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1. Holy Spirit

He is the Person!

Father, Son and the Spirit! Trinitarian God!!



The Holy Spirit is not a power but a Person!

He is equally associated with other Persons of the Trinity
Matthew 28:19,

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Acts 5:3-4,

*³ But Peter said, "Ananias, **why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit** and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? ⁴ While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? **You have not lied to men but to God.**"*

A clear statement from the scriptures that Holy Spirit is God!

First and foremost, you need to understand clearly that Holy Spirit is God not a power or some kind of force which possess you!

2 Corinthians 13:14,

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the **Holy Spirit** be with you all. Amen.*

The Holy Spirit is given names which are only appropriate to God.

1 Corinthians 6:11,

*And such were some of you. But **you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus** and by the **Spirit of our God***

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Romans 8:9, 15;

*⁹ But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the **Spirit of God** dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.*

*¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the **Spirit of adoption** by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."*

1 Peter 1:11,

*searching what, or what manner of time, the **Spirit of Christ** who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.*

and is even called Lord

2 Corinthians 3:17,18

*Now the **Lord is the Spirit**; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. ¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the **Spirit of the Lord**.*

Divine Attributes Recognised to the Spirit

1. Omnipresent- The Holy Spirit is everywhere at all times

Psalms 139:7-10, *⁷ Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?*

⁸ If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

¹⁰ Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.

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2. Omnipotent- The Holy Spirit is all-powerful.

Luke 1:35,

And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

3. Omniscient- The Holy Spirit has all knowledge.

1 Corinthian 2:10-11.

But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. ¹¹ For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

4. Eternal- The Holy Spirit has no beginning and no end

Hebrews 9:14.

*how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the **eternal Spirit** offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

Holy Spirit in the Old Covenant:

Distinctively we need to understand that in the Old Covenant the Holy Spirit did not dwell inside the person. The Spirit of God came upon some people for some specific purpose only. There are few occasions we can see how the Holy Spirit filled the place.

1. In Creation from the beginning

Genesis 1:1 -2

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the **Spirit of God** was hovering over the face of the waters.*

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2. In creating human

Genesis 2:7

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

3. Fills the Tabernacle

Exodus 40:34-38

³⁴Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁵And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁶Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, the children of Israel would go onward in all their journeys. ³⁷But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not journey till the day that it was taken up. ³⁸For the cloud of the LORD was above the tabernacle by day, and fire was over it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

4. Fills the Temple

1 Kings 8:10-11

¹⁰And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, ¹¹so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

Holy Spirit upon the people in the Old Covenant

1. Joseph

Genesis 41:38

³⁸And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?"

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2. Moses and 70 leaders

Numbers 11:16-17

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses: "Gather to Me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tabernacle of meeting, that they may stand there with you. ¹⁷Then I will come down and talk with you there. I will take of the Spirit that is upon you and will put the same upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear it yourself alone.

3. Joshua

Numbers 27:18

*And the LORD said to Moses: "Take Joshua the son of Nun with you, **a man in whom is the Spirit**, and lay your hand on him;*

4. Gideon

Judges 6:34

*But the **Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon**; then he blew the trumpet, and the Abiezrites gathered behind him.*

5. Jephthah

Judges 11:29

*Then the **Spirit of the Lord came upon Jephthah**, and he passed through Gilead and Manasseh, and passed through Mizpah of Gilead; and from Mizpah of Gilead he advanced toward the people of Ammon.*

6. Samson

Judges 14:5-6

⁵So Samson went down to Timnah with his father and mother, and came to the vineyards of Timnah.

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Now to his surprise, a young lion came roaring against him. **°And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him**, and he tore the lion apart as one would have torn apart a young goat, though he had nothing in his hand. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done.

Judges 15:14

When he came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting against him. Then the **Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him**; and the ropes that were on his arms became like flax that is burned with fire, and his bonds broke loose from his hands.

7. Saul

1 Samuel 10:10

When they came there to the hill, there was a group of prophets to meet him; then the **Spirit of God came upon him**, and he prophesied among them.

8. David

1 Samuel 16:13

Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the **Spirit of the Lord came upon David** from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

9. Elijah

1 Kings 18:12

And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from you, that the Spirit of the LORD will carry you to a place I do not know; so when I go and tell Ahab, and he cannot find you, he will kill me. But I your servant have feared the LORD from my youth.

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10. Elisha

2 kings 2:15

Now when the sons of the prophets who were from Jericho saw him, they said, **"The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha."** And they came to meet him, and bowed to the ground before him.

11. Ezekiel

Ezekiel 2:1-2

And He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak to you." ² Then the **Spirit entered me when He spoke to me, and set me on my feet;** and I heard Him who spoke to me.

12. Daniel

Daniel 6:3

Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an **excellent spirit was in him;** and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm.

13. Micah

Micah 3:8

But truly **I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord,** And of justice and might, To declare to Jacob his transgression And to Israel his sin.

14. Zachariah the High Priest

2 Chronicles 24:20

Then the **Spirit of God came upon Zechariah** the son of Jehoiada the priest, who stood above the people, and said to them, "Thus says God: 'Why do you transgress the commandments of the LORD, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the LORD, He also has forsaken you.'"

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Prophecy about the future outpouring in the Old Covenant

1. Joel 2:28-29,

“And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. 29 And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

2. Zachariah 12:10-14

*¹⁰“And I will pour on **the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication**; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. ¹¹In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.¹¹ ¹²And the land shall mourn, every family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves; ¹³the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of Shimei by itself, and their wives by themselves; ¹⁴all the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves.*

3. Jeremiah 31:31- 34

³¹“Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— ³²not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them,³² says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ³⁴No more shall every man teach his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

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The following can be summarised from the above scriptures.

1. **Selective:** The Holy Spirit came upon few people and few occasions to fulfil the plan and purpose of God.
2. **Temporary:** The Holy Spirit didn't dwell in a person permanently since they could not live holy life without blemish in their conscience.
3. **Task Oriented:** All the Old Covenant people who could carry out the work of God were able to live their life in their ways yet they could fulfil the will of God in certain part of their life. Not entirely.
4. **Conscience:** King David who was used by God yet he committed sin and cried out to God not to take the Holy Spirit from his life. (Read Psalms 51)
5. **Future:** They were told prophetically God will pour out spirit upon his people and will be given a new heart.

Holy Spirit upon the people in the New Covenant

Jesus life and His ministry

1. Conception

Matthew 1:18

*Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, **she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.***

Luke 1:30-35

³⁰Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

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³⁵And the angel answered and said to her, ***“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.***

2. Anointed for ministry

Luke 3:21-22

²¹When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. ²²And the ***Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him***, and a voice came from heaven which said, *“You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.”*

3. Led by the Spirit to be tempted

Luke 4:1

Then Jesus, ***being filled with the Holy Spirit***, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

4. Empowered by the Holy Spirit

Luke 4:14

Then Jesus returned in ***the power of the Spirit*** to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region.

Luke 4:18-19,

¹⁸***“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me***, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; ¹⁹To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.”

