

ECCLESIOLOGY

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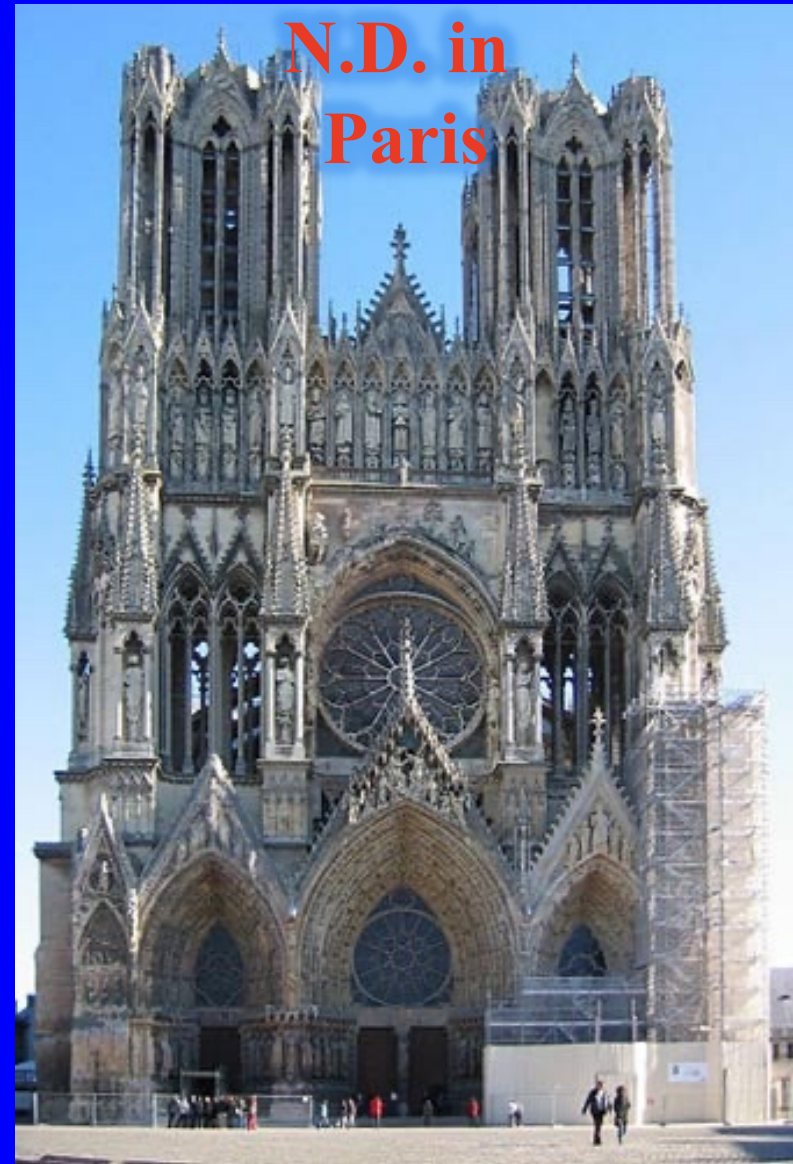


