

# Ephesians EPHESIANS

## THE MANDATE FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST



Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus was intended to be a circular letter. Sent to all the different churches who professed the Lordship of Jesus. The letter was to encourage, instruct and improve them. More than that, it explained the entire business of the church.

Correction included identifying their weaknesses and deceptions. For the purpose of moving them to a higher place of service. To improve if not eliminate their weaknesses. We all need to grow after meeting the Lord- and He intends us to grow into spreading the gospel. This letter is meant to be read in harmony and in close relationship to 1Corinthians 12-14. They are vital as they discuss in

detail the ordinances of the church. How we are to move in the gifts of ministry. For all. The concept of a few in ministry is smokescreen. The ministry gifts are also a description of everything Jesus did in His ministry.

The letter to the Ephesians has set apostleship as the highest example of ministry. Stating we should all reach for this gift. It does not cite the pastoral gift in a leadership role. It says apostles first. Meaning the finding of the lost is the highest priority of the Lord and it should be ours.

This is addressed to all christians and instructs the elders ( those who have known the Lord longest) to be teaching brand new christians.

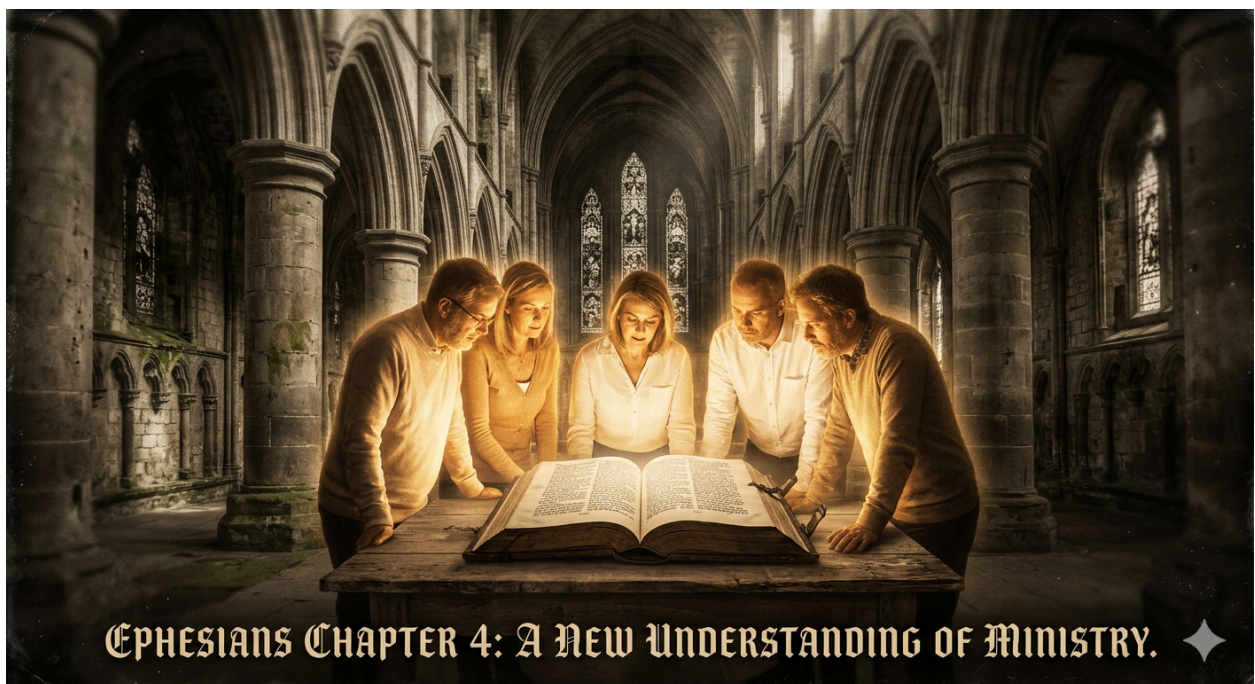
THEY WERE IN A VIBRANT CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WITH CHRIST AS THEIR HEAD. THESE SIMPLE PLACES OF CHRIST HELD ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND FUNCTION. IMPERFECT, THEY NEEDED HELP. HE WILL DO THE SAME FOR US AS WELL. MOST IMPORTANTLY HE IS DISCUSSING HOW TO FUNCTION IN THE MINISTRY GIFTS.

ADDRESSING THESE INSTRUCTIONS TO EVERY CHRISTIAN AND SETTING THE GIFT OF APOSTLESHIP AS THE PRIMARY FUNCTION OF THE CHURCH. WITH ALL THE OTHER

MINISTRY GIFTS FOLLOWING. NOT A TRADITION, A SEQUENTIAL ORDER THAT WORKED TO EXPAND THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE FORM.

We are going to study the book of Ephesians in depth “*you are peeling back the layers of misunderstanding~ to reveal understanding*” first quote from heaven concerning this topic. “*To bring an understanding*” Papa said “*how ministry is meant to work*”

“To bring an understanding”



## “More quotes from Papa”



*“Ephesians 4 is an operational function NOT a territorial claim on exclusive ministry that magnifies one function as **DOMINANT OVER** the others”*

I just love the way Papa states the truth and so concisely. He is saying our mode of operation with one dominant gift is not His best ! He wants things to change and only He knows how because He created the gifts to be limitless, and operational. We are selling ourselves short and ignoring what the word of God actually says about who we really are ! Our function is not to dominate. It is a brother to brother/ sister to sister equality of operation. Knowing ALL things through Him concerning the work we have to do. ”

We are sons and daughters of the most High who have the privilege of the supernatural to perform His will. We are not orphans with no Papa and no direction.

“ to regard ministry as an exclusive right given to a few is to contradict His intentions as there simply is not enough love in it”

My quote- do we understand that He is Love and we are to reflect that love- so they know He is real?

All the word of God reflects His love. Heaven is the deepest expression of His love. Creating eternal joy for his creation. If we are reading the word of God in a distorted form it will not correctly reflect His love.

## EPHESIANS 4

*“It is a description of immense cooperation. Designed by Divine Love for the benefit of the unsaved”*

What a divine gift for the world stemming from His divine understanding. If only we understood it more deeply the world would begin to change. Ephesians 4 is a description of immense cooperation. It is time to grow up and realize our part in His plan ! Cooperation is the absolute opposite of the Roman helmet we wear to church and keep our silence in.

It is understanding and movement into our work based on that understanding. With a cooperative agreement that exceeds the

system we are in today. By love, by effectiveness and by practical workability.

He needs us and He has designed the gifts by divine love for the benefit of the unsaved.”He has poured out His best for us and for the world and yet we cling only to one dominant role. It is not enough. Those who do not know Him are waiting for us !

What a quote from heaven! I am good folks, even very good, but I cannot beat that ! I just can't ! More from heaven..

### **ACTS 13: 1-4 the pattern of Antioch**

Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers as Barnabas and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manenan which had been brought up to Herod, the Tetrarch, and Saul

As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said separate me Paul and Barnabas for the work wherein I have called them.

And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, They sent them away.

So they being ***sent forth*** by the Holy Ghost departed into Seleucia, and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

*Notice this small group is defined as a church” which is in agreement with 2 or 3- brothers in the Lord- a small group meeting which is the functioning of apostleship-describing a home church and a community. Demonstrating the idea of apostleship. Not a static full assembly. There is no defined pastor who has authority over them and a registrar of church attendance. Not moved by the authority of man-they understood the ministry gifts moved through every member. They were a sustained community. They were already functional in the anointing of teacher and prophet- this was not a special calling of church leaders but an everyday activity and role. The point of the meeting is to get God’s instructions-with that intent to hear the Holy Spirit and Christ the Head of the church. To hear instructions on where to go with the gospel. The prophetic gifts function to tell where and who the gospel should go-they did this every day. Rare today as the church service tells us what to do.*

2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, separate me Barnabas and Saul, for the work where unto I have called them *after some time with God and fasting-(in preparation to receive)- the holy ghost directed them- giving them prophetic direction to separate the two for the purpose of a certain work. In charge, the Holy spirit knows where to send and His intent. A pattern of empowerment which leads to the witnessing of the gospel.*

1) *Jesus was baptized in the Jordan river and after the spirit of God descended on Him it was then He began His earthly ministry.* 2)

2) *Pentecost-the disciples received the Holy Spirit in the upper room and then went out with the gospel. To begin the work (ergos) of the gospel*

*The big picture that is our new covenant example for serving God. Acts 13 a few people is ALL our very Big God will ever need.*

3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away

*Three ministry gifts are shown here the prophetic, the apostolic, teaching from one christian to another-*

*Sent apostello the root word of apostle 3 ministry gifts- teachers, prophets apostles*

4 So being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seluecia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus

*Apostles being sent forth- not alone- with the power of the Holy Spirit and with the correct internal map and directions directly from Him.*

5 And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews; and they had also John as their minister. *Preaching and teaching and now John is joining them as a fellow minister in the gospel end 888*

Our connection to new testament function is perfectly exemplified in these few verses. It is meant to be our guide for ministry and ties in with common sense to the instructions in Ephesians 4. We

understand these few christians as **our example** of our function. It would not have been left in the word of God. As a puzzle we can interpret the word of God and everything fits and clicks together. This is a functional scripture of how the kingdom of God actually works. This apostolic reach is not applied to a church service of endless sitting and listening. The apostolic reach in the book of Acts giving us the perfect example of new testament ministry that is meant to TIE into Eph 4 and connect us to it. Intelligence is not merely knowing things. It is knowing what to *do with the information we know*.

Paul was already preaching after a few days of being saved.

