

WE ARE WOL – PART 4: EQUIPPING
SCRIPTURE: EPHESIANS 4:6-16
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*“However, he has given each one of us a special gift
through the generosity of Christ.”*

Ephesians 4:7 NLT

I. WE ALL HAVE A SPECIAL GRACE-GIFT FROM CHRIST

- Every believer has received something from Christ that is meant to matter in the body.
- Ephesians 4:7 NKJV, “But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift.”
- Think About It – Where do you sense God has uniquely gifted or graced you?

II. THE CHURCH HAS BEEN GIVEN EQUIPPERS

- Ephesians 4:11 NLT, “Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.”
- Ephesians 4:12 NLT
Their responsibility is: “...to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.”
- To equip carries the idea of preparing, developing, mending and making something ready for its purpose.
- God is not only interested in developing your gift. He is also interested in developing the person who carries the gift.

III. EQUIPPING PRODUCES SPIRITUAL MATURITY

- Ephesians 4:14-16 NLT
 - No longer immature → I grow up in my faith.
 - No longer tossed & blown about → I become stable in my faith.
 - Not influenced by people’s lies → I develop discernment.
 - Speak the truth in love → I learn to handle truth with love.
 - Growing in every way → I become more like Jesus.

IV. MY GROWTH IS NOT JUST FOR ME

- Ephesians 4:16b NLT, “As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow...”
- God has put something in me that is meant to help someone else grow.
- Someone else’s growth may be connected to my willingness to grow into what Christ has given me.

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- What is my next step?
 - Don’t just come to church. Grow and get equipped.
 - Discover what God has put in you.
- When every part does its part, the whole body grows.