# Ecclesiology

## Session 22




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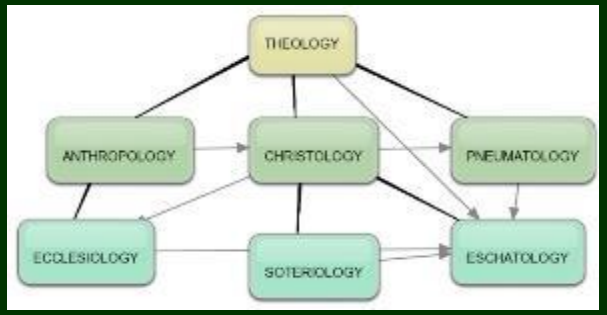
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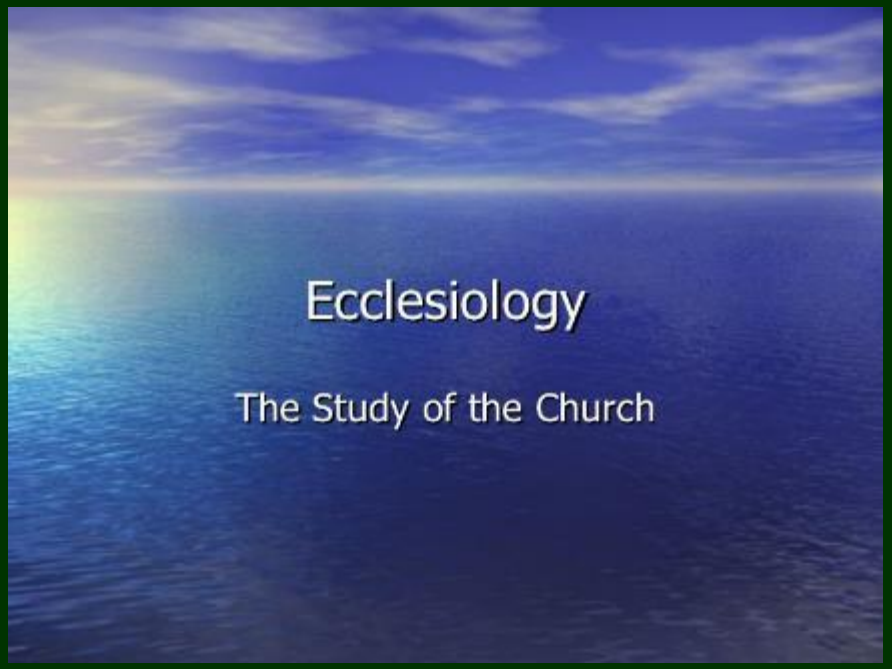



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# 2 Timothy 3:16-17

“16 **All Scripture** is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be **adequate, equipped for every good work**.”

