

## *Sermon Notes*

### *Themes from Ephesians*

“The Gifts that Christ Gives to the Church” – Ephesians 4:7-13

#### I. Introduction

##### A. Unity

1. Paul’s emphasis

B. All receive gifts but not the same gifts or the identical number of gifts.

1. List of gifts: Romans 12:4-6; I Corinthians 12:4-6

C. Key Text: Ephesians 4:7-13

#### II. Exposition

##### A. Verses 7-10

1. Quote is from Psalm 68

a. God as victorious.

b. Jesus is identified with God as victor.

2. Two points about these gifts.

a. If the gifts are dispensed by Jesus then they should be used for the purpose He intended.

b. Gifts are given to all Christians. Everyone has at least one.

##### B. Verse 11

1. Not an exhaustive list. Other lists found in I Corinthians 12:8-10 and Romans 12:6-8.

2. Apostles and Prophets

a. Apostles

b. Prophets

3. Evangelists

4. Pastors and Teachers

a. Pastors

b. Teachers

#### C. Verses 12-13

1. What is the purpose of spiritual gifts?

a. So that God’s people become unified in faith and mature in practice.

#### III. Points for reflection

A. Every one of us has at least one gift. Are you using yours?

B. The Apostles and Prophets were given to direct the growth of the church.

C. Pastor’s jobs are made easier when the sheep listen and obey.

1. Hebrews 13:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

D. Teachers carry a greater weight because they will undergo a more complex scrutiny than others. In addition, church members are responsible to learn and implement what they have been taught.

1. Hebrews 5:12-6:1; James 3:1