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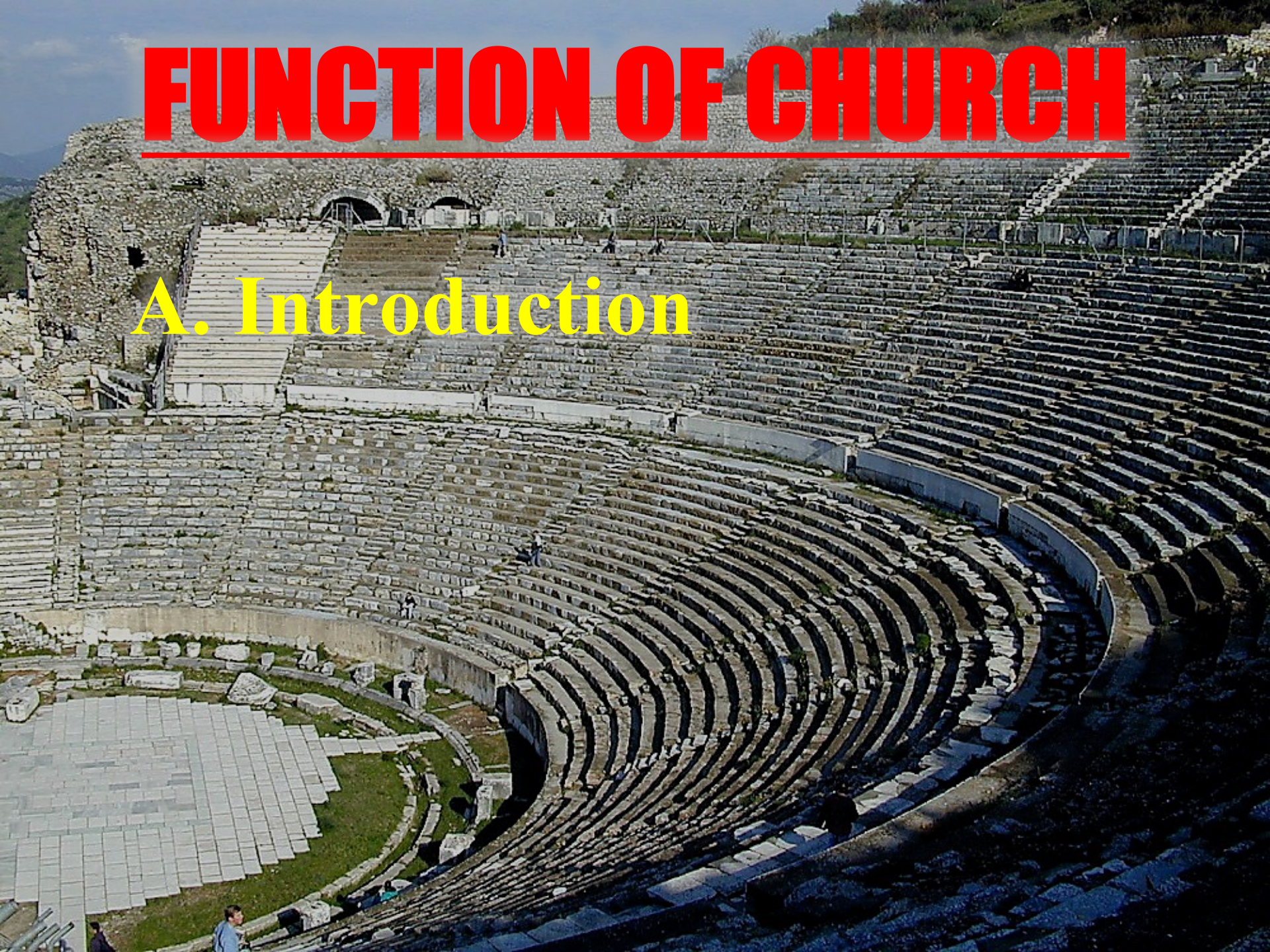
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1. Introduction
2. Concept
3. Function



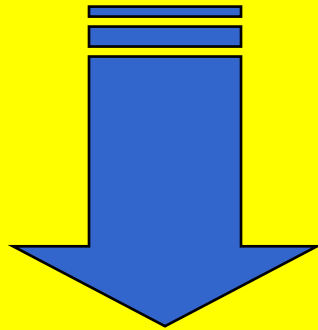
FUNCTION OF CHURCH

A. Introduction



TYPICAL MODEL

Paid Staff -> Ministry



Congregation -> Recipients

Lay ministry

FUNCTION OF CHURCH



A. Introduction

B. Pattern of Ministry

Eph 4:1-16

A. Prerequisites

1. Preservation of Unity

4:1-6

4:1-3



4:1-3 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to **walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,**
2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, **3** being diligent to **preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

Eph 4:1-16

A. Prerequisites

1. Preservation of Unity

2. Pattern of Unity

4:1-6

4:1-3

4:4-6



4:4-6 There is **one body and one Spirit**, just as also you were called in **one hope of your calling**; **5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.**

