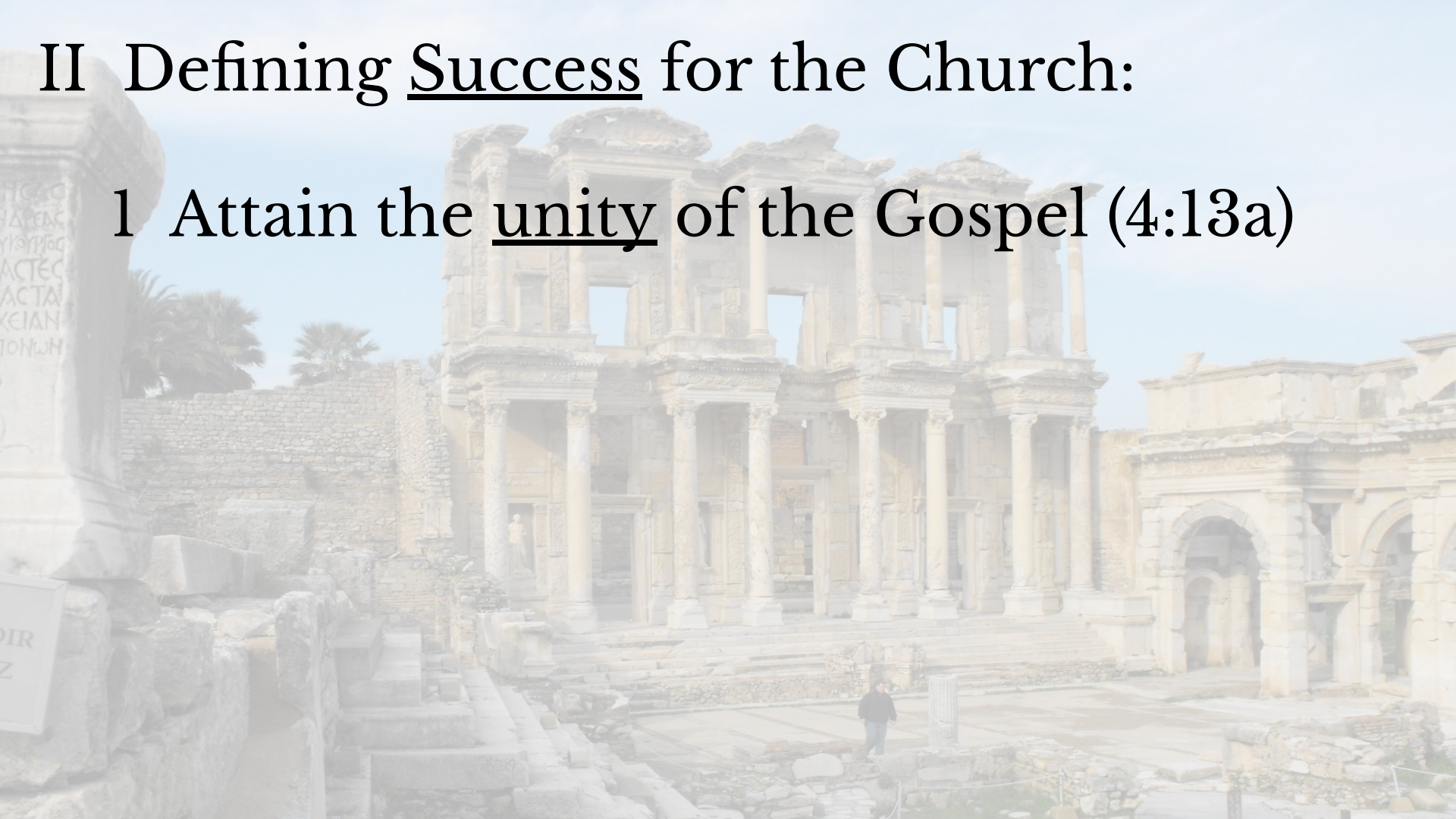
—Arnold Olson, Stumbling Toward Maturity, pp. 6-9

