

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

“A Gift of Grace” or “Grace Gift”

Grace- The Gift is undeserved and cannot be earned.

The power and operation of a Spiritual Gift are due to God alone.

OVERVIEW - GIFT (S)

Rom 1:11-12

Rom 5:15-16 “gift of justification” (Jn6:35-40; 16:7-11; 1Cor 2:12-14)

Rom 6:23 “eternal life”

Rom11:29

Rom 12:6

1Cor 1:7

1Cor 7:7 “benefits; blessings in life”

1Cor 12:9,28,30-31

1Tim 4:14

2Tim 1:6

1Pet 4:10

WHAT SPIRITUAL GIFTS ARE

† They are sovereignly bestowed by God.

He decides who gets which gift. 1Cor 12:11

No matter how much a person desires or prays for a specific gift, it is not granted on that basis.

† Spiritual gifts are given at the time of salvation. 1 Pet 4:10

† Every believer has at least one gift. Rom 12:6; 1Cor 12:7,11

† Spiritual gifts differ in value. 1Cor 12:28-31

† They are to be used in love. 1Cor 13

† Christ is the ultimate giver of the gifts.

He uses the Holy Spirit to distribute them. Eph 4:7-8 with 1Cor 12:11

WHAT SPIRITUAL GIFTS ARE NOT

† They are not to be used for serving in a specific place.

† They are not an “office”. Some offices which believers serve in may require a specific gift, e.g. Teacher, Elder; but possessing the gift does not give one title to the office.

† They are not a “talent”. Both believers and unbelievers have talents, but spiritual gifts are only given to believers.

† There is no gift that is given to minister to a specific age group.

† All believers have a spiritual gift; both spiritual and carnal believers. Spiritual gifts can be exercised both correctly and incorrectly.

MAIN PASSAGES WHICH DEAL WITH SPIRITUAL GIFTS OF SERVICE

1 Pet 4:10-11

- ✚ Each one has received a gift.
- ✚ The gifts are to be used for the benefit of the Body. 1Cor 12:7
- ✚ The gift entrusted makes it a stewardship; therefore the believer has the responsibility to use it wisely.

Rom 12:4-8

- ✚ Unity, diversity, harmony. 1Cor 12:13-20ff

Eph 4:11-16

- ✚ Gifted individuals given to the church body, as a whole

Eph 4:7-8

- ✚ Gifts given to individuals.
The purpose or goal of the gifted man (Eph 4:12-16)...
Maturity is the goal - teaching and exhortation - to know the truth and walk in it so that we grow to maturity.

LIST OF THE GIFTS

GIFTED MEN

✚ APOSTLESHIP

- ➡ The Twelve - Acts 1:20-26

NOTE: Eph 2:20; Heb 2:3-4; 1Jn 4:6; Rev 21:14

- ➡ Seen the Risen Lord - 1Cor 9:1; 1Cor15:3-10; Gal 1:19

NOTE: 1Cor 15:8 Last Apostle = PAUL

- ➡ Eyewitnesses - Acts 1:8; Acts 10:34-43

- ➡ Always confirmed by miracles - 2Cor 12:12; Heb 2:3-4; (Acts 5:12-16; 28:7-10)

NOTE: There were also apostles sent by the Church: Barnabas Acts 14:14

† PROPHETS

- ➔ The ability to receive direct revelation from God
- ➔ The purpose for giving these two gifted men:
Eph 2:19-22 laying the foundation of the Church; by the time of the death of the Apostle John, this work was completed. Rev 22: 18-19
The ongoing building of the Church means that stones are being fitted and placed, one on top of the others; resting on the foundation.
- ➔ Eph 3:1-12 These men received and recorded new revelation in this present age of grace. Note that they did not “discover” the age of grace in the OT writings, but rather received it directly. Col 1:26-28
- ➔ Now that the New Testament is complete, the need for revelators is gone.

† EVANGELISM - God-given “extreme” ability to win people to faith in Christ.

NOTE: ➔ All believers are to evangelize - 2Tim 4:5

- ➔ Every believer should be ready to “give an answer”....to those who ask
1Pet 3:15; 2Tim 4:2
- ➔ An evangelist will be more successful at doing this

† PASTOR-TEACHER

- ➔ A teacher can organize and present the truth.
Not all teachers are pastors; all pastors must be teachers
- ➔ Pastoring involves shepherding; shepherding involves guiding, teaching, and feeding the flock. These functions must be based on what God’s word says.
- ➔ Pastoring is also an office - but- the ministry can be carried out by individuals who do not fill an office. 1 Pet 5:1-4

THE GIFTS GIVEN TO INDIVIDUALS

† Prophecy - the ability to receive truth by direct revelation from God. This gift was active while the NT was being created. Acts 13:1-5; 11:27-28; 21:8-11

† Service (ministry)

† Teaching - ability to organize the truth found in the Scriptures and present it clearly.

† Exhortation - divine ability to get people to apply God’s truth

Note: Prophecy - receive the truth

Teaching - explain clearly what was received

Exhortation - move people to apply the truth

† Giving - able to give to a greater degree than most other believers

✚ Leads - administration

✚ Showing Mercy - reaching out and comforting the sick and needy (with a cheerful disposition)

✚ Singleness - 1Cor 7:1,7

1Cor 12:7-11

✚ Wisdom - the ability to use biblical knowledge for the best results

✚ Knowledge - 1Cor 13:2 knowing the mysteries of God. The ability to put the doctrines of Scripture into a meaningful whole - know the Scriptures.

✚ Faith - the God-given ability to trust God in all circumstances