



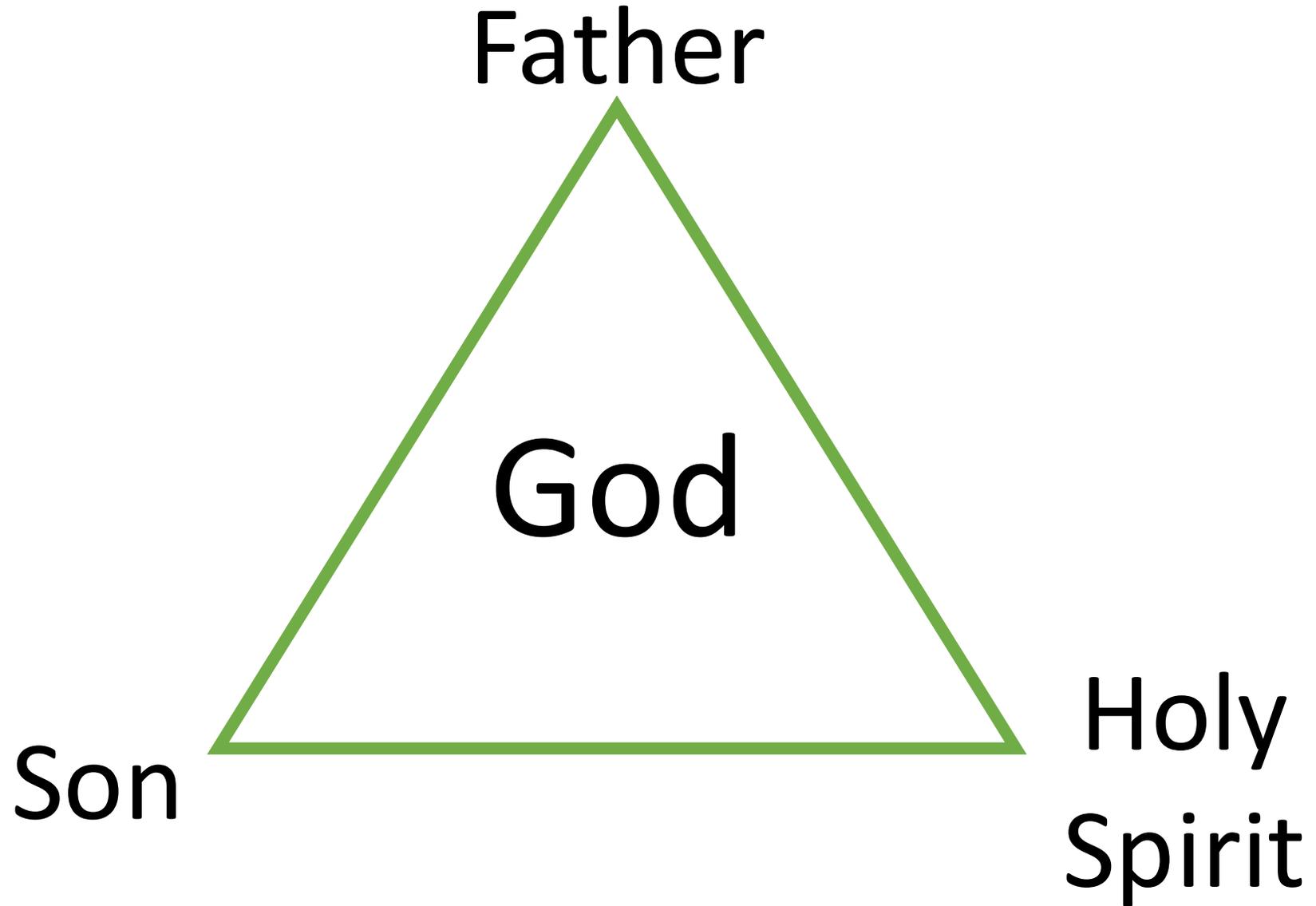
The Holy Spirit



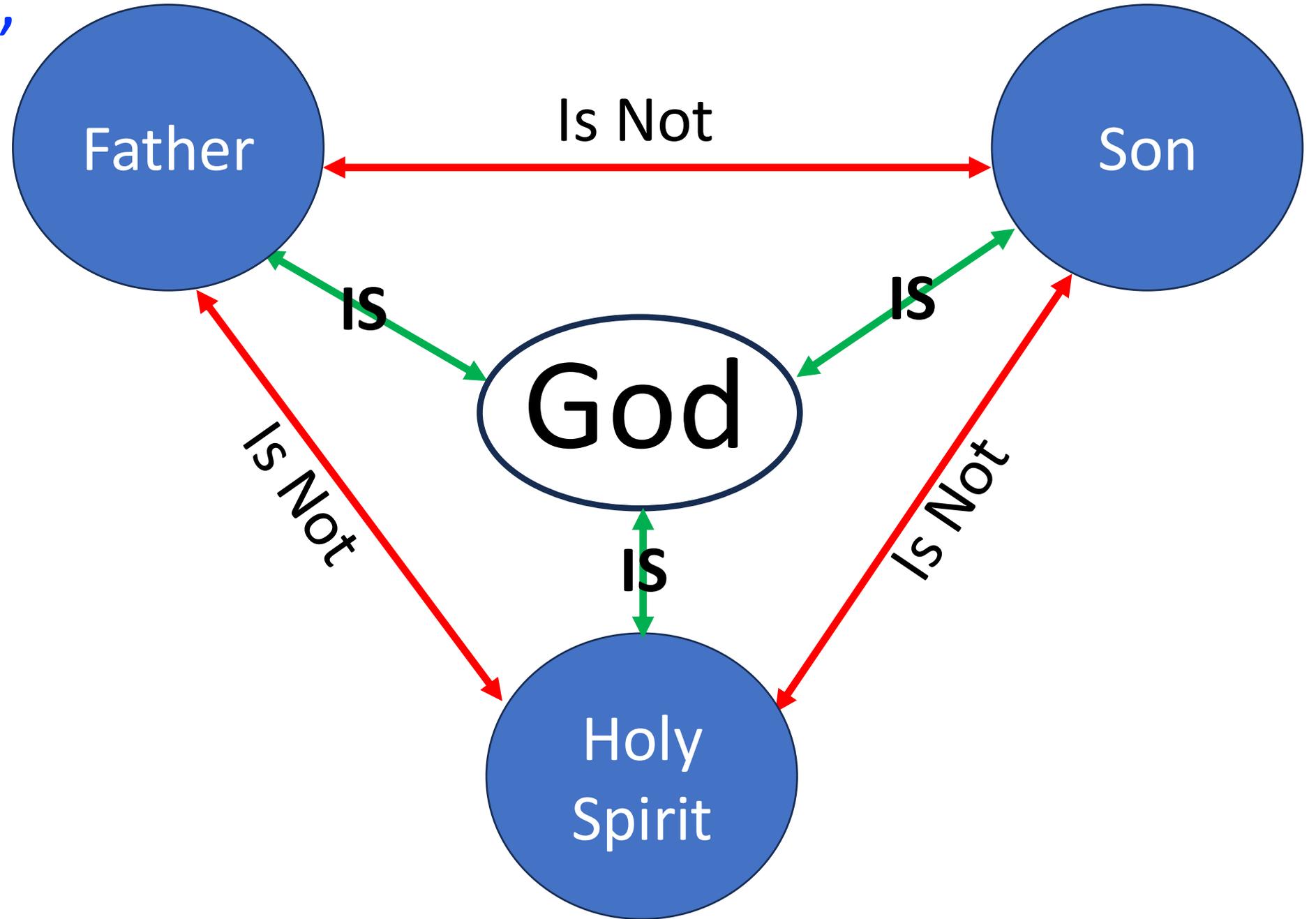
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Gifts of Grace

Rom 12:3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, **as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.**

Rom 12:4 For as we have many members in one body, **but all the members do not have the same function,**

Rom 12:5 so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

Rom 12:6 **Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;**

Rom 12:7 **or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching;**

Rom 12:8 **he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.**

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Rom 12:7 or ministry, *let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching;*

