

Who Are You

(Phlm 6) “that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you **in Christ Jesus**.

Only God can tell you Who You Are

(Ep 2:10) ¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Don't let the World/People define your Identity

Gifting Chapters: Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4 (lists)

each begin with the same Concept...

Rom 12: (4) - many members, one body, different functions

1 Cor 12: (5-6) - diversity of gifts, ministries, activities

(7) - each has a manifestation of the Spirit for the profit of all

(12) - one body, many members

(25) - no schism, same care for one another

Eph 4: (3-4) - keep unity, one body

(7) - each have gifts through His grace (empowerment)

(12) - for the work of ministry and the building up of the body

(16) - works effectively when every part does its share

Diversity + Unity (not Conformity) = Functionality

World: right message with wrong focus = disfunction

(2Co 5:16-17) ¹⁶Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

World ends up more in conformity (bondage) than freedom because they are looking for identity in the flesh (feelings/desires) and believing lies to be accepted.

It's Important that we know Who We Are and How We Fit In.

each ends with the same Priority...Love

(Ro 12:9-10) ⁹Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. ¹⁰Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

(1Co 12:31-13:3) ³¹But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way. ¹Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. ²And 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. ³And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

(Ep 4:2) ²with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,

(Ep 4:14-16) ¹⁴that 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, ¹⁵but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head— Christ— ¹⁶from 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 in love.

Love calls you to who you are in Christ (prophecy)

Fruit of the Spirit List (Gal 5:22-23)

Limping on One Leg (1 Cor 13 vs 1 Cor 4:20)

Both! Sometimes we must grow in Fruit to increase in Gifts.

(Mt 7:16-20) ¹⁶“You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? ¹⁷“Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸“A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹“Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰“Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

Only Fruit is an indication of Maturity.

Gifts only indicate that God is Good.

Love calls us to Appreciation and Cooperation (Gifts), not Comparison and Competition