Acts 10:38,

how ***God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power***, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

John 1:20

He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, *“I am not the Christ.”*

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Matthew 12:28

*But if I cast out demons by the **Spirit of God**, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.*

5. Raised from the dead by the Holy Spirit

Romans 8:11

*But if the **Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead** dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*

6. Promised to the believers

Acts 1:5 -8,

*⁵for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the **Holy Spirit not many days from now.**" ⁶Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸But **you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."***

- Jesus from His conception to His death and Resurrection everything was done by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus lived a perfect and holy life by the in dwelling of the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus did promise to all those who follow Him will be empowered by the SAME Spirit.

People were filled by Holy Spirit while Jesus was on the earth

1. John the Baptist

Luke 1:13-17

¹³But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. ¹⁵For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine

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nor strong drink. He will also **be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.** ¹⁶And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

2. Elisabeth

Luke 1:41

And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was **filled with the Holy Spirit.**

3. Zacharias

Luke 1:67

Now his father Zacharias was **filled with the Holy Spirit,** and prophesied, saying:

4. Simeon

Luke 2:25-26,

²⁵And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and **the Holy Spirit was upon him.** ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

New Testament Church birth

1. Disciples filled with Holy Spirit

Acts 2:1-4,

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ²And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. ⁴And **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

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Acts 8:14-17

*¹⁴Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, ¹⁵who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷Then they laid hands on them, and **they received the Holy Spirit.***

Acts 10:44-47

*⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking these words, the **Holy Spirit fell upon all** those who heard the word. ⁴⁵And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. ⁴⁶For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.*

*Then Peter answered, ⁴⁷“Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have **received the Holy Spirit** just as we have?”*

Acts 19:1-6

And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples ²he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?”

So they said to him, “We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.”

³And he said to them, “Into what then were you baptized?” So they said, “Into John’s baptism.”

⁴Then Paul said, “John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.”

*⁵When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶And when Paul had laid hands on them, **the Holy Spirit came upon them**, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.*

2. Disciples ministered by the Holy Spirit

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Acts 3:6-8,

⁶Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."⁷And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. ⁸So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.

Acts 8:5-7

⁵Then Philip went down to the^{na} city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. ⁶And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. ⁷For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed.

Acts 9:32-34

³²Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. ³³There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. ³⁴And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately.

Acts 9: 36-37, 40

³⁶At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. ³⁷But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room.

⁴⁰But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up.

Acts 14:8-10

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⁸ And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. ⁹ This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, ¹⁰ said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked.

Acts 16:16-18

¹⁶ Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." ¹⁸ And this she did for many days.

But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour.

Acts 19:11-12,

¹¹ Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, ¹² so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.

Acts 28:8

And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him.

Holy Spirit in Christian life in the New covenant

1. Born again by the Holy Spirit

John 3:3-6

³ Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

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⁵Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless **one is born of water and the Spirit**, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

2. Christian body is the temple of the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

¹⁹Or do you not know that **your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit** who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body^{and} and in your spirit, which are God's.

Romans 12:1

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

3. Holy Spirit will conform to the image of Christ

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. ¹⁸But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Romans 8:28-29

²⁸And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. ²⁹For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

4. In dwelling of the Holy Spirit

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John 14: 16

¹⁶And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever

2 John 1:2

²because of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever:

John 16:7

⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

The distinctive difference between the old and the new covenant of the Holy Spirit is that the new covenant believers are have the wonderful privilege of having the Holy Spirit in dwelling with inside of them.

Whereas the Old Covenant the Spirit of God was given to selective people for specific purpose to be fulfilled.

Let me finish this lesson with what the author spoke in the book Hebrews1: 1-3

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ²has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; ³who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high

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2. How to live in the awareness of His Presence

God is Omnipresence

The scripture teaches very clearly that God is Omnipresent, means HE is everywhere without any exception He is present throughout the universe.

Jeremiah 23:23-24, ²³ *Am I a God who is near, declares the Lord, and not a God for off?* ²⁴ *Can a man hide himself in hiding places so I do not see him?* declares the Lord. *Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?* declares the Lord.

God is omnipresent throughout the universe. So rather than we say God is everywhere in the universe let us have our understanding changed to that the entire universe in the hand of God!

Without we realise that He is Omnipresent then we will not be able to understand that God wants to connect with us very deeply.

Jesus was introduced in the Old Testament in **Isaiah 7:14** as **Immanuel**.

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. (NKJV)

The meaning is God with us!!

The reason God created us is to have a closer relationship with us. God is so keen to be with us than we want to be with HIM. Do remember that out of the entire creation God created human beings in His image, only us not anything or anyone else.

John 17:24,

*“Father, I desire **that they also** whom You gave Me **may be with Me where I am**, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. (NKJV)*

Acts 17:27,

*so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though **He is not far from each one of us**; (NKJV)*

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Universal Presence and Manifested presence

God is present everywhere!

John 4:20-23,

Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.”²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father.²² You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.²³ But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. (NKJV)

There is no specific place but God is everywhere! But He is also near to us

Psalms 139:7-12,

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? ⁸ If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, ¹⁰ Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me. ¹¹ If I say, “Surely the darkness shall fall on me,” Even the night shall be light about me; ¹² Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You. (NKJV)

God is NOT increasing or Decreasing His manifested presence but we come to became aware of how closer He is!

If I am staying away from you then you can ask and cry to come and stay closer to you. But when I am standing near and with you then you cannot cry for asking me to come closer to you. All you need to ask is to make you aware of me more and more.

Same way the God of the universe living inside of you and HE is much more closer than you can expect so come to that awareness to be in His presence.

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Times you may not feel His presence but it has nothing to do with God.

Matthew 28:20,

*teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; **and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.**" Amen. (NKJV)*

So you need to live with that awareness that He is with you! With sensitivity of His presence gives us the opportunity grow in the awareness of Him in experience way.

Many of the well-meaning Christians believe that God is always there through His Holy Spirit but yet they live like as if He doesn't live with them.

If you get this truth in your heart in will revolutionise your Christian walk and it will transform your life.

We need revelation of His presence in our lives, not only in general but in particular situations. It's one of the most powerful truths for the human heart. Many problems and struggles will be settled as we connect with this truth deeply.

Key elements in Understand that His presence is with you, Always!

1. He is with me, Always

Psalms 16:8,

*I have set the Lord always before me; **Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.** (NKJV)*

Psalms 73:23,

Nevertheless I am continually with You; You hold me by my right hand. (NKJV)

There is a biblical truth that God lives in Heaven (2 Chronicles 20:6 and Matthew 6:9) but its only one side of it. God is also dwells inside of us and He is with us.

Stop imagining that as if God is in heaven you need to raise your voice to be heard. When you understand that he is near you it radically changes the way you communicate with God.

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Just for a moment take the list your everyday activity and the Jesus walking with you!

When you walk

When you got to work

When you are working

When you are eating

When you are speaking to others

When you sleep

When you wake up

When you minister and

When you do anything

Then you will find you are praying a very good thanksgiving prayer to the Lord.

You can't hide yourself from God so better you understand and accept His presence everywhere since God is Omniscient.

Psalms 139:7-8,

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? ⁸ If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. (NKJV)

So let us set our Lord in front of us! No need to hide but with eagerness to be with Him.

