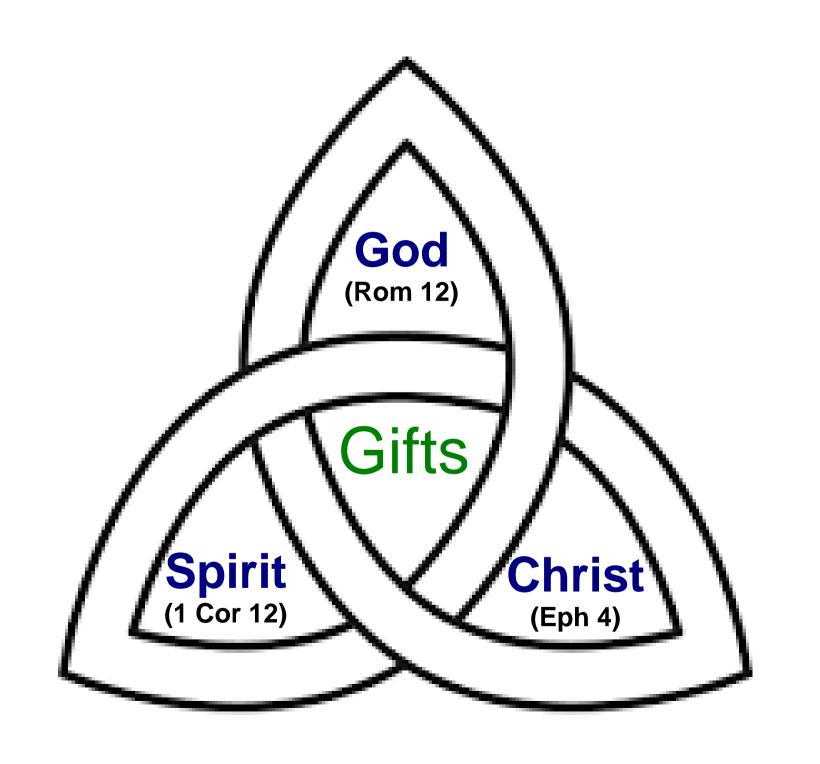
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Gifts

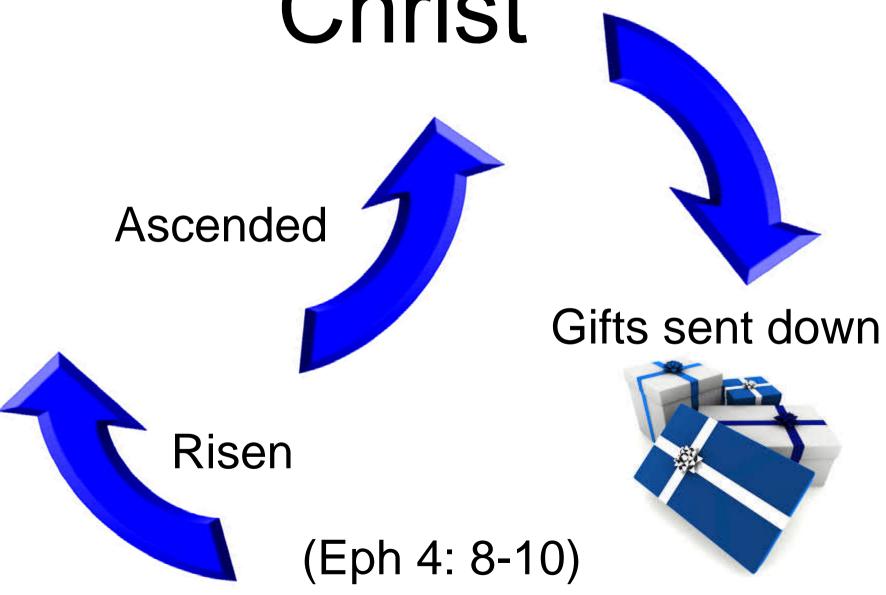


Diversity in Unity

(Eph 4: 1-7)

The source is:

Christ



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"he has given SOME
         apostles,
       ... prophets,
      ... evangelists,
... shepherds and teachers"
        (Eph 4: 11)
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2 foundational gifts

