

Women of Grace 2009-2010
Ephesians: The Glory of His Grace
Homework for Lesson Thirteen
Gifts in the Church, Part 1

Read Ephesians 4:7-13

1. (a) Read Ephesians 4:7-13. Find phrases that tell how leadership roles in the church are given.

(b) When were these gifts given, according to verses 8 and 9?

2. (a) What gift did Jesus promise after His ascension (John 15:26-27, 16:7; Acts 1:8)?

(b) How was this promise fulfilled in His disciples (Acts 2)?

3. Describe the function of the five gifts from Christ to the church listed in Ephesians 4:11. Use the extra verses to help you with your answers.

Apostles (Ephesians 2:20, 3:5, Acts 1:21-26)

Prophets (1 Corinthians 14:3, 31)

Evangelists (Acts 8:5-6, 26-40)

Pastors (1 Peter 5:1-4)

Teachers (2 Timothy 2:1-2, 2:24-25)

4. (a) How were these roles seen in the early church?
Acts 6:2-4

Acts 11:27, 21:8-11

Acts 6:8-10, 8:5-6, 26-40

1 Peter 5:1-4

2 Timothy 2:1-2

(b) Which of these gifts are still seen in the church today?
Which ones have ceased?

5. (a) What is the purpose of these gifts in the church,
according to Ephesians 4:12?

(b) How have you been equipped as others have shared their
spiritual gifts with you?

6. (a) What is the result of these gifts in the church, according
to Ephesians 4:13?

(b) How do the spiritual gifts listed in 4:11 protect the unity of
the church?

7. What do you think a church would look like if it fulfilled the
purposes listed in Ephesians 4:12-13?

8. Meditate on the truth that God has given the leaders in your
church as His gift to you. In what ways can you encourage
them as they fulfill the roles that God has given them?