

"Every Spiritual Blessing" – A Study in Ephesians

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will give you understanding of God's Word before you begin.

Lesson 9 - Ephesians 4: 7-16

The preceding passage, chapter 4:1-6, taught that we are one body in Christ through one Holy Spirit. We are united as believers in Jesus Christ and yet we are still individuals and are given unique gifts to minister to one another.

1. Tell what you learn about the grace of God from these verses:

Psalm 84:11 –

Hebrews 12:28 –

John 1:16,17 –

Proverbs 3:34 –

2. The four offices listed in verse 11 are given for what purpose?

a. Who appoints people to these offices? (1 Corinthians 12:28; 1 Corinthians 12:11)

3. Using a Bible dictionary define "edifying or edify" as it is used in verse 12.

David Guzik explains that the word equipping (perfecting in KJV) means to put right, in ancient Greek it meant setting broken bones or mending nets. What does this bring to mind?

4. Read verse 13 along with Ephesians 4:3-5; 2 Peter 3:14-18; and 1 Corinthians 14:20. What do you learn?

5. Look at verse 14 and Romans 16:17, 18 and 2 Timothy 3:16. How do we identify deceivers and false doctrine?

a. Read Hebrews 5:12-14 and tell what you learn.

b. Read Colossians 2:4-8; 2 Timothy 3:13, 4:3. Do you see evidence of this in churches today?

6. According to verse 15 we are to speak the truth in love. To whom are we to speak the truth lovingly?

a. What will be the result of speaking the truth in love? (Ephesians 2:21)

b. Read 1 Peter 1:22 and 1 John 3:18. What do you learn about the love we are to have?

7. Read verse 16 along with John 15:5; Colossians 2:19; and 1 Corinthians 13:4-9, 13. What do you learn?