

Squaw Creek Baptist Church, Marion, IA.
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SERMON OUTLINE 5/17/09

SERIES: BENEFITS OF SALVATION

BIBLE PASSAGE: [Ephesians 4:7-16](#)

TITLE: “THE CHURCH IN SHOES, PART II”

INTRO:

1. Review:
 - a. The grace of church unity, *Ephesians 4:1-3*/
commanded/walk _____ of your salvation call.
 - b. The ground of church unity, *Ephesians 4:4-6*/One God
and one faith...
2. Paul goes on, (*verses 7-16*) to the _____ of
preserving church unity, (unity for victory...unity for
ministry).
3. Unity is not the same as uniformity. There is diversity in
unity and Paul expected to see this diversity functioning
in _____ within the church.

PROPOSITION: “The church’s one Foundation is Jesus
Christ Our Lord”.

- I. THE GIFTS OF UNITY IN DIVERSITY, *Ephesians 4:7-11*.
 - A. What Christ Has Done For Believers, *verses 7 & 8*. (Gifts
from God!)
 1. Christ gave enabling _____ for salvation and service,
verse 7.
 2. Christ led captivity captive, *verse 8*, cf. [Psalm 68:18-20](#).
 3. Christ gives spiritual gifts to all believers through the Holy
Spirit, *verse 8*, cf. [Romans 12](#), [I Corinthians 12](#), [Ephesians 4](#)
& [I Peter 4](#).
 - a. Believers have at least _____ gift, *I Corinthians 12:7*.
 - b. Spiritual gifts are given at salvation for service, *I Peter*
4:7-11.
 - c. Spiritual gifts are varied to fit different functions,
Romans 12:4.

d. All gifts derive power from the Triune God,
I Corinthians 12:1-6.

B. Paul's Important Parenthetical Thought, *verses 9 & 10.*

1. What's it mean, "He ascended/He descended?" Cf.
[Philippians 2:5-11.](#)

2. Focus on the ascension/_____ Christian
soldiers...

C. Focus On Four Gifts Christ Gave, *verse 11.*

1. Apostles-

2. Prophets-

3. Evangelists-

4. Pastor-Teachers- (Gifts for the good of others!)

II. THE GROWTH OF UNITY IN DIVERSITY, *Ephesians 4:12-16.*

A. Focus On Three Reasons For God's Gifts To The Church,
verse 12.

1. To _____ the saints/understand "equip".

2. Equip for works of ministry, cf. [Colossians 2:6-12.](#)

3. To _____ up the body/assembly.

B. Evidences Of A Spiritually Growing Church, *verses 13-16.*

1. Mature believers/complete/like Christ, (grounded
believers).

2. Stability/Able to _____ the narrow road, (growing
believers).

3. Speaking truthfully in love, cf. [Proverbs 27:6.](#)

4. Growing together/_____ together/edifying each
other, (going believers). *Gifts for the glory of God.

CONCLUSION:

1. What's the point of this truth?

a. The gifts of unity in diversity.

b. The growth of unity in diversity.

2. Where are you/saved? Surrendered?

3. Where are we/assembly?