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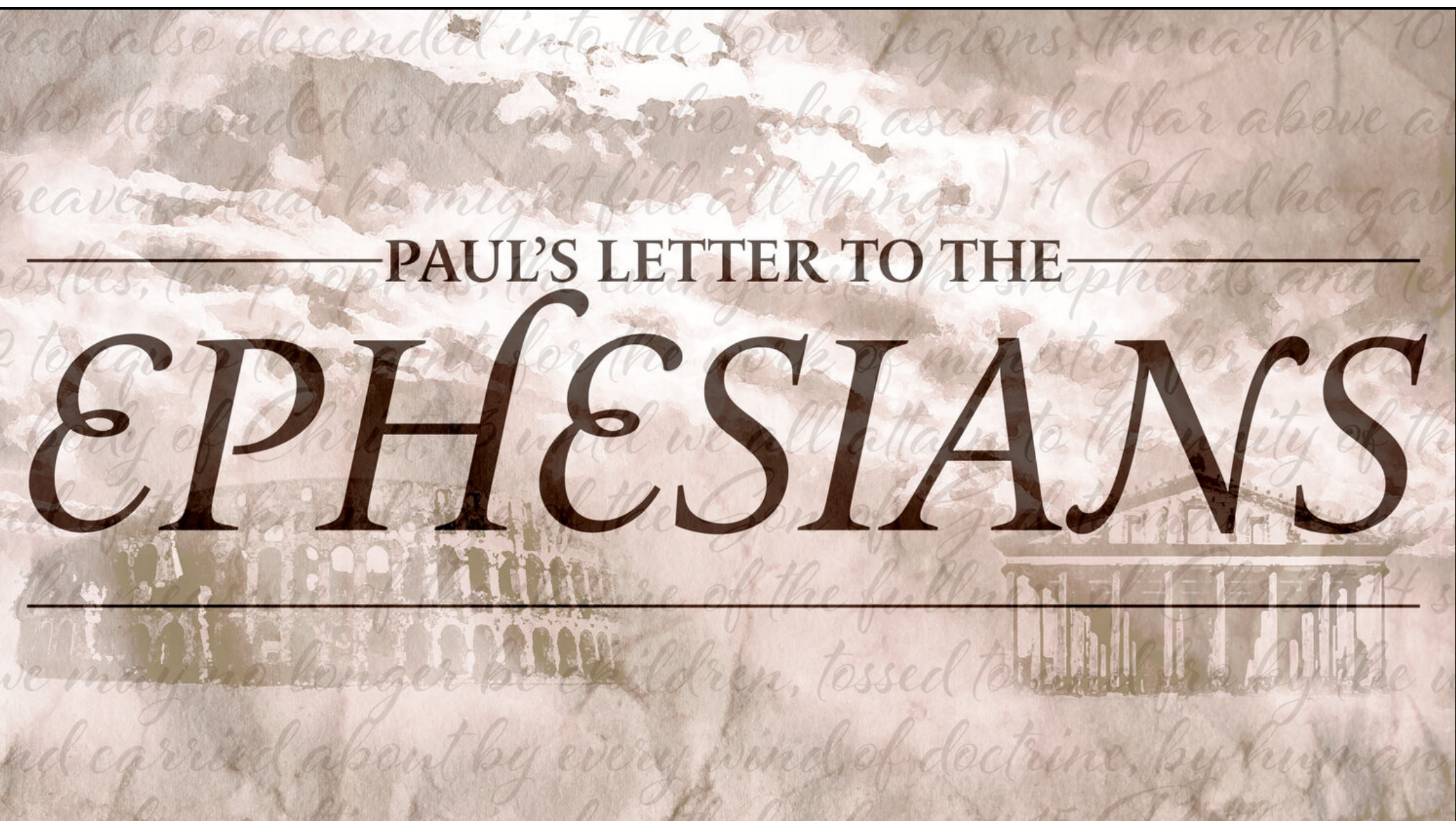
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Ephesians 4:7,8



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Ephesians 4:9,10



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**Ephesians 4:11,12**



**<sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. <sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.**

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**Ephesians 4:13,14**



<sup>15</sup> Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. <sup>16</sup> From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

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Ephesians 4:15,16







# 1. What are spiritual gifts?



*Spiritual gifts are differing abilities given by the Holy Spirit to each believer to meet needs in such a way that it creates a community of people who are growing into the fullness of the character of Jesus Christ.*

Tim Keller



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*A. Spiritual gifts are abilities to meet needs.*



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## **Everybody gets a portion.**

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## 2. What is the goal of spiritual gifts?

*...so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*

*Ephesians 4:12,13*



## 2. What is the goal of spiritual gifts?

- *Spiritual gifts make us a body.*  
*<sup>12</sup>... so that the body of Christ may be built up ...*



## 2. What is the goal of spiritual gifts?

- To become like Christ.

<sup>13</sup> we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.





H.J. Cadbury-Head of Harvard's  
Divinity School 1930's to 1950's

Professor Cadbury liked to have his undergrad students who had never read the Bible, read the Gospels about Jesus and write a summary statement about who or what He was. One such student wrote the following.



