

In today's passage, the concluding verse, verse 12, states, "to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." So, today's passage speaks of the necessity for building up the body of Christ. Furthermore, in verse 10, it mentions the intention to "fill the whole universe," but what does this mean? The key to understanding these two verses lies in Ephesians 1:23, which says, "which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way." Here we see that the body of Jesus and the fullness of him who fills everything refers to the church.

Therefore, today's passage is about the church. How can we establish the church? How can the church manifest the fullness of Jesus in the world according to its purpose? These are specific teachings regarding these questions. How can the redeemed people of God establish the church? Can the church, as the body of Jesus, fill the world as Jesus did?

Firstly, we must build the church through the gifts given by God.

In verse 7, it says that God has given various gifts to those who have received salvation in Christ. Salvation itself is a gift, and the Holy Spirit given to those who have been saved is also a gift. Through this Spirit, gifts and ministries are given, all for the purpose of building the church. We should value and be thankful for God's gifts, using them effectively to build the church. Remembering that God has given us gifts for the advancement of His kingdom, we should use them faithfully, not comparing or complaining, but cherishing them and using them in accordance with the Lord's will. Then, when we use our gifts faithfully to build the church, we receive God's praise.

Secondly, we must build the church by making the saints complete.

In verse 12, it says, "to equip his people for works of service," indicating that God intends to make the saints complete to establish the church. Making them complete means healing them. When asked what the first ministry we Greeks should do, it is when the church is established by going to the sick and broken people and healing them.

The church should be a community of restoration. When saints are made complete within the church and take on the ministry of making others complete, the church is established. In order for us to live as healers, we must first receive healing ourselves. We believe that Jesus has already taken care of the wounds within us. Having this assurance and being confident that Christ, who has already healed us, will transform us into lives dedicated to healing others, our lives can bear fruit.

Especially to experience the grace of restoration in the church, one must experience the Word and the work of the Holy Spirit. When talking about making the saints complete, the passage discusses the gifts of the Spirit first and then the ministry of the Word in verse 11. And in verse 12, through "so that," it is said that making the saints complete is done through these means. True healing is experienced through the work of the Spirit within the Word. I hope and pray that through the grace of experiencing the healing of the Spirit within the Word, complete saints will be made complete by other complete saints through you and me.

Thirdly, we must build the church through serving one another.

Finally, the passage tells us that the church is built when saints serve one another. Service implies the work of serving. Building the church means not serving alone but enabling saints to serve.

**Bible
Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.” (Ephesians 4:12)

**Bible
Reading**

3/25(Mon)	3/26(Tue)	3/27(Wed)	3/28(Thur)	3/29(Fri)	3/30(Sat)	3/31(Sun)
Judges 7-8	Judges 9-10	Judges 11-13	Judges 14-16	Judges 17-19	Judges 20-21	Ruth 1-3

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Quiet Time Passage

3/25(Mon)	3/26(Tue)	3/27(Wed)	3/28(Thur)	3/29(Fri)	3/30(Sat)	3/31(Sun)
Luke 22:1-13	Luke 22:39-53	Luke 23:13-25	Luke 23:33-43	Luke 23:44-56	Romans 5:6-11	Luke 24:1-12

**Sharing
Questions**

1. Please share what you have realized anew or received grace from through today's message.
2. Reflect on the gifts you have received from God and discuss how you can use them to build up the church.
3. Share what you need to do to be healed in the church and to heal others.
4. Discuss what kind of service is necessary in your life to build up the church.