Psalms 16: 8-9,

*I have **set the Lord continually before me**; Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices; My flesh also **will dwell securely**. (NASB)*

2. I am the focus on Gods sight! Watches me with pleasure!!

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Psalms 33:18,

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, On those who hope for His lovingkindness, (NASB)

2 Chronicles 16:9,

For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars.” (NKJV)

Psalms 149:4,

For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation. (NKJV)

Psalms 45:11,

Then the King will desire your beauty. Because He is your Lord, bow down to Him. (NKJV)

Psalms 33:14,

From the place of His dwelling He looks On all the inhabitants of the earth; (NKJV)

Proverbs 15:3,

The eyes of the Lord are in every place, Keeping watch on the evil and the good. (NKJV)

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3. His presence and His jealousy for you go hand in hand!

God is watching us very lovingly not only that but He is also interested in getting involved in all your activity so that He can win your heart!

Imagine as how the people who are in love wants to spend their time together in each other's presence all the time same way God wants to be with you to win you to Him.

Deuteronomy 4:24,

For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God. (NKJV)

Zechariah 8:2,

"Thus says the Lord of hosts: 'I am zealous for Zion with great zeal; With great fervor I am zealous for her.' (NKJV)

God is not sitting there passively watching you as if He is like a helpless person. But He is workign behind the scenes to get you to where you need to go. When you live in that awareness of His presence this will open your eyes to see what and How actively He is still working even though you are not aware of it!

God is a passionate and jealous lover that He cannot take His eyes off of you and just never wants to miss our presence. That is the reason He created us and His intention and desire is to give us eternal life, He loves us so much that He wants to spend the rest of His time with us.

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Practical steps to be in His presence

1. Attitude of Gratitude: Thanking Him

When we are thankful to God we become aware of our surrounding and circumstances of life and in every aspect how good God is.

Start with Thanking God that you are alive

You can see

You can hear

You can speak

You can eat

You are able to walk

You are able to stand

You are in right mind

Etc...

Suddenly you will find that God is been so good and how BIG He is in your life.

Secondly all your doubts will start vanish away.

Thirdly you will be fulfilling the will of God by thanking Him.

1 Thessalonians 5:18,

in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (NKJV)

2. Mediate His word

Not just reading and meditating them. Chewing the word of God all the time. Reading the bible as one with hunger and thirst will enable you to meditate.

Remember the bible is not just the book but it was the love letter God wrote to us by the blood of Jesus Christ through the authorship of Holy Spirit.

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The difference between reading some other book and bible is that Bible is the only book the author is with you when you read. Living words! Active words!!

Hebrews 4:12,

*For the **word of God is living and powerful**, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (NKJV)*

So as you start meditating the word of God you will have more revelation about Him and His presence.

3. Prayer

A. W. Tozer, in his book "**Pursuit of Man**", writes that "Payer loses its unmeaning quality and becomes a sweet conversation with Someone actually there."

Cant emphasis enough to spend time alone with God with the above understanding.

Desperate to spend quality time alone with Him, as how a lovers longs to be in each other company. As Apostle Paul puts across in **2 Corinthians 11:2**,

For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. (NKJV)

Imagine the time you were engaged and waiting for your wedding day, how eagerly and expectantly looking forward to get a glimpse or a call from him/ her, the same way you are engaged to the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. So let us pray with that kind of love and affection towards Him.

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3. Three manifestation of the Holy Spirit

In this session, we are going to look at the three manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

Spirit is IN you,

Spirit is WITH you and

Spirit is UPON you.

Spirit is IN you

Jesus made this very clear that the Holy Spirit will come inside of you and dwell within you! Forever!!

John 14:17,

the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. (NKJV)

What Jesus told was prophesied in the Old Testament that the days will come God will put His Spirit into us many hundreds of years before.

Ezekiel 36:26-27,

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. (NKJV)

Jeremiah 31:31-34,

“Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— ³² not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I

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was a husband to them,^[a] says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ³⁴ No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more. (NKJV)

The epistle makes it very clear to us that the Holy Spirit lives inside of a Believer.

1 Corinthians 3:16,

*Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that **the Spirit of God dwells in you?** (NKJV)*

1 Corinthians 6:19,

*Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the **Holy Spirit who is in you,** whom you have from God, and you are not your own? (NKJV)*

2 Timothy 1:14,

*That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the **Holy Spirit who dwells in us.** (NKJV)*

Romans 8:9,

*But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the **Spirit of God dwells in you.** Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. (NKJV)*

1 John 2:27,

*But the anointing which you have received from **Him abides in you,** and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, **you will abide in Him.** (NKJV)*

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Because without the Holy Spirit no one will be able to say that Jesus is Lord.

1 Corinthians 12:3,

*Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and **no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.** (NKJV)*

The Holy Spirit **IN** you is the assurance of the salvation. That the Spirit of God is dwells in you and you can learn from Him and walk with Him every day of your life.

The Holy Spirit is in you also the guarantee of our redemption possession.

Ephesians 1:13-14,

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. (NKJV)

I would like give the following points to make this clear so that we build the theology on the right foundation.

1. Every Christians who received Jesus as Lord and Saviour have received the Holy Spirit but NOT the Baptism of the Holy Spirit to do miracles and Healings.
2. The Holy Spirit comes inside of you when you accept the Lordship of Jesus Christ and when you receive Him. But the Gift of the Spirit came later as the Lord decreed.

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Work**In Dwelling of the Spirit**

Dwells in us	<i>Ephesians 5:18 and 1 Corinthians 6:19</i>
Leads or guide us	<i>Romans 8:14 and Galatians 5:18</i>
Sanctifies	<i>2 Thessalonians 2:13</i>
Bears Fruit	<i>Galatians 5:22</i>
Comforts	<i>Acts 9:31</i>
Gives Evidence	<i>Hebrews 2:3-4</i>
Gives Power	<i>Romans 15:13 and Ephesians 3:16</i>

The following are the results of our Christian life because of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit comes into a soul, which was dead in sin and creates a new life.

Titus 3:5,

not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, (NKJV)

2. Confirms the relationship as you are a heir of God and co-heir with Christ.

Romans 8:15-17,

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. (NKJV)

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3. Holy Spirit helps us to understand the scriptures and help us to apply them in our day to day life. **1 Corinthians 2:12**,

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. (NKJV)

4. Holy Spirit helps us to pray and intercede. **Romans 8:26-27**,

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷ Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. (NKJV)

5. In dwelling Spirit grieved when the believers sin. **Ephesians 4:30**,

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. (NKJV)

God with us

As we have seen God is Omnipresent and He fills the heaven and earth and we can hide from Him. At the same time God is always with you. His promise for everyone.

Joshua 1:9,

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” (NKJV)

God had promised in the Old Testament that God will be with us not as a God but he will dwell among us as a human!

Isaiah 7:14,

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. (NKJV)

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The same prophecy has been fulfilled when Jesus was born on the earth.

Matthew 1:23,

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.” (NKJV)

Isaiah 41:10,

“Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” (NKJV)

Deuteronomy 31:6,

“Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.” (NKJV)

Zephaniah 3:17,

“The Lord your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.” (NKJV)

Universally for every believer there is a promise was given along with the great commission the Lord Jesus gave it to His church as final commands after His resurrection.

Matthew 28:20,

“teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen. (NKJV)

Hebrew 13:5,

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Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." (NKJV)

Finally, when Jesus wrote to the Church He said that if we invite Him he will come and dwell with us.

Revelation 3:20,

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. (NKJV)

So God with us is an assurance for us so that we know that He is with us and He won't leave us!

How a Child will be walking when it walks with his/her dad?

