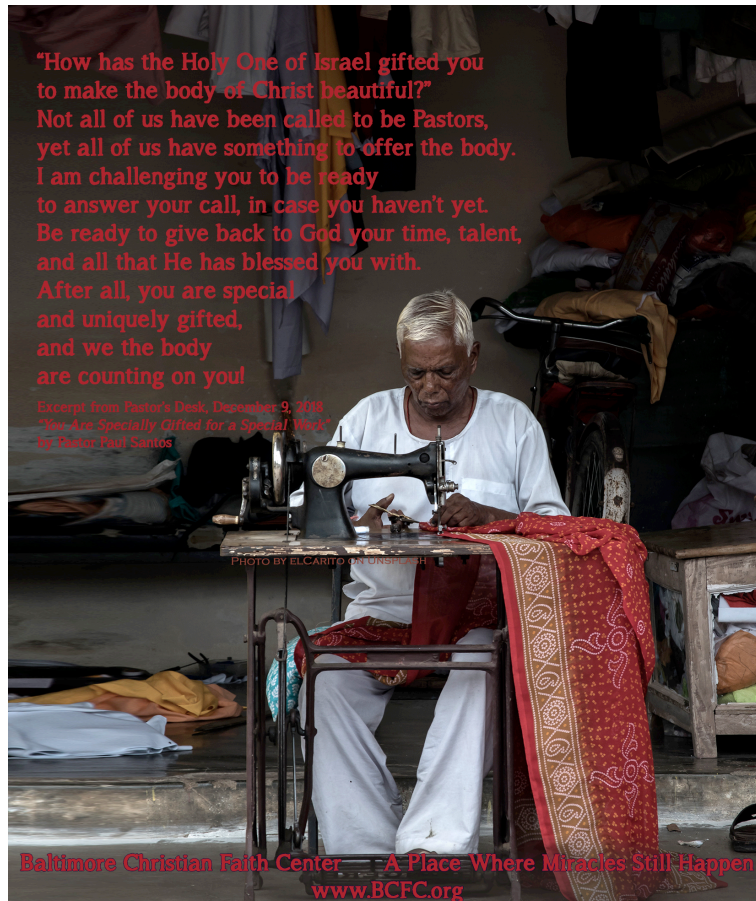


You Are Specially Gifted for a Special Work

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Every believer has a unique role to play in the body of Christ. There are assignments given by Christ through the Holy Spirit to every believer for the common good of the body of Christ. We read in Exodus 28:3 the following words, "And you shall speak to all the skillful persons whom I have endowed with the Spirit of Wisdom, that they make Aaron's garments to consecrate him that he may minister as priest to Me." In this passage, we find that Aaron and His sons were called to be priests to God Himself, not to Israel. And because of the nature of His calling, Aaron was supposed to dress in a special manner, "holy garments for glory and beauty." The beauty of this scripture is that God Himself endowed some skillful people with the Spirit of Wisdom to make those garments. They were uniquely gifted so they also could serve God in a unique way. Why? By sowing uniquely designed garments for the priests.

It is so wonderful to know that throughout the Bible God continues to make it clear that every person is special in His sight. As the apostle Paul told us in 1 Corinthians 12:7-20, we together are the body of Christ, members of one another, playing a unique role in the kingdom. Despite how things may look on the surface, no one is indispensable. We need each other, regardless of how much attention or lack thereof we may receive, the principle remains the same. It is not about us or about our gifts; it is about a divine endowment for the beauty of the body of Christ.

My question now is, "How has the Holy One of Israel gifted you to make the body of Christ beautiful?" Not all of us have been called to be Pastors, yet all of us have something to offer the body. I am challenging you to be ready to answer your call, in case you haven't yet. Be ready to give back to God your time, talent, and all that He has blessed you with. After all, you are special and uniquely gifted, and we the body are counting on you!

In His service, your fellow servant,
Pr. Paul Santos