

# The Believer is to Walk by Using His Gifts

## Ephesians 04:07–16

**1** *Every believer is gifted*

7 But to each one of us  
grace has been given  
as Christ apportioned it.

**2** *Every believer's gift has cost  
the greatest possible price*

8 This is why it says:  
“When he ascended on high,  
he led captives in his train  
and gave gifts to men.”

a. The picture

9 (What does “he ascended” mean  
except that he also descended  
to the lower, earthly regions?)

b. The great cost:  
The death of Christ  
and His descending  
into the lower parts of the earth

10 He who descended is the very one  
who ascended higher than all the heavens,  
in order to fill the whole universe.)

c. The great value:  
That Christ might fill  
the whole universe  
with His presence

**3** *Every believer's gift is  
Christ-centred*

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,

**4** *Every believer's gift  
has a threefold purpose*

12 To prepare God's people  
for works of service,  
so that the body of Christ  
may be built up

a. An immediate purpose:  
To equip others

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.

b. An eternal purpose:  
To become a mature man  
like Christ

c. A personal purpose

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.

1) To no longer be children  
— immature

<p>2) To grow up in all things — mature</p> <p>3) To do his part in building up the church</p>	<p>15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.</p> <p>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.</p>
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