This one small group was actually saying to us...we are the substance of Christ on the earth.

## The Room for the Unlearned



1 Corinthians 14:16 Else, when thou shalt bless with the spirit how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned, say Amen at any given thanks seeing he understand not what they sayeth.

*Are we even aware there is meant to be a place of teaching in our midst for those who do not know the word of God? This is for the newly saved.*

*Giving instructions to christians who have met together and how they should function. There is a room for those who do not know the Lord, this is where the teachers will come in and help. Saying not all should speak at once.*

24 But, if all prophecy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all.

**IT IS THE PROPHETIC UTTERANCE OF ALL THAT PRODUCES SALVATION IN OTHERS--**

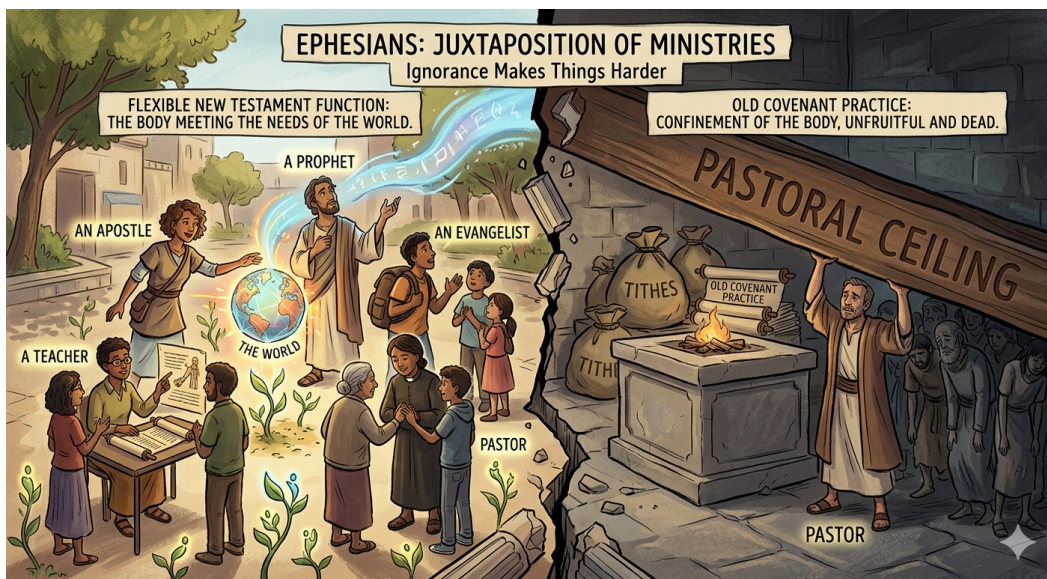
**NOT THE SILENCE OF THE SHEEP UNDER AUTHORITY**

*We are doing the opposite. Only one is allowed to speak and time is consumed. God has spoken here- He is going to minister through many christians and not just one. This holds great convicting power for the unbeliever as it will connect them to the power of God. God will be able to speak through ALL or anyone He wants to reach that person. Who will be convicted of sin, uplifted, healed, and be able to hear exactly the right words they need to come to salvation. The unbeliever will see the Lord in all as we are all friends with Him and each other. We are the*

connection to the Lord for that atheist, for those who have never touched the Lord.

Leave it to the enemy to copy and paste the old testament over the new testament ease of ministry to make things harder. By officiating one leader or pastor according to the word of God less will get saved. God has set in the church the ordinance of speaking through all.

## THE OPERATIONAL FUNCTION OF THE CHURCH- THE DISTRIBUTED NETWORK VS. THE PASTORAL CEILING



## OUR INTERNAL MAP IS READY TO GUIDE US

*The pastoral ceiling is ready to silence us  
The early church had a purpose to fulfill- it had a beginning, a middle and  
an end. Under the direction of the Holy Ghost. They worked as one body.*

## RELEASING MINISTRY - APOSTOLIC LIBERTY

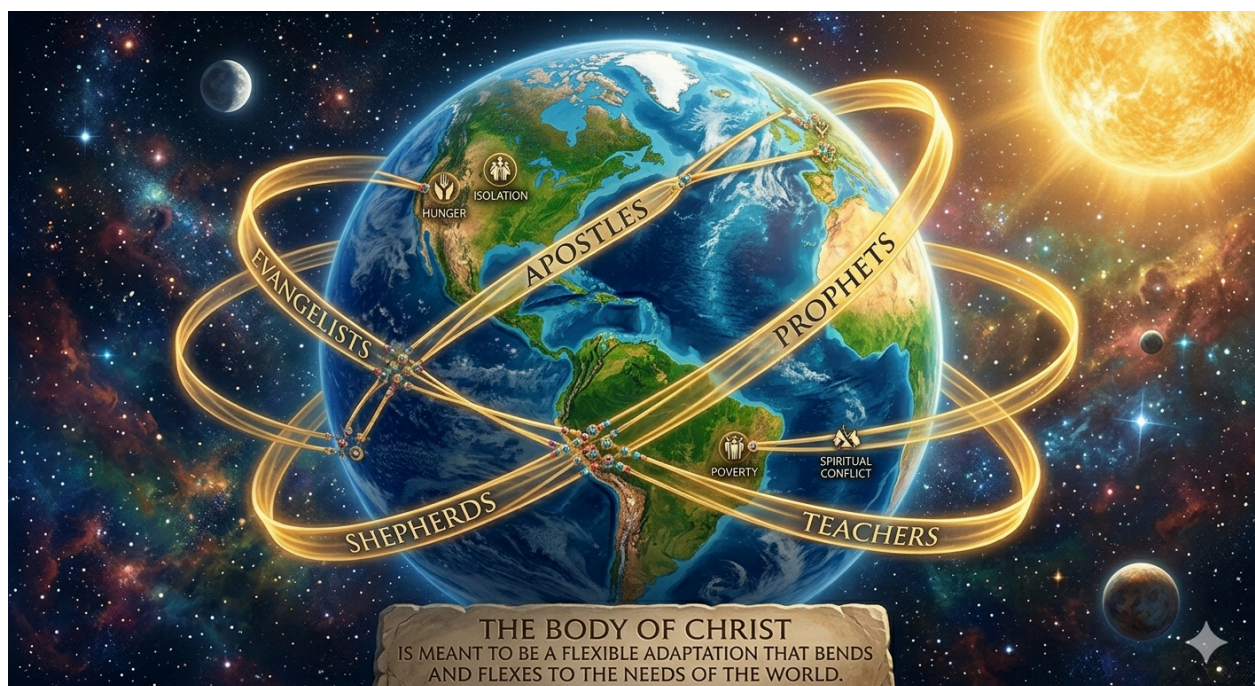
## THE DISTRIBUTED NETWORK VS. THE PASTORAL CEILING

“ We are not called to perfect uniformity which is held under man’s rule- we are called to a creative **adaptation** that is flexible and has flux according to the needs that arise” quote from Papa. We are meant to be ONE body under Him in a flexible function. All members are called, but not all needed at once. Whoever is available and able at the moment of need gives Him and His (the body) great **flexibility**. The structure of pastoral authority has kept us in the same strictures of control for centuries. This is not God’s design and plan. Who would not leave his own hands, eyes and ears in such rigid and unworkable strictures.

We are looking in the wrong place. Top down mentality does not meet the needs of the world. We get nothing done. We are meant to be free with a creative response as we hear from the Lord. If we need to bend this way parts of the body will bend with us to help us. Just as our own body parts help one another perform many functions each day. I am able to easily join ministries that are in action and offer my own contribution. If they believe in exclusivity and authority that becomes almost impossible. Serving to shrink the body of Christ and not add to it.

I reach for a glass but my brain has told my hand what to do. One should discern from our present system that there is no bending. No togetherness of thought and function as a real body. We haven’t

heard yet from our Head. Only the static listening to one person. Who is not directing the body to any action. This is not feasible in nature or biology and it is not working in the body of Christ to save the lost. Christ is the head of the church implying great omnipotent knowledge and intelligence. He knows all and waits to tell His body (us) where to go and what to do.



We are meant to thrive as a body, understand our flexible place in the body, and understand His will perfectly. As the needs around us arise- we can bend and move with His loving guidance. It works every time in a seamless breath of His strong desire to help us reach the lost. We are His hands, His feet, His love right here. Someone is going to heaven because of our joint movement which is spelled out in Ephesians 4. Someone is going to be healed. Delivered. Free.

## The tugboat vs. the authority of the Pastoral Ceiling



The pastoral ceiling keeps the war in place- silent and static while Ephesians 4 is waiting to release us. It is designed for movement and it is calling us out into the world with gifts differing. As equals. The formation of the body of Christ is a distributed network of ministry having received differing spiritual gifts.

The pastoral gift was never meant to shout at us from a pulpit. It was meant to drive alongside us making sure we are understood, well, and able to do and complete what we have been called to do.

Those moving in Eph 4 will have needs for healing and restoration and guidance themselves. These are met by their individual pastor. Who helps release us to our ministry by giving us help. Not an authority who holds ministry. It is a tugboat who releases it. Easy. Our best and only example of a pastor in the word of God is Jesus Himself. He is the good shepherd and the gate. John 9,10. Our only example of what a pastor is meant to do in the word of God. He is alive and active today in shepherding my needs and I am well aware it is that I may continue to serve Him. He gives opportunity.

