

THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT EXPLAINED

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This presentation promotes and reveals the relevant promises which God has made, to all those that will receive his salvation (the Holy Spirit). The Holy Spirit is that part of God which was promised to all those that would believe, and receive his Gospel. This Spirit is the same supernatural force that enabled all the miracles and wonders in the Old Testament, and was also the same source of power which Jesus used in his miracle packed ministry. The Holy Spirit is the promised gift of God, which will still be given to all those that will be obedient to the salvation Gospel of Jesus Christ.

When the Holy Spirit enters your body, the full power of God has been granted to you: you are born again. All babies are born with their full potential already in evidence. Their feet, legs, arms, hands, etc., are all in existence and all the child has to do is grow and mature. These bodily parts also grow and function as the child learns to coordinate its eyes with its limbs, and so on. With the development of the person, also comes the development of the body and its parts. So it is with true Christians.

We are promised the full power of God, and anything less is deformed, and not of God. The Holy Spirit is God's power, full of miracles and full of signs and wonders. How can the Spirit be present, if all of its body is not in evidence? If we say that we have fire, then we also have heat, light, flames and smoke... all will be present. All those things that make up an object must be present, or the object is flawed. How can you have the Holy Spirit and not the signs of its existence?

Paul explains and defines the power of the Holy Spirit in the individual and in the church.

1COR 12:1 Now concerning spiritual [gifts], brethren (brethren in Christ), I would not have you ignorant. His first concern was that they understood what they had received... because many are misled or lack knowledge.

2 Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb (voiceless) idols (whatever represents the form of an object, either real or imaginary), even as ye were led. Many Christian faiths are dumb as well.

3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed (a thing devoted to God without hope of being redeemed): and [that] no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. If you don't have the Holy Spirit you are not part of the church... you are still unsaved.

4 Now there are **diversities** (distinctions, differences, 9 in all) of gifts (the economics of divine grace), but the same Spirit. There is only one spirit and its manifestations are consistent.

5 And there are differences of **administrations** (church duties and management), but the same Lord.

6 And there are diversities of **operations** (church activities), but it is the same God which worketh (puts forth power) all in all (in everything and everyone). The Spirit and its power remains the same.

7 But the **manifestation** (outward demonstration) of the Spirit is given (granted) to every man (each, everyone) to profit withal (to be profitable in everything you do).

8 For to one (which) is given by the Spirit the word of **WISDOM**; to another (others) the word of **KNOWLEDGE** by the same Spirit;

9 To (and) another **FAITH** by the same Spirit; to (and) another the gifts of **HEALING** by the same Spirit;

10 To (and) another the working of **MIRACLES**; to (and) another **PROPHECY**; to (and) another **DISCERNING OF SPIRITS**; to (and) another [divers] kinds of **TONGUES**; to (and) another the **INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES**;

11 But (and) all these worketh (are operative) that one and the selfsame Spirit, **dividing** (distributing) to every man **severally** (his own portion) as he will (to will deliberately). God gives everyone their own portion... that is his will.

**In the description of the gifts of the Spirit (v8-10), it appears that the gifts are divided and granted differently to individuals... this is not the most accurate translation. Verse 7 very clearly states that everyone was to be granted all of the gifts of the Spirit. The word 'to' in verses 8-10, are not in the original Greek. If we take the liberty to paraphrase these directions in V8-10, we will find a very clear and decisive understanding. Let us consider the following concept as being equal in nature to the 'gifts' scriptures.*

"I have given you all a new car... in each car are fitted the following accessories... air conditioning, and power steering, and another (accessory), mag wheels, another (accessory), cd stacker, etc. etc". He is not saying... in one car "this" is fitted and in another "that" is fitted etc. See v7.

A quick look into your concordance and you will easily see that some of the Greek words are poorly translated. Following on in verse 11, you will also see that the Greek word for "dividing" is also "distributing", a completely different understanding (dividing equal portions). Also the word "severally" in the same verse is always translated as "his own" or "their own" in nearly every other place in the New Testament.

The translators obviously had some difficulty with these verses, but the truth is there for anyone who cares to compare the original Greek with the English translation.

Let us read a more literal translation of the above verses (this is done for ease of understanding).

1COR 12:7 But the demonstration of the Spirit is granted to everyone to be profitable.

8 For which (purpose) indeed is given by the Spirit the word of WISDOM; and another is the word of KNOWLEDGE by the same Spirit;

9 and another FAITH by the same Spirit; and another the gifts of HEALING by the same Spirit;

10 and another the working of MIRACLES; and another PROPHECY; and another DISCERNING OF SPIRITS; and another [divers] kinds of TONGUES; and another the EXPLANATION OF TONGUES:

11 and all these are operative by that one and selfsame Spirit, distributing to every man his own, as he (God) deliberately wills.

**If you find the above appreciation challenging, consider also these following scriptures...*

1COR 1:4 I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;

5 That in **every thing ye are enriched** by him, in all utterance, and [in] all knowledge;

6 Even as the testimony (*witness*) of Christ was confirmed in you:

7 So that **ye come behind in no gift** (*charisma... exactly the same word as used in chap 12*); waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (*all the gifts to be part of your life*):

JOH 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will **guide you into all truth** (*discernment*): for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

1COR 2:4 And my speech and my preaching [was] not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration (*demonstrated proof*) of the Spirit and of power (*miracles*):

5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom (*the intelligence*) of men, but in the power (*miracle working power*) of God. *The gifts of the Spirit.*

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might **know the things** that are freely given to us of God (*we should and must know about these gifts*).

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the **Holy Ghost teacheth**; comparing **spiritual** things with **spiritual**. *Comparing with scripture.*

1COR 14:1 Follow after charity, **and desire spiritual gifts**, but rather that ye may prophesy.

26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, **every one of you** hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, **hath a tongue**, hath a revelation, **hath an interpretation**. Let all things be done unto edifying.

1COR 12:31 But covet earnestly the **best gifts**: *The best gift for the need at hand... all are available now.*