

God's Design for the Church – Part 2

Eph 4:7-11

~ In the passage before us, Paul provides answers to questions we will likely ask.

- Will unity make us into a bunch of cookie-cutter Christians?
- 1. Vs 7 - **Christ empowers each one with spiritual gift(s), giving the church remarkable diversity.**

Administration – the ability to _____ people in the church toward a specific goal

Discernment – the ability to _____ matters and distinguish truth from error

Evangelist – the ability to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ and to _____ others to do so

Exhortation – the ability to challenge and _____ believers to show up weaknesses and grow in the faith

Faith – the ability to genuinely _____ God in the midst of obstacles

Giving – a joyful and eager _____ that gives resources (material or otherwise) without any motives for self-benefit

Hospitality – a cheerful _____ to host, shelter, and care for others

Knowledge – a knack for _____ the meaning of Scripture

Leadership – having the zeal and communication skills to _____ others around a common goal

Mercy – a devoted, freely given _____ for those who are needy and suffering

Ministering – performing any task that _____ others by joyfully meeting their practical or material needs

Pastoring/Teaching – a bent toward caring for and _____ fellow believers and being able to explain truth in an understandable way

Wisdom – the ability to make wise _____ and provide godly insights for problems

Apostles – *Prophets* – *Healing* – *Miracles* – *Tongues* – *Interpretation of tongues* –

- Where do these spiritual gifts come from?
- 2. Vs 8-10 - **Christ ascended to Heaven after the resurrection and as such is qualified to bestow gifts on believers so that they will advance His purposes.**

- What are the spiritual gifts that Christ provided?
- 3. Vs 11 – **Christ provided gifted men and gave them to the church to equip all believers to honor God and serve one another.**