How the same child will fear when it sees a dog and how it will react when he /she is on the hands of her father?

My dear brothers and sisters' rest assured God is with us no matter where we are and how far we have gone away from Him. God is with us!

God is upon us

Luke 24:49,

Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

Jesus after His resurrection told His disciples to stay in Jerusalem until ' The Promise' is being fulfilled.

Acts 1:8,

*But you shall receive power **when the Holy Spirit has come upon you**; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

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When the day of Pentecost came they were all filled with Holy Spirit came upon them.

Holy Spirit coming upon you is the doorway to the supernatural in our lives. Remember Jesus did no miracles until the Holy Spirit came upon Him. (John 1:33 and 2:11)

1:33 I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

2:11 This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

Let us look at the example of both the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the early church in the book of Acts.

Church in Samaria

Acts 8:4-8,

4 Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word. 5 Then Philip went down to the^[a] city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. 6 And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. 7 For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. 8 And there was great joy in that city.

Philip went to Samaria and preached the Gospel and people received the message and they believed in Lord Jesus Christ and received the Holy Spirit filled with Joy.

When the Apostles heard about this news they sent Peter and James so that they may receive the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:14-17

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14 Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, 15 who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. 16 For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

When the Apostles laid their hands on them they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

Church at Ephesus

Acts 19: 1-6

And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples ² he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

³ And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism."

⁴ Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."

⁵ When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

Here again we see the same pattern that Apostle Paul preached to those believed in Lord Jesus Christ and they were baptised and then Paul laid hands on them. The Holy Spirit came upon them so that they could speak in tongues.

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Cornelius home

Acts 10:1-8

There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, ² a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always. ³ About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius!"

⁴ And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, "What is it, lord?"

So he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God. ⁵ Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is Peter. ⁶ He is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea.^[a] He will tell you what you must do." ⁷ And when the angel who spoke to him had departed, Cornelius called two of his household servants and a devout soldier from among those who waited on him continually. ⁸ So when he had explained all these things to them, he sent them to Joppa.

Peter comes as per the vision he received from the Lord (**Acts 10:9-16**) and then he makes his journey to Cornelius home. Peter preaches the Gospel to them (**Acts 10:34-43**)

Acts 10: 44-48,

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. ⁴⁵ And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

Then Peter answered, ⁴⁷ "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸ And he

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commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit poured out upon them they had received the words and been baptised.

Let us look at little detail about the Day of Pentecost!

Acts 2

The first sermon Peter preached was about the resurrection of Lord Jesus Christ and the massive crowd of people were convicted. (**Acts 2:14-39**)

Peter commanded them to repent and be baptised.

Acts 2:38-39,

³⁸ Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

Peter says that this promise is not only for those who were there it's for every one of us who call on the name of Lord Jesus Christ!

So, let us look at these verses we have read we can see clearly two distinctive experiences with Holy Spirit.

1. Outwardly the presence of the Holy Spirit comes upon fully envelopes and immerses them with His presence. Inwardly the believers receive the presence and the power like drinking water. There comes a point in them that they were so full that it wells up and flows like a river from them.
2. And in every instance that there was a clear demonstrable physical manifestation of Holy Spirit presence upon them with variable manifestation tongues of fire, Prophecy, Worship etc. but in all these cases one thing is common is Tongues!

Let me clear the following misconception.

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Some people believe that if you are not speaking in Tongues or manifestation of the Spirit then you don't have Holy Spirit. **This is Wrong.**

Anyone who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ and confessed has been born of the Spirit of God.

John 3:3 &5

³Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

⁵Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

Titus 3:5

⁵not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

1 Corinthians 12:3

³Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit put eternal life into your spirit at the new birth. Obviously, there is a sense in which when you have the life of God in you, the Holy Spirit is in you because God is omnipresent. So, anyone who have confessed Jesus as their Lord they have received the Holy Spirit and secured by the Holy Spirit for eternal life.

Conclusion

The Holy Spirit is God the Father's gift promise to the Church, to His children.

Luke 24:49

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49 Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

Acts 1:4; 2:39

1:4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me;

2:39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

Galatians 3:13,14

13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"^[a]), 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

All loving God has surely picked the best gift for His children. Remember, Jesus said it was expedient that He go back to heaven so the Holy Spirit could come.

John 16:7

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

There is something tremendously beneficial about giving the Holy Spirit the greatest access possible to you and learning to cooperate with Him as He works in your life. The Holy Spirit is in us, ready to help, ready to administer more grace and life.

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4. Work of the Holy Spirit

You are the righteous of God

John 16:7-11,

⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

⁸And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

⁹of **sin**, because they do not believe in Me;

¹⁰of **righteousness**, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more;

¹¹of **judgment**, because the ruler of this world is judged. (NKJV)

Here are the three clear distinctive work of the Holy Spirit for three different set of people.

For the Believers Holy Spirit reiterates that they are the righteous of God.

For the unbelievers that they do not believe in the Lord so they are sinners.

For Satan that he will be judged.

So how we hear so many people saying that the Holy Spirit convicted them?

People don't understand the difference between their conscience and the Holy Spirit language.

John 8:1-12

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But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

² Now early^[a] in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. ³ Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, ⁴ they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman was caught^[b] in adultery, in the very act. ⁵ Now Moses, in the law, commanded^[c] us that such should be stoned.^[d] But what do You say?”^[e] ⁶ This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear.^[f]

⁷ So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up^[g] and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.” ⁸ And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience,^[h] went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. ¹⁰ When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her,^[i] “Woman, where are those accusers of yours?^[j] Has no one condemned you?”

¹¹ She said, “No one, Lord.”

And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go and^[k] sin no more.”

¹² Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

In this incident Jesus asking the one who without sin to cast the first stone immediately they all start leaving from there.

John 8:9,

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Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. (NKJV)

Romans 2:15,

*who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their **conscience** also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them*

So it's their conscience that made them to walk away. So whenever you sin its your conscience which makes you feel convicted at that time the Holy Spirit helps you to understand you are the righteousness of God.

If you have a close look at the New Covenant then you will understand this very clearly. (For further reading please read Hebrews 8:8-13)

Hebrews 8:8-13

⁸ Because finding fault with them, He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— ⁹ not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the LORD. ¹⁰ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ¹¹ None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. ¹² For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds^[a] I will remember no more."^[b]

¹³ In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

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Holy Spirit will lead you into all truth

John 14:26,

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

The Holy Spirit will teach us all things. He will lead us into all truth. Not only that the Holy Spirit also bring into remembrance of all the things Jesus taught.

John 14:17,

the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. (NKJV)

The Holy Spirit is known as Spirit of Truth!!

John 16:12-15,

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you. (NKJV)

This was spoken by Jesus before leaving to the cross after His public ministry was over.

Jesus said I have many things to tell you but I can't tell you now.

So we can understand from the above statement that Jesus left the earth without telling few things to His disciples.

Jesus said the Holy Spirit will tell what He did not tell.

Also the Holy Spirit will tell all the things belong to Jesus and glorify Him.

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All the things belong to the Father belongs to Jesus and the Holy Spirit will take them and reveal to them.

So if you want to hear from Father God and Jesus Christ about anything then you must listen to the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:9-16,

*But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." ¹⁰ **But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit.** For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. ¹¹ For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.*

¹³ These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. ¹⁴ But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. ¹⁶ For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ. (NKJV)

Apostle Paul uses the Old Testament prophecy of prophet Isaiah saying that they did not understand or seen or heard what God has prepared for those who love Him.