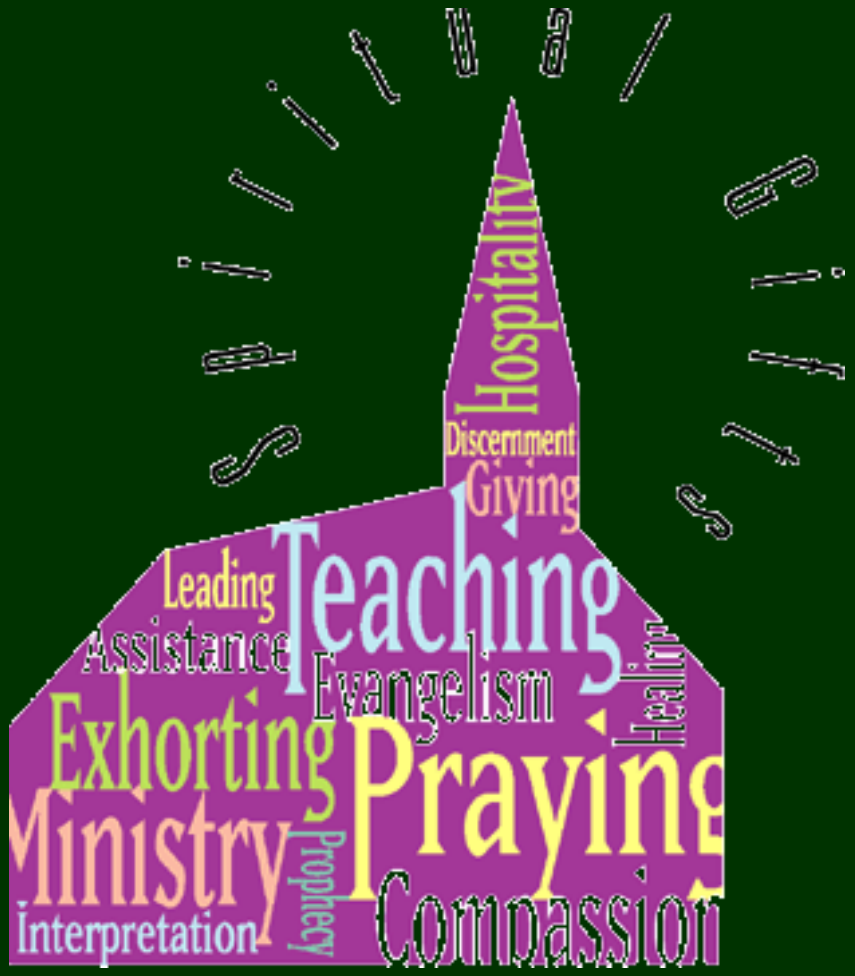


# Ephesians 4:11-16

“11 And He gave **some** as **apostles**, and some as **prophets**, and some as **evangelists**, and some as **pastors and teachers**, 12 for the **equipping** of the **saints** for the **work of service**, to the **building up** of the body of Christ;”



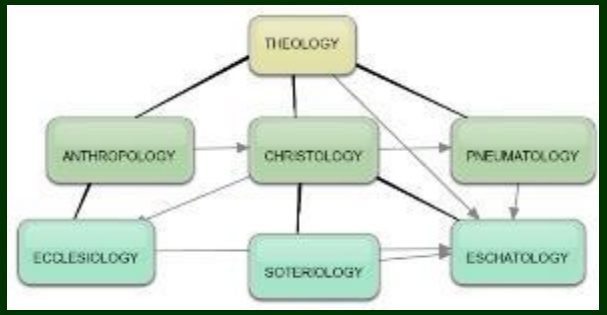
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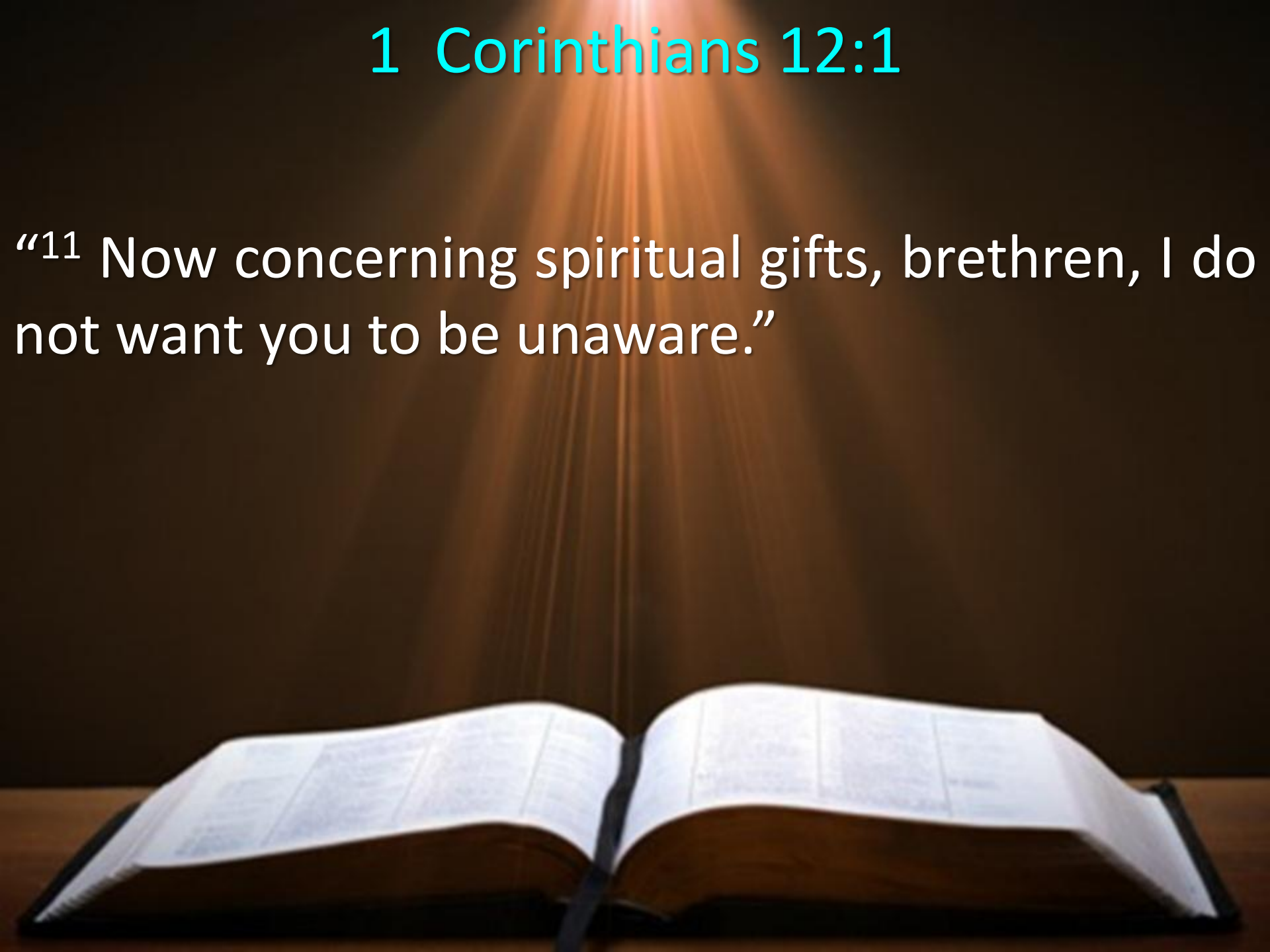



