The Holy Spirit Empowered Church "Equipping" Beck Payne-Associate Pastor June 22, 2022

Scripture: Ephesians 4:7-16 (ESV)

#1 Every member of the Body of Christ has received grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

#2 Christ has gifted His Church with varied offices of leadership.

These are "CALLED" individuals!

Scripture: Galatians 1:1 (ESV); Colossians 1:1 (ESV)

Scripture: I. Timothy 3:1-13 (ESV)

Scripture: Titus 1:5-9 (ESV)

Scripture: Philippians 1:1 (ESV)

Scripture: Acts 20:17; 28 (ESV)

#3 These leaders are called and charged to equip the Body of Christ.

To equip is to supply something that is lacking or broken.

Scripture: 2. Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)

#4 The equipping of the Body of Christ is for the purpose of doing the work of the ministry, which includes:

- A. Building up the Body of Christ (the whole)
- B. Unity of the faith and knowledge of God's Son
- C. Maturing into the fullness of Christ

If this isn't accomplished there are consequences: immature, unstable, and easily deceived members.

This is all accomplished by speaking the truth in love about God and His Son!

Erroneous teaching leads to erroneous living!

We can't minister "body wide" if we aren't equipping "body wide".