But God has revealed them to us who are the New Covenant believers. He explains man spirit understands things of men but the Spirit of God understand the things God and reveals them to men.

Love the way it is finished in our scripture saying we have the mind of Christ.

We have the anointing that anointing of the Holy Spirit will teache us all things!

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1 John 2:20 & 27, *But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.*

But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him. (NKJV)

Holy Spirit bears witness and confirms us that we are the children of God

Romans 8:13-17,

For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. (NKJV)

Galatians 4:4-7,

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

⁶And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" ⁷Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. (NKJV)

Ephesians 1:4-5,

just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, (NKJV)

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Adaption by God used for saving the people of Israel in the Old Testament.

God made Pharaoh to adapt Moses as his son.

God made Esther to be adapted into the family of Mordechai so that she can save the people of Israel.

David adapted Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan so that he can live with him as a free man with abundance.

Same way God has adapted us into His family as His children so that you and me can save the people who are lost.

Apart from this we can see the work of the Holy Spirit in many ways like helps us in prayer, in our weakness, in our worship, in leading us every day, giving us the peace of God etc., but these are the primary purpose in a believer's life!

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5. Gifts of Holy Spirit

Finding all the gifts of the Holy Spirit and identify what you have got

What are the Gifts of the Holy Spirit?

Many of us are very familiar with the list of Gifts mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:4-10. But there are many more mentioned in the scriptures.

1 Corinthians 12:4-10

⁴There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. ⁷But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: ⁸for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

Lists of gifts are mentioned for you; you may find more as well. The first 9 gifts are the most recognised by many of us.

1. Administration

Luke 14:28-30; Acts 6:1-7; 1 Corinthians 12:28

The gift of administration is the divine strength or ability to organize multiple tasks and groups of people to accomplish these tasks.

Luke 14:28-30

²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it— ²⁹lest, after he has laid the

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foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish'?

Acts 6:1-7

Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists,^[a] because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.² Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables.³ Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business;⁴ but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

⁵ And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, ⁶ whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.

⁷ Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

1 Corinthians 12:28

²⁸ And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

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2. Apostleship

Acts 15:22-35; 1 Corinthians 12:28; 2 Corinthians 12:12; Galatians 2:7-10; Ephesians 4:11-14

The gift of apostleship is the divine strength or ability to pioneer new churches and ministries through planting, overseeing, and training.

Acts 15:22-35

22 Then it pleased the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, namely, Judas who was also named Barsabas,^[a] and Silas, leading men among the brethren.

23 They wrote this letter by them:

The apostles, the elders, and the brethren,

To the brethren who are of the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia:

Greetings.

24 Since we have heard that some who went out from us have troubled you with words, unsettling your souls, saying, "You must be circumcised and keep the law"^[b]—to whom we gave no such commandment—²⁵ it seemed good to us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, ²⁶ men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁷ We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who will also report the same things by word of mouth. ²⁸ For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: ²⁹ that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality.^[c] If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well.

Farewell.

30 So when they were sent off, they came to Antioch; and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the letter. ³¹ When they had read it, they rejoiced over its encouragement. ³² Now Judas and Silas, themselves being prophets also, exhorted and strengthened the brethren with many words. ³³ And after they had stayed there for a time, they were sent back with greetings from the brethren to the apostles.^[d]

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³⁴ However, it seemed good to Silas to remain there.^[e] ³⁵ Paul and Barnabas also remained in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

1 Corinthians 12:28

²⁸ And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

2 Corinthians 12:12

¹² Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds.

Galatians 2:7-10

⁷ But on the contrary, when they saw that the gospel for the uncircumcised had been committed to me, as the gospel for the circumcised was to Peter ⁸ (for He who worked effectively in Peter for the apostleship to the circumcised also worked effectively in me toward the Gentiles), ⁹ and when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. ¹⁰ They desired only that we should remember the poor, the very thing which I also was eager to do.

Ephesians 4:11-14

¹¹ And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

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3. Craftsmanship

Exodus 30:22, 31:3-11; 2 Chronicles 34:9-13; Acts 18:2-3

The gift of craftsmanship is the divine strength or ability to plan, build, and work with your hands in construction environments to accomplish multiple ministry applications.

Exodus 30:22, Exodus 31:3-11

Moreover the Lord spoke to Moses, saying³ And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,⁴ to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze,⁵ in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of workmanship.

⁶ “And I, indeed I, have appointed with him Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and I have put wisdom in the hearts of all the gifted artisans, that they may make all that I have commanded you: ⁷ the tabernacle of meeting, the ark of the Testimony and the mercy seat that is on it, and all the furniture of the tabernacle— ⁸ the table and its utensils, the pure gold lampstand with all its utensils, the altar of incense, ⁹ the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the laver and its base— ¹⁰ the garments of ministry,^[a] the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, to minister as priests, ¹¹ and the anointing oil and sweet incense for the holy place. According to all that I have commanded you they shall do.”

2 Chronicles 34:9-13

⁹ When they came to Hilkiah the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites who kept the doors had gathered from the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, from all the remnant of Israel, from all Judah and Benjamin, and which they had brought back to Jerusalem. ¹⁰ Then

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they put it in the hand of the foremen who had the oversight of the house of the LORD; and they gave it to the workmen who worked in the house of the LORD, to repair and restore the house. ¹¹ They gave it to the craftsmen and builders to buy hewn stone and timber for beams, and to floor the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed. ¹² And the men did the work faithfully. Their overseers were Jahath and Obadiah the Levites, of the sons of Merari, and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to supervise. Others of the Levites, all of whom were skillful with instruments of music, ¹³ were over the burden bearers and were overseers of all who did work in any kind of service. And some of the Levites were scribes, officers, and gatekeepers.

Acts 18:2-3

² And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla (because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome); and he came to them. ³ So, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked; for by occupation they were tentmakers.

4. Discernment

Matthew 16:21-23; Acts 5:1-11, 16:16-18; 1 Corinthians 12:10; 1 John 4:1-6

The gift of discernment is the divine strength or ability to spiritually identify falsehood, to distinguish between right and wrong motives and the spiritual forces at work in situations.

Matthew 16:21-23

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

²² Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"

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²³ But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

Acts 5:1-11

*But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession.
² And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet.³ But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?⁴ While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."*

⁵ Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things. ⁶ And the young men arose and wrapped him up, carried him out, and buried him.

⁷ Now it was about three hours later when his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. ⁸ And Peter answered her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much?"

She said, "Yes, for so much."

⁹ Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out."¹⁰ Then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying her out, buried her by her husband. ¹¹ So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things.

Acts 16:16-18

¹⁶ Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation."¹⁸ And this she did for many days.

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But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour.

1 Corinthians 12:10

¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

1 John 4:1-6

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.² By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God,³ and every spirit that does not confess that^[a] Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

⁴ You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵ They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them.⁶ We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

5. Evangelism

Acts 8:5-6, 8:26-40, 14:21, 21:8; Ephesians 4:11-14

The gift of evangelism is the divine strength or ability to help non-Christians take the necessary steps to becoming a born-again Christian.