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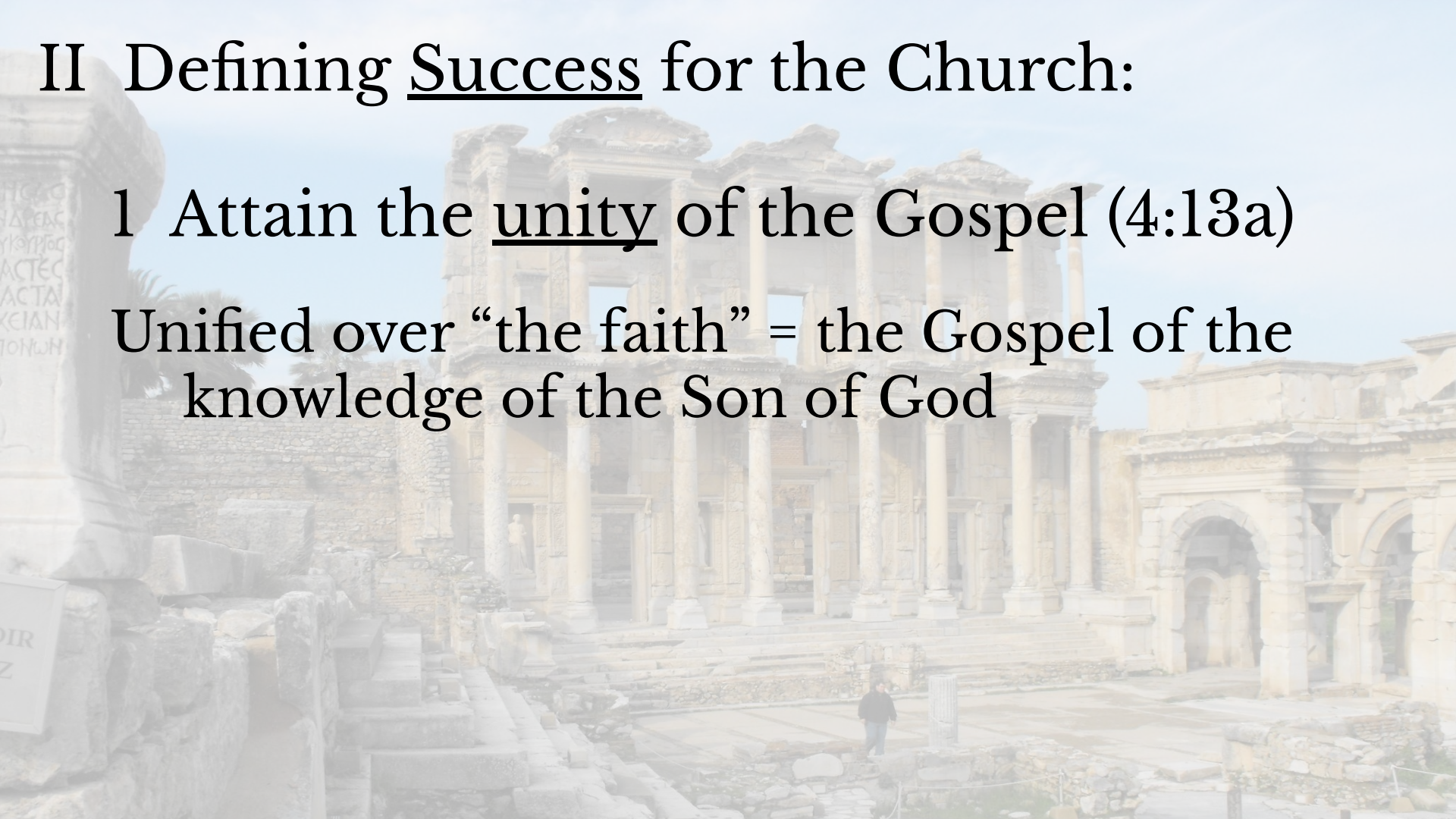
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

ARTICLE II - STATEMENT OF FAITH

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ALL are sinners

ALL may come and repent

(and it doesn't have to be the FIRST time they hear!)

ALL may receive Him via His Work

ALL may be baptized into one body

So ALL are welcome at Grace Fellowship!

