

December 19, 2021

Keeping Yourself Oriented in a Disorienting World

Exodus 34, Ephesians 4

Picture of the Church in the Tabernacle

Exodus 35:4,5-9,22; 36:6,7

The people voluntarily gave of their wealth and there was an abundance.

Exodus 31:1-6

“Called” Bezalel and Oholiab “by name”

“Filled” with “Spirit of God” . . .

. . . in wisdom, understanding, knowledge, craftsmanship in metals, precious stones, wood

“. . . and in the hearts of all who are skillful I have put skill that they may make . . . ”

Exodus 35:34,35

“He has put in his heart to teach . . . ”

“*everyone* whose heart stirred him, to come to the work to perform it.”

The people contributed: availability

God contributed: ability and teachers

Result: Through corporate effort the tabernacle was completed, they fulfilled God’s plan, and God dwelt with them.

Ephesians 4:7-12

“to each one of us” - we all have a spiritual gift

“He gave some” - the men were the gifts

“apostles” - those who had seen the risen Lord; literally “sent ones”

“prophets” - those who spoke directly from the Holy Spirit, not mediated through the written Word yet; literally, “proclaimers of the Word”

“evangelists” - those who preached the gospel

“pastors and teachers” - probable one and the same person

Every pastor should be a teacher, but every teacher is not a pastor.

Ephesians 4:12-15

Spiritual Maturity

Mature man

Unity

Knowledge of Jesus

Speaking truth in love

Growing up unto Christlikeness; walking worthy of the name

Spiritual Immaturity

Children

Tossed about aimlessly by every wind of doctrine

Influenced by trickery, craftiness, scheming

Naïve to unbiblical teaching; poorly grounded

Speaking truth without love

Showing love without truth

Ephesians 4:15,16

Christ has gifted His church with spiritual gifts, including teachers who equip the saints for the work of the ministry, for the purpose of each of us attaining spiritual maturity, so that the body of Christ might grow in love and unity until it has fulfilled the potential worthy of its head, Jesus Christ.

Business Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to order**
- II. Minutes of previous meeting** - Jeannie Updike
- III. Deacon report** - Robert Walker
- IV. Administrator report** - Rick Maiers
- V. Financial update and presentation of 2022 budget** - Jonathan Tucker
- VI. Vote on 2022 Budget**
- VII. Vote on 2022 new deacons**
- VIII. New business** - one time gift to missionaries
- IX. Old business**
- X. Adjourn**

Welcome to



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Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

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