

# **“GIFTED AND GROWING”**

**Ephesians 4:7-13**

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## INTRODUCTION

What is all this about? Why church? Why worship services? Classes? Special meetings?  
Why not each believer on his own?  
Why not be saved and go straight to heaven?

Here we see that **Christians have different gifts (v. 7), a Divine dispenser of gifts (vv. 8-11), and that the gifted ones have both duty and destiny (vv. 12-13).**

God has gifted us and given us gifted leaders in order that we gifted ones might fulfill our duty and attain our destiny.

## **WE MUST FULFILL OUR DUTY AND STRIVE TOWARD OUR DESTINY!**

### I. DIFFERENCES AMONG GIFTS (7)

- A. Merit excluded—“Grace”
- B. Measurement made
- C. Messiah is Master

### II. DIVINE DISPENSER OF GIFTS (8-11)

- A. The Message of Scripture (8—See Ps. 68:18)

- B. The Meaning of the Prophecy (9-10)

- C. The Men who are gifted (11)

### III. THE DUTY AND DESTINY OF GIFTED ONES (12-13)

- A. The Duty (12)
  - 1. Work of the ministry
  - 2. Building up (edifying) the Body
- B. The Destiny (13)
  - 1. Unity of Faith and Knowledge of the Son of God

## 2. Mature Man

## 3. Measure of the Stature of Christ's fullness

### CONCLUSION

Jesus is exalted;

He's given each of us a gift.

He's Given gifted men to train us.

He expects us:

- **To Serve**
- **To Study**
- **To Grow**
- **To Grow the whole church**
- **Until we reach "the measure of the stature of His fullness."**