

“However, he has given each one of us a special gift through the generosity of Christ.”

Ephesians 4:7 NLT

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listen to the text by reading out loud slowly and repeat up to 3x if desired

Wow! Christ's generosity shows by his distribution of gifts (Charis), his graces. This theme surrounding the idea of graces show up in the opportunity of each believer to recognize and embrace their gift to be USED. This distribution and deployment brings unity, it brings maturity - Paul writes, “This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.” One of the reasons we are lacking maturity is because the graces that Jesus generously gave are not being recognized, fostered or used IN the body of Christ to both bring maturity to the believer AND love to the world through the witness of unity and power of individuals ALL using their gifts. We (the entire church) must be together on this!

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pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,

And I thought helping Larry was huge! This is massive, this is a problem, our body is sick and weak because we are not functioning together at all. Together does not mean within a local address and building, together means all of us who believe and proclaim the life of Christ. The entire community of believers BEHAVING as one! Oh, please Lord, hear my prayer- make us one even as you are one.

[contemplatio]

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root