

“Every Member a Minister” Ephesians 4:7-16

Last week we looked at Ephesians 4:1-6 and saw how we as believers are to make the maximum effort in preserving the unity of the Spirit we are blessed to share in the Body of Christ. This unity, however, is not uniformity; each member of the body is unique. Every true believer has been given at least one spiritual gift to employ in serving the church so that each ministry in the church has the greatest measure of health possible.

While there is far more in this instructive passage than we have time in this one message, my prayer is that our flyover approach will be beneficial.

1. Our Lord, as Head over His Body, bestows spiritual gifts to enable us _____ in His Church. (4:7)
 - Each believer has both saving grace and _____ grace. (Romans 12:5; I Corinthians 12:4-7)
 - Each believer is a _____ of God’s manifold serving grace. (I Peter 4:10-11)
2. Our Lord’s humble incarnation and victorious _____ resulted in His giving gifts to every believer. (4:8-10)
 - Psalm 68 is used by Paul to illustrate the _____ of our Lord’s ascension.
 - Our Lord’s triumphant ascension _____ Him to bestow gifts.
3. Our Lord calls and gifts certain ones to _____ the saints for ministry and bring greater maturity to His Body. (4:11-13)
 - The Apostles and Prophets were given a _____ in the early, formative years of the church; Evangelists and Pastor/Teachers continue today. (Ephesians 2:19-20)
 - Being immersed in the _____ with a view toward application is God’s primary way of equipping us for ministry.

4. Our Lord's _____ is that we be a healthy, mature church. (4:14-16)

- A healthy body has _____ discernment.

- A healthy body _____ truth and love.

- A healthy body is where every member is a _____.