

EPH 4: 7-13

- THE MYSTICAL CHURCH -
(A SPIRITUAL BODY OF BELIEVERS)

A UNITY OF FAITH - (BY GIFTS + GRACE)

① GRACE = SO THE MEMBERS CAN FUNCTION
WITH ONE ANOTHER -
(LOVINGLY "IN FELLOWSHIP")

② GIFTS = SO THE BODY CAN GROW + LIVE
ORDINARY LIVES OF MEN -

"GRACE"

ACCORDING TO THE MEASURE OF -
"THE GIFT OF CHRIST" -

[HOW WOULD YOU MEASURE CHRIST &
HIS GIFT - - - THEN USE THIS
STANDARD - "TO MEASURE" - -

"YOUR"
- GIFT OF GRACE + GIFT OF SERVING -

"GRACE" OCCURS 156 TIMES IN N.T.
+ 110 TIMES IN PAUL'S EPISTLES -
"AND"

IT ALWAYS CONVEYS THE IDEA OF:

- FREE - "UNDER SERVER" FAVOR -

AND
[THIS GRACE HAS GIVEN ~ ANY GIFT
WE HAVE -]

- THIS SHOULD MAKE US ~ DILIGENT ~
IN DEVELOPING ~ AS WELL AS ~
USING THESE GIFTS ~
"WITH"
"HUMILITY" ~ ENJOYING THEM -

GIFTS ~ WITHOUT GRACE ~
CAN BE HARSH ~ THAT IS ~ ABRASIVE,
~ & ~ PRESUMPTUOUS ~ AS ~ & ~ WHEN
WE RELATE TO OTHERS -
"ALSO"

PRODUCE "EGOTISM" & "SELF-SUFFICIENCY"
~ WITH "COMPLACENCY" ~
~ "IN OURSELVES" ~

GIFTS ~ WITH ^{OUT} GRACE ~ PRODUCES ~
"PRIDE" ~ "FACTION" ~ & ~ "CARNALITY" -

[THE MORE GIFTS WE HAVE ~ THE
MORE GRACE WE NEED -]

⊗ ANY GIFTS WE HAVE ~ WERE GIVEN TO US
~ IN & THROUGH ~ THE HOLY SPIRIT (COR 12:4)

THESE GIFTS ARE GIVEN ~ SO WE CAN MANIFEST
TO THE WORLD ~ THE POWER & ABILITY OF CHRIST -

GIFTS ASSURED - (8-10)

I BY A PROMISE - (vs 8) (Ps 68:18)

Ps 68:18 = "THOU HAST ASCENDED ON HIGH -

THOUGH HAST LEAD CAPTIVITY CAPTIVE -

THOU HAST RECEIVED GIFTS FOR MEN -

YEA - ("FOR A REBELLIOUS ALSO")

"SO" "THAT"

THE LORD MIGHT DWELL "AMONG US" -

(A) TO ASCEND -

"CHRIST IS GOING TO HIS
THRONE IN HEAVEN --- HAVING ---
DEVAST --- ALL HIS FOES ---

(ACT 1:10) = "THEY LOOK STEADFAST
TOWARD HEAVEN --- TO HIS THRONE

(HEB 8:1) "WE HAVE A HIGH PRIEST --- WHO
IS SEATED --- ON THE RIGHT HAND OF
THE THRONE --- OF THE MAJESTY ---
IN THE HEAVENS? ---

"
"GAVE" GIFTS UNTO MEN" -

THE GIFTS --- FROM THE FATHER ---
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT --- OF THE
CHURCH --- HERE, ON EARTH ---

(B) TO ALLOT - (11)

(APOSTLES) (PROPHETS) - (EVANGELISTS)
-- (PASTOR - TEACHERS)

SOME KNOWLEDGE WE HAVE:

① CHRIST; & CHRIST ALONE - IS THE HEAD
OF THE CHURCH -

- CHRIST THE HEAD -- WE ARE THE BODY
-- & MEMBERS (INDIVIDUALLY) IN
PARTICULAR -

② THE CHURCH CONSISTS OF MEMBERS -
- EACH HAVING A FUNCTION -

TO BRING EVERYONE TO MATURITY - (2)
(PERFECTING THE SAINTS)

ALL
WORSHIP

(SOME ENJOY IT) -
EVERY PARTICULAR PART - IN THE BODY
- HAS A FUNCTION TO PERFORM -

③ CHRIST GIVES THE FUNCTION (GIFT) TO
EACH ONE - &
(GIVES GIFTS TO MEN)

WE DO NOT DECIDE - "THE HOLY
SPIRIT LEADS" & EMPOWERS -

II BY HIS PERSON - (8-10)

(A) HE FIRST ^{DESCENDED} ~~DESCENDED~~ - (10)

AT HIS BIRTH - JESUS DESCENDED
FROM HEAVEN TO "A BARN IN
BETHEHEM" - (LUKE 2:7)

"BIRTH"

SHE BROUGHT FORTH HER FIRST BORN
SON - AND LAID HIM IN A MANGER -

"DEATH"

HE DESCENDED TO HADES - &
PREACHED - TO THE SPIRITS IN
PRISON - (THOSE WHO HAD DIED
IN PREVIOUS AGES) (1 PETER 3:18-20)

