**Book of Ephesians Series: ’How Do You Identify?’ (Part 8)**

“IN CHRIST: I AM GIFTED” (Ephesians 4: 1-16)

**Opening Questions**: Have you ever been a part of a group project (school/work) or sports team? Did one person try to take over and try to do everything, or did everyone work together as a team?

**1. Paul begins this section of his letter with an urgent plea for the Ephesians to “walk worthy of the calling” with which they have been called. What does he mean by this? Why does he start with this topic? (Verse 1)** *“1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,”*

**2. How does Paul describe the unity that believers ought to share? (Verses 2-6)***” 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”*

**3. What was Jesus’ activity as shown by his “descending” and “ascending”? (Verses 7-10)** *“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?[b] 10 He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.).”*

**4. In other letters, Paul mentioned as many as 19 spiritual gifts and “offices”, but only 5 offices here (apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds and teachers). What are the difference between offices and spiritual gifts? What is the main focus of their role verses 11-14?** *“11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds[c] and teachers,[d] 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,[e] 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.”*

**5. According to verses 15-16, what is necessary for us, as a church to grow up in Christ?** *“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.””*

**6. Which of the following Spiritual Gifts might sound like you? 1**. \_\_ Wisdom 2. \_\_ Knowledge 3. \_\_Faith 4.\_\_ Healing

5.\_\_ Miracles 6. \_\_ Discernment 7. \_\_ Apostle 8. \_\_ Teaching 9. \_\_ Helps & Service 10. \_\_ Administration 11. \_\_ Evangelism 12. \_\_ Pastoring 13. \_\_ Encouragement 14. \_\_ Giving 15. \_\_ Leadership 16. \_\_ Mercy 17. \_\_ Hospitality 18. \_\_ Tongues 19. \_\_ Prophecy