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It’s already measured. It is already measured and that measure has been given to you. And Beloved, listen to me, if you don’t use that measure of what God has given to you through His grace you’re going to be so disappointed. But if you can comprehend the fact that God has something awesome for you and He’s given you everything that you need to do it, wow, are you ever going to live an exciting life.

PART ONE

Do you realize, Beloved, that God is keeping books? He’s keeping a book on you. He’s keeping a book on me. I mean He is a book keeper. If you read Malachi you know that there is a book of remembrance where God writes down those things of the people that love Him and do His will. If you read

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Revelation chapter 20, (verse 12) you read about the books being opened. There's the book of life and there are other books. And God is a book keeper. And He is a book keeper because God is totally equitable. God is totally just in all that He does. And He's keeping books on the way that you and I live. As a matter of fact it even tells us that someday we're going to stand at the judgment seat of Christ and we're going to give an answer for the deeds that we've done in the body. Now why am I saying all this? I'm saying all this because I want you to know that God expects certain things of you and He expects certain things of me. He brought us to Himself, not to just take us to heaven when we die, but He brought us to Himself at the time in our lives that He did it in order that you and I might serve Him, in order that you and I might fulfill His purpose for us on this earth. Now as we study Ephesians you remember that that book opened up talking about the **"...kind intention of God's will," (Ephesians 1:5c)** or according to His purpose. God has a purpose. God has a plan. God has an order for the universe and you're part of that and you need to realize that you are part of this. Well this is what we come to in Ephesians now, in the fourth chapter at this time. We're coming to this wonderful wonderful purpose and plan that God has for you and for me. He's been talking about unity. We've stepped into a new phase in the book. We have stepped from the first three chapters that deal with the doctrine of the church with the body of Jesus Christ, with the fact that Jew and Gentile are in one body, this glorious mystery. And then in chapter 4 it's like a pivot and in chapter 4 what he's doing is he is telling us now this is the way I want you to walk. I want **"...you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling [that] you have [in Christ Jesus]."** **(Ephesians 4:1b)** But the first thing he tells us that he wants us to do is how he wants us to behave towards others, how we're to walk in humility and gentleness and these other things. But then he goes on to say that you and I are **"...to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."** **(4:3b)** Now we've looked at that. We've looked at those seven things. We have

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marked those seven things. And if you’ve joined me in studying the Word of God and that’s what this program is all about. It’s about God’s precepts for life. It’s about you and I studying the Bible inductively. Now what do I mean by inductively? Well when I’m talking about inductively just pick up your Bible and put your face in it. Just pick up your Bible and put your face in it. So that it’s you face to face with the very Word of God and nobody’s between you, and that’s what inductive means. Nobody’s between you and what you’re studying. You’re going to the very source itself to discover what it says. Well when we come to what I want to teach you today we come to a term of contrast. We come to a “but.” And when you see a “but” in the Bible you know that he said this, but now he wants to show you something else or now he wants to add to that, but he’s adding to it in a different way. Well in Ephesians chapter 4 he’s talked about the unity of the Spirit. He’s talked about one, one, one, one, seven one’s that we all hold to, that we all embrace. And then he says, “**But to each one of us...**” it says, “**...grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift.**” (Ephesians 4:7) And so he’s saying [okay we’ve got all this unity and this is the way we’re to walk, but I want you to know that to each one of us, each one of us there was given a measure, a measure of the grace of God’s gift, a measure of grace.] (Paraphrased) Now what is he saying? Well he’s saying, Precious One, that each one of us has been given a certain amount of grace and that measure that metron that measure of grace is what you are accountable for. And I know you’re saying to me, okay, but, did somebody get more than I did? I don’t want them to get more than I did. I want the best and I want the most. I want to tell you something. It doesn’t matter whether they got more than you got or not because it is not a contest. It is fulfilling God’s purpose. Christianity and the body of Christ is not a competitive exercise. Rather it is a complimentary body where each member does it’s thing, acts the way it’s supposed to act, accomplishes God’s purpose so the whole body is healthy and whole. And this is what he’s turning to now in the book of Ephesians in

