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С	We are not	saved to	,	, and		. We are saved to	
Achie	ving	of the	(vv.	13-16)			
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- Preserving <u>Unity</u> of the <u>Spirit</u> (vv. 1-6)
 - Paul isn't giving us options to <u>consider</u>, but commands to <u>obey</u>. (v. 1)
 - Five virtues of Christian character: <u>humility</u>, <u>gentleness</u>, <u>patience</u>, <u>tolerance</u>, and <u>love</u>.
 (v. 2)
 - Paul wants unity, not only <u>within</u>, but also <u>among</u> Christian churches.
 - Unity in the <u>church</u> derives directly from the unity of the <u>gospel</u>. (vv. 3-6)
- Embracing <u>Diversity</u> in the <u>Church</u> (vv. 7-12)
 - Christ gives special <u>talents</u> and <u>passions</u> to each believer in the church. (v. 7)
 - Gifts are given to church members for service. (v. 12)
 - Pastors and teachers do not <u>monopolize</u> ministry but <u>multiply</u> ministry.
 - We are not saved to <u>sit</u>, <u>soak</u>, and <u>sour</u>. We are saved to <u>serve</u>.
- Achieving <u>Maturity</u> of the <u>Saints</u> (vv. 13-16)
 - Spiritual maturity is a process that takes time and effort and experience. ("until we all attain...") (v. 13)
 - Just because you've grown older in the <u>church</u> that doesn't mean you've grown up in <u>Christ</u>.
 - Personal <u>maturity</u> leads to spiritual <u>unity</u>.