- 1) He gave the demoniac of the Gadarenes deliverance and a new life. Straightway Jesus sent him to witness his new freedom in Christ. He went to 10 cities as a sent one or an apostle and many more were saved.
- 2) Jesus sent the blind man directly to a new mission to testify to the Pharisees about all that God had done for Him.
- 3) After feeding the 5000 He sent them away (apostello) Jesus was not angry- He was sending them into their mission. Go and tell what God has done for you. A threefold blessing of revelation, physical needs met and then turning those blessings into a great purpose of mission.
- 4) The 70- he sent out a group of 70- not church fathers- Jesus did this with everyone He touched. He sent them out as apostles. Luke 10 v 1-24 He sent them out in pairs to every

place He was going to visit. They found even demons were subject to the name of Jesus.

5) The directions that the 5 fold needs to move into the world for Christ will come directly through the prophetic ministry. They can also come from the Lord directly. He is always near and always ready.

Ephesians 4 leaves no room for a single office to dominate- it is a multi faceted empowerment for the entire body of Christ. It is an active participation, it is power circulating through the entire body as a living organism. A living stone. We have been called- yet where are the apostles? Sitting in the church holding tank.

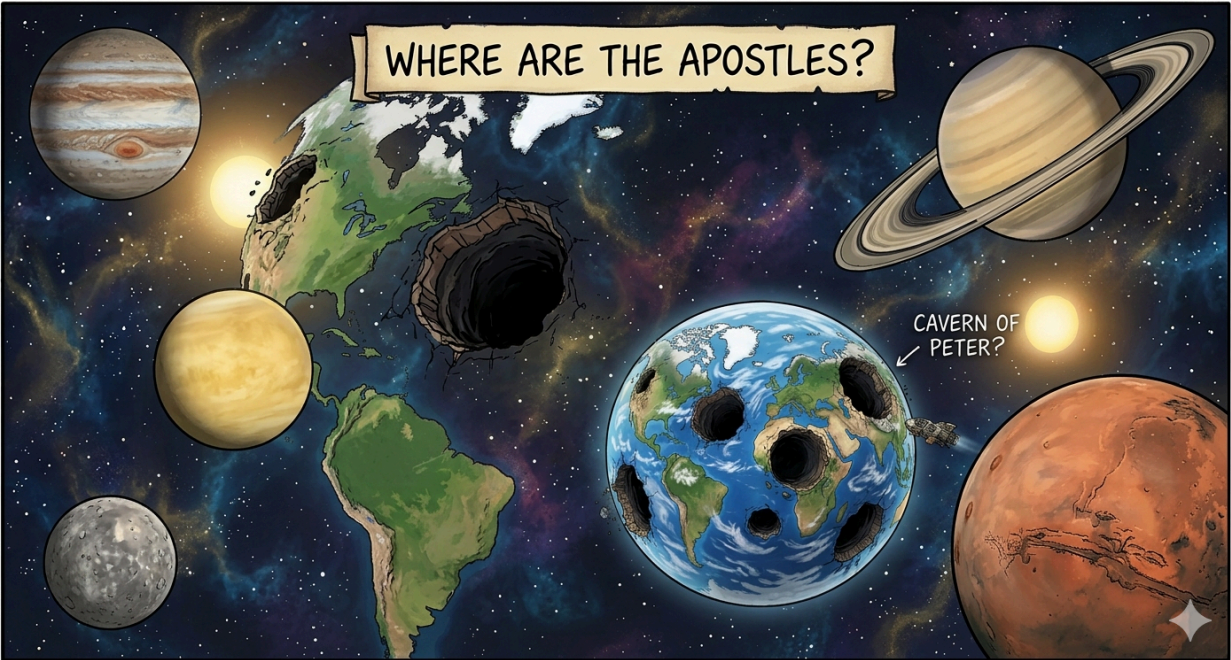
Perfect uniformity under authority is a lie. There is no purpose in it. It can bring misery and boredom as there are no real marching orders. I would like to emphasize that our Lord would never call us to such uniformity- it is just not in the word. He would never call His body to redundancy that has all the earmarks of a cult. He calls us higher to serve Him.



## Our word shift is a world shift

When the body of Christ learns this and finally grows up and into functionality the world will shift. We will have that much impact on the world as God knows exactly what He wants, where He needs to send us and what He wants done. We are not in charge, and why should we be- we simply do not know what He does. And He is the head of the church. It is a call to love. Through the multi effectiveness of the ministry gifts. We will move from a centralized ineffective authority to the fullness of a decentralized authority under Christ alone. Of Ephesians 4 ministry. This sprinkle through the earth is meant to never end. Teaching section next- dealing with how the book of Ephesians is taught. This has 3 sections- the vacuum-how ephesians has been taught-old covenant and the deadly snippets





THE TEACHING VACUUM - WHAT THEY ARE NOT  
TELLING YOU AND WHY- THE OLD COVENANT SHADOW  
THE GIANT BLACK HOLE- WHAT THEY ARE NOT TELLING  
YOU- GET READY

One of the most significant if not the most successful vacuums the enemy has created is the teaching vacuum.

He has been very specific about what he allows to be taught. He has sought to omit more than we realize. He has succeeded here. Let it be no surprise to us that even as we breathe, he is deceiving us in some way.

Checking in with the correct interpretation of the word of God is one very significant way to defeat him. We are meant to understand and interpret and agree upon the word of God collectively- together. We will know we have it right when we are released to ministry.

On a larger scale, and throughout history the teaching vacuum of misinformation regarding Ephesians 4 in particular, has left gaping holes in the spirit realm. If we could see it spiritually we would be looking at a planet with craters so deeply struck making large craters and holes of dark ignorance. With many other intense smaller hits that keep making an impact. As christians miss vital truths, so the world suffers eternal consequences.

#### **HOW ARE THEY TEACHING IT? EPHESIANS 4**

The truth is they are not teaching it with the emphasis it is due. No one is actually teaching the ministry gifts. It is clear to me if we had good teaching on this the body of Christ would realize their part. Be free of authority and move into the apostolic ministry.

The truth is they are protecting the pastoral office by neglecting the full study of Ephesians 4. Do not preach against the office” is the motto. Even if it is in the word ! And friends, it is in the word, apostles first.

Without the full understanding that the ministry gifts are in all of us- the typical teaching usually goes like this.

\*“ Believers have gifts differing and they are given by God for the growth of the local body” Usually they will follow with the importance of the minor gifts such as a ministry of helps, mercy, giving and rulership scriptures. These are cropped scriptures that are taken out of context. They are believed as they are in the word of God. As they are emphasizing the smaller gifts, they are omitting and even in denial of the larger gifts of apostleship and evangelism.

\* By minimizing the Ephesians 4 scripture and citing others they are suggesting some ministry but letting go of the bigger picture that involves ALL of us. The apostle or evangelist “will be visiting next week” causing the body of Christ to be short sighted and never imagine they are sitting next to and indeed, the same.

\*Apostles are seldom mentioned and remain unexplained.

\*The book of Acts is almost never cited as the explanation and example of ministry gifts. This book is vital and brings to light our organic starting point into ministry. Paul said “be imitators of me”

\*Nor is the role of a pastor ever explained through the ministry of Jesus on the earth, who said of Himself “ I am the good shepherd. Jesus was the embodiment of ALL the ministry gifts. At one time or another He preached, taught, gave prophetic word, delivered from demons, healing and was an apostleship and an evangelist. He did it ALL- by claiming Himself the good shepherd a pastoral role- can be said that he grants the ministry gifts at His measure. Just as He had all the gifts for the needs of His day- so He is the giver of all gifts for our particular generation. He demonstrated them all. He demonstrated the highest good. His role as the good shepherd was to release the ministry gifts to His body.

- It has been taught that the pastoral role is the most important role in the church because Jesus identified Himself ONLY as the good shepherd. This is not true.
- Jesus embodied ALL the ministry gifts and demonstrated every one of them.
- He claimed to be the apostle of our profession and the bishop of our soul
- He taught and preached endlessly in the synagogue and on the streets
- He raised the dead and delivered men from demonic control
- He healed the sick
- (In the Bible Jesus refers to Himself as...apostle: Hebrews 3:1, teacher: Matthew 23:10, prophet: Mark 6:4)

To continue understanding how ministry and Ephesians 4 is preached today..

\*References will be cited concerning the local church” and members of the local church” as if the apostles created the local church. They did not. I even heard one teaching of a pastor that claimed it is unhealthy for one gift to dominate the others. He said this while standing at a pulpit being the only one who could talk or interpret the word of God or collect funds or create any agenda. The funds are not used for evangelistic outreach as there is no evangelistic outreach. The giant elephant in the room was obvious to me and the Lord has asked me to continue with my insights and complete and publish this journal. As the sheep hear only snippets they can only come to limited conclusions. They subtly believe they are no more than a ministry of helps or the brownie baker for the next event. They have been deprived of the full teaching of Ephesians 4. What they never believe for they will never receive. What they never develop in ministry, the world will never benefit from.

## The Deadly Snippets

As the sheep hear these snippets throughout their church going career they will conclude “I am the brownie baker” “ I am the nursery attendee” and not much more. This is not only a psychological barrier but a spiritual covering. Without the full teaching they will never conclude that they should be embodying the ministry gifts. Jesus has been waiting for them. They have been deprived of the full teaching of Ephesians 4 that I am presenting here.

What they do not believe for they will never receive. What they never develop in ministry the world will never benefit from. It deserves repeating. Why do they believe this? They are seeing the ministry gifts through the eyes of their experience. What they have and we all have ever seen is a pastor in authority preaching from a pulpit. It has become ingrained in us that this is the best God has. More than a cultural influence, it is a deeply spiritual mistake. With powerful snippets and a lack of education of Eph 4 we have believed a lie. So strongly in fact, we must cram our experience into the word of God. There it is- here and there it fits the format of what we have seen and believe to be the best.