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this fourth chapter in this verse when he says **“But to each one of us [was given a grace] according to the measure of Christ’s gift.” (Ephesians 4:7)** And what he’s going to show you is this. He has given you gifts and these gifts that He gave you you’re responsible to exercise. You are responsible to use everything that God has given you because God has a purpose for your life. And you fulfilling that purpose on this earth is very essential to the health of the body. And the body is the body of Jesus Christ. Now I want to tell you something. The health of the body in the United States of America ain’t so good. I mean it’s like the church of Jesus Christ constantly needs to run to the Great Physician for healing because they’re not living the way they ought to live and they’re not being and they’re not doing what they ought to be and ought to do. And you and I need to get with it. You say but what about so and so and if so and so? Listen I can’t control so and so, but I can control me. I can choose to walk under the power of the Holy Spirit. So let’s look at this awesome contrast here. Now watch what he says. **“But to each one of us grace was given....” (Ephesians 4:7a)** Now you see the word “grace.” Now remember “grace” is a key repeated word in the book of Ephesians. As a matter of fact in the whole New Testament “grace” is a key repeated word. I’ve written a book and it’s called “Lord, I Need Grace to Make It Today.” So many times we think of grace as something I get that gets me into heaven and that’s the last I see of it and that’s the last I know of it. But when I wrote that book I went through the whole Bible and I marked every reference to “grace.” Now the way I’ve marked it in this Bible is I just have a little marking thing. You can go to the store and get them and they’re for architects and so I have one and it has circles on it. So I just drew a blue circle and colored it blue and so that’s the way I have “grace” marked in my Bible. Well when you look at this he’s saying that, **“...Each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore it says....” (Ephesians 4:7-8a)** and when you see a “therefore” you have to find out what the “therefore” is because the “therefore” is a term of

conclusion. So it says **“Therefore it says...,”** in the Bible in the Old Testament, **“...‘When He ascended on high,’** [when Jesus ascended on high it says,] **‘He led captive a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men.’”** And it goes on to say, **“Now this expression ‘He ascended,’ what does it mean...?”** And it says, **“...Except that He [had also] descended into the lower parts of the earth. [And] He who descended is Himself also...who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.” (4:7-10)** Now when he’s saying that it gets a little complicated. Paul’s like me. I mean you start saying something and then you say, oh, and I want to add this and so he adds this. And this is why Peter says that sometimes Paul is very hard to be understood. But it’s a whole concept and I want you to get the concept and then we’re going to take it apart. All right this is what he’s saying in essence. That when Jesus conquered death, when He died on that cross, when Jesus was buried, when Jesus was resurrected from the dead He was not going to stay here on earth, but He was going to ascend into heaven. And when He ascended into heaven, when He got to heaven this is what He did, He sent the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit comes down and indwells us. And when the Holy Spirit indwells us He places us somewhere in the body of Jesus Christ, every place but the head, cause there’s only one head and that’s Jesus. So He puts us in the body of Jesus Christ. We might be a liver. We might a kidney. We might be an arm. We might be a leg. We might be a foot. We might be fingers, but anyway, He places us in the body and what He does is He gives us everything that we need in grace in order to fulfill our purpose in that body. That’s what he’s saying in essence. And he’s using Psalm 68. And Psalm 68 is a Psalm of triumph. All right and he takes it and then he makes it his own to achieve his purpose. And he makes it his own to achieve his purpose because he wants to show us something that is very very important. And you say what is it? Well I’ll tell you in just a minute.

PART TWO

Welcome back, my friend. Do you know what? I absolutely love teaching you the Word of God. And I love hearing from you. I love those emails and I love knowing what God is doing and I love hearing about your child on the floor with their observation worksheet and coloring the words as we as we go along. And congratulations mothers for doing that job and for introducing your child to Bible study. You know they’re watching you. The sons watch the daddy’s and the daughters watch the daddy’s and they watch the mothers and they want to imitate. They want to be like you. You really are their hero so you need to have a good example. Thanks for giving them a good example in studying the Word of God. All right now let’s get back to where we were. What he’s saying is that to each one of us and he’s saying to you, Precious One, God has given grace, unmerited, unearned favor. It is a pure gift from God. God has given you grace, but He has given it to you according to the measure of Christ’s gift. He has given it to me according to the measure of Christ’s gift. And it’s a different measure for each one of us because we have a different purpose. It’s not that one of us is more, more a favorite of God’s than the other. It’s just that God in His ordering of all the kingdom has a specific task for each one of us. You and I are responsible to know what that gift is and to know that measure and to operate in the measure of that gift. Now when did all this happen? Well it happened when Jesus Christ, after He died after He was buried after He was resurrected He ascended into heaven. And when He ascended into heaven He sent the Holy Spirit. He sent the Holy Spirit to save us, to indwell us to seal us as we saw in Ephesians 1 until the day of our redemption. Now what I want us to do is to look at that and I want us to go to John chapter 7 because I want you to see this whole picture and then we’re going to go into greater detail on the gift that God has given you because it’s vital that you know and that you understand that you have been given a gift from God, one or more spiritual gifts to be used for Him. You are valuable. And see so many times we think