“You read about Jesus, but who is he? What is he? Despite being absolutely approachable to the weakest and most broken people, he is completely fearless before the proud and corrupt. Despite being profoundly human and becoming weary and lonely and moved to joy and love and anger, we never see him moody. We never see him inconsistent. He is tender without being weak, strong without being harsh, humble without the slightest lack of confidence. He has conviction without intolerance, enthusiasm without fanaticism, holiness without Pharisaism, passion without prejudice. This man alone never made a false step, never struck a jarring note. This is life at its highest.”



# What kind of church does that create ?



"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10



What kind of church does that create ?

**1<sup>st</sup> Implication of spiritual gifts:**

There are certain things God wants you to do.









<sup>43</sup> ...Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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Mark 10:43-45



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**Ephesians 4:11,12**





*"Make no mistake vs 12 indicates clearly that the point of God calling apostles, prophets, evangelists and pastor/teachers is so every Christian can serve in the way they were called to do for the building up of the whole body."*



# What kind of church does that create ?

## **2nd Implication of spiritual gifts:**

Spiritual fruit has to be the real goal, and spiritual gifts have to be seen only as the means.





### 3. How can we rightly use spiritual gifts?

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Ephesians 4:8-10





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Psalm 68:18







<sup>6</sup>Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. <sup>7</sup> Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

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Philippians 2:6-8



But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. <sup>9</sup> And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. <sup>10</sup> For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son.

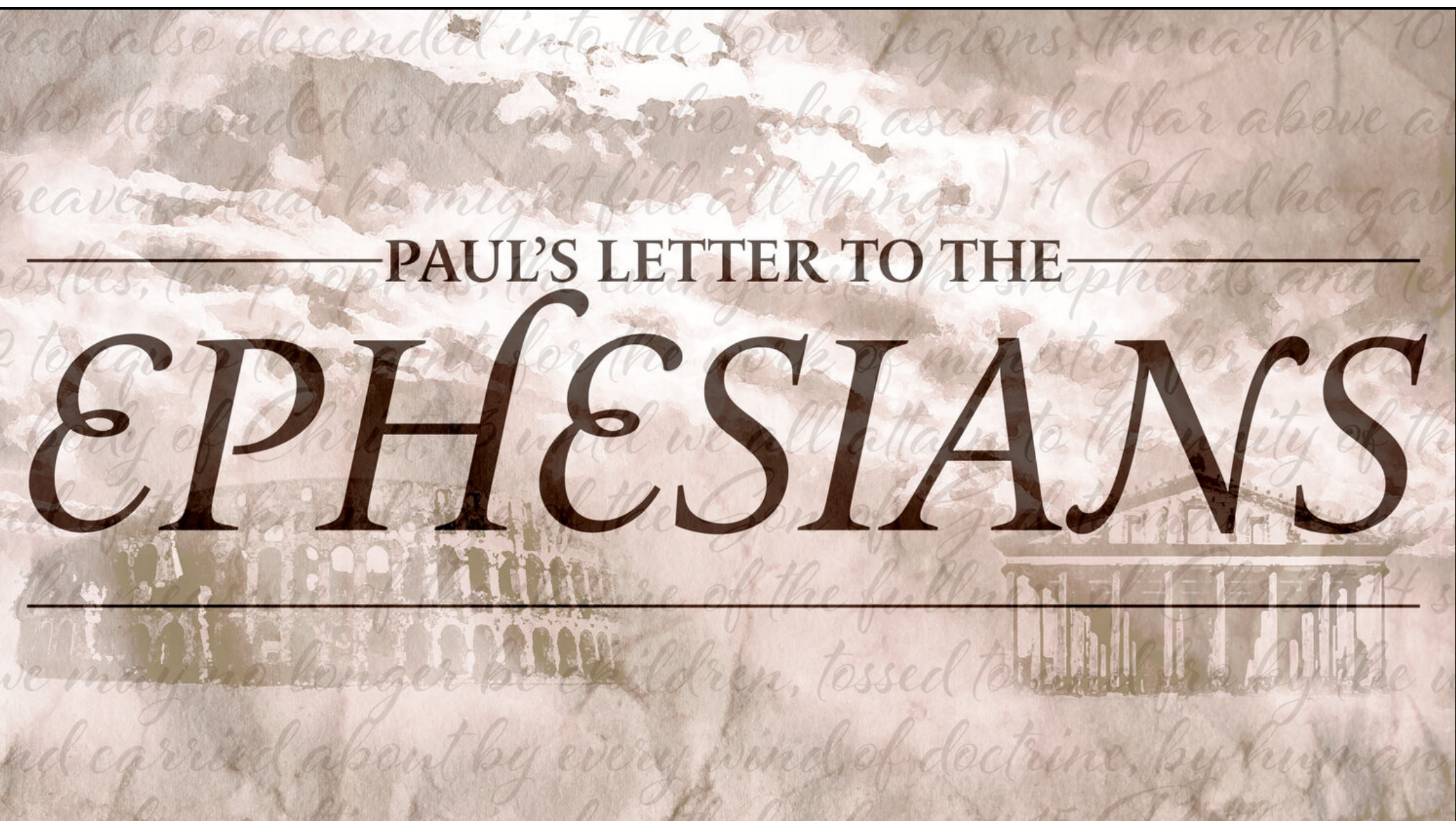
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Romans 5:8-10









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