

## WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO HAVE A GRACE ORIENTED CHURCH?

\*The characteristics of a grace oriented church should strive to include:

1. The fact that *grace is* \_\_\_\_\_ *and* \_\_\_\_\_ *from the pulpit on a*  
\_\_\_\_\_ *basis.*

“Grace” =

Ephesians 2

- a. Their need of grace exposed: (2:1-3)
- b. God’s Grace provision explained: (4:1a) – “\_\_\_\_\_”
- c. Why did we need it? – (2:5a)
- d. How was this made possible? (2:5b) - God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

(2:8-9) – Salvation by grace was provided by \_\_\_\_\_ alone, through \_\_\_\_\_ alone, in  
\_\_\_\_\_ alone!

• Where do good works fit in then? (2:10; John 1:16; Titus 2:11-12)

2. God’s people are encouraged to \_\_\_\_\_ as well. (1 Pt 1:23-2:3; 2 Pt 3:18; Eph 4:7-16)

• Note with me... For growth to happen grace is needed but so is the \_\_\_\_\_  
of our Lord and Savior – Jesus Christ!

So how does this come about? (Eph. 4:7-16)

a. Every believer has been gifted with a \_\_\_\_\_ at the moment of salvation to function or \_\_\_\_\_ in a local body of believers.

\*Who are the gifted men mentioned here? (Eph 4)

- **Apostles, & Prophets**, were given to the early church to \_\_\_\_\_ the WOG until the scriptures were \_\_\_\_\_. They laid the foundation as recorded in the NT \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Evangelists** were gospel \_\_\_\_\_ that established local churches via the preaching of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Pastor teachers** are those who have \_\_\_\_\_ the apostles & prophets today, but who \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ what the apostles & prophets recorded in scripture for God's people.

• What is the function of these gifted men to Christ's church? (Eph 4:12- ff)

- 1) They are designed to \_\_\_\_\_ the saints for ministry or \_\_\_\_\_ in the church
- 2) They are to \_\_\_\_\_ (build up) the body of Christ through their teaching the scriptures
- 3) They are designed to \_\_\_\_\_ the believers and bring them to spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ in the body of Christ until the Lord's return.

"*Equipping*" the saints (katartismos) {kat-ar-tis-mos'} =

- a. On the one hand, it is a \_\_\_\_\_ process. This process involves teaching & instruction in order to be prepared for active duty for the King of Kings!
- b. On the other hand, it involves a \_\_\_\_\_ process. It is a process involving rebuke, correction, & restoration for service!

\*What is the tool that a teaching Pastor is to use to prepare & repair the saints for service?

\*When the word of God is taught & the saints respond & receive the word by \_\_\_\_\_. What is the result?

\*What does all this mean to you here today?