Acts 8:5-6

⁵ Then Philip went down to the^[a] city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. ⁶ And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

Acts 8:26-40 - Christ Is Preached to an Ethiopian

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Acts 14:21

²¹And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch,

Acts 21:8

⁸On the next day we who were Paul's companions^[a] departed and came to Caesarea, and entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him.

Ephesians 4:11-14

¹¹And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

6. Exhortation

Acts 14:22; Romans 12:8; 1 Timothy 4:13; Hebrews 10:24-25

The gift of exhortation is the divine strength or ability to strengthen, comfort or urge others to action through the written or spoken word and Biblical truth.

Acts 14:22

²²strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

Romans 12:8

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⁸ he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

1 Timothy 4:13

¹³ Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

Hebrews 10:24-25

²⁴ And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

7. Faith

Acts 11:22-24; Romans 4:18-21; 1 Corinthians 12:9; Hebrews 11

The gift of faith is the divine strength or ability to believe in God for unseen supernatural results in every arena of life.

Acts 11:22-24

²² Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. ²³ When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord.²⁴ For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

Romans 4:18-21

¹⁸ who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be."^[a] ¹⁹ And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith,

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giving glory to God,²¹ and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

1 Corinthians 12:9

⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same^[a] Spirit,

8. Giving

Mark 12:41-44; Romans 12:8; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7, 9:2-7

The gift of giving is the divine strength or ability to produce wealth and to give by tithes and offerings for advancing the Kingdom of God on earth.

Mark 12:41-44

⁴¹Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much. ⁴²Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites,^[a] which make a quadrans. ⁴³So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; ⁴⁴for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood."

Romans 12:8

⁸he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: ²that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. ³For I bear

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witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, ⁴ imploring us with much urgency that we would receive^[a] the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. ⁵ And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God. ⁶ So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well. ⁷ But as you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you abound in this grace also.

2 Corinthians 9:2-7

² for I know your willingness, about which I boast of you to the Macedonians, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal has stirred up the majority. ³ Yet I have sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this respect, that, as I said, you may be ready; ⁴ lest if some Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we (not to mention you!) should be ashamed of this confident boasting.^[a] ⁵ Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which you had previously promised, that it may be ready as a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation.

⁶ But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

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9. Healing

Acts 3:1-10, 9:32-35, 28:7-10; 1 Corinthians 12:9, 28

The gift of healing is the divine strength or ability to act as an intermediary in faith, prayer, and by the laying-on of hands for the healing of physical, mental and spiritual sickness.

Acts 3:1-10

Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.² And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple;³ who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. ⁴ And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us."⁵ So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶ Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." ⁷ And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. ⁸ So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. ⁹ And all the people saw him walking and praising God. ¹⁰ Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Acts 9:32-35

³² Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. ³³ There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. ³⁴ And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately.³⁵ So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

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Acts 28:7-10

7 In that region there was an estate of the leading citizen of the island, whose name was Publius, who received us and entertained us courteously for three days. 8 And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him. 9 So when this was done, the rest of those on the island who had diseases also came and were healed.10 They also honored us in many ways; and when we departed, they provided such things as were necessary.

1 Corinthians 12:9, 28

9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same^[a] Spirit,

28 And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

10. Helps

Mark 15:40-41; Acts 9:36; Romans 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 12:28

The gift of helps is the divine strength or ability to work in a supportive role for the accomplishment of tasks in Christian ministry with the ability to often see the need before others do.

Mark 15:40-41

40 There were also women looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the Less and of Joses, and Salome, 41 who also followed Him and ministered to Him when He was in Galilee, and many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem.

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Acts 9:36

³⁶At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did.

Romans 16:1-2

I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea, ² that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and assist her in whatever business she has need of you; for indeed she has been a helper of many and of myself also.

1 Corinthians 12:28

²⁸And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

11. Hospitality

Acts 16:14-15; Romans 12:13, 16:23; Hebrews 13:1-2; 1 Peter 4:9

The gift of hospitality is the divine strength or ability to create warm, welcoming environments for other sin places such as your home, office, or church.

Acts 16:14-15

¹⁴Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. ¹⁵And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." So she persuaded us.

Romans 12:13, 16:23

¹³distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

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²³Gaius, my host and the host of the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the treasurer of the city, greets you, and Quartus, a brother.

Hebrews 13:1-2

Let brotherly love continue. ² Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.

1 Peter 4:9

Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.

12. Intercession

Hebrews 7:25; Colossians 1:9-12, 4:12-13; James 5:14-16

The gift of intercession is the divine strength or ability to stand in the gap in prayer for someone, something, or someplace, believing for profound results.

Hebrews 7:25

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Colossians 1:9-12

⁹ For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; ¹⁰ that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

Colossians 4:12-13

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¹²Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete^[a] in all the will of God. ¹³For I bear him witness that he has a great zeal^[b] for you, and those who are in Laodicea, and those in Hierapolis.

James 5:14-16

¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶Confess your trespasses^[a] to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

13. Word of Knowledge

Acts 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:8; Colossians 2:2-3

The gift of knowledge is the divine strength or ability to bring truth to a situation by supernatural revelation. This is often accompanied by a word from God.

Acts 5:1-11 - Lying to the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:8

for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,

Colossians 2:2-3

2 that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and[a] of Christ, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

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14. Leadership

Romans 12:8; 1 Timothy 3:1-13, 5:17; Hebrews 13:17

The gift of leadership is the divine strength or ability to influence people at their level while directing and focusing them on the big picture, vision, or idea.

Romans 12:8

he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

1 Timothy 3:1-13 Qualifications of Overseers and Deacons

1 Timothy 5:17

¹⁷Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.

Hebrews 13:17

Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

15. Mercy

Matthew 9:35-36; Mark 9:41; Romans 12:8; 1 Thess. 5:14

The gift of mercy is the divine strength or ability to feel empathy and to care for those who are hurting in any way.

Matthew 9:35-36

³⁵Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.^[a] ³⁶But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved

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with compassion for them, because they were weary^[b] and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

Mark 9:41

For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.

Romans 12:8

he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

1 Thess. 5:14

¹⁴Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.

16. Miracles

Acts 9:36-42, 19:11-12, 20:7-12; Romans 15:18-19; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 28

The gift of miracles is the divine strength or ability to alter the natural outcomes of life in a supernatural way through prayer, faith, and divine direction.

Acts 9:36-42

³⁶At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. ³⁷But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. ³⁸And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. ³⁹Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰But Peter put them all out, and knelt down

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and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. ⁴² And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

Acts 19:11-12

¹¹ Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, ¹² so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.

Acts 20:7-12

⁷ Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight. ⁸ There were many lamps in the upper room where they^[a] were gathered together. ⁹ And in a window sat a certain young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep. He was overcome by sleep; and as Paul continued speaking, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead. ¹⁰ But Paul went down, fell on him, and embracing him said, "Do not trouble yourselves, for his life is in him." ¹¹ Now when he had come up, had broken bread and eaten, and talked a long while, even till daybreak, he departed. ¹² And they brought the young man in alive, and they were not a little comforted.

Romans 15:18-19

¹⁸ For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient— ¹⁹ in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

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1 Corinthians 12:10, 28

10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

28 And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

17. Pastor/Shepherd

John 10:1-18; Ephesians 4:11-14; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 1 Peter 5:1-3

The gift of pastor/shepherd is the divine strength or ability to care for the personal needs of others by nurturing and mending life issues.

