

BECOMING THE CHURCH
Sermon # 2- The Provision for the Church
Text: Ephesians 4:7-16

I. GOD'S PROVISION FOR TEAMWORK— SAINTS

- The Lord has given spiritual leaders to every church “to _____ God’s people to do His work and build up the church.”
- Paul Ford’s definition—“*A spiritual gift is a _____ ability given to a person by Christ to be evidenced in his/her ministry for the upbuilding and maturity of the body of Christ.*”

II. GOD'S PROTECTION FOR TEAMWORK— SAINTS

- We should just admit that it will not always be _____ to work together in the church.
- The Lord has chosen to give some people those gifts that are more _____ than others.
- As teamwork becomes our passion, individuals will fade into the background as the _____ takes center stage.

III. GOD'S PRESCRIPTION FOR TEAMWORK— SAINTS

- The secret to the early church is easy to understand— they worked hard, and they prayed even _____!
_____ will be the seed of destruction for any church.