

# *The Gifts of the Holy Spirit*

## Ephesians 4:7-16

### **1. Purchase of the Gifts** – Eph. 4:7-10

7. **But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.** (literally, “has been measured by Christ”)

8. This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and **gave gifts to men.**" (Romans 12: , I Cor. 12 &14)

9. (*What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions ? 10. He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.*)

11. **It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers,**

### **2. Purpose of the Gifts** – Eph. 4:11-12

12. to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

13. until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

### **3. Procedure of the Gifts** – Eph.4:13-16

14. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.

15. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

16. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

## Seven Steps of Ephesians

Leading up to the Gifts of the Spirit and eventually to spiritual warfare.  
*"In heavenly places in Christ, principalities and powers."*

1. Eph. 1:13-14 – Sealed by the Spirit in heavenly places.
2. Eph 1:19-20 – Prayer for exceeding greatness
3. Eph 2:6-7 – Raised to sit with Christ in heavenly places:
4. Eph 2:8-10 – The Grace Gift: 2 Cor 9:15 unspeakable gift:
5. Eph 2:21-22 – Habitation of God:
6. Eph 3:10-11 – Intent now P&P should know by the church:
7. Eph 3:16 – Prayer: be strengthened with might by his Spirit in inner man, able to comprehend with all saints what is the ... love of Christ

### Now the Gifts!

Eph. 4:7-16 – Read Eph. 4:7-16

### Introduction:

*Let me tell you of "Mighty Men of Valor"*

- (ie) Rambo, first blood
- (ie) Samson – gates of the city
- (ie) David and Goliath (Song 2 Sam 22:31-40)
- (ie) David's Mighty Men – Joshed, Eleazar, Shammah (2 Sam 23:8-39)
- (ie) Spurgeon – depression
- (ie) Moody – country bumpkin, grammar
- (ie) Clarence Shier – Gang Mafia, dead with TB, healed
- (ie) Lipping Pastor – stutterer, speaks plainly powerfully
- (ie) Cerebral Palsied Man – David Ring

"Now, I am a full-time evangelist. I preach about 200 times a year. If God can use me, he can use anyone! "I have cerebral palsy. What's your problem?"

- (ie) Joni Erickson Tada – lame, paralyzed, talking head

Hebrews 11:32-38 Time would not permit to tell of Gideon, Barak, David, etc.

# The Purchase of the Gifts

## Ephesians 4:7-10

### Introduction: 7 Steps, 7 Mighty Men,

#### 1. The Glorious Victory – Eph. 4:8-9

**Psalm 68:18** – ark of God returned, glorious ascent

Apostles' Creed – He descended into hell

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. **He descended into hell.** The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit. I believe in the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**1 Peter 3:18-20a:** For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and **made a proclamation** to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey . . .

**1 Peter 4:3-6:** You have already spent enough time in doing what the Gentiles like to do, living in licentiousness, passions, drunkenness, revels, carousing, and lawless idolatry. 4:4 They are surprised that you no longer join them in the same excesses of dissipation, and so they blaspheme. 4:5 But they will have to give an accounting to him who stands ready to judge the living and the dead. 4:6 For this is the reason the gospel was **proclaimed** even to the dead, so that, though they had been judged in the flesh as everyone is judged, they might live in the spirit as God does.

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of Hebrew origin מַחְשֵׁת 1) Hell is the place of the future punishment call "Gehenna" or "Gehenna of fire". This was originally the valley of Hinnom, south of Jerusalem, where the filth and dead animals of the city were cast out and burned; a fit symbol of the wicked and their future destruction.

Sheol, Hades, Paradise – compartments, to glory (Luke 23:43, 16:22-23)

Ascended Highest, far above, (Ephesians 1:21, Ephesians 4:10)

He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men.

## **2. The Glorious Triumph** – Eph.4:10

He rose triumphant over death, hell, and principalities and powers  
He made a show of them openly triumphing over them.

**2 Cor 2:14-16** – Leads us in a triumphant processional

**Colossians 2:15** - And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

**Hebrews 2:14-15** – thru death might destroy him that had power of death that is the devil and deliver them who all their lifetime were subject to bondage.

## **3. The Glorious Gifts Given** – Eph. 4:7

Measured out by Christ – he has the right

Ephesians 4:7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ

## **Conclusion**

Gifts are given to triumph in Christ's victory. Weak things become strong.

He gave gifts to you and me that we might share in his triumph over all the powers of the enemy. Every gift is the power of Christ to do what you could not do in the flesh.

### **2 Corinthians 3:5**

Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. 6. He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant

### **2 Corinthians 4:7**

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

### **2 Corinthians 12:8-10**

Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 9. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 10. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

## **Scriptures Used:**

### **Luke 23:43**

Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

### **Luke 16:22-23**

22. "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. 23. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.

### **Ephesians 1:21**

His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, 20. which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21. far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

### **Ephesians 4:10**

**10. He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)**

### **2 Cor 2:14-16**

14. But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. 15. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. 16. To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life. And who is equal to such a task?

### **Colossians 2:15**

15. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

### **Hebrews 2:14-15**

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death--that is, the devil-- and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

# "In Christ Alone"

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In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all —  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid —  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine—  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death —  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home —  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.