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**PSALM 68**

*Christ the Gift-Giver*

Intro

**A. PSALM 68**

1. Context:

2. The outline of the psalm.

1. Exhortation to rejoice before the Lord (vv. 1-6).

2. God’s victorious march from Egypt to Jerusalem (vv. 7-18).

3. Praise to God for His conquest over His enemies, His blessings on His people, and a worldwide flow of worshippers to His temple at Jerusalem (19-35).

3. The Messianic ascension on high (v. 18).

a. *“You have ascended on high”* –

b. *“You have received gifts among men”* –

**B. PAUL’S INTERPRETATION IN EPH. 4:7-16.**

1. Christ ascends into heaven (vv. 8, 9-10).

2. Christ leads captive a host of captives (v. 8).

a. Spiritual enemies – sin, death, Satan.

b. Enemies conquered by the gospel.

3. Christ gives gifts to men (v. 8).

a. Every believer receives a grace gift (v. 7).

b. Some of the gifts are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastor-teachers (v. 11).

c. These gifts help equip the saints to use their gifts for the building up of the body of Christ (v. 12).

4. Every good gift comes through Christ.

Conclusion