

SPIRITUAL GIFTS



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Vocabulary

Fruit of the Spirit

(Gal. 5:22-23)

Christ-like character

Involve our being

Developed

Prepare for eternity

Regulate use of
grace-gifts

GOAL = to be like Jesus

Gifts of the Spirit

(Rom, 1 Cor, Eph, 1 Pet)

Christ-like ministry

Involve our doing

Received

Equip for service now

Manifest fruit of the
Spirit

GOAL = to be like Jesus

Rather than calling them

Natural -or- supernatural

Non-Miraculous -or- miraculous

better to simply say

Ordinary -or- extraordinary

NT lists suggestive, not exhaustive

Rom 12

Prophecy

Serving

Teaching

Exhorting

Giving

Leading

Mercy

1 Cor 12

wd of wisdom

wd of knwldge

faith

gifts/healing

miracles

prophecy

discerning sp.

kinds of tongues

interp. Tongues

administration

1 Cor 13

tongues

prophecy

undrstndg

knowledge

miracle faith

giving

martyrdom

Eph 4 1 Peter 4

apostles speaking

prophets serving

evangel

pastors/

teachers

WE LIVE DURING A VERY SPECIAL TIME OF PROPHETIC FULFILLMENT



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It will **end with Jesus' final coming** in person and in power.





GOD'S TWO-PHASE PLAN FOR HIS MESSIAH (Psalm 110:1)

“The LORD says to my Lord:

‘Sit at my right hand,

u n t i l [interim = era = period of time]

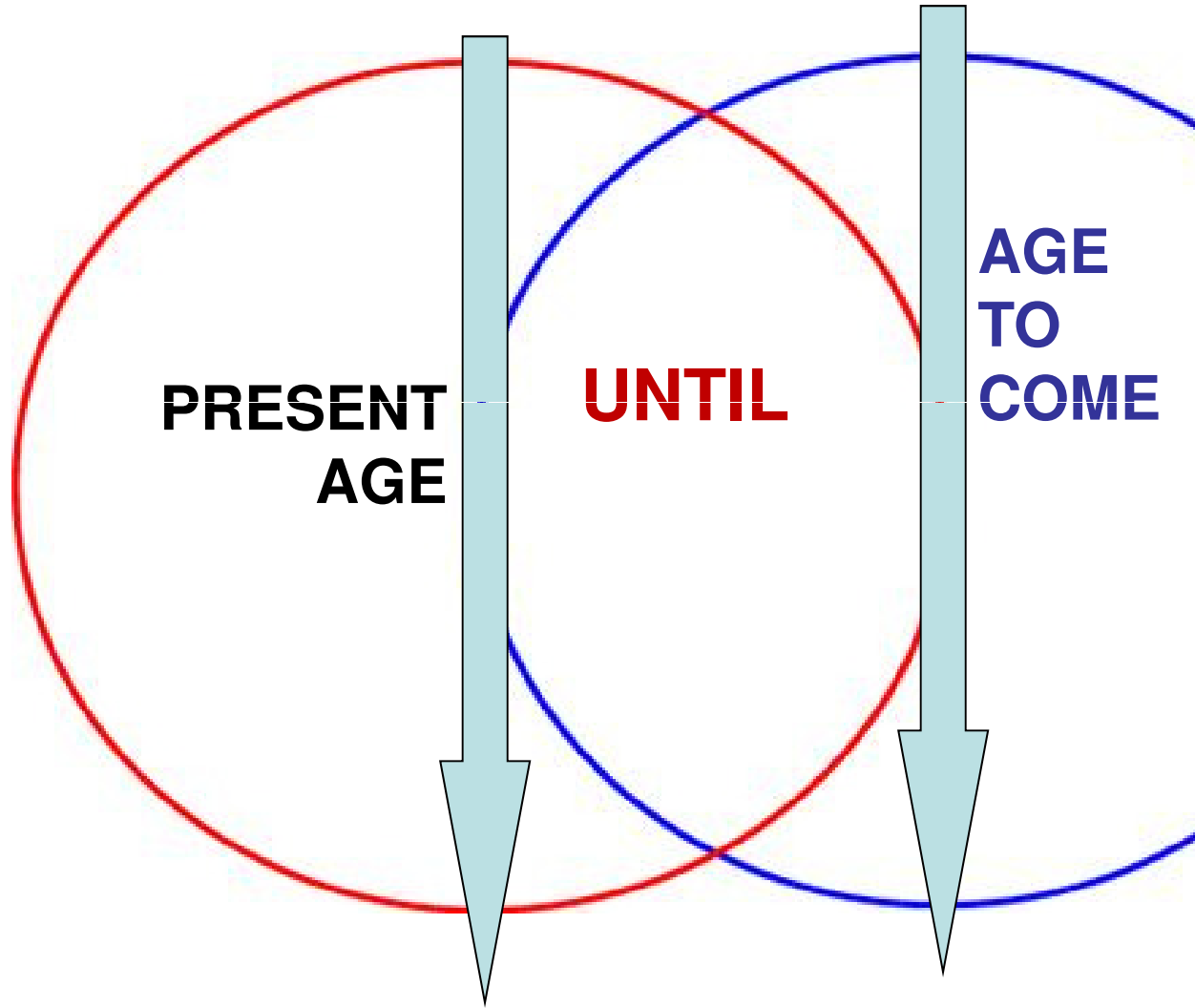
I make your enemies your footstool.’ ”

