

Christian, Jesus Gave You Ephesians 4:7-16. A Spiritual Gift.

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¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ,
¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

I. Jesus Gives Every Christian a Spiritual Gift vv. 7-10.

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• "Each one of us" in v. 7 means every Christian.

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- <u>Apostles</u>—eyewitnesses to the fact of Jesus' resurrection.
 <u>Prophets</u>—enabled to proclaim truth & foretell future events.
- <u>Evangelists</u>—uniquely gifted for proclaiming the gospel.
 <u>Shepherds and teachers</u>—More commonly called pastors.

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• These leaders serve Christians by equipping them to serve the church vv. 11-12.

III. Jesus Gave Spiritual Gifts With Specific Goals in Mind vv. 13-16.

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IV. Summary Conclusion:

A. God saved you on purpose for a purpose (Eph. 2:8-10).B. Your Spiritual gift is connected to that purpose.