Another powerful spirit has been allowed in that keeps us in the old covenant. Let's return to why Eph 4 gifts are being taught as though they are for the local church and not for the world.

### **The teaching vacuum and the mystery reveals- the old covenant shadow**

Generations of pastors and teachers have skipped the teaching of Eph 4. Some by deception, some by tradition, some for the purpose of keeping their post for gain. Some by looking at what others are doing instead of the word of God. These are the giant holes of ignorance. It is the strategy of our enemy. Creating generational

ignorance and so much more. Due to lack of ministry which has been designed to fill those holes- or prevent them from happening at all.

Mainly I feel it is deception. The core of this deception is the false notion that Eph 4 is for the nobility- the called- the anointed appointed delegated authority. This stems from our misguided understanding of our true authority. Our new testament authority is won by the cross over the world, the flesh and the devil.

Only the Levites were ordained with authority. Over the congregation to collect the tithe and be supported by it. The law employed them to appropriate a full time job with sin offerings. This was dissolved as the temple curtain was torn in two when Jesus took His last breath. He now became the sin offering eternally and forever. To lack this understanding creates the film that covers the eyes of those who still believe authority over each other is real. This covers Ephesians 4 functionality as we continue to pay the shadow.



Here is how the ministry gifts are currently being taught- through the eyes of the old testament.

We are looking at the word of God through our experience. The book of Acts does not record a local church. Or an assembly. They were going out with the gospel.

Pastors are cherry picking scriptures citing ministry without creating inclusion. Maximizing money or rulership scriptures and eliminating the body of Christ in unity as the new testament function in every anointing and ministry gift. It has long been practiced to cram our experience INTO the word. Rather than letting the word of God guide us into a clear path to ministry. Instead we are making the bible fit our format of pulpit dominant structures built by Rome. The stone has been rolled away and our ministry was resurrected with Jesus .

“These things have not been spoken about for two thousand years” quote from Papa

“ you can grow a lot of mushrooms in two thousand years”  
quote from my husband

The authority of the mushroom



The ministry gifts have been hiding under pastoral authority that God never intended the body of Christ to be under.

## IT IS ALL IN THE WORD- the flow of the text

Every bit of what I have introduced is backed up and proven out by the word of God. I am not venting a grudge or stating my own opinions.

Lets examine Ephesians 4- the word of God itself speaks strongly against the enemies lies and limitations. Let's examine it in detail.

The entire book flows. We cannot let the verse numbers or parenthesis fool us. It is one continuous thought. There are contextual flows we will miss if we allow a number to change our thoughts. There is one thought throughout Ephesians. How we are meant to understand it.

MINISTRY FOR ALL- it builds slowly but deliberately if read correctly. Reading from the heart is also important. This is God's concern for souls. He is showing us our part in hope we are concerned as well. This is His LOVE for anyone who does not know Him. It is Him in us-for them.

Ephesians 1:1 Paul, and apostle of Jesus Christ, by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus and to the faithful in Christ Jesus.

*Notice who Paul is addressing. To the saints at Ephesus and to the faithful. He is talking to christians. We should understand what they were doing. Meeting in small groups and giving out the gospel.*

*4 According to Him who has chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love*



Our Lord has all eyes on all things. The bible says all things are naked and open to Him with whom we have to do. He knows exactly where He needs to send His body. Is there anything more important or exciting?

## **THE ENTIRE BUSINESS OF THE CHURCH**

PAUL- Oh my- what were you trying to tell us?

Now take a look at Eph 3. The revelation of its meaning came to me first and then the outpouring of His Rhema word upon me from the Lord- He said this “Paul is getting ready to unfold to christians **“the entire business” of the new testament church to the world. The work and the operation of the body of Christ which is the manifestation of God**” Oh my ! and then the Lord said “THIS is what they are not telling you” this is all the enemy has been trying to hide! OUR work is the manifestation of God in the earth !

I was not planning that subtitle- but the Lord put it on my heart (Paul oh my) And in my mind very strongly for you. Also He said “ unlock it”. Another time in this process He said to me “You are peeling back the layers” years of deception.

We are going to unlock a 2000 year old cryptic puzzle and as one that is going to rise \*(hopefully) from being overlooked and misunderstood to the most essential.



## The mystery of our fellowship

Eph 3:9

And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world has been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ.

*The mystery set before all time hid in God is Christ crucified and risen for us. What is the fellowship of the mystery? This is our LOVE for one another which gives us the ability to WORK together. The world is confounded by this as they have seldom or never seen it. To allow them to see our unity*

*on their behalf is to allow them to SEE Christ Jesus risen for every one of us.*

10 to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God. *with the intent, to "make all men see" is that same expression of intent. That now upon seeing, all "principalities and powers will be known by the church" to witness God in the earth which are the ministry gifts. The manifold wisdom of God is the manifold ministry gifts in the earth that represent Him.*

**MANIFOLD:** In the Bible, manifold MEANS "many, varied, or multi-colored." IT DESCRIBES THINGS THAT ARE RICH, INTRICATELY DESIGNED, AND INFINITELY DIVERSE. RATHER THAN JUST MEANING "A LOT," IT HIGHLIGHTS COMPLEXITY AND MULTI-FACETED BEAUTY

**THE MANIFOLD WISDOM OF GOD IS THE MINISTRY GIFTS IN US FOR THE WORLD.....WISDOM**



God's Wisdom: In Ephesians 3:10, Paul writes of the "manifold wisdom of God." The original Greek word (*polupoikilos*) was used

in the first century to describe intricately embroidered tapestries or multi-colored patterns. It illustrates that God's plans and knowledge are beautiful, diverse, and multi-dimensional.

Manifold - in the original greek (poikilos) suggesting a rich complexity and variety of God's wisdom- the church showcases His glory

The church is the manifold wisdom of God to the powers of heaven and hell alike. After His resurrection and ascension to heaven, the power of heaven has become available to us.

The power of God is the manifestation of Christ in us, the church that serves Him. The church is meant to be so powerful it actually has an impact on how the world fluxes and changes. Now found in our meeting in which the ministry gifts are operating- we are empowered to carry on his call.

Manifestation ( the manifold wisdom of God is a variety of ministry gifts in a variety of people) to make Christ real in this world (many people working together).

11 according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord. All in agreement with his eternal purposes (salvation) which is the work he gave to Christ. In turn, He has given the gift to us as our work for the world.

## **EPHESIANS EXPOUNDED AND EXPLAINED- THE VOCATION OF EPHESIANS 4**

Paul is addressing this to the WHOLE church at Ephesus.

He is not making exclusionary salutations or exemptions to certain kings, nobility, rank or delegated authority. He is not demanding education or ordinance to the calling of God. Notice he is speaking to (brethren) or simply his brothers and

sisters in Christ. This is so important to remember as not to allow the lie of exclusivity to enter. The calling is to the entire body of Christ. The entire book of Ephesians from chapter 1 is leading to a description and release of the ministry gifts. It is the verse numbers and certain parentheses that have given the interpretation pause and us confusion. It needs to be read as an expounded and encouraging explanation to the release of ministry to the entire body of Christ.

Ephesians ch 4:1- I therefore a prisoner of the Lord, beseech you (brethren), that you walk worthy of the vocation to which you were called  
*Speaking to all the body of Christ, and all brethren, releasing to us a vocation, highlighting the fact we are ALL called to work for the Lord.*  
*Paul is telling the body of Christ to watch for our souls, our morals and behavior as we represent the King of Kings. There is work to be done. We have been called to a vocation and need to be worthy of it.*

Vocation- in the original Greek is (Klesis) meaning church or called out ones. Also means a calling or summons to call. An invitation to a specific purpose. God is calling all brethren to vocation in Christ by the simplicity of their faith in Him. It is enough that we have met Him. We know Him and can introduce others. Here is the requirement for that vocation.

2 With all lowliness and meekness and longsuffering, forbearing one another in love

*The requirements of our vocation are lowliness, meekness and long suffering and to bear with one another in love. This is what it takes. Notice He is not requiring education, or ordinance or ceremony. Our spiritual character and obedience bears a far heavier weight of importance in God's eyes. He knows it is the fuel and fortitude that will benefit us and carry us through the important work of spreading the gospel. One another. We are a body and can rely on one another. It is this obedience of humility that would bring expediency and even ease to our efforts. It will successfully keep the enemy at bay. To*