FIRST COMING

SECOND COMING

'SIT'

LAST ENEMY GONE



**PRESENT
AGE**

UNTIL

**AGE
TO
COME**

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THE ERA OF THE SPIRIT

John 14:2, 3, 16 -- **I go** to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again** and receive you to Myself I will ask **the Father**, and He **will give you another Helper**, that He may be with you forever

I go [Spirit present] I will come again

Acts 2

1When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2And suddenly **there came from heaven a noise like** a violent rushing **wind**, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. **4And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

Acts 2

(Pilgrims heard in their own languages. Some accused 120 of being drunk.)

14But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: "Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my

words. 15"For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day;

16but **this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel:**

Acts 2

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God says, 'THAT **I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY
SPIRIT** ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS
AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY
. . . . 21'AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE
WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD
WILL BE SAVED.' (Joel 2:28ff)

IT IS THE 'DAY OF SALVATION'

(2 Cor. 6:2; Isaiah 49:8)



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IT IS THE GOSPEL AGE

(Matt. 28:18-20)



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IT IS THE PERIOD KNOWN AS THE 'LAST DAYS'



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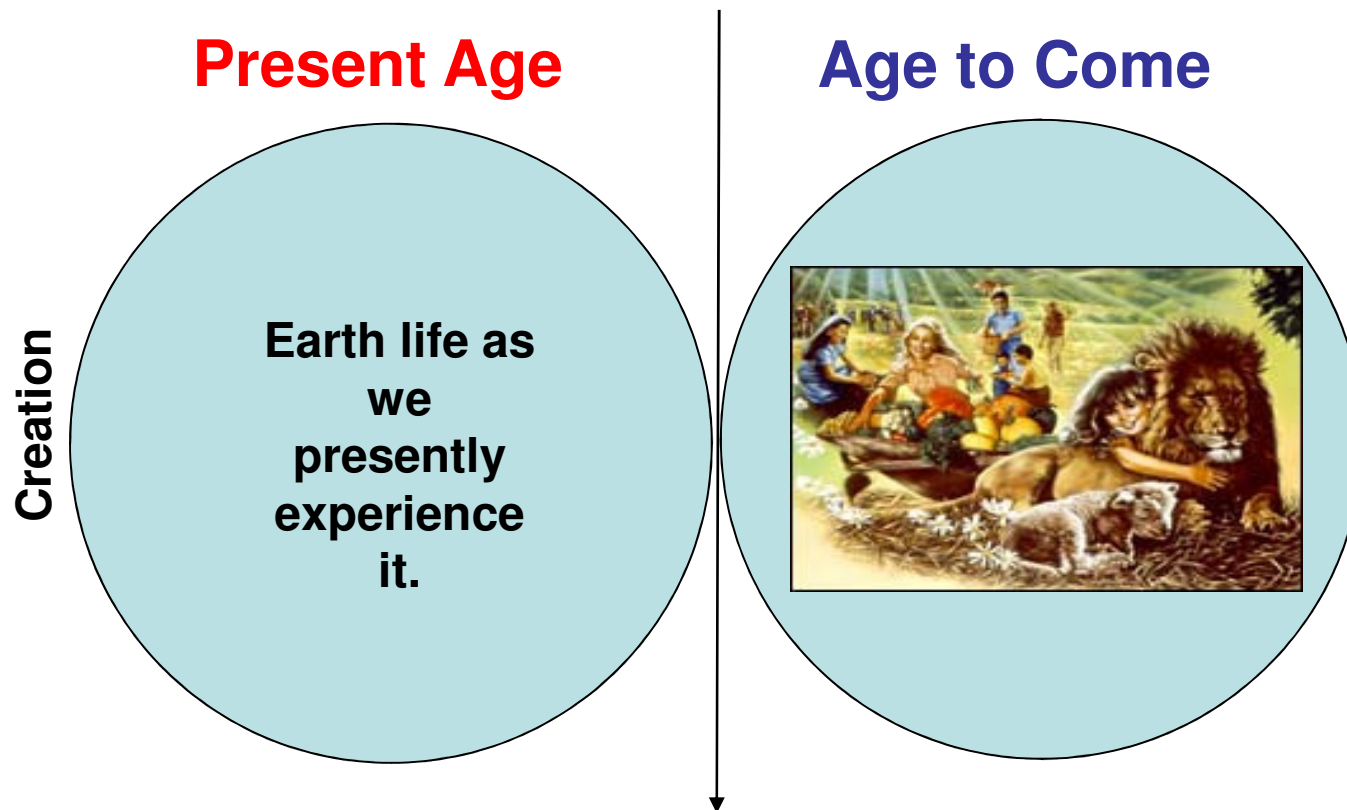
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Popular First-Century Jewish Expectation

