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unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: <sup>14</sup> That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

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<sup>15</sup> But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

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<sup>16</sup> From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

**Key thought:** Spiritual formation is carried out through the ministry of the faithful teaching and preaching of the Word of God.

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A Sunday school / Adult Bible Fellowship Class that is built upon the teaching of the Word of God and the fellowship of God's people keeps Scripture central and guards against entertainment-driven or purely social programming.

## Sunday School

# Refresh

# UNDERSTANDING THE PURPOSE OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

## The vital role of the Sunday school in the life of the believer, home, and the church

First, we must understand the \_\_\_\_\_ for the church.

To \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord Jesus Christ

### Matthew 16:13-18

When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? <sup>14</sup> And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. <sup>15</sup> He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? <sup>16</sup> And Simon Peter answered and said, *Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.* <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and *upon this rock I will build my church*; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

To \_\_\_\_\_ Christ's commission

### Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. <sup>19</sup> *Go* ye therefore, and teach all nations, *baptizing* them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: <sup>20</sup> *Teaching* them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

# THE FIVE PILLARS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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V. \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. EDIFY – BUILD UP IN CHRIST

Ephesians 4:11-16

### The Elements of Edification:

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; <sup>12</sup> For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for *the edifying of the body of Christ*:

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### The Essentials of Edification:

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<sup>13</sup> Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God,