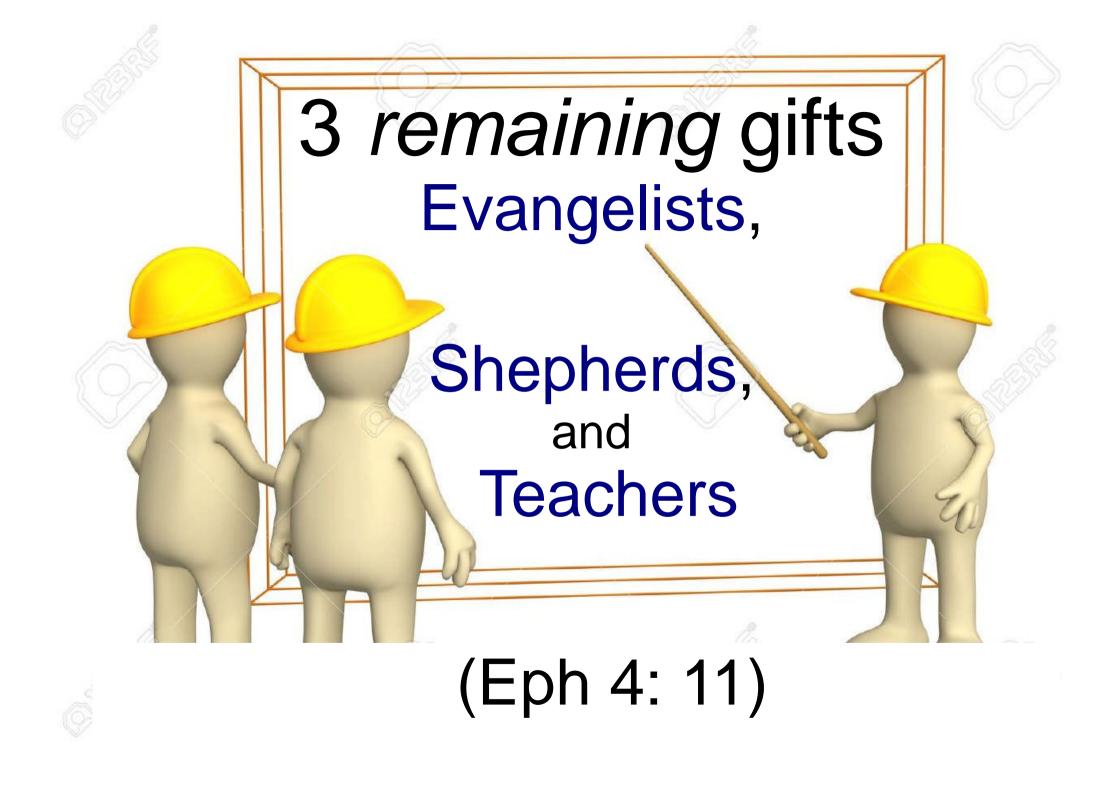
Apostles

and

Prophets



(Eph 4: 11)



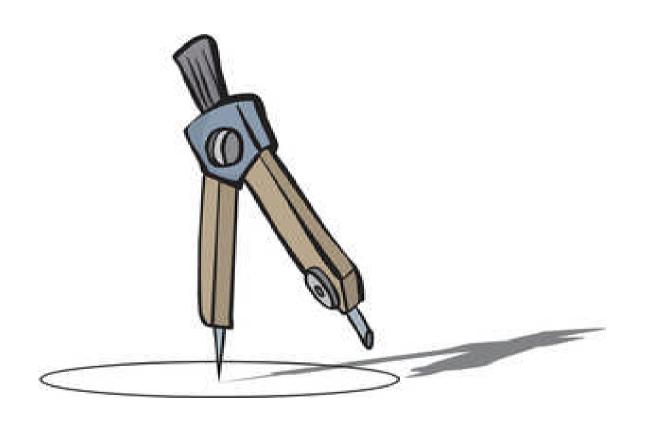
Evangelist

"Ye also, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house"

(1 Pet 2:5)



Evangelist



(Eph 4: 11)

Pastors (Shepherds)

Care for

the

Lord's

sheep



(1 Pet 5: 2-4)

"shepherd the flock of God which is among you, ...not as lording it over *your* possessions, but being models for the flock. And when the

chief Shepherd

is manifested ye shall receive the unfading crown of glory"

(1 Pet 5: 1-4)

Shepherds and Teachers

(Eph 4: 11)

- "for the perfecting of the saints,
 - for the work of the ministry,
 - for the edifying of the body of Christ"

(Eph 4:12)

natural ability,

versus

gift

(Matt 25:15)

Dangers

 Having gift does not hinder the flesh (1 Cor 1:7 and 3:3)

Gifts can cause boasting / puffing up

Reasons for lack of gift

- unfaithfulness or sin
- not holding the Head
- lack of diligence in using gift

Hindrances

- Man-made arrangements
 (clergy/appointed preachers/pastors)
- Disorder (several people speaking simultaneously (1 Cor 14)
- Lack of dependence and exercise
 - Independence

The motive?

Gifts should be exercised out of love

(1 Cor 13)