

**Ephesians 4:7-12**  
**Christ's Gifts for Unity and Maturity**

- I. Christ's grace demonstrated in gift giving (v. 7)
  - A. Grace to accompany gifts (v. 7a)
  - B. Gifts to accompany grace (v. 7b)
- II. Christ's victory demonstrated in gift giving (vv. 8-10)
  - A. Victory demonstrated in the OT (v. 8) [Psalm 68:18]
  - B. Victory demonstrated in the NT (vv. 9-10)
    - 1. Christ's humiliation (v. 9)
    - 2. Christ's exaltation (v. 10a)
    - 3. Christ's glorification (v. 10b)
- III. Christ's wisdom demonstrated in gift giving (vv. 11-12)
  - A. Wisdom demonstrated in variety (v. 11)
    - 1. Those gifted to deal with *situations*
      - a. Those equipped to *guide* the infant church in ways it ought to go (apostles)
      - b. Those equipped to *guard* the infant church in what it ought to know (prophets)
    - 2. Those gifted to deal with *sinners* (evangelists)
    - 3. Those gifted to deal with *saints*
      - a. Those called to *tend* the flock of God (pastors)
      - b. Those called to *teach* the flock of God (teachers)
  - B. Wisdom demonstrated in structure (v. 11)
  - C. Wisdom demonstrated in accomplishment (v. 12)
    - 1. The perfecting of the saints...
    - 2. For the work of the ministry...
    - 3. For the building up of the body of Christ.
- IV. Christ's purpose in gift giving (vv. 13-16)
  - Maturity