• Ministry/Ministering

- Means to be a servant, have a servant's heart, sees opportunities to be of service and seize them
- To serve in practical ways, to "wait on"
- Similar to deacons:

Act 6:2-4 Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of *good* reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

• Teaches/teaching

- One who has the give of being able to explain the word of God and apply it to the hearts and lives of the hearers; INSTRUCTION
- *A person may be a teacher without having the heart of a shepherd. And a pastor may be able to use the word without having the distinctive gift of teaching.* (BBC)
- *Overseers or elders are to be able to teach;* 1Ti 3:2 (BKC)
 - 1Ti 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach;

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Rom 12:8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

- **Exhorts/exhortation** - the gift of stirring up the saints to desist from every form of evil and to press on to new achievements for Christ in holiness and in service. Aimed at the heart and the will.
- **Gives with liberality** - the divine endowment which inclines and empowers a person to be aware of needs and to help meet them. Sharing earthly, material goods.
 - refers to someone who is a vessel through whom God provides resources for His body.
 - *When someone who is called and gifted to be a giver stops giving liberally, they will often see their resources dry up - having forgotten why God has blessed them.* (Guzik)

Act 20:33-35 I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, '**It is more blessed to give than to receive.**' "

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- **Leads with diligence** – (a verb) gift of leadership is to stand before, to be placed in front or to preside, to protect or to guardian, to care for
 - Referring to anyone placed in a position of authority or superintendence
 - Diligence – with carefulness, to make haste, do one’s best, with eagerness, putting forth effort
 - Can be translated: leader, ruler, director
 - Most assuredly refers to Pastors/Elders/Bishops, those “leading” in the Church
- **Shows mercy with cheerfulness** - the supernatural capacity and talent of aiding those who are in distress; administer help and comfort to the suffering.
 - Cheerfulness – hilarity; joyfulness with grace

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Eph 4:8 Therefore He says: "WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH, HE LED CAPTIVITY CAPTIVE, AND GAVE GIFTS TO MEN."

Eph 4:11 And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

Eph 4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

Eph 4:13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Eph 4:14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

Eph 4:15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

Eph 4:16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

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1Co 12:28 And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, ...

- **These gifts and offices/roles:**

- Apostles and Prophets: For the ESTABLISHING of the church
- Evangelists: for the EXTENDING of the church
- Pastors and teachers: for the EXERCISING of the church decently and in order

- **Apostles:**

- Specific: those men whom Jesus appointed (and sent) to go out and plant churches and teach with His authority
- Simple: A messenger, an ambassador; one sent on a mission with orders
- *The distinguishing features of an apostle were:*
 - *a commission directly from Christ*
 - *being an eyewitness of the resurrection*
 - *special inspiration*
 - *[Jesus'] authority*
 - *accrediting by miracles*
 - *unlimited commission to preach and to found churches.* (Vincent)

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Apostles (con't):

- *“There is no continuity of the office of an apostle since in no place were the churches instructed to ordain apostles.”* (Zhodiates) (there are many quotes like this where scholars believe this unique office does not exist today in the same manner as in the NT period)
- *“There is no evidence that this office [Apostle-Prophet-Evangelist) required gifts which are no longer bestowed, and it may be regarded as permanent.”* (PNT)
- *“Special ambassadors of God’s work, though not in the same authoritative sense of the first century apostles. They were used to provide a foundation (preserved as the New Testament) as described in [Eph 2:20](#).”* (Guzik)

Eph 2:20-22 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

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- **Apostles (con't):**
 - Many have the opinion that today the Apostle is more like a Missionary in function and ministry
 - **Joh 13:16-17 Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.**

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- **Apostles (con't):**

Although it is true that nobody since the first apostles has been invested with their authority, it seems right to say that one essential ingredient of their ministry, i.e., planting churches in virgin territory, is of prime importance in every age. A church is planted when individuals in an existing congregation are commissioned and sent out into an area to [establish] there a church which is grounded in the teaching of the first apostles [the scriptures]. This “apostolic ministry”, as distinct from the unique work of those first apostles, is essential if vast areas of the world today are not going to remain unevangelized. It is this foundational ministry which Paul seems to have in mind here. Such apostolic men appear to have a wide spread of gifts – in evangelism, prophecy, teaching and pastoring. They use these gifts to establish a church and then move on, after the pattern of Paul’s own ministry, in this way he left behind a team of “elders” in each town to carry on and increase the work he had begun. (Prior p. 218)

