

The body of Christ, the church, is His amazing idea and creation. Its very existence encourages and humbles us. It reminds us of His grace and gives opportunity for us to express that grace in many ways. God gives to each one of us gifts so that as we use them, He is glorified among us and in the eyes of those who have yet come to know Him. The apostle Paul said, *“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. And there are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”* (1 Cor. 12: 4-7, NASB)

High Profile gifts include apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastor-teachers, serving/helps, teaching, encouraging, giving, leading, mercy, the word of wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, discerning of spirits, tongues, and, interpretation of tongues. (Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:4-31; Eph. 4: 11-16; 1 Peter 4:10-12). But there are ***many more faces of “the one”*** for whom Christ prayed (John 17:20-23). On this Academy Award day, our thoughts are turned to others in God’s “best supporting cast.”

Messengers

Greeters

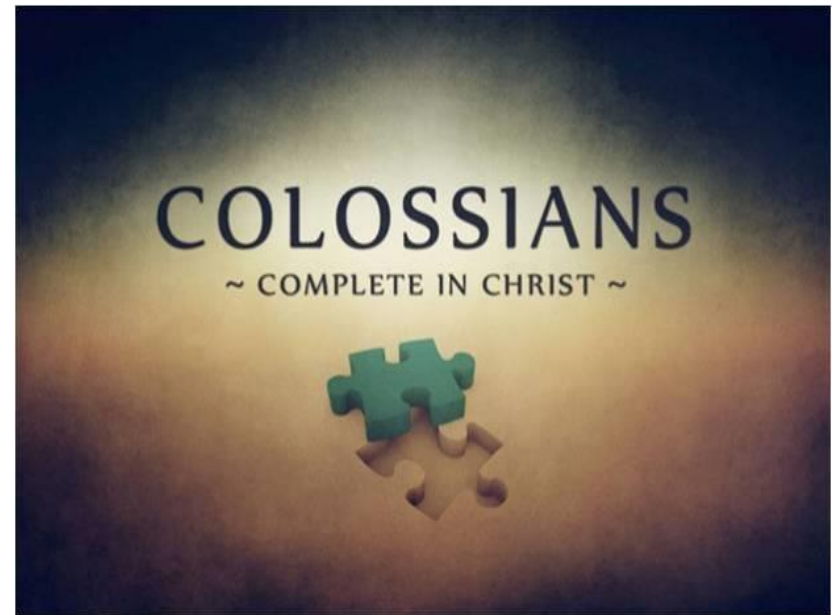
Intercessors

Doctors

Readers

Personal Application and Interaction

1. Make a list of the names of two or three friends or acquaintances. Now, take a few moments to describe in writing, many of the hats they wear in life (roles, responsibilities, titles, character qualities). Thank God for them, then send them a message, thanking them for impacting you in some way.
2. Go through the same exercise, focusing on two or three people from our ministry.
3. Now, expand your thinking to include one or two of your new friends or acquaintances from our partners/colleagues from El Calvario.
4. How has God gifted **you** to glorify Him throughout our ministry and in the field to which He has sent you?
5. What motivates you to use your spiritual gifts (high profile or supporting roles)?



The Many Faces of One Colossians 4:7-18

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