John 10:1-18 Jesus the True Shepherd / Jesus the Good Shepherd

Ephesians 4:11-14

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

1 Timothy 3:1-7

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This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop,^[a] he desires a good work. ²A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; ³ not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money,^[b] but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; ⁴ one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence ⁵ (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); ⁶ not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil. ⁷ Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

1 Peter 5:1-3

The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: ² Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly,^[a] not for dishonest gain but eagerly; ³ nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock;

18. Prophecy

Acts 2:37-40, 7:51-53, 26:24-29; 1 Corinthians 14:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 1:5

The gift of prophecy is the divine strength or ability to communicate God's truth and heart in a way that calls people to a right relationship with God.

Acts 2:37-40

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

³⁸ Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the

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Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

⁴⁰And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.”

Acts 7:51-53

⁵¹“You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers, ⁵³who have received the law by the direction of angels and have not kept it.”

Acts 26:24-29

²⁴Now as he thus made his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, “Paul, you are beside yourself! Much learning is driving you mad!”

²⁵But he said, “I am not mad, most noble Festus, but speak the words of truth and reason. ²⁶For the king, before whom I also speak freely, knows these things; for I am convinced that none of these things escapes his attention, since this thing was not done in a corner. ²⁷King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you do believe.”

²⁸Then Agrippa said to Paul, “You almost persuade me to become a Christian.”

²⁹And Paul said, “I would to God that not only you, but also all who hear me today, might become both almost and altogether such as I am, except for these chains.”

1 Corinthians 14:1-4

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Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. ²For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries. ³But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men. ⁴He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

1 Thessalonians 1:5

For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.

19. Service

Acts 6:1-7; Romans 12:7; Galatians 6:10; 1 Timothy 1:16-18; Titus 3:14

The gift of serving is the divine strength or ability to do small or great tasks in working for the overall good of the body of Christ.

Acts 6:1-7

Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists,¹ because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. ²Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. ³Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; ⁴but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

⁵And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas,

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and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, ⁶ whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.

⁷ Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Romans 12:7

or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching;

Galatians 6:10

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

1 Timothy 1:16-18

¹⁶ However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, [a] be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

¹⁸ This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,

Titus 3:14

And let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful.

20. Teaching

Acts 18:24-28, 20:20-21; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11-14

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The gift of teaching is the divine strength or ability to study and learn from the Scriptures primarily to bring understanding and depth to other Christians.

Acts 18:24-28

²⁴ Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. ²⁵ This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. ²⁶ So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. ²⁷ And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace; ²⁸ for he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.

Acts 20:20-21

²⁰ how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, ²¹ testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:28

²⁸ And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

Ephesians 4:11-14

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11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

21. Tongues (and Interpretation)

Acts 2:1-13; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 14:1-14

The gift of tongues is the divine strength or ability to pray in a heavenly language to encourage your spirit and to commune with God. The gift of tongues is often accompanied by interpretation and should be used appropriately.

Acts 2:1-13 *Coming of the Holy Spirit*

1 Corinthians 12:10

to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

1 Corinthians 14:1-14 *Prophecy and Tongues*

22. Word of Wisdom

Acts 6:3,10; 1 Corinthians 2:6-13, 12:8

The gift of wisdom is the divine strength or ability to understand and to bring clarity to situations and circumstances often through applying the truths of Scripture in a practical way.

Acts 6:3,10

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³Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business;

¹⁰And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke.

1 Corinthians 2:6-13

⁶However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, ⁸which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

⁹But as it is written:

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”^[a]

¹⁰But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. ¹¹For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

¹³These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy^[b] Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

1 Corinthians 12:8

⁸for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,

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As we can see from the exhaustive list we have many gifts but we need to know one thing very clearly that we have all received a gift from God. There is no one has come to the earth without a gift from God!

1 Peter 4:10,

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. (NKJV)

So, it's not only the gifts which are mentioned to the church in Corinth but also to the entire church of Christ.

Knowing the gifts you have

1 Thessalonians 5:21,

Test all things; hold fast what is good. (NKJV)

Sl. No	Question	Rate				
1	I like organizing services and events	1	2	3	4	5
2	I enjoy starting new churches	1	2	3	4	5
3	Working with my hands is fun for me	1	2	3	4	5
4	I can tell when someone is insincere	1	2	3	4	5
5	I pray for the lost daily	1	2	3	4	5
6	Encouraging others is a high priority in my life	1	2	3	4	5
7	Believing God for our daily needs is important to me	1	2	3	4	5
8	Influencing others for the kingdom of God through finances is extremely important to me	1	2	3	4	5

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Sl. No	Question	Rate				
9	I look for opportunities to pray for the sick	1	2	3	4	5
10	I enjoy doing the little things that others do not	1	2	3	4	5
11	Having people over to my house is something I do often	1	2	3	4	5
12	Spending hours in prayer for other people is very enjoyable to me	1	2	3	4	5
13	I get insights about others while praying for them even though I don't know them	1	2	3	4	5
14	I tend to motivate others to get involved	1	2	3	4	5
15	My heart hurts when I see others hurting	1	2	3	4	5
16	I believe God will use me to enact His miracles	1	2	3	4	5
17	Caring for the hurting is paramount in my eyes	1	2	3	4	5
18	The wilful sin of others really aggravates me	1	2	3	4	5
19	I enjoy serving behind the scenes	1	2	3	4	5
20	I take pleasure in explaining God's word to others	1	2	3	4	5
21	God has used me to interpret a heavenly language	1	2	3	4	5
22	I enjoy the book of Proverbs more than any other book in the Bible	1	2	3	4	5
23	I am passionate about managing details	1	2	3	4	5
24	I prefer to pioneer new ministry projects	1	2	3	4	5

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Sl. No	Question	Rate				
25	I consider myself a craftsman or craftswoman	1	2	3	4	5
26	I sense when situations are spiritually unhealthy	1	2	3	4	5
27	I am greatly concerned about seeing the lost saved	1	2	3	4	5
28	I try to come across loving and caring	1	2	3	4	5
29	Asking God for a list of big things is exciting to me	1	2	3	4	5
30	I believe miraculous healing is for this day and age	1	2	3	4	5
31	Helping others is one of my highest achievements	1	2	3	4	5
32	Creating a warm and welcoming home is important to me	1	2	3	4	5
33	I am burdened to pray for situations in the world	1	2	3	4	5
34	I get specific pieces of information that God reveals that could not have been naturally known	1	2	3	4	5
35	I prefer to take the lead whenever necessary	1	2	3	4	5
36	I'm very sensitive to sad stories	1	2	3	4	5
37	Miracles often happen when I'm nearby	1	2	3	4	5
38	I enjoy connecting, caring, and coaching others	1	2	3	4	5
39	Confronting someone with sin in his or her life is not hard	1	2	3	4	5
40	It bothers me when people sit around and do nothing	1	2	3	4	5

