Stan & Scott June 9, 2024
Ephesians 4:1-16

Passage Outline:
Vs. 1-6
Therefore, as a prisoner, I encourage you
- to walk worthily of your calling
  - with humility, gentleness, & longsuffering
- upholding one another in love
- hastening to keep the unity of the Spirit
  - one Body, one Spirit, one Hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God over, through, and in all

Vs. 7-10
Grace was given to each according to Christ's gift
- Therefore it is said (Psalm 68:18 paraphrased?)
  - He (Christ) ascended … gave gifts
    - He also descended …

Vs. 11-16
He gave: some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastor-teacher
- toward equipping the saints unto ministry
  - unto upbuilding of the Body
    - until we all attain the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son
    - the complete Person
    - the measure and stature of Christ
      - In order that no longer babes tossed and blown about
      - but speaking truth in love
        - let us grow unto the Head (Christ)
          - from whom the whole Body joined and knit
            - each part for growth
              - an edifice in love

Key words and Thoughts: calling (κλῆσις); hastening (σπεύδω); unity (ἑνότης); peace (εἰρήνη); love (ἀγάπη); baptism (βάπτισμα); grace (χάρις); measure (μέτρον) gift (δόμα); saints (ἅγιος); below (κατώτερος); prophet (προφήτης); equipping(καταρτισμός); ministry (διακονία); truthing (ἀληθεύω); body (σῶμα); building (οἰκοδομή)

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Questions:
What do you think/believe is your "calling in Christ"?

Why, do you think, is Paul so concerned about unity?

What gifts have been given to you? How, when, and where are you using them?

From verses 11-16, list at least three reasons for which the gifts of Christ have been given: What does this listing suggest to you?