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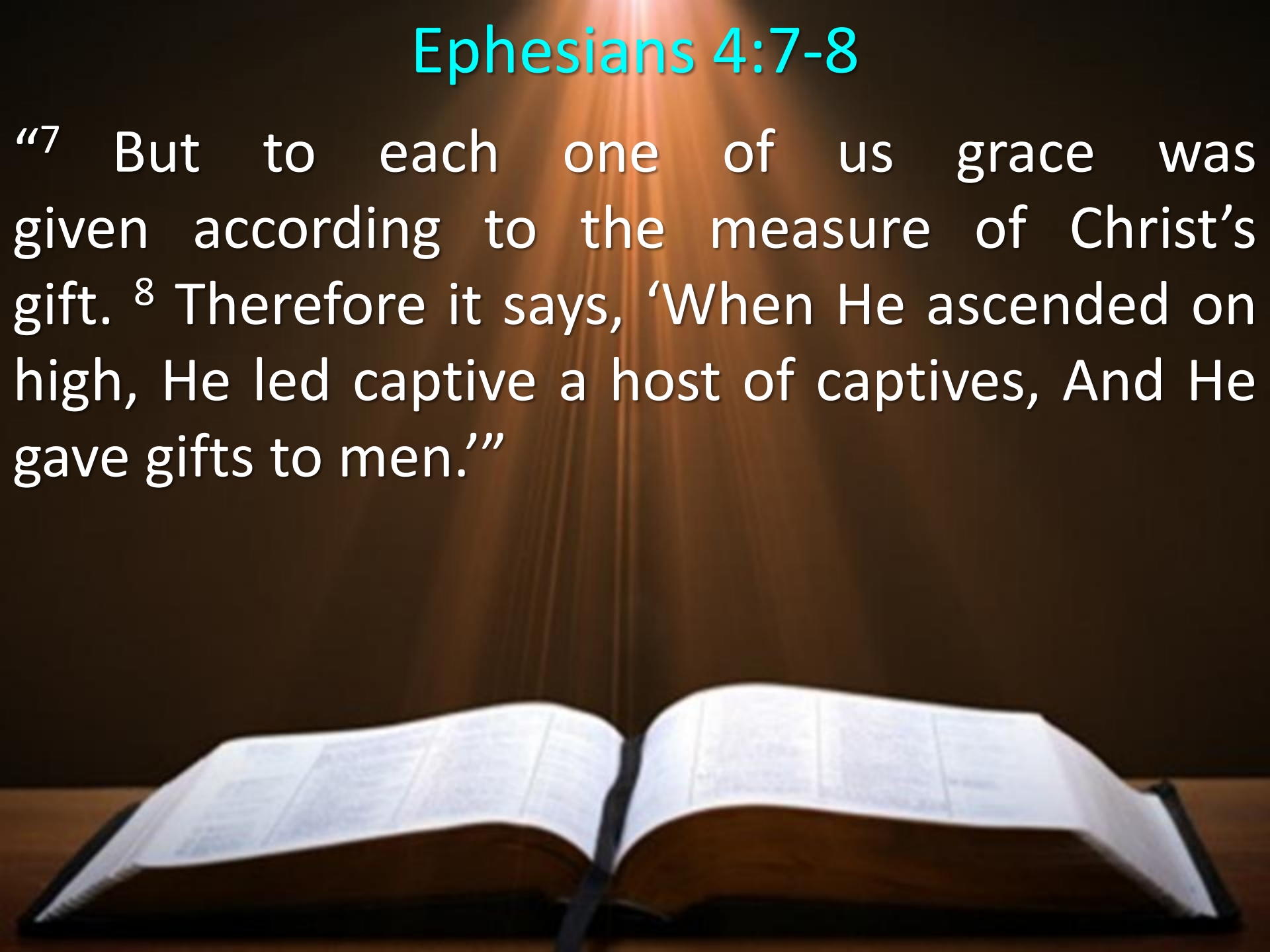
# 1 Corinthians 12:1