Eph 4:1-16

A. Prerequisites

4:1-6

B. Pattern

4:7-16

1. Provision

4:7-10

a. Possessors of Gifts

4:7



4:7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

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a. Possessors of Gifts

4:7

b. Provider of Gifts

4:8-10



**4:8 Therefore it says,
“WHEN HE ASCENDED ON
HIGH,
HE LED CAPTIVE A HOST OF
CAPTIVES,
AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN.”**

4:9-10 (Now this expression, “He ascended,” **what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.**)

[Ps 68:18]

Eph 4:1-16

A. Prerequisites

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1. Provision

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2. Performance

4:11-16

a. Provision

4:11



4:11-12 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

FOUNDATIONAL

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b. Plan

4:12



JESUS CHRIST

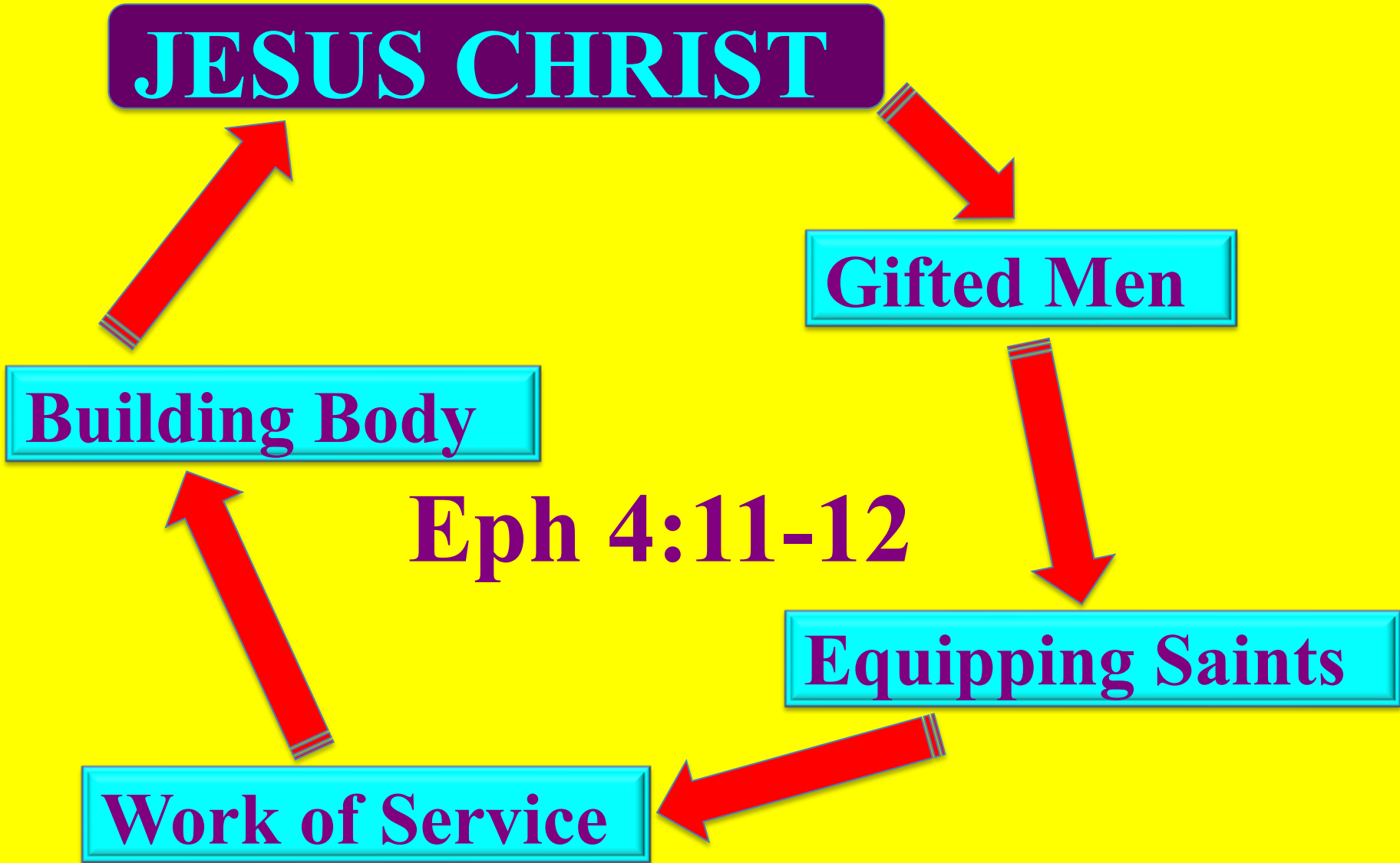
Gifted Men

Building Body

Eph 4:11-12

Equipping Saints

Work of Service



Eph 4:1-16

A. Prerequisites

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1. Provision

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2. Performance

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a. Provision

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b. Plan

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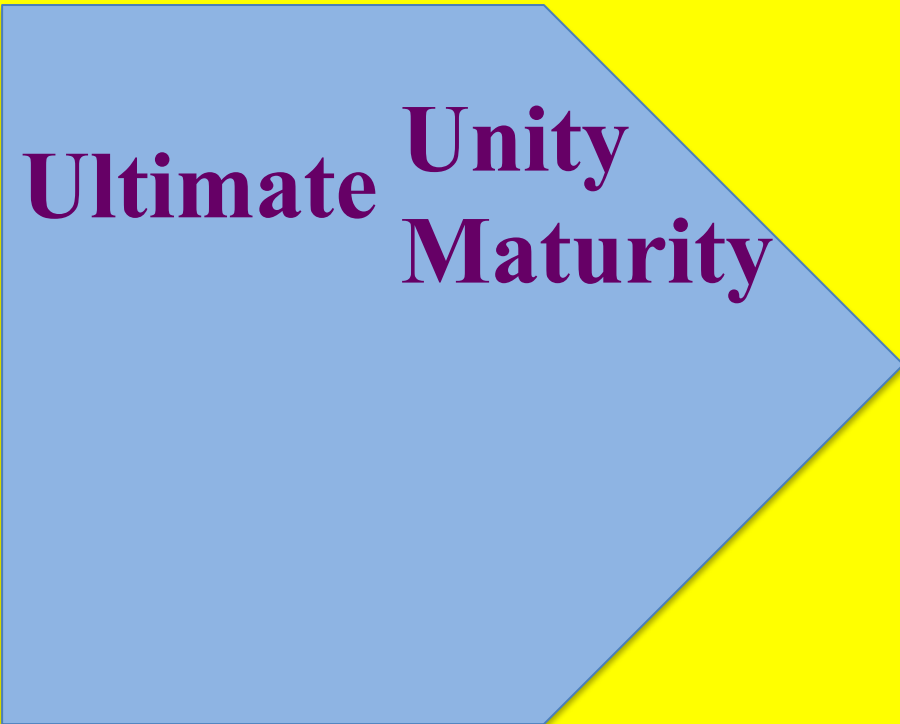
c. Purpose Ultimately

4:13



4:13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

Eph 4:13-16



Eph 4:1-16

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B. Pattern