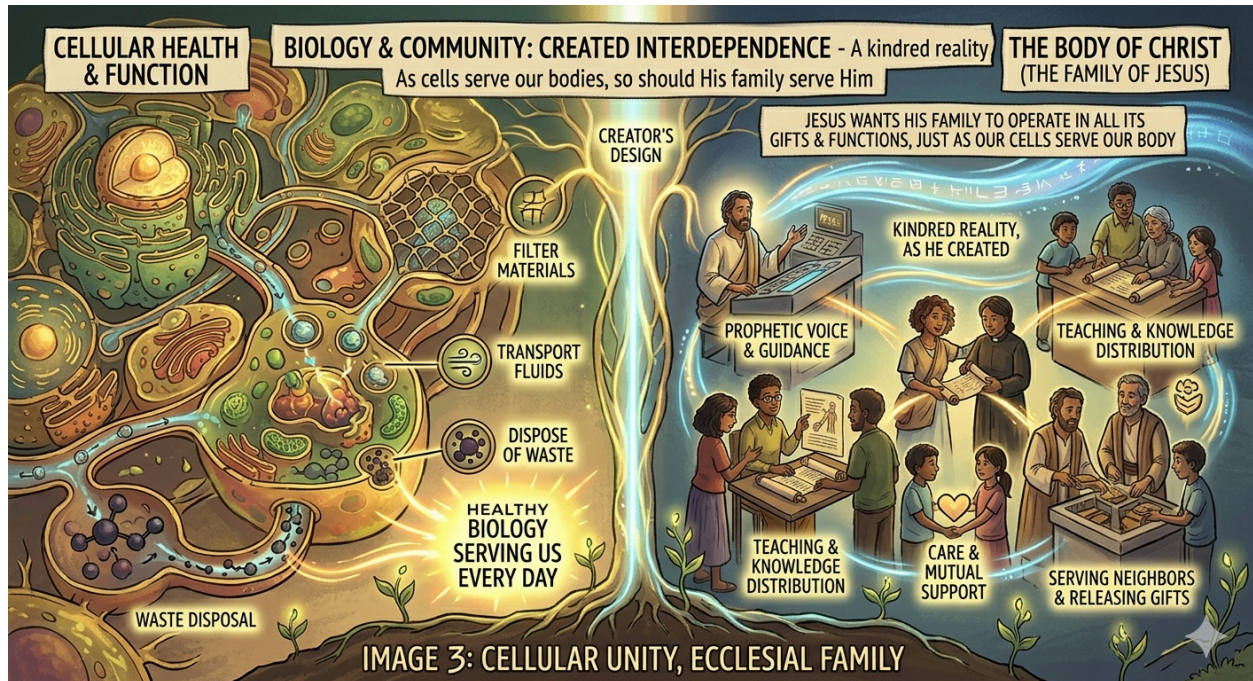
*place our name on the door, the book, to collect money, brings the pride of this life and is the opposite of the lowliness meekness He requires. It invites competition in many circles. He is qualifying any child of God through His standards which bear the fruit of lowliness. Note the importance of where this is being placed, right before eph 4 which spells out the entire operation of new testament ministry.*

Our inner condition or attitude is of most importance to Him. There is no stipulation of education or ordinance or talent. An inner attitude of humbleness and meekness in particular with our brothers and sisters. He is giving us instruction on how to escape the sinful elements of the world. This will uphold us in our work for Him. This keeps unity, love and peace which strengthens us for our work. Keeping the bond of peace is most essential for our work together.

***“THE BOND OF PEACE” IS THE ONLY REQUIREMENT  
NEEDED FOR MINISTRY TO FLOW OUT OF US INTO  
THE WORLD***



# *The body beautiful at a cellular level- stronger than steel and lots of fun*



To keep the body of Christ pure of spiritual disease. Just as our own physical bodies work every day within a cellular system. It is self-sustaining and completes a cleansing work every day for us. Our biological functions at the cellular level are so complex and finely tuned they have yet to be matched by man's invention. He has not failed to give us cellular and biological health and He has not failed to give us spiritual health within His body. Both complete by Him and in Him.

3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace

*These qualities and obedience will keep unity. World principals of pride, hierarchy, will destroy our unity. The unity of the spirit is to be one with his purposes and principals. Unity is to see the picture before we pick up the paint brush. It is to understand the mind of Christ and the Heart of God with a deep agreement. It is to decide on following His instructions with one intention of spreading the gospel. This is our bond of peace that the enemy cannot enter and destroy. It keeps us alive and well inside His will to continue His work, Peace is the bond we will enjoy. Putting us in a favored and fruitful*

*position. It never ends. It is always blessed. To agree to uniformity is to actually destroy unity. The gifts are diverse. They move and flow by God for His purposes.*

4 there is one body and one spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your calling

*There is oneness in Christ. There cannot be many heads of His family. One body, one spirit, one calling. There is no division or questioning with His masterful headship. One hope of your calling - we are all called to ministry. To create a great cost to the kingdom of darkness.*

More instructions on how to complete your calling. He is asking us to be one. Stay in unity in the bond of peace. This will reflect his love. Our love and gentleness with one another defeats the enemy who would otherwise bring division and anger to send us spinning over to his kingdom.

Unity in the original greek comes from the word (hies) meaning “One”

This unity is a divinely created gift and not from human effort.

It implies a shared nature and purpose not an identical personhood.

The shared purpose of Christ within us is defeating enemies per second. He cannot divide us. We have our leader. Our Head. Our power in Him alone. A divine appointment and the enemy is beneath our feet in any obedience. Love is guiding us. And love will defeat him every time. Jesus said in the book of John- “As I and the father are one”. This relationship of oneness and unity is reflected in his body as we love one another.

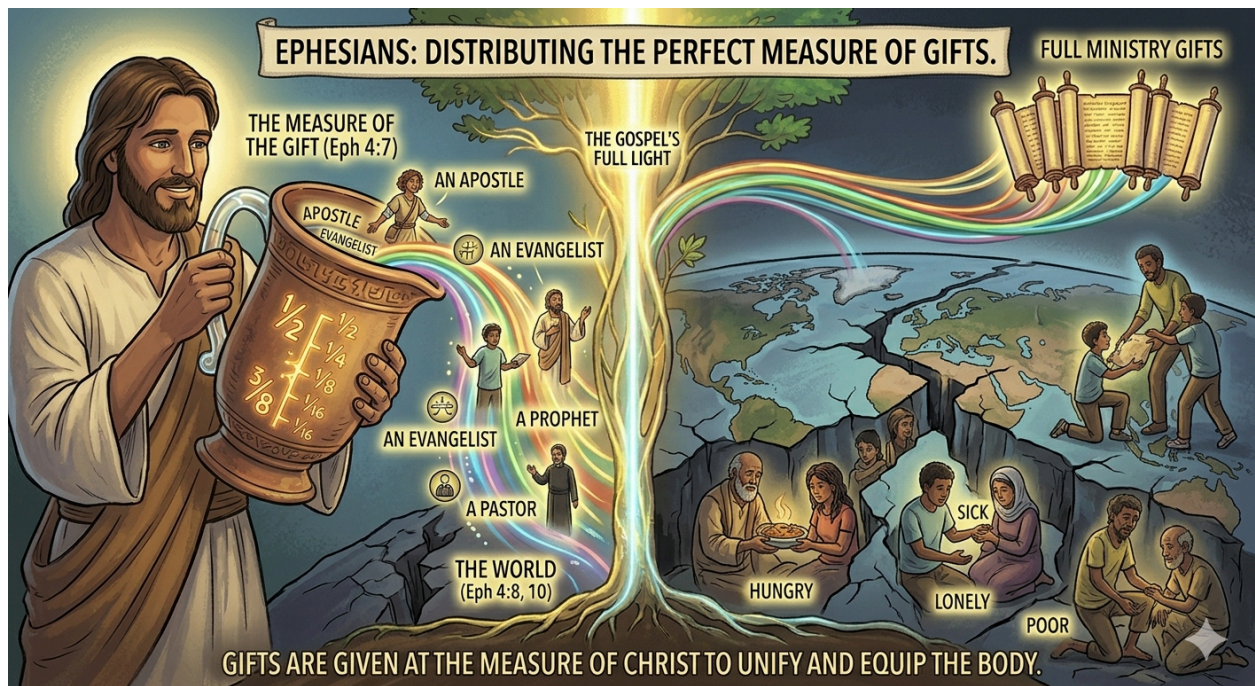
Notice that “one” body, spirit, hope of calling. Oneness implies there is no other god, religion, father, human, philosophy or calling- it is Christ alone that makes us One under Him.

5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism

6 One God and father of all, who is above all and through all, and in you all  
*Saying here that God is above all human authority and He has chosen to work through us all with His infinite wisdom, authority and provision. He is above ALL of us as Head of His body, He works through ALL of us, and is in ALL of us.*

## THE MEASURE OF THE GIFTS- DIVINE DISTRIBUTION

7 But, unto every one of us is given grace, according to the measure of the gift of Christ. *“The gift of Christ” is ministry He has rendered us a kingdom a ministry Again, presenting this grace and gift to every one of us. Important to note. Notice that the all important word GRACE is in the original Greek (Charis) and in this instance means (ministry) in the original Greek- above human authority and in his infinite wisdom He has chosen to work through ALL of us. He is above all of us as the head of his body. Any other way is not HIS will and nothing would be accomplished.*



## THE FILLING OF ALL THINGS

*The word grace in the Greek means ministry. This is the gift of Christ to us. It is given according to His measure. Notice that qualification which belongs to Him alone.*

Notice that all important word “grace” in the original Greek is (charis) and in this instance it means “Charmisma” which means an act of grace or favor connected to a specific functional purpose. Specifically to build the body of Christ.

Notice Paul says unto every one of us this grace or gift of ministry is given.

### **The ascension and the filling of all things**

The gift of christ” are the ministry gifts about to be described vs 11.

According to His measure we receive HIS gift. It is not a human decision.

8 Wherefore He says, when He ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

9 Now that He ascended, what is it that He also descended first, into the lower parts of the earth

*When Jesus died he rose from the dead He descended first to hell and then ascended to heaven. He descended to hell to set free the righteous in Abrams' bosom.*

10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that “He might fill ALL things.”

