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DEATH TO LIFE

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Ephesians 11

[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.)

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[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.

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[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.

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How We Are to Live: Speaking the Truth in Love

1. The Goal: Christ Everywhere

**How God Gets Us There: By Giving
Us Many Gifts**

6 Categories for Gifts in the NT:

1. The basic gift is eternal life in Christ (Rom. 6:23), and all other gifts exist because of this one.
2. The Holy Spirit is also a gift given to every Christian.
3. One's own station in life is a gift, specifically marriage and celibacy (1 Cor. 7:7)
4. Ministry is viewed as a gift (Eph. 3:7-8).
5. People are gifts to the church (Eph. 4:8, 11)
6. Various activities are gifts... (1 Cor. 12:28)

“A gift is merely the way the Spirit works through a person for the good of the community... We would do well to have less concern about identifying gifts and more concern about being a gift, that is, about how the Spirit functions through us to strengthen the body.”

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