

1 Corinthians 13: 13 Three things will last forever – faith, hope, and love – and the greatest of these is love.

<p>Bible Study: October 7, 2018</p> <p><i>Each One A Minister</i> Using God's Gifts FOR Ministry By: William J. Carter</p>	
<p>Session 4:</p> <p>Gifted Children</p> <p>***** Go to page 23 and stop. This will be a two-part lesson. *****</p>	<p><u>Ephesians 4: 15</u> Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.</p>
<p>Body of Christ</p>	<p>Ephesians 4: 16: He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.</p> <p>Ephesians 1: 22, 23: God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.</p>
<p>Ministry (Page 22)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The language of the body of Christ is ministry. 2. Ministry tells others who the Body is and what it does. 3. The church expresses itself through ministry with and to people. 4. Ministry is the church's way of revealing the secret. 5. We are all ministers, each gifted with special qualities with which we help complete the Body.
<p>Unity (Page 23)</p>	<p>Unity is impossible without love and tolerance. See : 1 Corinthians 13: 13</p>
<p>Gifted & Discipleship</p>	<p><u>Gifted</u>: We are all children of God. <u>Discipleship</u>: Recognize our own giftedness and use it for the purpose of God.</p>
<p>Ephesians 4:7 We are provided gifts by Christ</p> <p>(Page 23)... while in other places the gifts seem to be from the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p>(Page 23):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Obviously they are from God. 2. The effort to assign gift giving only to that part of the Trinity called the Holy Spirit may be misleading. 3. It implies that gifts come from a particular aspect of God. 4. Paul seems to be saying that the source of the gifts is the fullness of God – in creation, redemption, and continuing presence. 5. The objective is that that these gifts be shared by all.
<p>Creation, redemption and continuing presence.</p>	<p><u>CREATION</u>: God's unconditional love for all. <u>REDEMPTION</u>: Victory over physical death (sin – shame, guilt, persecution and diseases of the physical body) because of Jesus Christ dying on the cross and ascending into heaven to live eternally with God the Father. <u>CONTINUING PRESENCE</u>: Personal confidence in life on Earth with the Holy Spirit.</p>