

Ephesians 4:7-13 Hearing the Voice of God
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But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended"--what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some [to be] apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 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; (Ephesians 4:7-13 NKJV)

Let's begin with What is a prophet.

The *"equipping of the saints"* Will require all the ministry gifts.

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner[stone], (Ephesians 2:19-20 NKJV)

Prophecy is foundational in the body of Christ.

And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. (1 Corinthians 12:28 NKJV)

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Prophecy in the Church is for the entire church age, not just the first church.

by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: (Ephesians 3:4-5 NKJV)

If we ignore the prophetic, the church will simply go blind and lose its ability to see from heaven's perspective.

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. (Colossians 3:1-2 NKJV)

God's people should desire an encounter with His heart.

The Language Of Heaven:

But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." But God has revealed [them] to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. (1 Corinthians 2:9-12 NKJV)

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Any believer can use the gifts of the Holy Spirit, but it will be nothing if it is not motivated by love

And though I have [the gift of] prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. (1 Corinthians 13:2 NKJV)

Judging and Weighing Prophecy:

For we know in part and we prophesy in part. (1 Corinthians 13:9 NKJV)

God's character shows we hear Him best through rest, not striving.

Then he waited seven days, according to the time set by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him. So Saul said, "Bring a burnt offering and peace offerings here to me." And he offered the burnt offering. (1 Samuel 13:8-9 NKJV)

In the absence of God's voice we work for what He wants to give us in grace

If we need a word from God, Jesus is it!

***He may not answer our circumstantial questions, but He always answers our heart cry
The spirit of Religion (Legalism) blocks the ears, eyes and touch of the church and renders us
powerless***