

The Purpose of Equipping Gifts in the Church

*(Pastor John Brackbill/Ephesians 4:12/4.26.15)
Bible Study Hour*

Walk in a manner worthy of your calling in Christ in the context of His body the church (1-6)

As Christ brings about a mature unity in His body by the body (7-16)

- A mature unity through the diversity of Christ's gifts to each person in His body (7-10)
 - All those who are in Christ have been given a spiritual gift (7)
 - As a consequence of Christ's victory (8-10)
 - A victory secured because of Christ's descent at the incarnation for the purpose of the cross (9)
 - A victory that results is Christ's Lordship over everything (10)
- A mature unity specifically through Christ's equipping gifts to His body (11-16)
 - The identification of those equipping gifts
 - Apostles
 - Prophets
 - Evangelists
 - Pastor-Teachers

- The purpose Christ gave equipping gifts to His church

- For the purpose of _____ all the saints

- With the goal of preparing them for the _____

- With the final goal that the body of Christ would be built up through _____ of all the saints

Three Applications:

- Since pastor-teachers are given to equip the church pastoral-teaching ought to be _____ in the life of the gathered church.

- If every member is not serving then the body is not being built as it _____.

- Since the body (the church) is what gets built up, the work of service is the serving of the _____ for Christ.