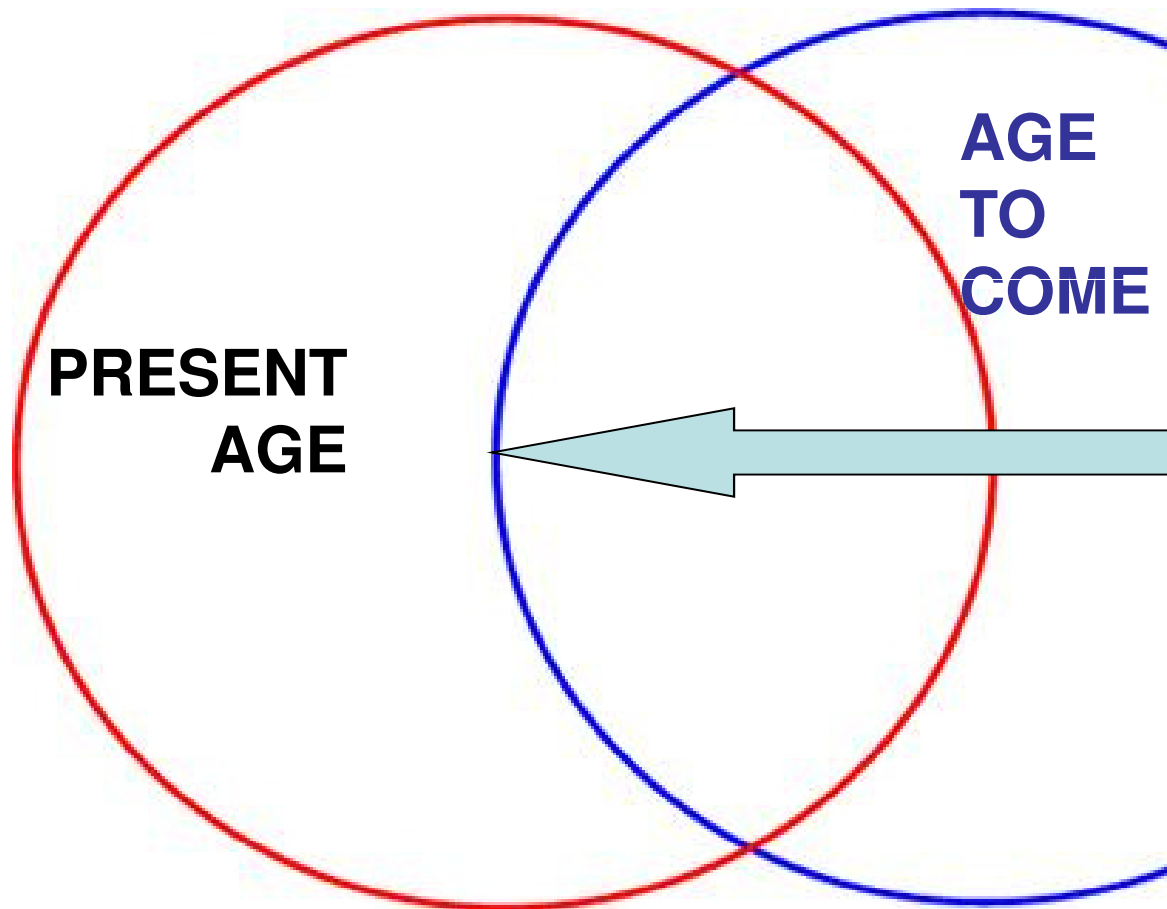
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