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God's Gift and Your Life

Ephesians 4:4-10

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[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… [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. —Ephesians 4:1, 4-5

… [6]one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. [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? [10]He who descended is the One who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)
—Ephesians 4:6-10

Spiritual Gifts in the New Testament:
Motivational Gifts—Romans 12
Manifestation Gifts—1 Corinthians 12
Ministry Gifts—Ephesians 4

Spiritual gift = a special endowment for a specific task

[8]For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God [9]not a result of works, so that no one may boast. [10]For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. —Ephesians 2:8-10

CHRIST'S _____

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
—Matthew 16:18

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with his own blood. —Acts 20:28

But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as He chose. —1 Corinthians 12:18

• Christ's Gift Extends From His _____

"God shall arise…"

[4]Sing to God, sing praises to His name; lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts; His name is the LORD; exult before Him! [5]Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in His holy habitation. [6]God settles the solitary

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in a home; He leads out the prisoners to prosperity… [18]You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in Your train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there. [19]Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. Selah —Psalm 68:4-6a, 18-19

[20]He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! [21]The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen. —Revelation 22:20-21

• Christ's Gift Refers to His _____

(In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth?)
—Ephesians 4:9

[5]Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus [6]who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped [7]but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. [8]And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. —Philippians 2:5-8

For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.
—2 Corinthians 5:21

Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!
—2 Corinthians 9:15

• Christ's Gift Invites Us to Partake of His _____

[12]Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. [13]But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed. —1 Peter 4:12-13

[5]… To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood [6]and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. [7]Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of Him. Even so. Amen. —Revelation 1:5-7

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