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I’m not. You know, it’s the people that are on television. It’s the people that are on radio. It’s the people that are doing healings. It’s the people that are traveling all over the world. I’m not valuable. Oh yes you are. You are very vital to the health of the church of Jesus Christ, which is the body of Jesus Christ. I’m not talking about a denomination or a building down the road. I’m talking about the living church, every member that belongs to Jesus Christ all around the world comprising His body. Well in John chapter 7, verse 37 Jesus is at the feast of tabernacles or the feast of booths. And it says, “...**On the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and [He] cried out, ...‘If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me....’**” (John 7:37) Now on this last day they would be pouring out water. And so as He goes and as the priest pours out water Jesus is saying, hey if you’re thirsty come to Me. And when he was saying come to Me, they were talking about getting their water from God and here He was God in the flesh. And it says “**He who believes in Me, as the Scripture [has] said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’**” (John 7:38) In other words when you believe in Me you take on life and that life spills out from you. And it says, “[And] **this He spoke concerning the Spirit....**” (7:39a) the Spirit which had not yet been given to men to indwell every single believer, because Christ had not yet, now watch, “...[Christ] **had not yet been glorified.**” (7:39b) Christ had not yet ascended into heaven to set at the right hand of the throne of God as the God-man who has paid for all of our sin and who has conquered sin and death and who has defeated the enemy. And so what He’s saying is there’s a time coming. And the time that comes is when I ascend to the Father then the Spirit will come and those that believe in Me out of his belly will flow rivers of living water. It’s the Spirit of God that satisfies your thirst. Then you go from there to John chapter 14. In John chapter 14 Jesus tells them I’m going to go away. He says “**In My Father’s house are many [mansions]; if it were not so, I would have told you; [but] I go to prepare a place for you. If I go...I will come again and [take]**

you...where I am, [that] you may be [with Me].” (John 14:2-3) And we’re going to be with Him forever and ever. All right, but He’s left us down here on earth. So leaving them down here on earth and He’s saying this in the upper room before He gets ready to go to the Garden of Gethsemane and this is what He says, **“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He [the Helper] may be with you...,”** now watch this. I love it. It’s a time phrase; you put a clock around it. **“...Forever.” (John 14:16)** In other words once I give the Holy Spirit to you the Holy Spirit is there forever. You are sealed until the day of your redemption. He’s never going to leave you. He’s never going to forsake you. You are God’s. Once you believe, truly believe, truly receive Christ you are His forever and ever and ever. And so He says **“[This] is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and [He] will be...,”** where? **“...In you.” (John 14:17)** All right now, when this happens God is giving you a measure of grace, because when the Holy Spirit comes and I want you to go to 1 Corinthians chapter 12. When the Holy Spirit comes into your life what the Holy Spirit does is places you in the body of Jesus Christ and He gives you gifts. In 1 Corinthians chapter 12 the whole chapter starts off with **“Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware.” (1 Corinthians 12:1)** It says, **“I do not want you to be...” (NAS)** **“...ignorant” (KJV)** in the King James Version. And he says, I want you to understand. I want you to understand the the gift of God’s grace, the measure of Christ’s gift to you. And so he goes on to say, **“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.” (12:4 NAS)** So there are all different varieties of spiritual gifts. And what we’re going to see in Ephesians, chapter 4 that when Jesus ascended on high He gave gifts to men. We’ve seen that already. But **“...He gave some as apostles ... some as prophets, ... some as evangelists, ... some as pastor...teachers.” (Ephesians 4:11)** Those are four gifts that he mentions in this passage. But

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there are more than four gifts. There are about 19 to 21 gifts. And you know what? You, Beloved, have one or more of those gifts. And you have it in a measure that God has given you so that you in turn might serve Him. This is what it’s all about. Books are being kept. Books are being kept on how well you are doing using and living up to the measure of grace according to the gift of Jesus Christ. God has a plan for you. “[You] **are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus [unto] good works that God has [before ordained for you to walk in, Beloved.]**”(Ephesians 2:10)