

# SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Pastor Tony Felich

Spiritual Diversity in the Church through Christ

Ephesians 4:7-12

September 13, 2020

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
<p><b>Ephesians 4:7</b> 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.) [11] And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, [12] to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, [13] until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, [14] so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.</p>	<p><b>Our diverse roles and abilities are granted by Jesus and enrich the church.</b></p> <p>I. Christ gives spiritual gifts to each believer (7-10)</p> <p>II. Christ appointed pastor-teachers to equip church members for service (11-12)</p> <p>III. We should be exercising our spiritual gifts for the building up of the church (12)</p> <p><b>Memory verse for 2020-</b></p> <p>Matthew 7:24-25</p> <p>[24] "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.</p> <p>[25] And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.</p>

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## Sermon Application Questions

1. Discuss this statement from Sinclair Ferguson:  
"There is something important to note about the unity of the Church. It does not lack variety. Rather it is the unity within the rich diversity of believers whose gifts and graces complement each other. We share in one body- says Paul- but each one of us functions in a different way." - Ferguson
2. How does knowledge of Christ's personal administration of spiritual gifts to each believer encourage you? (v.7)
3. Discuss saving grace vs (or, in relationship to) "serving grace", as mentioned in the sermon.
4. What is the role of pastor-teachers according to verse 12. Why is this important to understand?
5. What is the purpose for church members serving the body with their gifts? (hint, last part of verse 12).
6. Discuss the various spiritual gifts mentioned in Scripture and which of them you might have. (1 Peter 4, 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12).

## Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: