

Wednesday 6/29/22 Notes by Jack Waldrop

Main Text: Ephesians 4:8c – “And gave gifts to men.”

I. What He Gave

a. Ephesians 4:11 NKJV

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

II. Why He gave gifts

a. Ephesians 4:12

for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ

i. Equipping the Saints for the work of ministry.

1. 2 Timothy 2:2

And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

2. 2 Timothy 2:15

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

ii. Edifying the body of Christ.

1. 1 Timothy 1:3-4

3 As I urged you when I went into Macedonia—remain in Ephesus that you may ^[a]charge some that they teach no other doctrine **4** nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith.

III. The process that leads to the end goal.

The end of the Church’s journey or process is described in 4 ways.

a. Ephesians 4:13-16

13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; **14** that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, **15** but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— **16** from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

i. “The unity of the faith.”

1. John 17:11, 21, 23

11 Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep^[a] through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We *are*.

21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

ii. “The knowledge of the Son of God.”

1. Colossians 1:9-10

9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; **10** that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

2. 2 Peter 1:2-4

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, **3** as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, **4** by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the ^[a]corruption *that is* in the world through lust.

iii. “Unto a perfect man.”

1. Colossians 1:28

Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

iv. “No longer children.”

1. Ephesians 4:14

that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

2. 1 Corinthians 13:11

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

3. Hebrews 5:12-14

12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need *someone* to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. **13** For everyone who partakes *only* of milk *is* unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. **14** But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.