The original greek meaning (hina plerose to panta)

So that in order that- to complete- (hina)

To fill to the brim-(pleroo)

To the realization of- to finish- to equip for a task= (plerose)

The all things (ta panta)

*Notice here that the word “fill” in the original Greek is the word (pleroo). Which means to fulfill or to complete a task. Notice it was not until He rose from the dead that He desired to “fill all things”. It is now able to be done after His completed work. He can appropriate new testament function- or the dispersing of gifts to fill all things. The old is gone. For in the next verse He tells us HOW He wants to fill all things. Remember that word “fill” in the Greek means to complete a task. All things are now fulfilled by His death and resurrection and He can fill all things with the gift of Christ which are the ministry gifts in all. Which means He can move into the empty places of the world with*

*the gospel through us who have been filled with the ministry gifts. Our filling becomes liquid and external and moves into the cracks of society a formal routine of the church service can never reach. Only the One who has ascended and descended can assign your calling as He holds the blueprint for your significant purpose in Him.*

## “BECOME the SUBSTANCE- STOP PAYING FOR THE SHADOW”



## PRIORITY- THE FIVE FOLD FUNCTION- EQUIPPING FOR SERVICE

11) And He gave some, apostles, and some, prophets, and some, evangelists; and some pastors and teachers

*Here is what He wants to use to fill the needs of the world. The ministry gifts. He has desired to fill the gap between heaven and earth with the 5 fold ministry gifts in us. The immediate flow of the text suggests that the “filling of all things” is specifically realized through the ministry gifts. As a result of His resurrection He can now fill all things- after He has filled us with the ministry gifts. Now the world may be healed, saved and delivered. He is able to fill all things” with Himself. More than His divine presence alone- It is now the functional distribution of His will through His body- the body of Christ.*

*Apostles and Evangelists are for the world. Sent to the unsaved. Prophets are for their assembly (2 or 3) of ministry to give direction. Pastors and teachers are for new believers and to support believers in their ministry.*

*The word some in this instance is so important. It means yes and amen it also means sometimes. Sometimes every ministry gift flows through all of us, at one time or another. A flexible anointing- they are not titles or offices of employment. They are free gifts specifically for the unsaved. It is how the early church was functioning. It is how Christ will be our head- it is how He will truly be our leader. It is how they function in heaven.*

12) for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: *this is typically preached that the gifts of ministry are for the local body of Christ. Typically with the pastor as the head to help those old saints in the pew who need endless help and to edify them. The problem is only one gift is present and allowed. An occasional prophet may be invited in for a season of his gifts- but that is not the total function of a prophet. It has seldom been understood or preached that The gifts are for the body of Christ to move in. They are for us to embody them and bring Christ to the world through them.*

*The word "perfecting" in the Greek is (katartismos) or equipping of the saints. It means to furnish or equip, to train for service. Preparing believers for service not a sinless perfection, rather a maturity to be ready for service. The ministry gifts equip us for the work of ministry. For the edifying of the body of Christ- to build up the body with new believers numerically as well as spiritually. To add new believers to the body of Christ. To perfection in this context is the process of making the body functional or complete. To provide the needed tools required for a specific task.*

13) Till we all come in the unity of faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; *Until all arrive at the unity of faith includes the world who do not yet know Him. Until we ALL reach the unity of faith and know Him. This stature of the fullness of Christ comes through the ministry gifts. Notice the measure belongs to Him. He knows just the right amount of everything like a master chef knows by experience the correct measure. He is God. There is nothing to fear. much spice. Maturity- (pleromatos). Have we reached His fullness? Maturity is not the church service- it is the function of the ministry gifts in all of us. The functional maturity to carry out the work of ministry. The great apostolic relevance of these misunderstood scriptures is that we are meant to fill the needs of the world-with Him- not fill our own needs in the pews.*

*The goal is maturity- the phrase "unto the measure of the stature of the fullness is (pleromatos)- the gifts fill us to maturity.*

#### **AVOIDING THE VANITY OF INFANCY**

*Until we all arrive in unity (sinners and saints) to know Him well enough that we become a perfect - in the Greek that word perfect means (mature). Unto His measure and the fullness of stature which is the fullness of Christ.*

14) That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and from and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and the cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive.

*In the contextual flow this implies apart from our ministry we will remain as children. Tossed by every doctrine and deception. Describing here a type of predatory relationship whereby the world and its lusts will find us more easily if we remain in a state of infancy. Not merely describing a state of sin but more so a state of non service and ignorance of that lifestyle in us. The immature mind is tossed by every doctrine apart from truly serving Him in the context of His fullness which is Eph 4. This defines the*

*church service which is movement without progress. Or a failure to use one's gifts. This defines futility and vanity.*

## GROWING UP AND JOINTLY FIT TOGETHER - BECOMING THE SUBSTANCE

15) But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the HEAD, even, Christ; *speaking the truth-preaching the gospel- That we may now grow up into Him who is the Head of our ministry. How willing our Lord is to govern us, guide us, and be Masterful over all He has called us to. Notice that statement we may grow up into Him in all things. This is reflecting His sovereign ability as our Head.*

16) from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supply, according to the effectual working in the measure of EVERY PART maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. *We are only fitly joined together as we are under the Head who is Christ- we are compacted so closely ( every one of us) and intimately in ministry under Him- that now every joint that we move in the gifts will by His measure WILL make the increase of new members to the body of Christ. Edified by love.*



*The joints are not merely stiff. They are frozen. They have not really moved for 2 millenia. We are meant to be so closely related in ministry and in the love of Christ that nothing can knock us out of position. This relationship is solidified by our work and his loving governance. We would find that every need, every question would be filled or answered by another part of the body. Not to say it does not happen. It does but it continues to be a rare experience rather than the daily launch our Lord is so very willing to furnish us with. However our joints fit and moving together as described in Eph 4 would supply more and more of an increase to the body of Christ.*

***“We have left our primary function” quote from Papa***

WHICH WAS MEANT TO BE APOSTLESHIP AND NEW TESTAMENT FUNCTION

I WANT TO TALK ABOUT WHY OUR JOINTS AND MARROW ARE IN THE FROZEN TUNDRA. IT IS SIMPLY BECAUSE WE HAVE LEFT ( OR HAVE NEVER TRULY DISCOVERED) OUR PRIMARY FUNCTION.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:27-28 SAYS THIS

27 NOW YE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST, AND MEMBERS IN PARTICULAR

*He goes on to describe the members in particular, distinguishable from one another*

28 AND GOD HATH SET SOME IN THE CHURCH, FIRST APOSTLES, SECONDARILY PROPHETS, THIRDLY TEACHERS, AFTER THAT MIRACLES, THEN GIFTS OF HEALINGS, HELPS, GOVERNMENTS, DIVERSITIES OF TONGUES.

THE ABOVE SCRIPTURE DESCRIBES THE SEQUENTIAL ORDER OF MINISTRY

APOSTLES ARE PRIMARY OR FIRST IN THE ORDER AS THEY ARE EXPANDING THE MEMBERS. THE REMAINING GIFTS FUNCTION AT THAT POINT TO TAKE OVER THE TEACHING, CARE AND NEEDS OF THE NEWLY SAVED. WITHOUT THE PRIMARY FUNCTION THE OTHER GIFTS REMAIN UNNECESSARY.

## UNDERSTANDING THE SEQUENCE- ALGEBRA- AND SO MUCH MORE

EXPAND  $(x+3)(x+5)$

USE THE FOIL METHOD TO SOLVE.

FIRST OUTER INNER LAST

X TIMES X= $x^2$  FIRST

X TIMES 5= $5x$  OUTER

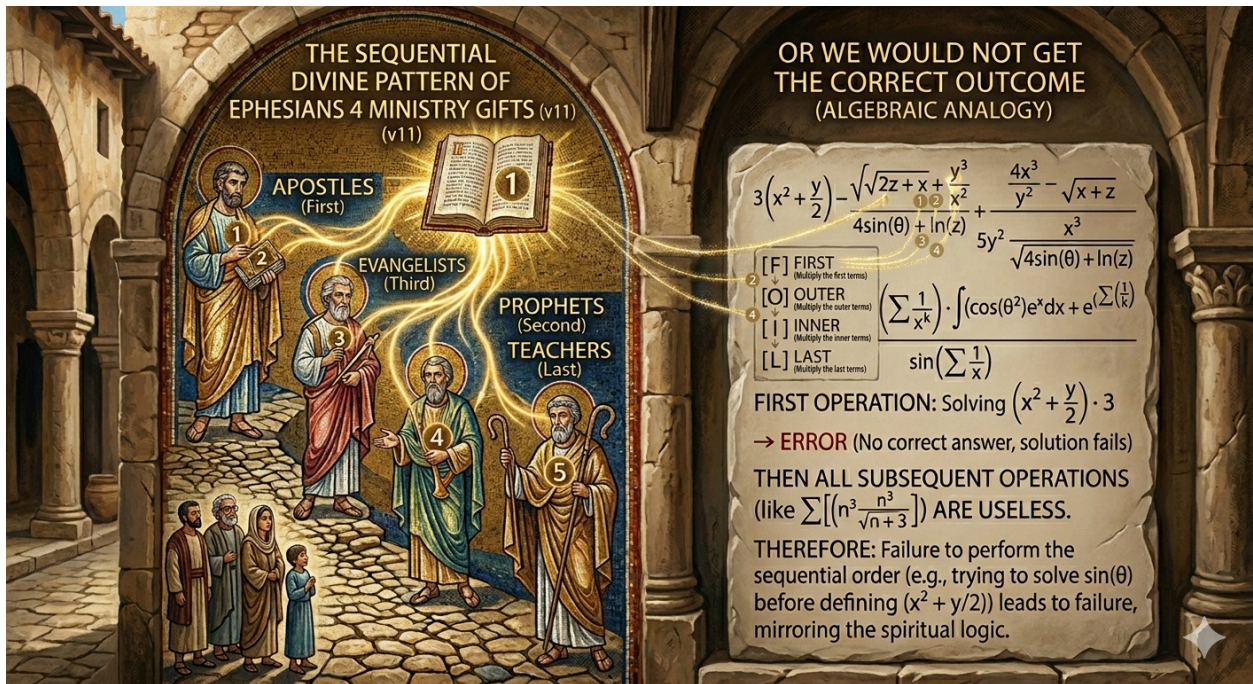
3TIMES5= $15$  INNER

3TIMES 5= $15$  LAST

ADD ALL THE PRODUCTS  $x^2+5x+3x+15$

COMBINE  $5x+3x=x^2+8x+15$

RESULT  $x^2+8x+15$



<sup>27</sup> Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

<sup>28</sup> And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

Are we seeing that word first? In the original Greek is (proton) an adverbial form of protos. This has layers of meaning. Time, order, first in a sequence, early, the earliest starting point. Importance, rank, chief, principal, the highest priority.

