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Ephesians 4:9-10 "(In saying, 'He ascended,' what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)"

John 3:13-14 "No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up"

B. The Gift _____

Ephesians 4:11 "And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers"

1. Apostles
2. Prophets
3. Evangelists
4. Shepherds
5. Teachers

1 Corinthians 12:4 "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit"

6. A Few Other Spiritual Gifts Mentioned in the Bible:

- Prophecy, service, teaching, exhortation, giving, leadership, mercy, word of wisdom, word of knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, distinguishing between spirits, tongues, interpretation of tongues, helping, administration, speaking, serving, hospitality
(cf. Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, 28; 1 Peter 4:9-11)

C. _____ the Gifts In Others

1 Corinthians 12:21 "The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.'"

II. You Don't Just Belong – You're _____

Ephesians 4:12 "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ"

A. The Application

1. _____ the Saints

2. Build the Body of Christ

B. The _____

Ephesians 4:13 "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"

1. Unity - "the unity of the faith"

2. Maturity - "the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood"

3. Christlikeness - "to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ"

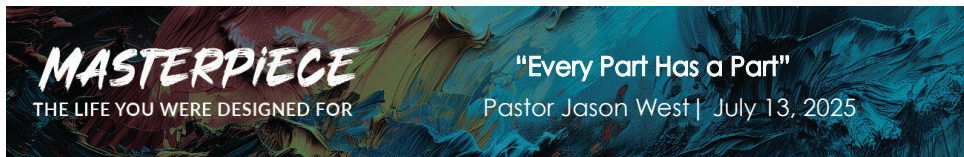
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C. The _____ : Speak the Truth In Love

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

D. The Outcome: The Body of Christ is _____

Ephesians 4:16 "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."



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