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1. Provision

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2. Performance

4:11-16

a. Provision

4:11

b. Plan

4:12

c. Purpose Ultimately

4:13

d. Purpose Presently

4:14-16



4:14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

**4:15 but speaking the truth in love,
we are to grow up in all aspects
into Him who is the head, even
Christ,**

Eph 4:13-16



**4:16 from whom the whole body,
being fitted and held together by
what every joint supplies,
according to the proper working
of each individual part, causes
the growth of the body for the
building up of itself in love.**

FUNCTIONING

	<u>TYPICAL</u>	<u>BIBLICAL</u>
➤ Leadership -	Pastor & Staff	Elders (pl.)
➤ Ministry -	Pastor & Staff	All Saints Gifted
➤ Growth -	Numbers	Maturity
➤ Result -	Immaturity	God's Glory

APPLICATION

- **4:1-6 - Prerequisites -> Unity**
- **4:7 - Participation -> All**
- **4:7-10 - Power -> Grace**
- **4:11 - Provision -> Gifted Men**
- **4:12 - Pattern -> Equipping**
- **4:13-16 - Purpose -> Maturity**

FUNCTION OF CHURCH



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C. Other Spiritual Gifts

1. Description & Distribution

A Jacksonville Jaguars player, wearing a black jersey with teal accents and the number 15, is in the air catching a football. He is wearing a black helmet with a teal and gold jaguar logo. A Dallas Cowboys player, wearing a white jersey with blue stripes and the number 21, is tackling him from behind. The background is a blurred stadium crowd.