"PROCLAIMED"

HIS VICTORY OVER SIN - SATAN -
DEATH - & THE GRAVE -

"FILL ALL THINGS" (10)

"PUTTING ALL THINGS - UNDER HIS FEET"
(EPH 1:22)

BY DESCENDING - FIRST
INTO THE LOWER PARTS OF THE
EARTH - (9)

③ THE HE ASCENDED - (9-10)

- UP - ABOVE THE HEAVENS -

HE AROSE - PROCLAIMING HIS -
GREAT VICTORY OVER HADES -
+ TOOK "THE CAPTIVES" (SOULS)
OF THE BLESSED DEAD - WITH HIM -

THOU HAST ASCENDED ON HIGH -
GOING TO HIS THRONE - "HAVING"
"DEVASTATED" - "ALL HIS FOES" -

THAT IS:

HE BROUGHT THEM - INTO "CAPTIVITY"
(LEAD CAPTIVITY CAPTIVE)

THE VICTORIOUS KING - HAS -
- FREED "ALL THE HOSTAGES" -

HELD BY THE ENEMY - "RAVISHED"
"THE ENEMY'S DOMAIN" - "SETTING"
- "FREE" - ALL CAPTIVES -

THE BELIEVING DEAD + LIVING
= = = = =
TO

BE WITH HIM ON HIGH -
= = = = =

"SIN IS NOW A CHOICE - NOT"
A NATURE -

HE PUT AWAY - OUR CAPTIVITY -
THAT IS: OUR ENIGMITIES & SINS -

"THE DOMINATION OF OUR OLD NATURE"

"I DON'T HAVE TO SIN" (ANYMORE)

(1 JOHN 2:1)

I WRITE UNTO YOU - THAT
YE "SIN NOT"

"YET"

IF I DO - I HAVE AN "ADVOCATE" -

"JESUS CHRIST" - WHO HAS LED
MY CAPTIVITY - CAPTIVE -

"PRAISE GOD"

"NOW"

PROMISE - PERSON:

III} BY HIS PROVISION - (11, 13)

I AM FREE TO SERVE &
MATURE - WITH THE & IN THE
CHURCH -

THRU:

① GIFTS - ② ① ② UNITY OF FAITH - ③
(COMMUNITY)

③ GROWING IN KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST (13)

① GIFTS - (11)

① GIFTS TO DEAL WITH (SITUATIONS) -

TO GUIDE THE CHURCH IN HOW IT
OUGHT TO GO - (APOSTLES)

TO EQUIP THE CHURCH IN WHAT
THEY OUGHT TO KNOW - (PROPHETS)

② GIFTS TO DEAL WITH (SINNERS) - (EVANGELISTS)

③ GIFTS TO DEAL WITH (SAINTS)

BY TENDING THE FLOCK - (PASTORS)

BY TEACHING GODS WORD - (TEACHERS)

④ UNITY OF FAITH - (THE BODY OF CHRIST)

(WORKING TOGETHER) - AS INDIVIDUAL
BELIEVERS - (IN FELLOWSHIP) -

"MATUREING TOGETHER"

(AS INDIVIDUALS) IN THE BODY OF
CHRIST.

(2:5 JH9)

© GROWING IN KNOWLEDGE —

"GROWING UP" — "COMING OF AGE"

HERE

ON EARTH — "AS THE STATUE OF
CHRIST" (13)

(TOTALLY GROWN UP)

FAITH ACQUIRES ITS FULL-ROUNDER
UNITY — "WHEN IT IS EXERCISED" —
"BY"

LIVING TOGETHER WITH CHRIST — —

+

[COMING TO COMPLETE PERFECTION —
— (MANHOOD) — IN CHRIST-LIKENESS —

TO

PLEASE HIM — & POSSESS — AS
WELL AS — EXHIBIT — THE

MIND OF CHRIST —

"LET", THIS MIND BE IN YOU
[YOU MUST ALLOW IT]
(PHIL 2:5)

"WHICH"
"WAS IN CHRIST JESUS"

- ① MADE HIMSELF OF NO REPUTATION -
- ② TOOK ON THE FORM OF A SERVANT -
- ③ MADE IN THE LIKENESS OF MEN -

HUMBLED HIMSELF - - AND WAS
OBEDIENT - UNTO DEATH

"FOR"

[IT IS GOD AT WORK WITHIN
YOU - - TO DO HIS WILL - -]

"SO"

DO ALL THINGS - WITHOUT - -
"MURMURINGS" - - AND - -
"DISPUTINGS"

"TO"

EDIFYING OF THE BODY OF
CHRIST - - "OUR GOAL"

"THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST" (13)

VS 8 CHRIST LED OUR
CAPTIVITY CAPTIVE

GAVE GIFTS TO MEN

"THEN"

ASCENDED TO HEAVEN -

HE COMPLETED ALL

REQUIREMENTS

FOR SUCCESS AS A CHURCH.

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THE BODY OF CHRIST

STOP

DO ALL THINGS
"MURMURING"
"DISPUTING"

"TO"

COPIING OF THE BODY OF

CHRIST - OUR GOAL

"THE PURITY OF CHRIST" (13)