

The Holy Spirit & Me Series (5)
“The Spirit Filled Christian” – Ephesians 4:1-16 Will Walk In Unity (Part 2 PM)

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Introduction

1. As we come back tonight to Ephesians 4:7-16 Paul moves from what the qualities of all those who are filled with the Spirit to discussing the functions of these qualities.
2. Paul quotes Psalm 68:18 showing how Jesus is king who is the giver of gifts in His church. For He has come to Earth loving people and He is the same today in Heaven. He fills the church with His presence through the Holy Spirit.

I. The Gifts For Unity

- a. Jesus The Giver Of Gifts
 - i. All Christians have been given gifts (1 Cor 12:1-12). But there is distinct difference between physical talents and spiritual gifts. (See 1 Cor 12:4-11, 27-31; Rom 12:3-8; Eph 4:11)
- b. Apostles – Those who have seen Jesus and are witnesses to His resurrection. These men laid the foundation for the church along with the prophets (Eph 2:20)
- c. Prophets – People who proclaimed the word of God (Acts 11:28; Eph 3:5) through the Spirit of God and direct revelation.
- d. Evangelists – What we would have called modern day missionaries.
- e. Pastors & Teachers – Shepherds who were to feed and lead the flock.

II. The Growth Of Unity

- a. Purposes Of These Offices
 - i. Answer is in verse 12. To build, construct, strengthen the fabric of the Church.
 - ii. To PREPARE God’s people for works of service. To lead to unity and faith that will transform us into the image of Christ.

III. Growing Into Christ

- a. Stability – The Spirit filled person is stable in his walk with Christ
- b. Maturity – The Spirit filled person is mature enough to speak the truth in love and one who has grown up in all areas of Christ.
- c. Cooperation – The Spirit filled person realizes as members of Christ’s body we belong together, affect each other and need each other.