

Ephesians Series

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Begin with the
End in Mind

Ephesians 4:12-13



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Eph. 4:11, “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

Eph. 4:12, “for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

Eph. 4:13, “till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;”

~NKJV

Born again

John 3:3, “Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.’”

John 3:4, “Nicodemus said to Him, ‘How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?’”

John 3:5, “Jesus answered, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.’ ”

Regeneration

Titus 3:5, “not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration, that is, renewing of the Holy Spirit,”

At that point we are a new creature in Christ.

2 Cor. 5:17, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

John 10:10, “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”

Eternal life

John 1:4, “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.”

John 3:15, “that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

Abundant life is the result of our spiritual growth and maturation

1 Pet. 2:2, “desire the unadulterated milk of the Word, like newborn babes, that you may grow thereby,”

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2 Pet. 1:3, “as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

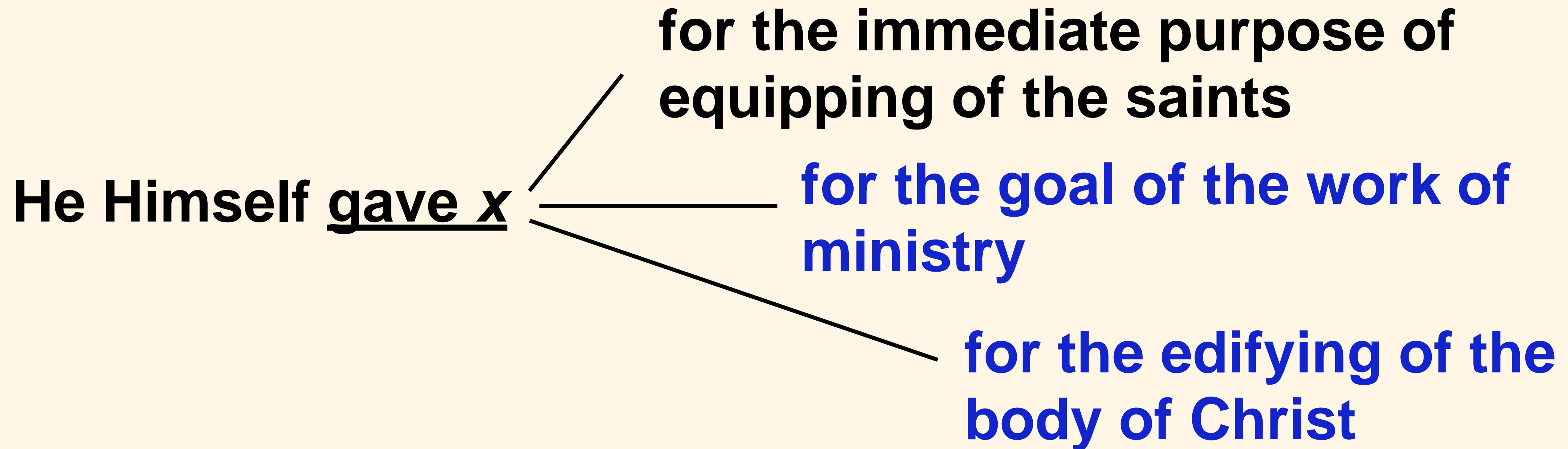
2 Pet. 1:4, “by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

God's goal for us

Rom. 8:29, “For whom He knew and marked off beforehand He set their future destiny to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the preeminent One among many brethren.”

The purpose of the gifts [option 4]:

Eph. 4:12, “for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,”



Eph. 4:12, “For the immediate purpose of training all Church Age believers to do the work of service, toward the ultimate goal of spiritually strengthening the body of Christ;” ~RD

Eph. 4:13, “till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Eph. 4:14, “that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,” ~NKJV

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καταντάω *katantaō*

1 plur aor act subj

to come, arrive

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1. Who is the “we all” describing? The immediate audience or the universal body of Christ?

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**to the measure of
the stature of the
fullness of Christ;**

to a mature man

to the unity of the faith

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ἐνότης *henotēs*

fem sing acc

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Eph. 4:3, “by being diligent to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

**ETERNAL
REALITIES**

**TEMPORAL
REALITIES**

“POSITIONAL TRUTH”

ACTS 16:31

IN CHRIST

**Baptism by the
Holy Spirit**

**FILLED BY
THE
HOLY SPIRIT**

**“Walking by the
Holy Spirit”**



1 Cor. 1:10, “Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.”

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to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the son of God

to a mature man

**ἐπίγνωσις *epignōsis* fem sing gen knowledge
“knowledge directed towards a particular object,
perceiving, discerning, recognizing” ~Hoehner**

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to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the son of God **to a mature man**

τέλειος *teleios* masc sing acc complete, mature

ἄνθρωπος *anēr* masc sing acc male, adult, husband, individual as opposed to human beings, so here the thrust is an adult

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the fullness that belongs to Christ, i.e., His perfect character

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