

SERMON NOTES JANUARY 4, 2009

The Gifts that Keep on Giving

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Introduction: With the renewal of violence and bloodshed in various “hot spots” around the world as 2008 came to an end, a “focus question” came to mind.. What would any real victory look like?

And cosmically, in regards to Jesus’ victory at the Cross... What sort of victory would show the greatness of Jesus’ defeat of Satan?

Text: Ephesians 4:7-16

Main Idea: Paul links the victory of Jesus Christ with the distribution of spiritual gifts.

I. Apportioned Gifts v. 7-10

- A. The **picture** behind the gift-giving**

- B. The **place** from which the gifts are given**

- C. The **power** by which the gifts are given**

II. Appropriate Gifts

- A. The **listing** of the gifts**

- B. The **purpose** of the gifts**

III. Action-oriented Gifts

- A. Action Goal #1: **Maturity****

- B. Action Goal #2: **Growth****

- C. Action Goal #3: **Connection****

Application: What are your goals for the New Year? What are your gifts to be used? How will you use, develop, and train others in using what God has given you?