“11 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware.”



# Ephesians 4:7-8

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- Spiritual gifts are Spirit empowered abilities for service (John 13:15)

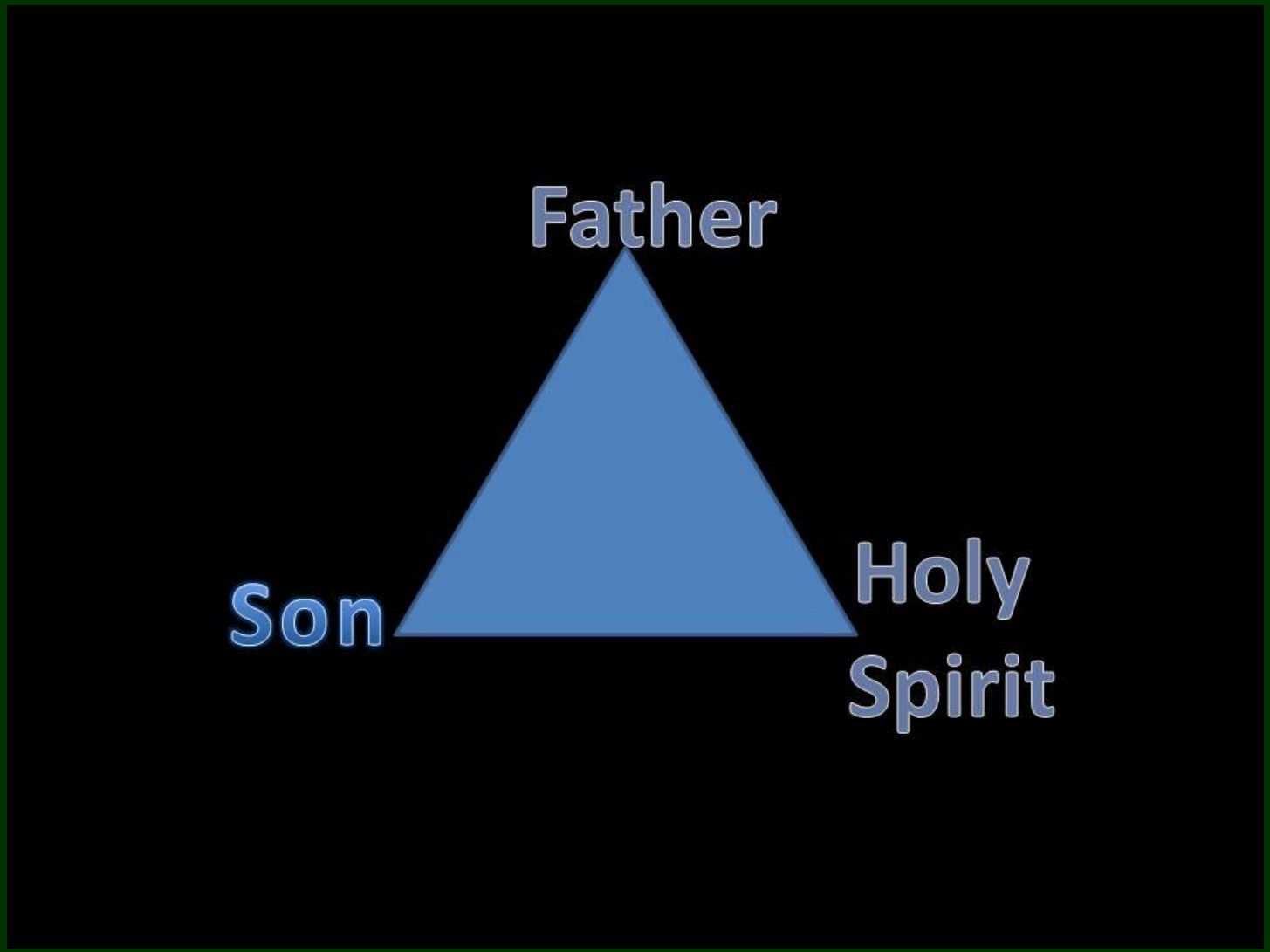


# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #2

- God sovereignly bestows all the Spiritual gifts (1 Cor 12:11; Heb 2:4)



