

SERIES: Ephesians
The Spiritual Diversity of the Church
Ephesians 4:7-12

The Grace of Diversity (4:7)

- Paul shifts the focus from “all” of us to _____ of us.
 - The unity of the church is enriched by its _____.
 - The church is one body, though its members are all _____.
- This grace is not saving grace, but _____ grace.
- This grace is for _____ Christians, not a select few.
- Spiritual gifts are freely given by Christ, not earned as a reward.
- Spiritual gifts are measured out by Christ, so your gift is important, no matter how small.
 - There is no reason for spiritual _____.
 - There is no room for spiritual _____.
 - A person with a prominent, public gift has no reason for _____.
 - A person with a quiet, supporting gift has no reason for _____.

The Generosity of the King (4:8-10)

- Jesus won victory over his enemies and ascended to heaven to bless his people. (Ps. 68:18)
 - The King gives what he has _____.
 - Because he was victorious, we are now _____.
- Before Jesus went up to bless us, he came down to rescue us.
 - In the Incarnation, he came down to save us.
 - He came down to take on human _____ and live a perfect life.
 - He came down to take on human _____ and die a sacrificial death.
 - In the Ascension, he went up to supply us.
 - He rose from death and conquered the _____.
 - He rose into the heavens to distribute spiritual _____.
 - When you see gifts at work, you should adore Jesus who gave them.
 - When someone’s gifts bless you, you should see that as Jesus blessing you.
- As the ascended King, Jesus will fill all things.
 - He fills his people with his _____.
 - He fills his church with gifts.
 - He fills the universe with his _____.

The Gifts to the Church (4:11)

- The emphasis on these leaders is not on their office or title, but they are all ministers of the _____.
- Christ not only gave gifts to his people, but he also gave his people as gifts.
 - Apostles & Prophets: These are the _____.
 - Evangelists: These are the _____.
 - Shepherd-Teachers: These are the _____.

The Growth of the Body (4:12)

- Ministry belongs to the _____.
 - Pastors are not called to monopolize the ministry.
 - Pastors are called to _____ the ministry.
- Ministry is for building up the _____.
 - Gifts are not _____ to play with.
 - Gifts are _____ to build with.
- Ministry is for the glory of _____. (1 Peter 4:10-11)

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 - The unity of the church is enriched by its **diversity**.
 - The church is one body, though its members are all **different**.
- This grace is not saving grace, but **servicing** grace.
- This grace is for **all** Christians, not a select few.
- Spiritual gifts are freely given by Christ, not earned as a reward.
- Spiritual gifts are measured out by Christ, so your gift is important, no matter how small.
 - There is no reason for spiritual **comparison**.
 - There is no room for spiritual **competition**.
 - A person with a prominent, public gift has no reason for **boasting**.
 - A person with a quiet, supporting gift has no reason for **envy**.

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- Jesus won victory over his enemies and ascended to heaven to bless his people. (Ps. 68:18)
 - The King gives what he has **received**.
 - Because he was victorious, we are now **rich**.
- Before Jesus went up to bless us, he came down to rescue us.
 - In the Incarnation, he came down to save us.
 - He came down to take on human **flesh** and live a perfect life.
 - He came down to take on human **sin** and die a sacrificial death.
 - In the Ascension, he went up to supply us.
 - He rose from death and conquered the **grave**.
 - He rose into the heavens to distribute spiritual **gifts**.
 - When you see gifts at work, you should adore Jesus who gave them.
 - When someone’s gifts bless you, you should see that as Jesus blessing you.
- As the ascended King, Jesus will fill all things.
 - He fills his people with his **Spirit**.
 - He fills his church with gifts.
 - He fills the universe with his **reign**.

The Gifts to the Church (4:11)

- The emphasis on these leaders is not on their office or title, but they are all ministers of the **Word**.
- Christ not only gave gifts to his people, but he also gave his people as gifts.
 - Apostles & Prophets: These are the **founders**.
 - Evangelists: These are the **finders**.
 - Shepherd-Teachers: These are the **feeders**.

The Growth of the Body (4:12)

- Ministry belongs to the **members**.
 - Pastors are not called to monopolize the ministry.
 - Pastors are called to **multiply** the ministry.
- Ministry is for building up the **body**.
 - Gifts are not **toys** to play with.
 - Gifts are **tools** to build with.
- Ministry is for the glory of **God**. (1 Peter 4:10-11)