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NOT unified in our political beliefs

NOT unified in our social activism

NOT unified in our stewardships

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Let's not forget the reality of 1st C. Rome
Nero is the Megalomaniacal Emperor
Rome is immoral and ungodly
Idolatry and Paganism are rampant
Sorcery, witchcraft, magic, charms
Political battles over Moral Standards
Abortion, abandonment/exposure

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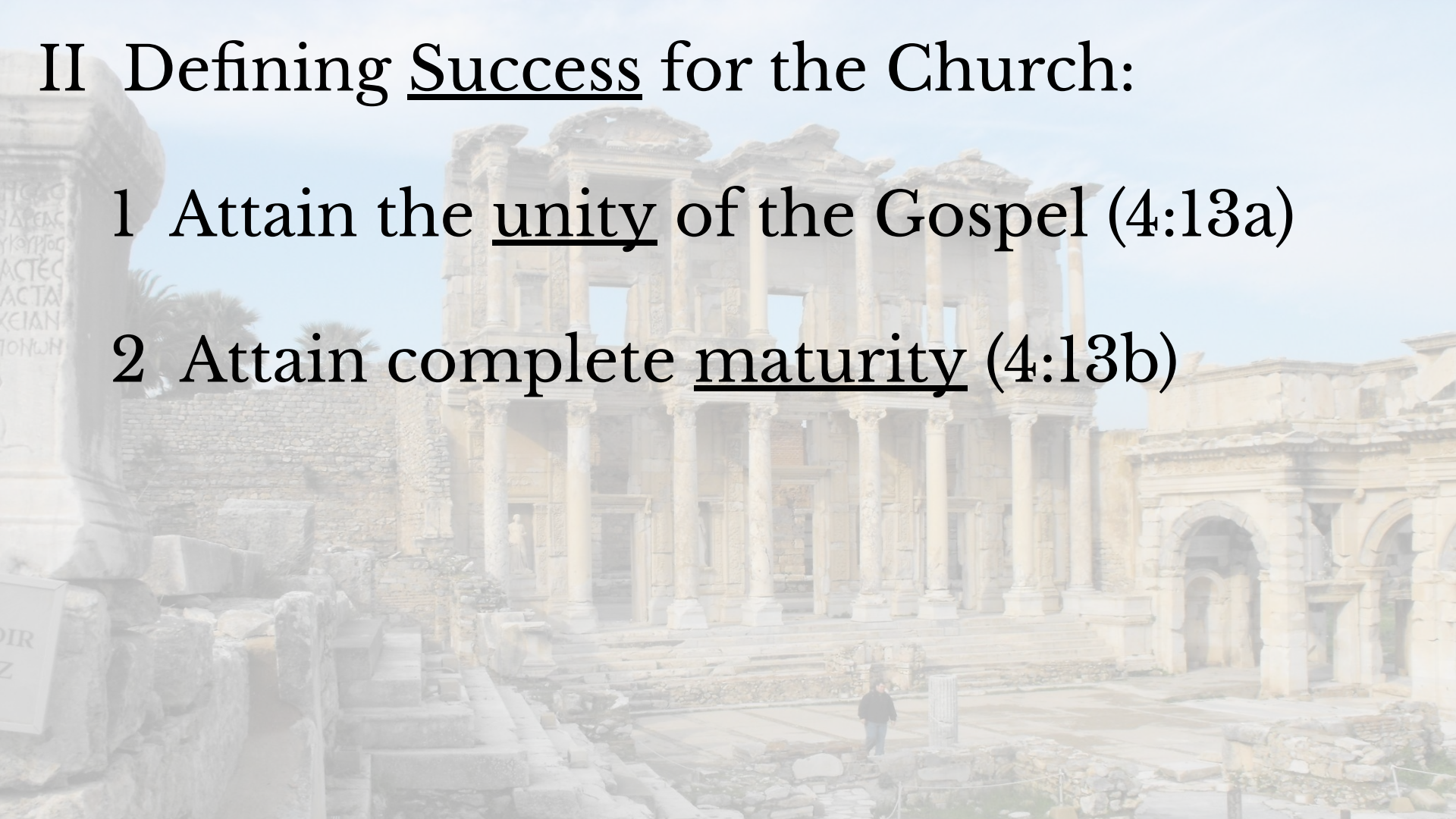
Yet how much do we read in the NT about involvement in local/national politics?

How much do we read about the need for pastors to preach about Emperors and Senators and public policy?

