

Study Questions  
Ephesians 7 Revisited  
Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup> 2009

1). Eph 4:11 *And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,*

a). Who is the One who did the giving and how was this made possible?

b). Why is this significant?

c). Explain what role the apostles, prophets, evangelists and pastor-teachers have in the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry.

d). Equipping = Greek – ‘katartismos’ = from 2675; complete furnishing (objectively):--perfecting. This is for the purpose of bringing to completion. And comes from a word that means to mend, as in the setting of a bone, so as to be perfectly joined together.

e) How then would you explain the process of being ‘equipped’?

f). Heb 6:10 *For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.*

g). What other words are used here to describe ministry by the saints to the saints?

h). What does it mean that this action is ‘shown towards His name’?

i). How is this type of ministry to one another made possible, and how would this connect with our opening scripture?

j). How would all of this be connected with Paul's prayer in Chapter 3?

*Eph 3:17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height-- 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

k). What does the phrase 'the edifying of the body of Christ' mean?

l). What is our personal responsibility towards the apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor-teacher in the light of what we have studied?

2). *Eph 4:13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ—*

a). What two specific things are mentioned in v13 with respect to our unity?

b). How is the ministry of the apostle, prophet, evangelist and pastor-teacher of paramount importance to this?

- c). How is v13 being fulfilled presently and when will be its ultimate fulfillment?
- d). What happens to the ministry of the apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor-teacher at the point of future fulfillment?
- e). How would we classify those here who are described as ‘children’?
- f). What would these Christians be susceptible to?
- g). What would this look like for us?
- h). How careful do we have to be about ‘Christian’ material we read or listen to?
- i). What is the context in which the greater majority of contemporary Christian material is produced?
- j). What do you think about that?
- k). V14 begins by telling us what we should not do and then v15 begins by telling us what we should do instead – What would it mean then to speak ‘the truth in love’ in this context?
- l). How is this connected with - Eph 6:14 *Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth,*
- m). Why is it important for us to do this?
- n). If we follow the command of scripture what will the result be?

3). Eph 4:16 [Christ] *from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.*

a). What do the phrases ‘every joint’ and ‘every part’ refer to?

b). How does our scripture here connect with - Eph 2:20 *having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.*

c). What additional information is given in 4:16?

d). How is the body to be joined and knit together?

e). ‘according to the effective working’ – what does this phrase refer to and where would be our scripture for it?

f). What is ‘every part’ to do its share of?

g). What does this say about our own significance within the body?

h). Why does doing our share cause growth of the body?

i). Why will this cause the body to edify itself in love?

j). How seriously should we take doing our share?

k). What are the consequences for not doing so?

l). Can you relate any of this to past ‘church’ experiences?

m). How important then is doing our share to the church at Cornerstone continuing or disintegrating?

n). What does 'our share' look like?

o). Can we relate all of this back to Christ giving gifts to men at His ascension?

p). What light does this scripture shed on all of this?

*2Ti 4:1 ¶ I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.*