

## "United With Purpose"

Eph. 4:1-13 - 11/20/16

### \*Ephesians 4:1-3

Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. NASB®

How does your walk (life) communicate your true values?...

"Walk in a manner worthy of the calling"

### \*Ephesians 4:4-6

There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all. NASB®

God help us to be organized under the gospel - one body, one Spirit, one hope... One Lord, one faith, one baptism & one God & Father.

### \*Ephesians 4:7-10

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says,  
"When He ascended on high,  
He led captive a host of captives,  
And He gave gifts to men."  
(Now this expression, "He ascended," what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.) NASB®

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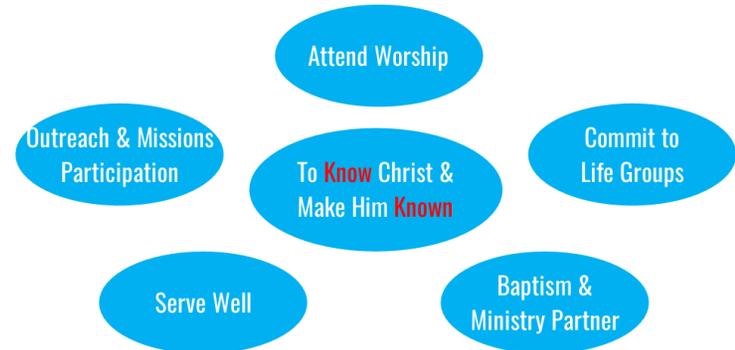
We've been united (in part), for the purpose of using our gifts - which is one of the reasons Christ came for us.

### \*Ephesians 4:11-13

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. NASB®

We can see a 3-part purpose concerning why God has given these specialized gifts/offices to His Church - which is to "equip the saints, the work of service, to the building-up of the Body of Christ".

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We have a work to accomplish together - this is *Who We Are*, & it is *Why We're Here*... To be united with purpose, for the sake of the gospel.