# Trinity



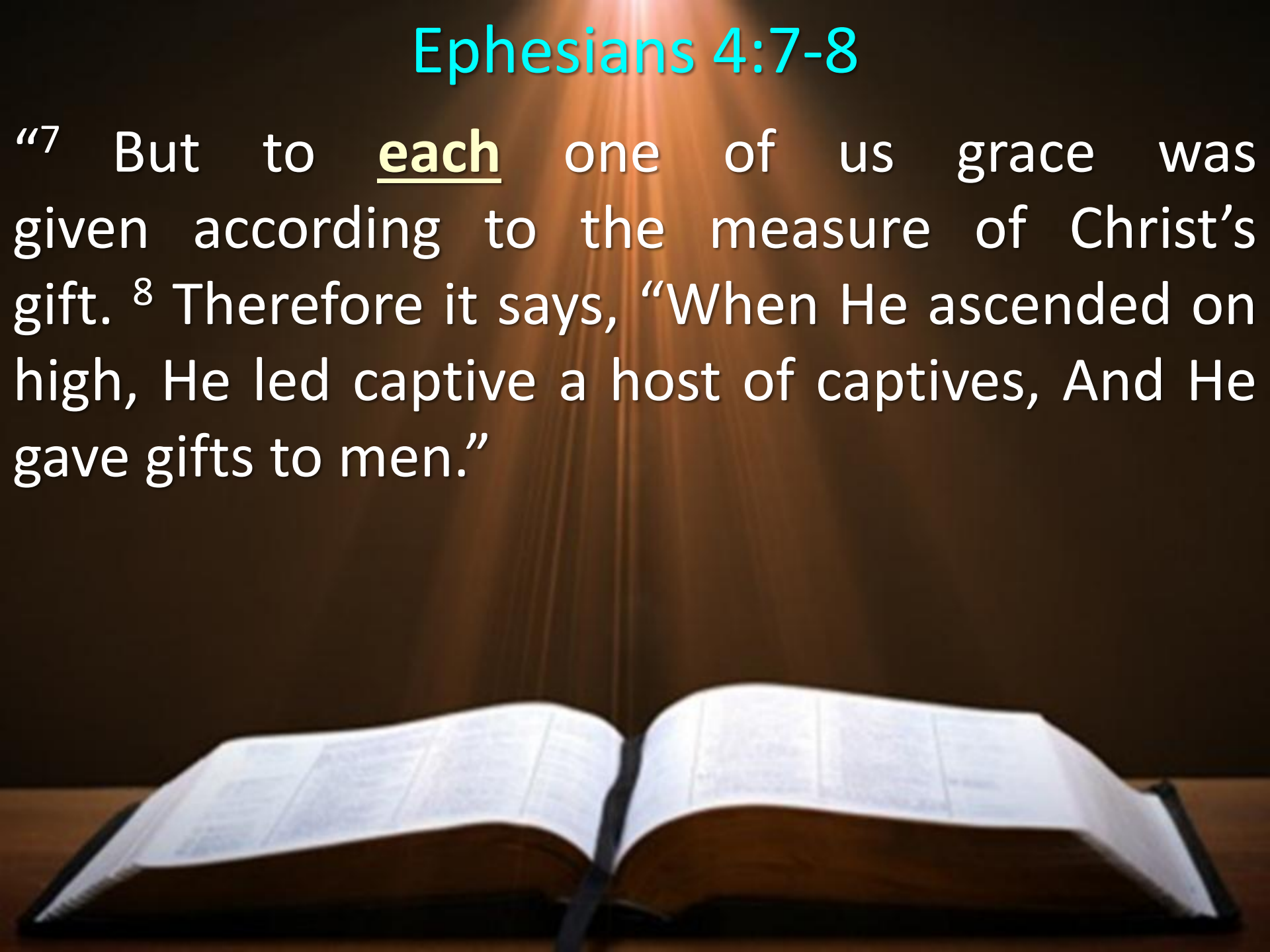
# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #3

- Every believer has at least one Spiritual gift (1 Cor 12:7; Eph 4:7; 1 Pet 4:10)



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# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #4

- Believers obtain their Spiritual gifts at the point of salvation (Heb 2:4; Rom 8:9)



# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #5

- Spiritual gifts are not the same as natural abilities or talents



# Talents vs. Spiritual Gifts

| | NATURAL TALENTS | SPIRITUAL GIFTS |
|---|---|---|
| **Source** | **From God Through Parents** | From God Independent of Parents |
| **Possessed** | **From birth** | From conversion |
| **Purpose** | **To benefit mankind in general** | To edify the church |

# Talents vs. Spiritual Gifts

"The natural abilities of the unsaved are not spiritual gifts. This much is certain. However, it is likely that sometimes the Holy Spirit transforms a purely natural ability by channeling it into God's work after conversion to Christ. In other cases, the Holy Spirit probably bestows brand new aptitudes, interests, and abilities."

