

Ephesians 4:1-16 Part III

The Work of Ministry

1. What He Gave: _____ Ministers: (11)

- a. The apostles, the prophets:
 - i. _____ offices. –*Eph 2:20*
 - ii. _____ offices. –*Eph 3:5*
- b. The evangelists: Church _____. –*Acts 21:8; 2 Tim 4:5*
- c. The shepherd teachers:
 - i. Pastor ____ Elder ____ Overseer. –*Acts 20:17-28*
 - ii. Church _____. –*Acts 20:29-31; 1 Pet 5:2*
 - iii. Church _____. –*Titus 1:9; 1 Tim 3:2-3*

2. Why He Gave: to _____ the Saints: (12-13)

- a. **For what?:** the work of _____. –*2 Tim 4:5*
- b. **Which is?:** building up the _____ of Christ. –*Eph 4:15-16*
- c. **To what degree?:**
 - i. Until we attain to:
 - 1. The _____ of the faith. –*Eph 4:1-6*
 - 2. The _____ of the Son of God. –*Eph 4:20*
 - ii. Into a _____ man. –*Eph 4:15-16; Heb 5:12-14*
 - iii. Into the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. –*Eph 1:23*

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Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,