

EPHESIANS 4:7-10

LESSON 24

Many Gifts of Grace

1. Ephesians 4:7-8 – The Many Gifts of Grace

- a. One and the same – one body, spirit, hope, lord, faith, baptism, God and father of all
- b. *“but”* – something is not one and the same for all – there is not “one grace”
 - i. Grace is not one, but many – see Rom 5:15-20
 - ii. *“unto every one of us”*- Grace is not limited to one person, office, or sinner
 - iii. The measure of grace is not in a cup – it is acc. to Eph 3:7, 3:18-19, Rom 8:32
 - iv. Paul was given a revelation from Christ – these eventually stopped.
 - v. Grace abounds! Rom 5:20; 2 Cor 9:8,14-15; Eph 1:6-8, 3:7; 1Ti 1:14-15
 - vi. Christ is the head and he apportions each member acc. to His purpose.
- c. The point is going to be made the same as it is in 1 Cor 12:4-7, Rom 12:3-5
 - i. The gifts are given to every man to profit withal – for all to profit – as one.

2. Ephesians 4:8-10 – A Parenthetical Remark (Descended and Ascended)

- a. The point is about the plural gifts not about the captives quoted in Ps 68:18-19
 - i. *(If you trip over the “captives” then you are doing Bible study wrong.)*
 - ii. When you ascend above all you give victory, gifts, etc – 1 Cor 15:57
 - iii. The gifts to the church were signs that he ascended up above all – Eph 1:21-23
- b. In parenthesis Paul proves that Jesus is God: Ps 68:18 speaks of God ascending
- c. Ascending and descending – Pro 30:4, De 30:11-15, Rom 10:6; Joh 3:13, 6:62; Mk 15:32
- d. *“lower parts of the earth”* = The pit, hell - Ps 55:23, 63:9, 86:13; Num 16:30-33
- e. Coming down and going up can be seen in Phil 2:7-9 as well (his nature did not change)