Steven Waterhouse, *Not By Bread Alone*, 291

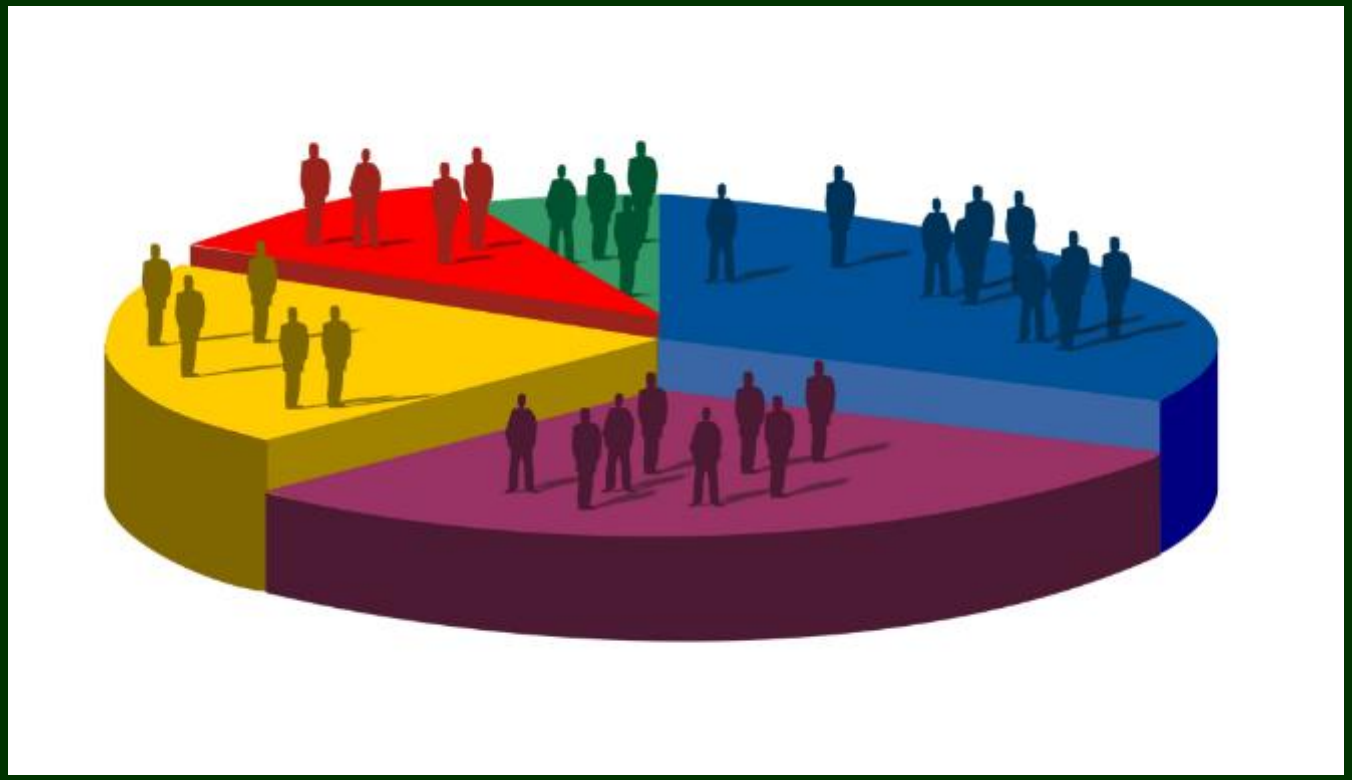
# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #6

- Spiritual gifts are given in order to edify the church (1 Cor 12:7; 14:12, 26; Eph 4:11-12; 1 Pet 4:10)



# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #7

- Spiritual gifts are diverse (1 Cor 12:4-6)



# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #8

- Spiritual gifts represent differing manifestations of God's grace (1 Pet 4:10)



# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #9

- No single person possesses all of the Spiritual gifts (1 Cor 12:29-30)



# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #10

God uses Spiritual gifts to promote unity in His church (1 Cor 12)



# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #11

- Spiritual gifts are not to be confused with the fruit of the Spirit (1 Cor 1:7)



# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #12

- Spiritual gifts are not always the same as an office



# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #13

- Spiritual gifts are not always the same as a sphere of influence



# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #14

- Spiritual gifts are irrevocable this side of eternity (Rom 11:29)



# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #15

- Spiritual gifts do not cancel the basic duties of all believers



# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #16

- Spiritual gifts need development (2 Tim 1:6)



# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #17

- Spiritual gifts can be neglected
  - 1 Tim 4:14
  - Matt 25:25-26



# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #18

- Spiritual gifts can be abused
  - 1 Cor. 13



# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #19

- Awareness of our Spiritual gifts render us accountable to each (1 Cor. 14:12) other and to God (Matt 25:19; Rom 14:12)



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