

## Week 9 - Equipping the Saints!

7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift... 11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself.

## Questions: —

Apostles - those sent out to speak and act with special authority.

Prophets - those who speak on behalf of God.

Evangelists - those who proclaim the gospel and call others to service.

Pastors (shepherds) - those who care for and protect the church.

Teachers - those who faithfully teach the application of the Word.

- 1. Do you believe the five-fold ministry is still at work today in the church?
- 2. What does "equipping the saints" mean?
- 3. How do we grow the church into Spiritual "ADULTS?"