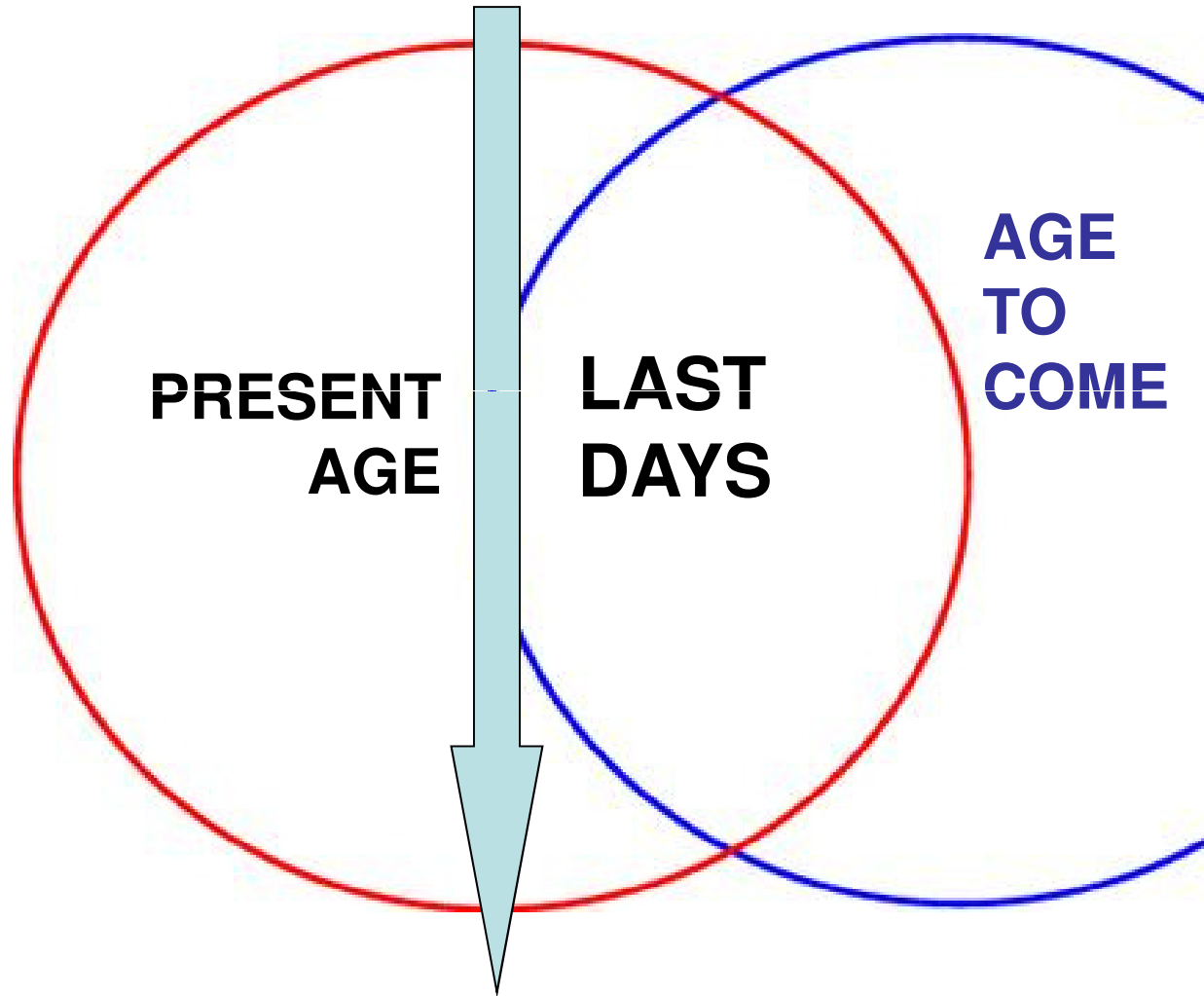
IN AGE TO COME (BIBLICAL PROPHETS FORETELL)

