

Are You Gifted?

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 83

Ephesians 4:7

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Now, to each one of us was grace given, in accord with the measure of Christ's gift.

(Ephesians 4:7 DJP)

Introduction:

I. The _____ of Christ's Gift:

A. Put Positively: "To _____..."

B. Put Negatively: "...of _____"

II. The _____ of Christ's Gift: "Was _____"

A. Grace's Meaning: Two Important Distinctions

1. Grace is _____
Romans ____:4; ____:6

Acts ____:18–24

2. Grace is in _____

3. However, that said:

1 Timothy ____:14–15

2 Timothy ____:6; ____:1

B. Grace's _____

1. Grace _____ (Ephesians ____:8-9; Titus ____:11)

2. Grace _____ (Titus ____:12)

3. Grace equips and motivates for _____ (1 Corinthians ____:10)

C. How Paul Means “Grace” Here

1. Just look back at 3:1-3. 6-8

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you, the Gentiles – ² assuming that¹ you heard of the stewardship,² which is³ the **grace** of God **given** to me for you,³ that by revelation the mystery was made known to me (just as I wrote before in brief)...⁶ that the Gentiles are⁴ co-inheritors and co-body-members and co-partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the good news,⁷ of which I was made a servant by virtue of the **gift**, which is the **grace** of God **given** to me by virtue of the working⁵ of His power. ⁸ To me, less than the least⁶ of all holy ones, was this **grace given**: to tell the good news of the untrackable wealth of Christ... [Eph. 3:1-3, 6-8 DJP]

2. This “grace” is...

III. The _____ of Christ’s Gift

A. The D_____ of the Giver

Romans ____:6a

1 Corinthians ____:4–7, 18, 28

B. The D_____ of the Gifts

1. One “grace,” many “graces”
2. The bottom line: 1 Peter ____:10–11
 - a. _____ us the gifts (v. 10)
 - b. The gifts are in _____ categories (v. 11a)
 - c. The gifts have _____ ultimate goal (v. 11b)

¹ Literally *if, surely*; or *if indeed*.

² Or *administration*.

³ Literally *of*.

⁴ Literally *the Gentiles to be*; but giving content of *the mystery* (v. 4), not purpose.

⁵ Or *exertion, operation*.

⁶ Word probably coined by Paul; very literally “least-er.”