YOU'VE RECEIVED A GIFT

serve
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KEY SCRIPTURE

- Ephesians 2:8-10
- Titus 3:3-7
- Ephesians 4:7-16
- 1 Peter 4:10-11
- Hebrews 10:24-25

KEY POINTS

- The first and greatest gift is salvation. By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing.
- We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.
- After the resurrection the Spirit was poured out richly on the church to convict of sin, point to the righteousness of Jesus, and empower ordinary people.
- Every other gift is on loan from the Gift Giver. It is not for you. It is for someone else.
- Pastors equip the saints for the work of the ministry. They do not do all the ministry.
- When each part is working properly, the body grows and builds itself up in love. A part sitting out disables the rest.
- Gifts are discovered organically, not by a test. You see them when you step toward a need.
- Gifts are not the fruit of the Spirit. Fruit comes from abiding. Gifts are distributed by grace to edify the body.
- We stir one another up to love and good works, and we do not neglect meeting together, because the day is drawing near.
- God sees people, not projects, not ministries, not numbers.

DISCUSSION

- Pastor Bob said the only gift that is mainly for you is salvation. How does that change the way you hold every other gift?
- Where have you been treating a gift as if it belonged to you?
- Oscar fixed a car in a parking lot and a woman got saved. What ordinary skill or kindness is already in your hands?
- "When each part is working properly…" Who in the body is missing your part right now?
- Hebrews 10 says to stir one another up to love and good works. Who has stirred you, and who might you spur this week?
- If God sees people and not projects, what changes in how you serve?