

“UNDERSTANDING THE FIVE FUNCTIONAL GIFTS TO THE CHURCH - Part 2”

(Eph. 2:19-22; 4:11-16; 5:27)

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INTRO: Last Sunday we looked at what a growing mature people of God look like from Eph. 4:12-16; 5:27.

How do we achieve this amazing level of growth? Through the five functional gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, and teacher (Eph. 4:11). Let’s try to dispel some of the abuses, excesses and misunderstandings. These gifts don’t exist to be served, but to serve.

THE CHURCH IS TO BE BUILT ON AN APOSTOLIC & PROPHETIC FOUNDATION (Eph. 2:19-22).

- A. Believers are members (living stones - 1Pet. 2:5) of the household of God (a holy priesthood) (Eph. 2:19).
- B. The church should be built on an apostolic & prophetic foundation with Jesus as the cornerstone (Eph. 2:20).
- C. We are to be joined [fitted] together so we can be built together for a holy habitation of God (Eph. 2:21-22).
- D. This is facilitated by the five functional gifts (Eph. 4:11).
- E. End game: Jesus coming for a glorious, holy church (5:27).

FOUNDATIONAL GIFT PRINCIPLES (Eph. 4:7-8, 11-12).

- A. Purpose: to equip the saints for ministry and maturity.
- B. Local Church Distinctives (each gift can lead a church).
- C. Every believer & church should be influenced by each gift.
- D. Every believer will have a corresponding gift and mindset that reflects one of the five functional gifts.

[See “Five Functional Gifts Chart”]

•The apostle is not “over” all the other office gifts, but networks and leads by relationship and invitation.

apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone, (Eph. 2:20)

[See “An Apostolic & Prophetic Foundation vs. A Pastoral Foundation (Eph. 2:20)"]

Apostolic/Prophetic churches are more of a boot camp than a hospital (but still have medical care department).

CONCLUSION: You’re called to be equipped for ministry and maturity. Get in the game! What’s your next step?