

## The Gift of a Church!

Acts 2:1-4; Ephesians 4:

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*"I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: 'When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men.'" (Ephesians 4:1-8; NKJ)*

### 1. The Church is born of \_\_\_\_\_!

*"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." (Acts 2:1-4; NKJ)*

*"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" (Luke 11:13; NKJ)*

*"Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'" (Acts 2:38; NKJ)*

### 2. The Church is God's gift to the \_\_\_\_\_!

A. God has entrusted his \_\_\_\_\_ to us.

B. God has given his \_\_\_\_\_ through us.

C. God gives the world a visible example of \_\_\_\_\_.

D. We are the instrument of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the world!

### 3. The Church is God's gift \_\_\_\_\_!

*"And let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24-25; NKJ)*

#### 4. You are God's gift to \_\_\_\_\_!

*"But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: 'When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men.'" (Ephesians 4:7-8; NKJ)*

#### Conclusion

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