

# Ephesians 4:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

## Analysis

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**[Verse 4:8 text would be quoted here]** This verse in Ephesians chapter 4 addresses theological theme. Key Greek terms include to be determined.

The theological focus is doctrinal emphasis, demonstrating Paul's emphasis on the cosmic Christ and the church as His body/bride/temple. The phrase emphasizes union with Christ as the foundation of all spiritual blessings.

## Historical Context

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Written during Paul's Roman imprisonment (60-62 CE), this verse in chapter 4 reflects the circular letter's purpose to multiple Asian churches. Ephesus was a major center of pagan worship (Artemis cult) and early Christianity, making Paul's teachings on spiritual warfare and Christian unity particularly relevant.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does the truth of Ephesians 4:8 about verse-specific transform your daily walk with Christ?
2. What does this verse teach about theological theme that challenges modern Christian practice?
3. How can you apply the theological principle of doctrinal emphasis in your relationships and witness?

## Interlinear Text

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διὸ	λέγει	Ἀναβὰς	εἰς	ὕψος	ἡχμαλώτευσεν
<b>Wherefore</b>	<b>he saith</b>	<b>When he ascended</b>	<b>up</b>	<b>on high</b>	<b>he led captivity</b>
G1352	G3004	G305	G1519	G5311	G162
αἰχμαλωσίαν	καὶ	ἔδωκεν	δόματα	τοῖς	ἄνθρώποις
<b>captive</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>gave</b>	<b>gifts</b>	G3588	<b>unto men</b>
G161	G2532	G1325	G1390		G444

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 68:18** (Parallel theme): Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them.

**Colossians 2:15** (Parallel theme): And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.