



## Christ's Gifts For His Church

Ephesians 4:7-16

- 1) Christ was victorious over Satan, death and sin (4:8-10)
- 2) Christ gave gifts to His church (4:7-8, 11)
  - a) Apostles— "sent ones" who saw the risen Christ
  - b) Prophets—received divine revelation
  - c) Evangelists—proclaimers of gospel
  - d) Pastor-teachers—shepherds in local church
- 3) Christ gifted His church for its equipping (12-15)
  - a) To become unified in doctrine
  - b) To gain adequate knowledge of Christ
  - c) To increase in spiritual maturity
- 4) Christ's body (the church) will grow in love (16)
- 5) Evangelists & Pastors are gifts for Christ's church
  - a) Evangelists (obstetricians) give birth
  - b) Pastor-teachers (pediatricians) nurture growth (cf. John 21:15-17)
    - i. No sermonettes (they produce Christianettes)
    - ii. Eagerly seeking wandering sheep
    - iii. Ready to get dirty; risk own life
    - iv. Willing to be critiqued
    - v. Refreshed by service
  - c) Evangelists & pastor-teachers need one another
    - i. Evangelists buy the food
    - ii. Pastors prepare the meal