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GOD'S DIVINE DESIGN

EPHESIANS 4:7 - 16

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. [8] This is why it says:

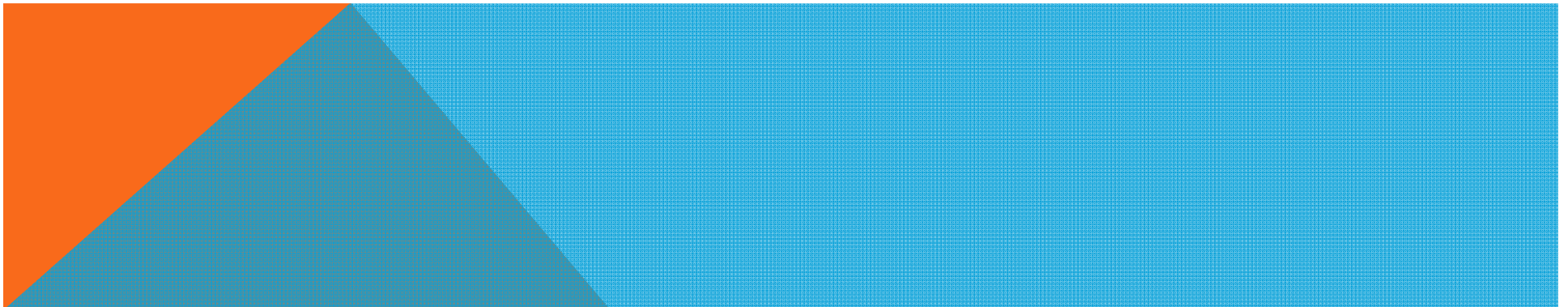
"When he ascended on high,
he led captives in his train
and gave gifts to men."

[9] (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? [10] He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)

[11] It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, [12] to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up [13] until we all reach

and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

[14] Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. [15] Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. [16] From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.





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SPIRITUAL (GIFTS) ORGANISATION AND
STRUCTURAL ORGANISATION

is a BODY!

A. The BODY

Church: *Ekklesia*

1. 'Assembly'

2. 'the People of God'

'GATHERED' Church & 'EXTENDED' Church

B. The GIFTS

Spiritual Gift: *Charisma*

C. The BODY & The GIFTS

MY GIFTS

1. I have a Gift/ Gifts (v7)

- a. Everyone has a Gift
- b. What is a Gift?

‘A special attribute given by the Holy spirit, to every member of the Body of Christ, according to God’s grace, for use in the context of the Body’

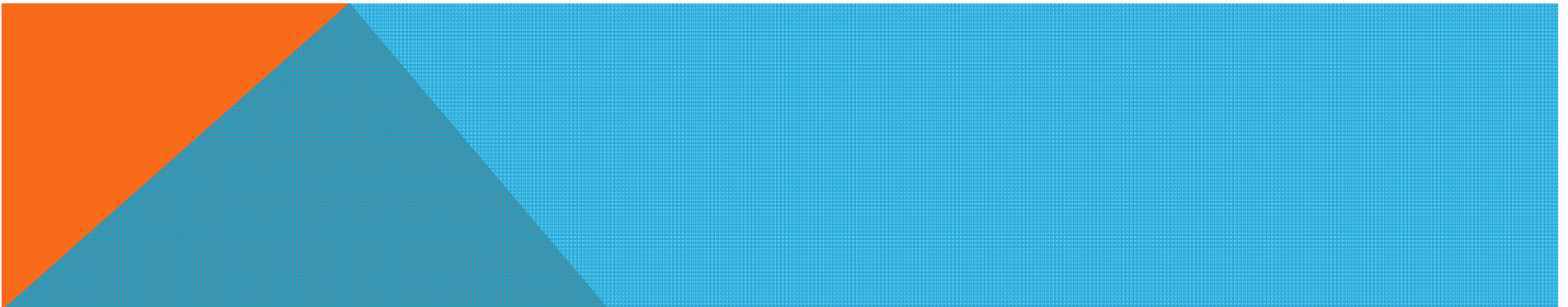
c. What Gifts are NOT

- ” Natural Talents are Not Gifts
- ” Fruit are Not Gifts
- ” Roles and Gifts

2. My Gifts for the Body (v12)

- a. Body to be built up
- b. Body to behave in unity
- c. Body to become mature

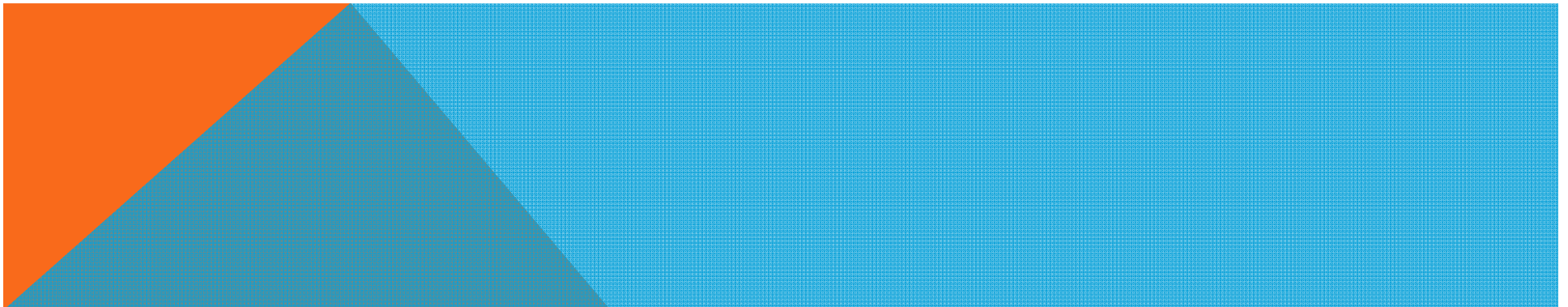
CH_RCH ...What is missing here?



Over & Serve with My Gifts (v11-12a)

*“God gave me a gift,
not for me but for you,
and God gave you a gift,
not for you but for me.
If you don’t use your gift,
you’re depriving me;
if I don’t use my gift,
I’m robbing you.”*

Rick Warren





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1. I have Gifts
2. My gift is for the Body
3. I am to Discover & Serve with My Gift

