

Christ's Grace to Serve, Part 5

Ephesians 4:7-16 ESV

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Question: How do believers grow spiritually by using the gift of Christ's grace?

⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." ⁹ (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) – Ephesians 4:7-10

1. We _____ His *serving grace* after we accept his saving grace. (Ephesians 4:7)

Faith Growth Step 1: I can receive Christ's serving grace in the gifts He has given me.

Live it out!

Q: Have I accepted God's gift of saving grace? Have I received Christ's gift of serving grace?

¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body,

joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. – Ephesians 4:11-16

2. We _____ our gifts by serving the kingdom work in my church. (Ephesians 4:12)

Spiritual Gifts: the Bible never instructs us to identify spiritual gifts.

A spiritual gift is a way the Holy Spirit works through us for the good of the church.

¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, - Ephesians 4:15

Spiritual maturity = Truth, Love and growth in Christlikeness.

"...*grow up...into Christ*," (Ephesians 4:15) = When we grow in the truth and love of Christ, we become more like Christ.

¹⁶ They do not belong to this world any more than I do. ¹⁷ Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. ¹⁸ Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. ¹⁹ And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth. – John 17:16-19 NLT

Faith Growth Step 2: I can share Christ's spiritual gifts by serving the unique assignments He has for me.

Live it out!

Q: Where can I step into the kingdom responsibility God has prepared for me? Is there a place in my life that I need to speak God's truth – to God, to someone or to myself?