**YOU
ARE
GIFTED!**

DESCRIPTION

1. Not-Natural
2. Not an Office
3. Spiritual

The image shows a landscape with ancient stone ruins in the foreground and a large, craggy mountain in the background. The ruins consist of several walls made of large, rectangular stone blocks, some of which are partially collapsed. The ground is covered with dirt and sparse green grass. The sky is overcast with grey clouds. The text is overlaid in the center of the image in a yellow, serif font.

**πνευματικός
(1Cor 12:1)**

DESCRIPTION

- 1. Not-Natural**
- 2. Not an Office**
- 3. Spiritual**
- 4. Gracious**

The image shows a scene of ancient Greek ruins, likely the Temple of Apollo at Delphi. In the foreground, there are several large, weathered stone blocks and a low wall. In the middle ground, a row of six standing Doric columns supports a fragment of the entablature. To the right, another column stands alone. The background features a large, rugged mountain under a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

χάρις - Eph 4:7

χάρισμα -

1Cor 12:4 &

Rom 12:6

DESCRIPTION

- 1. Not-Natural**
- 2. Not an Office**
- 3. Spiritual**
- 4. Gracious**
- 5. Vary**
- 6. Abused**

DISTRIBUTION

- Sovereignly - Trinity
- Graciously - only believers
- Each Believer - at spiritual birth

What Can I Do?

Even though my keyboard is old, it works quite well except for one of the keys. I've wished many times that it worked perfectly.

There are many keys functioning well enough, but just one key not working makes the difference.

What Can I Do?

God gave each one of us a spiritual gift, and the Body of Christ cannot function properly without each gift being used. So, the next time you think that you aren't very important when it comes to the Body functioning, just remember my key board.

DISTRIBUTION

- Sovereignly - Trinity
- Graciously - only believers
- Each Believer - at spiritual birth
- Uniquely - individual purpose
- Purposefully - Edification
God's Glory

GIVEN

By **Christ**

Thru **Holy Spirit**

By **Grace**

To **Each Believer**

For **Edification**

God's Glory

ALL BELIEVERS

- **Calling of All - 2Tim 1:8-9**
- **Priesthood of All - 1Pet 2:5, 9**
- **One Anothers - Jn 13:34-35**
- **Doctrinal Letters - 1Cor 15:58**
- **Early Church - Act 13:52**
- **Spiritual Gifts - 1Tim 4:14**
- **Future Rewards - Col 3:23-24**

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The background of the slide is a photograph of an ancient stone amphitheater, likely the Theatre of Ephesus. The seating is made of large, weathered stone blocks, arranged in a semi-circular pattern. The theater is mostly empty, with a few small figures of people visible in the distance, providing a sense of scale. The sky is clear and blue.

A. Introduction

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C. Other Spiritual Gifts

1. Description & Distribution

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3. Major Gifts

MAJOR GIFTS

- **Prophet - Speaks Revelation**
- **Service - Serves without Notice**
- **Teacher - Explains God's Word**
- **Exhortation - Motivates to Action**
- **Giving - Meets Needs**
- **Leadership - Gives Guidance**
- **Mercy - Aids Afflicted**

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1. Description & Distribution

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3. Major Gifts

4. Important Gifts

VIEWS

1. Cessationist

1Cor 13:8-10 -> canon of NT

Confirms message

Transition in Acts

Absent in history of church

VIEWS

1. Cessationist

2. Non-cessationist

1Cor 13:10-12 -> 2nd Coming

Instruction in doctrinal books

Need in some situations

Why counterfeits?

