



## 1. Introduction

- a. Eph 4:7 grace given according to measure of Christ's gifts
  - grace gifts given to His bride
    - \* Eph 6:32 great mystery of Christ & the church
  - grace gifts given by Holy Spirit to body of Christ
    - \* 1 Cor 12:1; 7-11, 13
  - God's gift of Holy Spirit
    - \* Acts 2:38-39

b. Trinity of God involved in giving gifts to church

c. Who is He who descended (came down)?

- Who is He who ascended (went up into heaven)?

- "He Himself" - Christ

## 2. Teachers of Edification

a. Edify means to build up person's character & morals

b. Teachers, encouragers,

c. Pastor-teachers: caretakers of the church

## 3. Testimony of Edification

a. Testimony - witness

b. Evidence - facts that support

c. Edify - to build up, to encourage

#### 4. Perfection

##### a. What is perfection?

- maturity, to grow up

##### b. Grow up from baby to adult

- 1 Pet 2:2 newborn babes, desire since milk of Word of God

- 1 Pet 2:5 Christians as living stones built as spiritual house

- 1 Cor 3:16 Christian is temple of God

- 1 Cor 6:19-20 Christian's body is temple of Holy Spirit

\* Holy Spirit received from God

\* Christian is bought (purchase) at a price

#### 5. Conclusion

##### a. Eph 4:12 pastor/teachers

- preaching & teaching God's Word for baby Christians to grow up

- Mature adult Christians do work of ministry to others

- Church (body of Christ) to continue to grow together

##### b. Goal of church (Eph 4:13)

- all Christians grow up to unity of the faith

- all come together of knowledge of Jesus Son of God

- Christians grow up in spiritual maturity

\* come into fulness of Christ