

The background of the image is a complex, layered architectural drawing. It features various geometric shapes, lines, and patterns in shades of orange, yellow, and green. The drawing includes circular motifs, rectangular grids, and intricate line work, suggesting a technical or engineering plan. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern, with a focus on geometric forms and precise lines.

# CHRISTIANITY

— A BIBLICAL VIEW —

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**Ephesians 4:1** I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,<sup>2</sup> with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,<sup>3</sup> endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**Ephesians 2:14** For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,<sup>15</sup> having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,<sup>16</sup> and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.<sup>17</sup> And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.

**Matthew 16:16** Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”  
<sup>17</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.<sup>18</sup> And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”

**Acts 11:1** Now the apostles and brethren who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.<sup>2</sup> And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those of the circumcision contended with him,<sup>3</sup> saying, “You went in to uncircumcised men and ate with them!”

**1 Peter 1:23** having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,<sup>24</sup> because “All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away,<sup>25</sup> but the word of the LORD endures forever.” Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

**Ephesians 4:4** There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;<sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism;<sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.<sup>7</sup> But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

**Ephesians 4:11** And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,<sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,<sup>13</sup> till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;



**Ephesians 4:14** that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,<sup>15</sup> but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—<sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

**Colossians 3:15** And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.