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- **Prophets:**

- As with the **apostles**, modern **prophets** do not speak in the same authoritative sense that the first century prophets brought God's foundational word ([Eph 2:20](#)). (Guzik)

At the outset we must stress that, as with the ministry of the first apostles, so with the prophets who with them became the foundation of the church, their authority is unique and unrepeatable. Whatever Paul means in encouraging the gift of prophecy, he does not suggest that any Christian can be on a par with those original prophets as [agents] of divine revelation. Any subsequent manifestation of this gift must be submitted to the authoritative teaching of the original apostles and prophets as contained in the Canon of Scripture.

Is there, then, a subsidiary prophetic gift and ministry today? If so, what is it?...The New Testament draws clear distinctions between preaching, teaching and prophecy. (Prior)

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- **Prophets:**

An important principle to follow is sketched by Paul himself, when he both stresses the special value of prophecy and wants every Christian at Corinth to use it. In other words, we must look for (and expect to find) an understanding of the New Testament gift of prophecy which is neither banal (boring, lacking in originality) nor esoteric (likely to be understood only by a small number of specialized people). It is presumably a gift which at the same time uniquely strengthens the church and is accessible to any member. We must not trivialize it in our attempts to understand it, nor must we make it so specialized that it lies beyond the reach of most Christians....it is very easy to empty the gift of prophecy of its unique, immediate and distinctive content. It then becomes nothing more than sanctified common sense. The evidence of the Scriptures and of church history (early and current) makes such a conclusion invalid. (ibid, p.235, 236)

Michael Green's working definition of prophecy: "a word from the Lord through a member of His body, inspired by His Spirit and given to build up the rest of the body."

Note: ALL things must be tested by and in agreement with Holy Scripture.

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- **Prophets:**

Such a ministry is available to every Christian, as the Holy Spirit apportions to each one individually as He wills (cf. 1 Cor. 12:11). This gift is, therefore, for all Christians earnestly to desire, whether or not the Lord chooses to distribute it to all...we conclude that all Christians can be used in the gift of prophecy but that only a few will be used with sufficient regularity for them to be recognized as gifts from God to the church as prophets; i.e., the fit of prophecy is to be distinguished from the office and ministry of a prophet. Even then, such prophets are not on a par with the original prophets (either in the OT or in the NT), and must come thoroughly under the authority of the Scriptures both in their conduct and in the content of their utterances. (ibid p.236)

...But continuing prophetic ministry is essential today if the church is not going to settle down into a comfortable conformity to contemporary culture. (ibid p.238)

The unholy example of the N.A.R. (New Apostolic Reformation movement), the Kansas City Prophets/IHOP (International House of Prayer), and the churches that are offshoots and/or identify with these two movements.

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- **Evangelists:**

- These are divinely, equipped, called, empowered to preach the Gospel and reach lost souls
- They EXTEND the church
- *“**Evangelists** are those who preach the good news of salvation. They are divinely equipped to win the lost to Christ. They have special ability to diagnose a sinner's condition, probe the conscience, answer objections, encourage decisions for Christ, and help the convert find assurance through the word. Evangelists should go out from a local church, preach to the world, then lead their converts to a local church where they will be fed and encouraged.”* (BBC)

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- **Pastors and Teachers:**

- Or, *pastor-teachers*; the ancient Greek clearly describes **one** office with **two** descriptive titles
- *No man is fit to be a pastor who cannot also teach, and the teacher needs the knowledge which pastoral experience gives.* (Vincent)
- Pastor = poimen – means *shepherd or protector of the flock*

1 Peter 2:25 For you were like sheep going astray but have now returned to the **Shepherd** and Overseer of your souls.

1Pe 5:2 **Shepherd** the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly;

1Pe 5:3 nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock;

1Pe 5:4 and when the Chief **Shepherd** appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

John 10:11 "I am the good **shepherd**. The good **shepherd** gives His life for the sheep.

