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## Scriptural References and Comment Notes

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# 16-076-49

Ephesians 4:7-16

### JESUS' GIFTS TO HIS CHURCH

1:00-4:00 Our God gives. Father gives, Jesus gives, Holy Spirit gives. Gifts of Grace – undeserved and unmerited.

6:20 The Bible is the story of God's self revelation.

6:40 John 1-1-18 In the beginning was the Word..... and all that stands for – Jesus, the written word, the spoken word, and the Logos the self revelation of God himself.

10:00 Jesus' gifts to the church are actually ministries. They are to be a continuation of the ministries he began.

12:00 Apostle – One who is sent out. Jesus was the uppercase APOSTLE, but some have continued in the NT as other apostles, after his example. Apostles are trans-local, meaning that they do not stay on to pastor the churches that they seed.

15:45 Prophet - One who speaks the word of God into a situation. The prophet must stay in the council of the Lord to know his voice (Counsel). Jeremiah 23:18 & 22 gives an idea as to what would be the finest tombstone epitaph any Christian could have. "He Stood in the Council of the Lord".

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21:40 The false prophets who speak their own mind. Jeremiah 23: 9-40. They proclaim a twisted and distorted message contrary to God's word, (i.e.) Homosexual lifestyles.

27:40 Evangelism – The Obstetricians: Preaching the Gospel to deliver new believers. A story about Billy Graham.

32:00 Pastors and Teachers. They are to care for the flock (saints). How ? Feed them. Feed them what? The Word.

33:30 The Gifts that Jesus gave to the Church – Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers are there to equip the saints (disciples under their care) for the work of the ministries. They are to edify and build up the Christians to a point of maturity in Christ, so that all of them can present God's truth to the world.

37:15 Every Christian is to be a minister. The Priesthood of all believers.

40:00 A reflection on the immaturity of most Christians – even those who are regular at Sunday services.



Eph. 4:7 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.  
8 This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,  
he led captives in his train  
and gave gifts to men.”

9 (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? 10 He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) 11 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, 12 to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 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.

Eph. 4:14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning.

John 1:3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

John 1:6 There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. 9 The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

John 1:10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but

his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:15 John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'" 16 From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.

Jer. 23:18 But which of them has stood in the council of the LORD  
to see or to hear his word?  
Who has listened and heard his word?

Jer. 23:22 But if they had stood in my council,  
they would have proclaimed my words to my people  
and would have turned them from their evil ways  
and from their evil deeds.