

## A Man and his church

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Ephesians 4:8, 11-13

Vs. 8 – *Wherefore He saith, when He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.*

Vs. 11-13 – *And He gave some apostles; and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers. For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:*

### SUMMARY:

We must view the church as our own family. We must use the faith of the believers in the fellowship along with our own faith in order to successfully resist the devil and expect him to flee from each other. The true church is Christ in you. Cooperate with your pastor and expect God to lead you both to victory for Christ.

### NOTES:

## DISCUSSION POINTS:

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- How does man seem to view the church today?
- How does God view the church?
- Is the church the body of Christ or is it a tool that the body of Christ uses to serve and to be served?
- How should we be using the church?
- How should we expect it to serve us?

## APPLICATION:

- Choose a body of believers that you are in accord spiritually.
- Use the church and the power in faith and numbers as a tool and as a way to fulfill the purpose that God has for you.
- Use the church as a place to praise, worship, to learn more of God's Word, and as a tool for missions worldwide.
- As an opportunity to give love, when it is not deserved.

## ON YOUR OWN...

Hebrews 10:25

Romans 12:6-10

Acts 20:28

2 Corinthians 6:16

John 14:6