Heb 13:20-21 Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great **Shepherd** of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

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- **Pastors and Teachers (con't):**

*“The words "pastors" and "teachers" are in a construction called Granvill Sharp’s rule which indicates that they refer to one individual. The one who shepherds God’s flock is also a teacher of the Word, having both the gifts of shepherding **and** teaching the flock. God’s ideal pastor is one who engages in a didactic (teaching) ministry, feeding the saints on expository preaching, giving them the rich food of the Word.”* (Wuest)

- *“The first three orders (apostles, prophets, evangelists) linked church to church and served the entire body; the last two (pastors and teachers) had charge of local and congregational affairs. The apostles (the Twelve and Paul), with the prophets, were the founders of the Church. ...Evangelists, with apostles or missionaries, bring new souls to Christ and carry His message into new lands. Pastors and teachers follow in their train, tending the ingathered sheep, and laboring to make each flock that they shepherd and every single person perfect in Christ Jesus.”* (Expositors)

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“As the apostles, prophets, and evangelists were special and extraordinary ministers, so “pastors and teachers” are the ordinary stated ministers of a particular flock, including, probably, the bishops, presbyters, and deacons. Evangelists were itinerant preachers like our modern missionaries, as Philip the deacon ([Act 21:8](#)); as contrasted with stationary “pastors and teachers” ([2Ti 4:5](#)). The evangelist [and/or Apostle] founded the Church; the teacher built it up in the faith already received. The “pastor” had the outward rule and guidance of the Church: the bishop. As to revelation, the “evangelist” testified infallibly of the past; the “prophet,” infallibly of the future. The prophet derived all from the Spirit; the evangelist, in the special case of the Four, recorded matter of fact, cognizable to the senses, under the Spirit’s guidance.” (JFB)

Eph 4:12 for the **equipping of the saints** for the **work of ministry**, for the edifying of the **body of Christ**,

- **Equipping of the saints**
 - Only place in the Bible where this word is used
 - Means: Preparing, equipping, perfecting, furnishing, fitting up
- **For the work of ministry**
 - Action, behavior, deeds, labor, tasks, occupation,
 - **Eph 2:10** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good **works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Eph 4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

- **For the edifying of the body of Christ**

- **Edification** is “building up.” It is a construction term and speaks our being “built up” in the Lord. The idea is to cause growth. A word of prophecy will *build someone up, help them grow in the Lord*, not tear him or her down. (from last week’s study)
- The ACT of building up (from foundation to roof), to promote and stimulate someone else’s growth
- *A house is a building to shelter people. When one is in public worship, the paramount concern must be how all the believers should be built up and not how someone or a small group may selfishly benefit by the public experience. In Christian worship individuals ought to be concerned how they can spiritually benefit others by what they do or say.* (Zhodiates)

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[Eph 4:14](#) **that we should no longer be children**, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

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 - To be formed or summed or fashioned like unto
 - Spiritual and physical conformity unto
 - If this is God's goal, to form and shape us into the image of Jesus:
 - How does this happen?
 - Over what period of time does this happen?
 - When is it "completed" or "finished"?
 - [Until we all come or attain to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, when we become "perfect" men and women](#)
 - [Php 1:6](#) being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ;
 - [Rom 8:23](#) Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

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Eph 4:16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

- **Col 2:19** and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase *that is* from God.
- **Heb 12:12** Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble,
- **Heb 12:13** and make straight paths for your feet, so that *the limb* which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

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Closing:

*“We should be careful to distinguish between divine gifts and natural talents. No unsaved person, however talented, could be an evangelist, pastor, or teacher in the NT sense. Neither could a Christian, for that matter, unless he has received that particular gift. The gifts of the Spirit are **supernatural**. They enable a person to do what would be humanly impossible for him or her.”* (BBC)

1Pe 4:10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

1Pe 4:11 If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Luk 11:13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!**

