



## “Christ’s Gifts to the Church”

Ephesians 4:11-14

- I. In chapter 4, Christ has been exalted for having ascended into heaven and given \_\_\_\_\_ to men (4:7-8).
- a. In our text today, we see that included in these gifts to men are some key \_\_\_\_\_ relating to the teaching of the word of God (4:11).

*1 Corinthians 12:27-31; Ephesians 2:20; 3:4-5; Acts 13:1; 11:27-30; 2 Timothy 4:5; 1 Timothy 3:2-3*

- b. The purpose for these gifts is first listed generally—the gifts centering on the word of God seek to \_\_\_\_\_ saints for service and for building up the church (4:12a).

*Ephesians 3:16-17*

- II. The work of the saints in ministry builds this

- \_\_\_\_\_ (4:12b).
- a. The body of Christ is built until we come into the \_\_\_\_\_ that exists in vv. 3-6 and to unity of knowledge of Christ (4:13).
- b. The body that is being built up is the body that is comprised of ourselves \_\_\_\_\_, the local body of Christ (4:14).

## QUESTIONS FOR TONIGHT:

1. Parachurch ministries have been beneficial and necessary. Where might we see them birthed in the Bible? In what ways are they necessary due to the nature of the work they perform vs. necessity due to what is lacking in modern local church ministries?
2. In what ways do American Christians adopt an individualized faith that stunts their spiritual development? In what ways does individualism prevent God’s intentions in His demonstration through the church (Ephesians 3:10)?