IMPORTANT GIFTS

- **Word of Wisdom - application**
- **Word of Knowledge - research**
- **Faith - trust for big things**
- **Healing - miraculous healing**
- **Miracles - supernatural works**
- **Discerning of Spirits - insight**
- **Tongues - unknown languages**
- **Interpretation of Tongues**

DANGERS

- **Great abuse today**
- **Counterfeits**
- **Purely emotional**
- **Some Satanic - occult, unbelievers,
Mormons**

TONGUES

- 1. Real languages - Act 2:11**
- 2. Can be bad witness - 14:23**
- 3. Balance of all gifts - 14:26**
- 4. Order & for edification - 14:26-27**
- 5. Limited to 2 or 3 - 14:27**
- 6. Interpreter necessary - 14:28**
- 7. Command - 14:39**
- 8. Priority of love - 13:1**

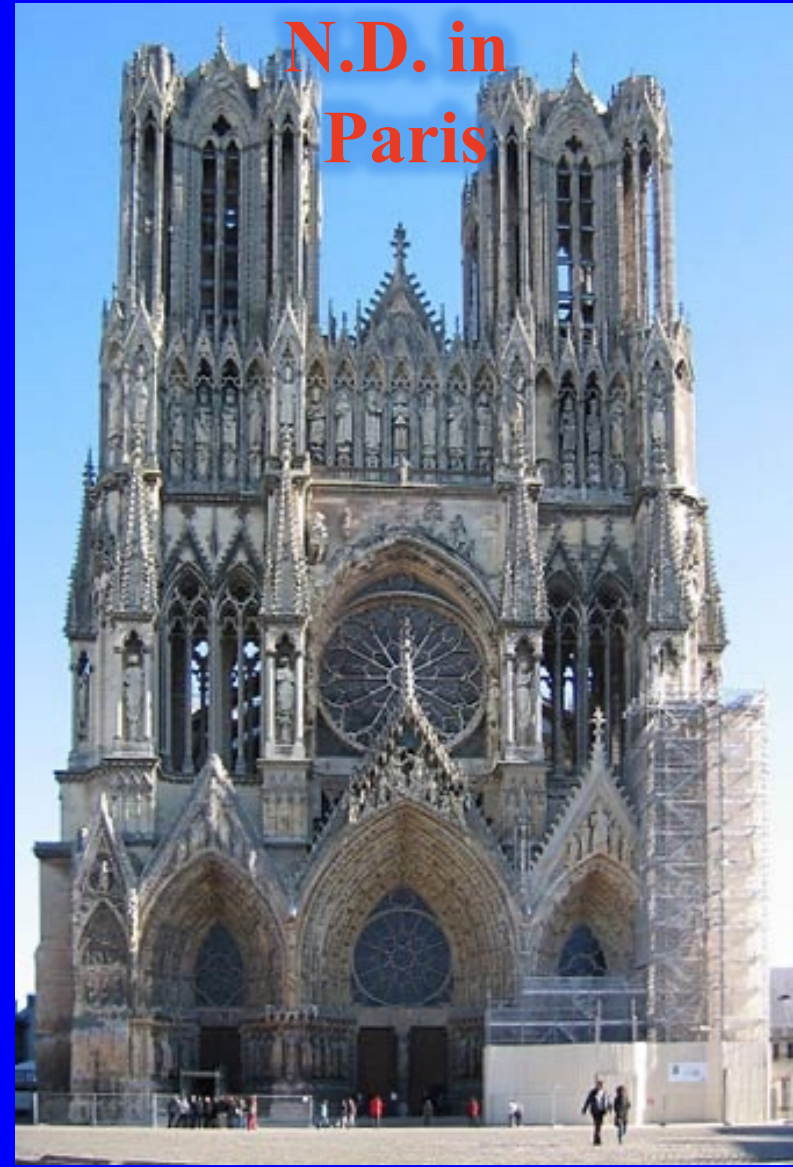
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MINISTRIES

- 1. To God - worship & service**
- 2. To Itself - edification**

EDIFICATION

- 1. Word - teaching**
- 2. Prayer - empowering**
- 3. Body - one anothers**
- 4. Equipping - gifting**
- 5. Families - nurturing**

MINISTRIES

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- 2. To Itself - edification**
- 3. To World - evangelism**