

Sunday, March 8, 2020

Title: Purpose Of Christ's Gifts To The Church

Series: Some Bible Ephesians ... 11

Text: Ephesians 4:1 - 16

Introduction:

- > I regard verse 11 to be the center piece of these 16 verses
- > it introduces the five gifts Jesus Christ gives to the Church
- > The Holy Scripture has three main portions on "GIFTS:"
 - A) Romans 12:6 - 8, from the FATHER, motivational gifts
 - B) 1 Corinthians 12 - 14, from the SPIRIT, manifested gifts
 - C) Ephesians 4:11, from the SON, equipping gifts
- > problem text? Verse 10

Jesus' Instruction To His Body:

verse 1, Walk in a manner worthy of our calling:

- > with humility (God resists the proud, Ja. 4:6, 1 Pt. 5:5 - 6)
- > with gentleness, Galatians 5:22 - 23 (video post)
- > with patience, Galatians 5:22 - 23
- > with love, Galatians 5:22 - 23, 1 Corinthians 13
- > MAINTAIN the unity NOT produce the unity!!!
- > WHY? Verses 4 - 6 It is a Spiritual body

The body of Christ (Eph. 1:22 - 23)

Jesus' Enabling Gift:

verse 7, "But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ gift."

- > Ezekiel 36:26 - 27 (video post)
 - A) New heart, exercise is good for the heart!
 - B) New Spirit, do NOT quench or grieve (video posts)

Jesus' Equipping Gifts:

verse 11:

- A) Apostles, G652 apostolos, sent one (with orders)
- B) Prophets, G3496 prophetes, forth telling the Word of God and foretelling His counsel
- C) Evangelists, G2098 euaggelistes, a bringer of good tidings
- D) Shepherds, G4166 poimen, a herdsman (not the owner of the flock)
- E) Teachers, G1320 didaskalos, a teacher

Purpose:

- > verse 12, "to equip the saints for the work of the ministry"
- > verse 12, "for building up the body of Christ," (personal trainer)
- > verse 13, "to mature manhood"
- > verse 13, "to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,"

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- > verse 14, "so that we may no longer be children"

Outcome:

- > verses 15 - 16

Conclusion:

I personally need to "walk worthy," no one else can do it for me!!!