MESSIAH <> RESURRECTION <> FORGIVENESS
HOLY SPIRIT <> RENEWED EARTH

BECAUSE MESSIAH JESUS COMES, BRINGING --
RESURRECTION <> FORGIVENESS <> HOLY SPIRIT
the Age to Come has begun to break in .



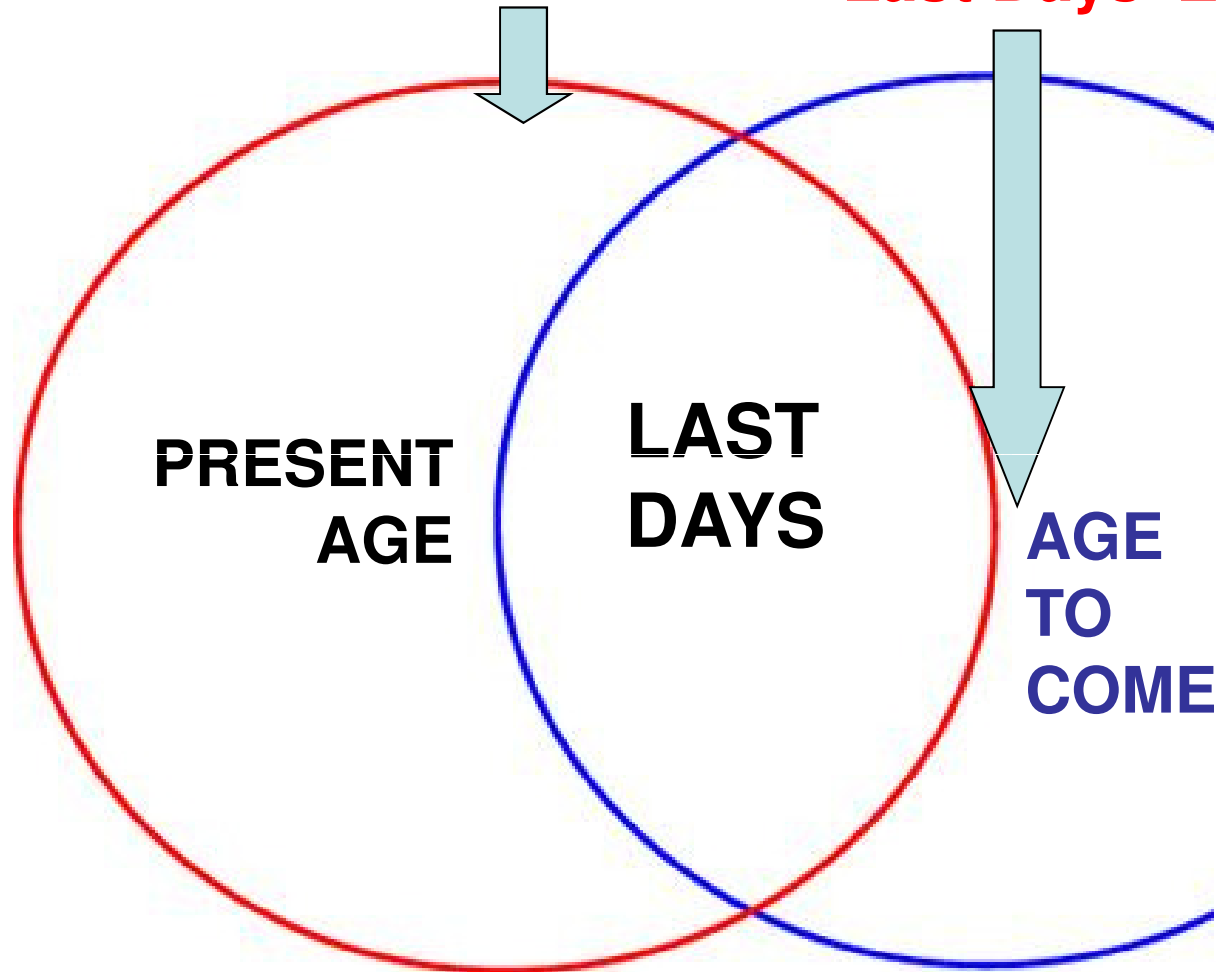
FIRST COMING OF CHRIST
'Last Days' begin.



1st Coming

Final Coming of Jesus

'Last Days' End



**PRESENT
AGE**

**LAST
DAYS**

**AGE
TO
COME**

IT IS THE AGE OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS (GRACE-GIFTS)



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God gives grace-gifts while Jesus' people wait for his return.

1 Cor. 1:4 - I give thanks to my God always for you because of the **grace** of God that was **given you** in Christ Jesus, **5** that in every way **you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge**— **6** even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— **7** so that **you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ**



Grace-gifts are to help us move toward the goal (*telos*).

They equip God's people to serve in various ways as we all move toward God's goal (*telos*).

That goal (*telos*) is for us all to come to be like Jesus.

When we reach the goal, that will be 'maturity' or 'perfection' (*teleios, teleion*).



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Ephesians 4:8-13

8 When he ascended on high . . . he gave gifts to men . . . **11** And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, **12** to **equip** the saints for the **work of ministry**, for **building up** the body of Christ, **13** **until** we all **attain** to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, **to mature (*teleion*) manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.**



**GRACE-GIFTS WILL END
WHEN WE REACH THE
GOAL = Maturity = Perfect
(1 Cor. 13:8-13)**

**Then we will see 'face to face (Ex. 33:11;
1 John 3:1-3; Rev. 22:4).**

**Then we will know as we are fully known
(1 Cor. 8:2).**

**Then all things will be 'mature' or 'perfect'
(*teleios*) and God's goal (*telos*) will be
realized.**

Recognizing your gift(s)

1. How do you instinctively react and respond to situations of need?

Rom 12:4-5 For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Recognizing your gift(s)

2. What do you sense is lacking in others that you can supply?

Eph 4:16 . . . from [Christ] the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

Recognizing your gift(s)

3. What do you do that blesses others?

1 Peter 4:10 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Recognizing your gift(s)

4. What service do you perform for which others thank and praise God?

1 Peter 4:11 Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