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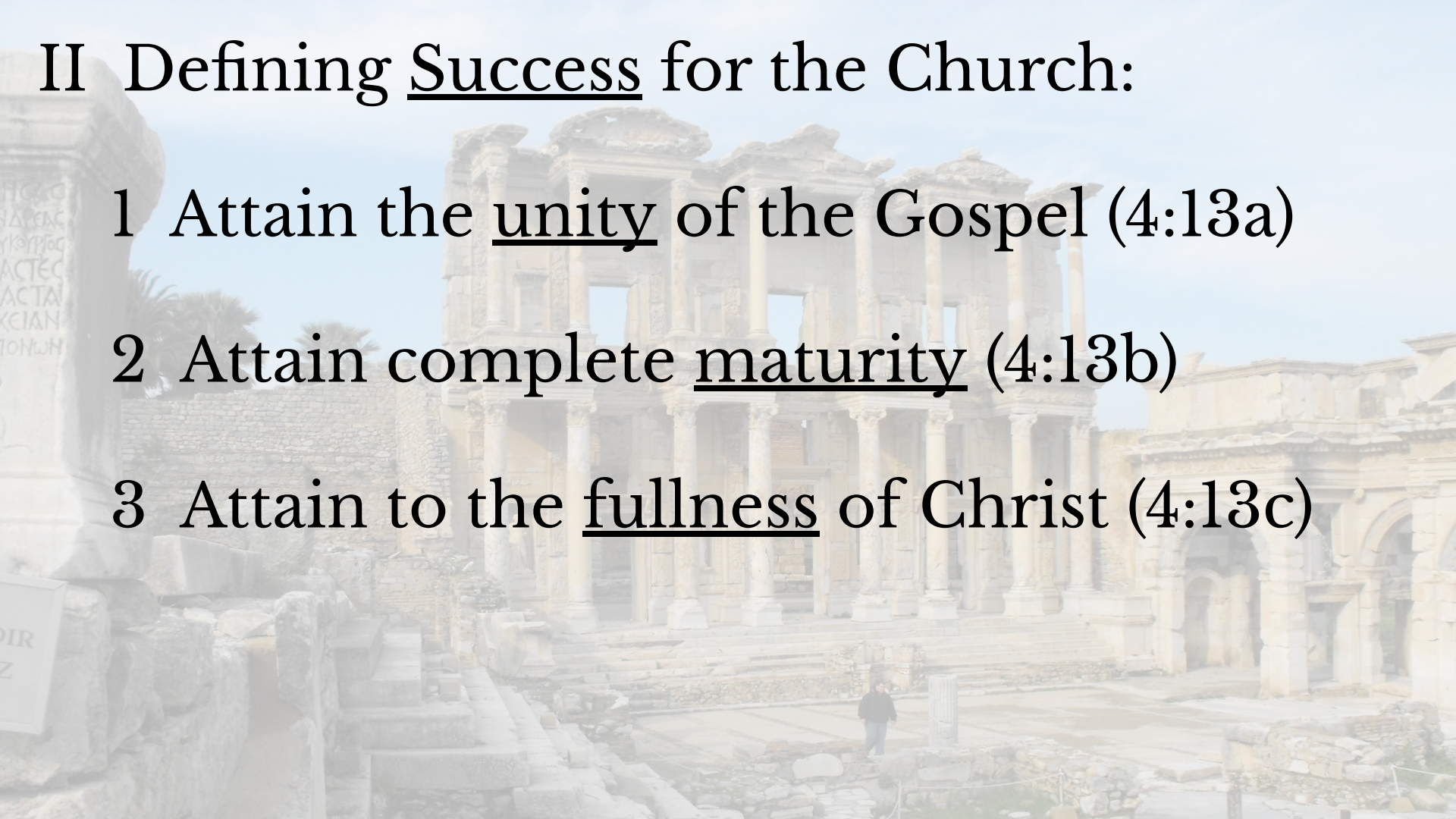


ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

“The purpose of this church shall be to glorify God in the following ways: through public worship; through preaching and teaching in order that the lost might be converted and Christians may be strengthened in their faith; through commitment to making disciples at home and abroad as commanded in the Great Commission; through Christian fellowship; through calling God’s people to be salt and light in the world, to love others as they love themselves, and to bring a biblical view to bear upon society.”

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- 2 Attain complete maturity (4:13b)
- 3 Attain to the fullness of Christ (4:13c)



III The Blueprint for the Church: The Application

Ministers:

Serve each member of the body, primarily by teaching the Word, caring for you, praying, counseling, encouraging, leading by example and deed

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You:

Serve each member of the body, by
teaching, leading, caring, praying,
encouraging, helping, going, doing,
feeding, bearing burdens, sharing life

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Each of us, as members of the body:
Serves “the world” around them, by
praying, loving, helping, rescuing,
“stepping in”, speaking

In Summary: By representing and
presenting Christ to lost and dying people