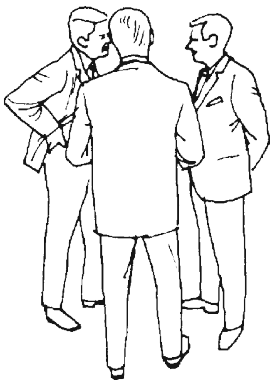


Ephesians 4:7–16



7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of the gift of Christ. 8 Therefore it says, “When he ascended on high he captured captives; he gave gifts to men.” 9 Now what is the meaning of “he ascended,” except that he also descended to the lower regions, namely, the earth? 10 He, the very one who descended, is also the one who ascended above all the heavens, in order to fill all things. 11 It was he who gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, that is, to build 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—a mature person, attaining to the measure of Christ’s full stature. 14 So we are no longer to be children, tossed back and forth by waves and carried about by every wind of teaching by the trickery of people who craftily carry out their deceitful schemes. 15 But practicing the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Christ, who is the head. 16 From him the whole body grows, fitted and held together through every supporting ligament. As each one does its part, the body grows in love.



Gifts To The Church

1. How did Christ lead “captured captives”? When did this happen?
2. Describe the qualifications and duties each of the following works:
 - a. Apostles
 - b. Prophets
 - c. Evangelists
 - d. Pastors and teachers
3. Define each of the following phrases:
 - a. “equip of the saints”
 - b. “the work of the ministry”
 - c. “build up the body of Christ”
 - d. “the unity of the faith”
4. In what way are some Christians like *children*?
5. Explain the phrase, “fitted and held together.”
6. What is the result of “each one” doing its part?