

How the Church Grows (Part I) Ephesians 4:7-10

1. *A Heartfelt Appeal- to Walk Worthy of our Calling (4:1)*
2. *Qualities (Graces) that Mark a Walk Worthy of our Calling (4:2-3)*
3. *The Cause or Source of the Worthy Walk (4:4,5)*

I. Unity and Diversity in the Grace of God (4:7)

- But to each one of us grace was given
- Paul turns from the “all of us” to the “each of us”

“grace was given”

“according to the measure of Christ’s gift”

(1 Cor 12: 4-7; Rom 12:5; 1 Cor 12:11)

- Two dangers present in the church then and today:
 1. Those who have received special endowments might boast in their gifts
 2. those with modest gifts might think they have no real value to the church

II. Christ’s Authority to Bestow Gifts upon His Church (4:8-10)

“Therefore, it says” “ Paul uses the OT – Ps 68 to interpret the new

“He ascended on high” (Col 2:15)

“He led hosts captives”

“He gave gifts to men”

“He who descended is Himself also He who ascended”

He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.