

GIFTED MEN TO EQUIP CHRIST'S CHURCH
(Ephesians 4:11-16) pt.1

I. Our Wealth In Christ (chp1-3)

II. Our Walk In Christ (4:1-6:9)

A. We Are to Walk Worthy of Our Calling (4:1-6)

1. We are instructed to walk in _____ (4:3-6)
2. We have been spiritually _____ to walk in _____ (4:7-10)

B. We are to Walk Worthy Based on _____ (4:11-12)

1. These men were given by the ascended Christ to _____ His Church for _____ (4:12)
2. The ascended Christ _____ to His Church. (4:11)

“gave” (didomi) =

- Christ gave special _____ to certain men!
- Christ gave these men to His _____ – the _____ of Christ!
- The first ___ were given to the church as a _____, while the _____ was given to _____ congregations.
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Who are these gifted men?

- a. Some were _____ (apostolos) =
- The word Apostle was used two ways in scripture:
 - 1) In the _____ - referring to the _____
 - These men had seen the _____ Christ & had received a personal _____ by Him or His representatives
 - 2) Other men who were not of the 12 + Paul, _____ as apostles and are sometimes _____ apostles in scripture
 - What was the *function* of the apostles?
 - It was to _____ of _____ (Eph 2:20) for the church to follow & to establish the _____ as to what God was _____ in the world today (Eph 3:5)
 - They were given _____ as their _____ in the early the church
 - The Apostles were the most _____ of God's gifted men to His church as set forth in 1 Corinthians 12:28-ff
 - The office and function of an apostle _____ with the _____ of these men

- How do we know that?
 - No one exists today who has _____ the _____ Christ (1 Cor 15:8)
 - You only lay a foundation to a building project _____ – & that’s at its inception
 - There are _____ verses in the NT that teach “_____”
 - The foundation of the church was laid with the death & resurrection of Christ & with the _____ of the Apostles or their associates – so today, we have a _____ of scripture to live by!

b. Some were _____ (prophetes) =

- The word “*prophet*” could be understood two ways:
 - 1) Those who _____ the WOG by their _____ as led by the Spirit of God
 - 2) Those who had the God given ability to _____ or give _____ revelation to the church (Eph 2:20, 3:5, Acts 11:27-28; 21:10-11)

c. Some were _____ (euaggelistes) =

- How does the evangelists differ from an apostle & a prophet?

d. Some _____ - a _____ / _____ who _____ over & _____ the flock of God!

“pastor” (poimen) =

“bishop” (episkopos) =

“elder” (presbuteros) =

1 Peter 5:1-4

Acts 20:17, 28

- Why did Christ give these gifted men to His church? (4:12)