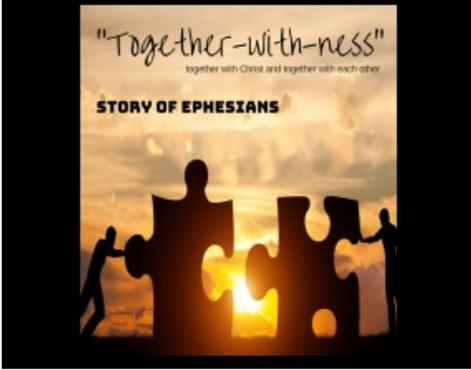


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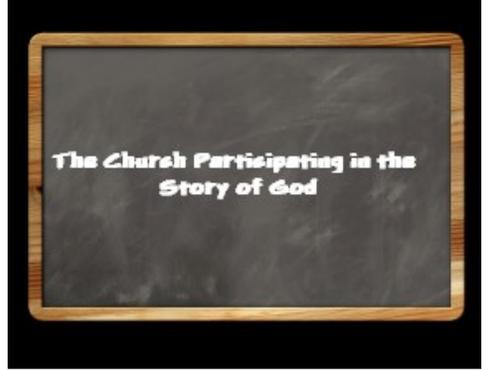


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Story of God and His Church

3. The Church Participating in the Story of God



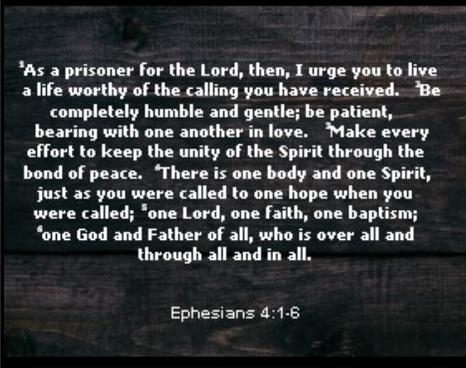
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4. Power, Love & Presence 1. Page 1



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5. Ephesians 4:1-6 (NIV) 1. Ephesians 4:1-6



1As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called; 5one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

6. Calling & Unity 1. Page 1



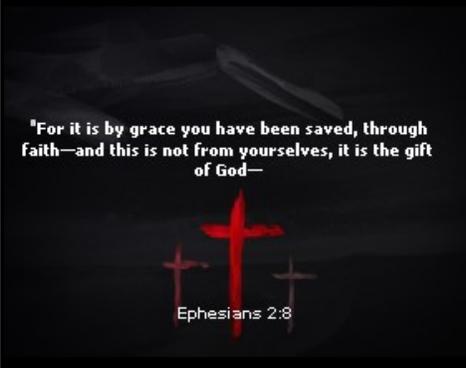
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7. Ephesians 4:7 (NIV) 1. Ephesians 4:7



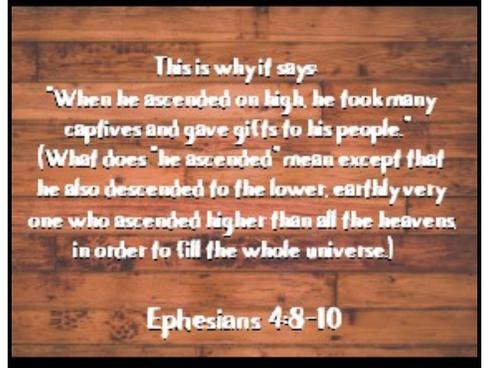
But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

8. Ephesians 2:8 (NIV) 1. Ephesians 2:8



8For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—

9. Ephesians 4:8-10 (NIV) 1. Ephesians 4:8-10



This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people." (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly realm one who ascended higher than all the heavens in order to fill the whole universe.)

10. Psalms 68:18 (NIV 1. Psalms 68:18

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11. Jewish version of | 1. Page 1

You ascended to the firmament. O
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12. Ascension of Jesu: 1. Page 1

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sense like that of Moses. After the 'new Exodus'
which had been achieved in his death and
resurrection, setting the human race free from
bondage to sin and death, Jesus 'went up' into
the heavenly realm where he now reigns as Lord.
Instead of coming down again with the law, as
Moses had done, Jesus 'returned' in the person
of the spirit, through whom different gifts are
now showered on the church."

~ Tom Wright, Paul for Everyone: The Prison
Letters - Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and
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13. Ephesians 4:11-13 1. Ephesians 4:11-13

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets,
the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip
his people for works of service, so that the body
of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity
in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of
God and become mature, attaining to the whole
measure of the fullness of Christ.

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14. People-Gifts 1. Page 1

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certain roles: "So Christ himself gave the
apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the
pastors and teachers." Some interpreters have
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some to be apostles, some to be prophets, etc."
But this reading, though possible in Greek, is not
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PEOPLE-GIFTS to the church, to the people of God
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Bible Commentary). Zondervan Academic

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15. Five Ministry Defir 1. Page 1

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Prophets communicated God's truth to God's people, not
only concerning the future.

Evangelist suggests that this role had responsibility to
share the gospel with those who had not received it.

Pastors were those who oversaw and cared for God's
flock, much like literal shepherds with their sheep. In fact,
the Greek word translated here as "pastor" means
"shepherd."

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16. 5-fold-hand 1. page 01



17. Romans 12:6-8 (N 1. Romans 12:6-8

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given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying,
then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if
it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach;
if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if
it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead,
do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it
cheerfully.

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18. 1 Corinthians 12:2 1. 1 Corinthians 12:28

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19. Problem with Spir 1. Page 1

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~ Scot McKnight, A Fellowship of Differents (p. 92). Zondervan, Kindle Edition.

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21. The Ways of Oner 1. Page 1

The Ways of Oneness

- ~ Christ gives grace to each of us so that we might be active in the ministry of building up the church (4:7).
- ~ Christ also gives to the church gifts of people in different roles who share in the vital task of equipping all of God's people for ministry (4:11-13).
- ~ As we do our ministry, in which speaking the truth in love is central, we grow up as the body of Christ together and as individual members of that body (4:14-16).
- ~ The body of Christ is to grow up in unity, maturity, and stature comes from Christ himself.

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23. Speak the Truth in 1. Page 1

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