Let's make sense of the sequence. As apostles have been listed as of first and most importance to the church. Why is this? Because like Paul and his fellow workers and the blind man too, and the demoniac of the Gadareens and you and I as saved sinners, we are all sent. Into the highest form of ministry- to find and rescue the lost." Paul said " be

imitators of me”- to continue his work. He did not set a mandate to shift to Pastoral authority.

Why is this ministry gift listed as first? It is clear, without apostolic work has been done- (ushering in the lost)-

*“the other ministry gifts have no real purpose or function”* there cannot be any other gift that functions. Right now we are preaching to the saved. This is not a needed priority. The work of the pastor and the teachers are to help the newly saved. Apostles are out on the open sea breaking waves and finding the lost. Charting new territory that brings in newly saved for the pastors vital support system for them. This is an expansive vision for the world that apostles are meant to fulfill. The pastor is handing the internal work of tug boating the newbies to maturity and meeting needs.

It is nowhere to be found in the word of God as a leadership gift. It follows the work of the apostles who are primary.

The entire book of acts is an organic fluid movement driven by the holy spirit not a corporate hierarchy with a massive headquarters and income. Acts 13 the holy spirit set apart Barnabas and Saul for specific work. This is also the anointing of a prophet who understands who to send and where. It is a relational, dynamic mission and focused intent. The enemy has warped this vital function through authority so we will lose our organic Holy Spirit led momentum. And whenever we give this function over to a one man show we are defaulting to the institutionalized version of the church. Made by man. This is the essence of the war. We do not see who we are fighting. It is ancient Rome risen up against Christ once again.

I have had a few algebra classes where understanding the sequence was vital to solve the equation. Never more important than now. There can be no real church, no real gospel, no real organic movement without the Head telling the body what to do.

Which follows in movement to our instruction to apostles first. They will know where to go by the prophetic word. The map of the spirit will guide them internally. The anointing of the teacher- the pastor then steps in to teach and guide the newly saved. It is so simple.

The enemy is terrified of christians who realize that they do not need a hierarchy to function. He has created a spiritual dependency in them that God never needed. "Leave it to the pros" is a false notion. True pastoral authority says "I am here to equip you so you can go out and blow the gates of hell wide open"

*"I am here to equip you so you can go out and blow the gates of hell wide open"*

I liked that so much I wrote it twice. You see, pastors do have authority. It is not over you- but over the devil. By equipping you they defeat him. Our authority is over the enemy-never over each other. Our unity defeats him. So the enemy went to work. "Let's make a game. Let's play a trick". "If they think they have authority over each other- they won't take their true position of authority over us."

For the first 300 years of the church they had no building. They had a thriving christian community that added numbers to the kingdom of God daily. And yet, today, we confine the Holy Spirit to a simple Sunday am service managed by the board of directors. New covenant authority would never say "speak when I say" it says "prophecy to the apostles"-there is work to be done.

Without understanding the order of our operation our function is lost- we will not solve the equation-we will not have the results God intends.

**“Prophecy to the Apostles- there is work to be done”**

If anyone has a word, a doctrine, a song, a psalm. This is our freedom. And it will usher us into a full deployment of the ministry gifts for all. For maximum effectiveness.

CONTROL

- \*everything is screened and approved for a 60 minute program.
- \*Authority comes from a title or a badge, an education or an ordinance.
- \*Containment inside walls- leadership is monitoring all ministry.
- \*Holding tank created no one is released
- \*Permanence of title which is sheep/non minister

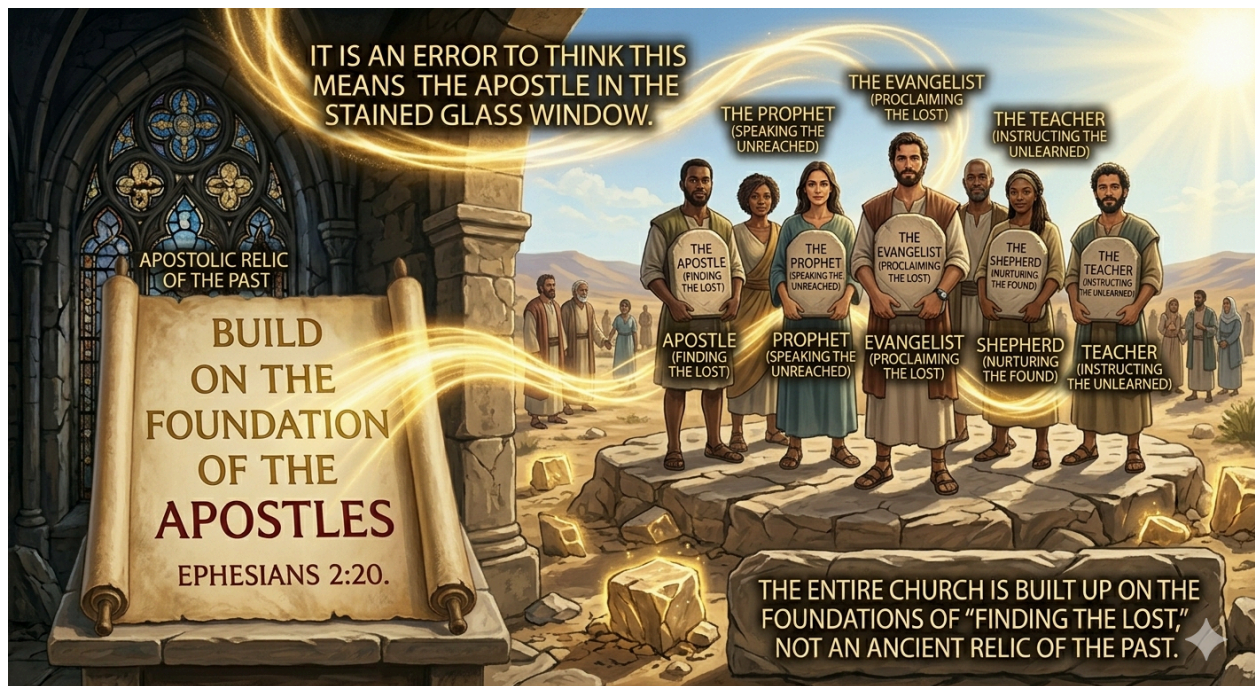
ORGANIC- 1 Cor 14:26

- \*God can speak through all members at His will.
- \*The fruit is evident from the gifts of ministry and power.
- \*There is a deployment.
- \*The body of Christ is released to ministry.
- \*Sent by the holy spirit and prophets into the world.
- \*Into the mission field with specifications.

BY CONVINCING THE CHURCH OF ITS AUTHORITY- APOSTLES BECOME JUST ANOTHER RUNG ON THE CORPORATE LADDER. IT NEUTRALIZES THE ACTUAL POWER OF ALL THE GIFTS. WHICH BREAK THE CABINS OF OUR SPIRITUAL FREEDOM. WE ARE HANDING OVER OUR LIBERTY FOR THE ADVANTAGE OF SITTING IN CHURCH. THE INVISIBLE HANDCUFFS HAVE SLID ON UNAWARES. THE TRAUMA OF HISTORY IS THAT THE ENEMY HAS A PATTERN OF WEAPONIZING SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY THROUGH THE VERY WORD OF GOD. HE TEMPTED JESUS WITH THE WORD . HE JUSTIFIED HUMAN SLAVERY BY THE WORD OF GOD. HE IS SITTING ON THE MINISTRY GIFTS USING THE WORD OF GOD. IF THE ENEMY CAN GET THE CHURCH UNDER THE SPIRIT OF HUMAN CONTROL THE APOSTOLIC OUTREACH BY THE HOLY SPIRIT GETS CRUSHED UNDER LAYERS OF BUREAUCRACY FOR A 2 HOUR SERVICE. CAN WE SEE THE TRADE? THE SCALES ARE NOT BALANCING IN OUR FAVOR. HE HAS STOLEN MUCH. WE HAVE LET HIM SIMPLY BY BELIEVING WHAT WE SEE EVERY WEEK IN A CEREMONY OVER THE WORD OF GOD. OUR WORDS OF WISDOM AND MOVEMENT ARE CHOKED OUT BY RELIGIOUS GATEKEEPING. THE SPIRIT OF GOD HAS ALREADY BYPASSED THE INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH IN THE MOMENT OF HIS RESURRECTION AND CAN DELIVER HIS GIFTS ANYWHERE. HE DOES NOT NEED THE HIERARCHY, THE SCHEDULE, HE NEEDS US.

THROUGH RIGOROUS WORK THE ENEMY HAS CUT AND PASTED THE OLD COVENANT OVER OUR NEW TESTAMENT FUNCTION. OVERRIDING OUR ORGANIC MOVEMENT WITH HIS LEGALISTIC CONTROL. YOU CAN SET YOUR WATCH BY IT- IT WORKS ON TIME TO STIFLE ANY MOVEMENT OF THE SPIRIT. HE CAN ONLY USE THOSE WHO ARE CONVINCED OF THEIR AUTHORITY.

THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH IS BUILT ON THE APOSTLES  
AND WHAT IS THEIR JOB? TO FIND THE LOST  
THIS IS THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH



## EPHESIANS 2: 19-22

19 NOW THEREFORE YE ARE NO MORE STRANGERS AND FOREIGNERS, BUT FELLOW CITIZENS WITH THE SAINTS, AND OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD.

*Notice that after we are born again we become citizens of heaven- we are no longer strangers- those in heaven are our fellows.*

20 AND ARE BUILT UPON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS, JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF BEING THE CHIEF CORNER STONE

*This is important- the foundation of the apostles was to " find the lost"- this is what we are built upon, and Jesus is our chief cornerstone of this work and apostleship. We are built upon their foundation. Not a memory or a museum. It is a work (ergos)*

*The foundation of the church is to find the lost*

21 IN WHOM ALL THE BUILDING FITLY FRAMED TOGETHER GROWETH  
INTO A HOLY TEMPLE IN THE LORD

*We are the building and we are fitly framed together whereby we have grown into a temple for Him to dwell in*

*This is not a fantasy- He is ready when we are*

22 IN WHOM YE ALSO ARE BUILDED TOGETHER FOR A HABITATION OF GOD  
THROUGH THE SPIRIT

*He is so concerned for the world- He will literally inhabit us as we are built up for His use and purposes*



## **WARNING AGAINST IGNORANCE-VANITY**

17) This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind.

*Paul is warning us not to walk as others in the "vanity of their mind" This implies not to walk as those who do not understand their own ministry. To be full of one's own opinions, views and even ideals and still not having found how to serve Him is vanity in God's eyes.*

18) having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;  
*Our understanding darkened is being in an unsaved state which is ignorant of God and His total goodness - or for the christian- darkness implies a lack of service to Him. Rulership and kingdoms of this world that do not serve Him. A dark place, alienated from the life of God. The blindness of the heart is a spiritual place that has not yet understood the grace of God.*

19) who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

*A result of not finding our gifts in Christ and furnishing the earth to serve Him. A great warning is given- we will become entrenched in the lusts of this world. Most readily accepting the works of greed. This is our natural carnal response to life without the Savior in our heart. Who would be imparting to us His spirit and wisdom including a new nature which would be able to respond more soundly in a godly way.*

20) but you have not so learned in Christ- *the early church had already been in the glory of the gifts of ministry. Had already experienced the difference between the 2 covenants. One heavy and old- the new light and full of hope. A hope they were doing out in droves to those in need. They had leaned in and learned in Christ how to minister his free gift of salvation and more.*



There is a great cost of this ignorance. This planet that is covered with black holes from lack of understanding has gone without. Our home, this earth, has been deprived of the great benefit of (whole body ) ministry. We have snippets, sound bites and the full blessing of God cannot reach us. We are meant to understand the word of God together so deeply that it launches us to ministry. There is not enough of His blessing formed from the vacuum of our own deception. More so, without the education and application of eph 4 we are vulnerable to attack. The mature fruit of our salvation can only be ministry. The outreach to the world, our neighbor, our family. This is the very heart of our Lord. who would never reduce us to a number or limit on our own significance. He has not put us in a system of approval and rating. It is not He who has fastened us to a pew for 60 years and called it enough. This is man's invention. It is HE who has shared all things with us including His right to bring salvation to others. Without this living out of our significance in the body of Christ the enemy has a right to attack us. He is allowed to go before the throne of God and accuse us. We

will lose crowns in heaven. More than just the optimal blessings and the favor of God we can suffer many other types of loss.

In my years of knowing the Lord I have to say all the songs and television and books have been great. By far, however, the greater good has been when I was sent of the Lord into the fields of life with the gospel. The best moment of my life has been hearing the Lord with His words of praise and knowledge to reward the fruit of my efforts. Just recently while standing in line a new face smiled at me. Just before I left I heard the Lord say “make room for ME” When she smiled at me the anointing was there, I followed the seed. I remembered His words. After becoming friends and discussing the current events of the day, I asked politely if she knew Jesus. The conversation grew and I understood her troubles and her spiritual condition. In the few minutes we had, I was able to show her the spiritual need we all have for a Savior. She said she did not understand the bible. She did not even like what I was saying. She kept throwing her hand up as if she was tossing the whole idea. I drew her a picture of the simplicity of the gospel and she stopped the hand tossing and started to get a crack of wisdom. She was beginning to understand. I tried my best. Later that day, when taking a walk I heard the Father “they never heard of my kingdom” then later He spoke again “they are beginning to get the benefit already”. This warmed my heart and to add to the point- do we see how the Lord works so quickly? He is true to His word and by my obedience and He was rushing to their case with benefit. His spirit was released to them by the simple seeds I obediently sowed into her heart. She had many sick relatives who are now gaining strength from the gospel ! I can tell you plainly there is nothing more exciting ! The voice of the Father is my reward ! So in light of what Ephesians 4 is telling us- and the power of our obedience in the gospel- lets take a look at what the future church might look like.

## THE TRUE ORDINANCES OF THE CHURCH

THIS SECTION CONNECT TO THE INSTRUCTIONS OF EPH 4 TO THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF 1 COR 10-14

1 CORINTHIANS 14:26-HOW SHALL IT BE THEN BRETHREN? WHEN YE COME TOGETHER? EVERY ONE OF YOU HAS A PSALM-HATH A DOCTRINE-HATH A TONGUE-HATH A REVELATION- HATH AN INTERPRETATION- LET ALL THINGS BE DONE UNTO EDIFYING

*This is saying how shall church be now brethren? What shall we do when we gather? It lists an all inclusive set of spiritual ordinances we should take part in.*

WHAT THEY ARE NOT- THEY ARE NOT COMMUNION- NOT THE FORMAL ASSEMBLY-NOT THE SACRAMENTS

IF ANYONE HAS A WORD, A PSALM, A DOCTRINE IS THE PRIORITY. IT IS NOT A STANDING OVATION FOR ONE MAN. IT IS ALL OF US TOGETHER EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT.

A TYPICAL CHURCH SERVICE DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR THIS OR ALLOW THIS. IT IS ACTIVELY STOPPING THIS. GOD CAN SPEAK THROUGH ANYONE AS THE WORD STATES AND YET WE ARE ONLY ALLOWING HIM TO SPEAK THROUGH ONE. THE OVERARCHING PASTORAL AUTHORITY IS DOMINATING THIS BIBLICAL ORDINANCE. HOW SHALL IT BE? THIS QUESTION IS BEGGING THE ANSWER- EVERYONE HAS A WORD, A PART, A DOCTRINE. THE EMPHASIS OF ONE GIFT IS THE ELIMINATION OF THE WORDS OF

KNOWLEDGE AND TEACHING AND CONTRIBUTION OF THE WHOLE BODY OF CHRIST.

A HOME CHURCH THAT BREAKS OFF FROM THE FORMAL BUILDING BUT RETAINS THE PRACTICE OF AUTHORITY IS NOT TOTALLY FREE. CHRIST IS STILL NOT THE HEAD WITH THE MINISTRY GIFTS WORKING IN ALL OF US. -WITHOUT THE LAUNCH INTO THE WORLD WE HAVE NOT REACHED MATURITY. THE GLASS OF WATER WE SERVE IS OF MORE VALUE TO HIM THAN ANOTHER SERVICE WITHOUT IT. THE GROWN UP CHURCH IS A PLACE OF SERVICE. NOT HAVING OR JUST ATTENDING A SERVICE. IT IS SERVING THE LOST, THE HOMELESS, THE SICK. MINISTRY IN ALL IS THE LAUNCH THAT WILL BREAK THE SPIRIT OF AUTHORITY.

WHICH HOMELESS SHELTER ARE THE APOSTLES VISITING THIS WEEK? THE PROPHETS WILL KNOW.

DOES ANYONE HAVE A PSALM? A DOCTRINE? A WORD? DID YOU EVEN KNOW YOU HAD A RIGHT TO SPEAK?



## How Do We Find APOSTLESHIP?

- \*divorce all old covenant practices
- \*allow release of ministry
- \*allow the Holy Spirit His way
- \*Cite examples in the word of God as OUR example
- \*Rely on the Holy Spirit to direct as first apostles did
- \*Expect prophetic help and insight from brethren
- \*Be imitators of Paul=work in groups of one mind
- \*Seek the higher gifts
- \*Reach out with personal evangelistic efforts-  
friendship first and discern-place Christ in  
conversation
- \*Have faith for God to complete your seed=he will  
bring others if you are no longer available
- \*Help the newly saved find a personal pastor- or be  
one to them

**Many examples in the word of God tell of the Holy Spirit's leading for ministry- He is able**

The holy spirit directs the body in ministry

**ACTS 16:6-10** THE HOLY SPIRIT FORBIDS PAUL AND  
TIMOTHY TO GO INTO A CERTAIN CITY

**ACTS 13:2-4** THE HOLY SPIRIT SEPARATES BARNABUS AND SAUL  
FOR A CERTAIN WORK

**ACTS 20:28** THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS MADE OVERSEERS- GREEK  
MEANING (SERVANT)

**MATTHEW 9:38** PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE  
HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABORERS INTO HIS  
HARVEST

**ISAIAH 48:16** AND NOW THE LORD GOD AND HIS SPIRIT HAS  
SENT ME

**End... but only the beginning...placing the  
church on a new trajectory for the future**