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Sl. No	Question	Rate				
41	I share Biblical truth with others in hopes of their personal growth	1	2	3	4	5
42	I pray in tongues daily	1	2	3	4	5
43	When I study scripture God gives me unique insights	1	2	3	4	5
44	Creating a task list is easy and enjoyable for me	1	2	3	4	5
45	I am attracted to ministries that start new churches	1	2	3	4	5
46	Building something with my hands is very rewarding to me	1	2	3	4	5
47	I can pinpoint issues or problems before others	1	2	3	4	5
48	I enjoy sharing the gospel with a total stranger	1	2	3	4	5
49	I look for ways to be an encouragement to other people	1	2	3	4	5
50	I trust that God has my back in every situation	1	2	3	4	5
51	Making more money means that I can give more	1	2	3	4	5
52	God has used me to bring healing to those who are sick	1	2	3	4	5
53	Being a part of the process is fulfilling to me	1	2	3	4	5
54	I tend to make total strangers feel at home	1	2	3	4	5
55	People often describe me as a prayer warrior	1	2	3	4	5
56	Others often affirm a specific insight that I expressed about them personally	1	2	3	4	5

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<i>Sl. No</i>	<i>Question</i>	<i>Rate</i>				
57	I delegate responsibilities to accomplish tasks	1	2	3	4	5
58	I am motivated to help those who are less fortunate	1	2	3	4	5
59	I have a constant hunger to see God's miraculous power	1	2	3	4	5
60	I enjoy walking with someone in times of difficulty	1	2	3	4	5
61	I enjoy hearing passionate and clear preaching of the truth	1	2	3	4	5
62	I like to do small things that others pass over	1	2	3	4	5
63	I enjoy knowing Biblical details and helping others to understand them	1	2	3	4	5
64	Praying in the Spirit is encouraging and important to me	1	2	3	4	5
65	When faced with difficulty I tend to make wise decisions and choices	1	2	3	4	5

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6. *Holy Spirit upon you for the ministry!*

As we have seen from the previous lessons that there are three manifestations of the Holy Spirit but the one 'upon' is for the ministry.

Let us look at the life of Jesus Christ first.

Jesus could teach and preach to the people even before his baptism. When He was just 12 years' people were astonished about the way He spoke. (Luke 2:27) But He did NOT perform any miracles until His baptism and anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus took Baptism at the river Jordan (Matthew 3:13-17)

Mark 1:10,

*And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the **heavens being torn open** and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. (ESV)*

There is another interesting thing we need to note which is mentioned in the gospel of John that the Holy Spirit remained 'upon Him'

John 1:32-34,

*³² And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and **He remained upon Him**. ³³ I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."(NKJV)*

After the baptism Jesus started His public ministry quoting from the Prophet Isaiah in

Luke 4:18-19,

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken hearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; ¹⁹ To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. (NKJV)

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Jesus purposefully did not quote the entire verse since the judgement for another time, please do read carefully the prophecy in Isaiah 61:1-2.

So Jesus was able to perform every miracle or an effective ministry only by the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon Him.

When Jesus was about to leave the earth, he did mention that it's better for us that He goes away so that He can send the Holy Spirit.

John 16:7,

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. (NKJV)

Jesus Himself said that it's more beneficial for us to have the Holy Spirit with us rather than having Him physically. Don't get shocked it's the word from the Lord Himself.

When Jesus died, something happened this signifies the new era in a believer's life under the New Covenant.

Matthew 27:50-51,

*⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.⁵¹ Then, behold, the **veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom**; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, (NKJV)*

The veil in the temple separated the people and the presence of God. Only once a year the High Priest alone can go into the presence of God. But God did promise that in the coming days He is going to make covenant with them so that He can dwell with them. (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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³¹ “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— ³² not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them,^[a] says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ³⁴ No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

But after the death of Jesus Christ the temple veil was torn open from Top to bottom , signifies that God torn the veil saying that no longer I will dwell here but in the hearts of the people.

After the resurrection Jesus met with His disciples and breathed into them the Holy Spirit.

John 20:21-22,

²¹ So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “**Receive the Holy Spirit.** (NKJV)

Even though Jesus breathed into them yet Jesus told them to stay in Jerusalem until the promise of God is been dispensed from heaven.

Luke 24:49,

*Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; **but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.*** (NKJV)

So Jesus commanded them to stay in Jerusalem! Why? They need power to be a witness to HIM.

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Acts 1:8,

*to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. ⁴ And being assembled together with them, **He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father**, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ⁶ Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come **upon** you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (KNJV)*

Jesus spoke to them for 40 days about the Kingdom of God after His resurrection yet He told them to stay back in Jerusalem. He commanded them to stay!

When the Holy Spirit comes ‘upon’ you then shall have power to be a witness to Him.

On the day of Pentecost,

Acts 2:1-4,

*When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat **upon** each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (NKJV)*

On the day of Pentecost came Holy Spirit came upon them.

They not only spoke in tongues they were effective witness to Jesus Christ.

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Apostle Peter stood out and preached the first sermon of the New Testament church were 3000 people got saved in one single message.

Finally, the promise was extended to every one of us.

Acts 2:38-39,

³⁸ Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." (NKJV)

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7. Gifts of Christ and Gifts of the Holy Spirit

How do they differ

God the Father, Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are one! Trinity!!

Even though they work as one yet when it comes to build His Kingdom the gifts are marked very distinctively.

Ephesians 4: 7-16,

*But to each one of us grace was given according to the **measure of Christ's gift.**
⁸Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men."*

⁹(Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

*¹¹And He Himself gave some to be **apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,** ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. (NKJV)*

The fivefold ministry given to the church to be built in full stature knitted together in perfect love.

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This Fivefold ministry is given by Jesus Christ and it's to govern the church until His coming.

Let me give you a simple illustration to understand the Fivefold ministry.

As we all know for eating and taking time to cook enormous amount time.

Evangelist The one who picks up the food like an arm.

Pastor The one who eats and chew the food like a mouth.

Teacher The one who corrects you according to then word like the acid which pours on to your food so that it can digest.

Prophet The one who foresee and understand what the Lord wants to do like food gives energy so that you can see through your eyes.

Apostle The one who governs everything like a mind of a person.

This fivefold ministry holders are nominated and called by Jesus Christ. In **Matthew 16:18** Jesus said,

*And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this **rock I will build My church,** and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. (NKJV)*

To build His church Jesus dispenses these gifts to His church. These gift holders are Office bearers. A Prophet holding office of a Prophet will be able to prophesy always.

It's a body ministry so to build the body you need this gift. As we all know we have medical science has taught us that we have 206 bones, each has a different size and different purpose. But all these bones coming together and knitting together as one body is the key in having the right body. To fix everything in its place Jesus has set this fivefold ministry to His Church.

Notes:

The one who got this gift can grow in this more and more.

Ephesians 4:7,

*But to **each one of us grace was** given according to the measure of Christ's gift. (NKJV)*

It says clearly the gift was given by grace.

Ephesians 4:29,

*Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, **that it may impart grace to the hearers.** (NKJV)*

When we hear from a Prophet you will receive more of His grace. When a person listens more and more to Jesus he/she will be increased in the Grace of Lord Jesus Christ.

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 12: 4-11,

There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶ And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. ⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: ⁸ for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills. (NKJV)

The Greek word for “gift” is charisma, from which we get our English words charisma and charismatic. The ‘charis’ part of the word means “**grace.**”

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The *ma* portion of the word is the passive suffix meaning that it is grace given. They are “*grace gifts*” that enable a person to glorify and serve God. The one who exercises his or her gifts could rightly be called charismatic.

- The gift of wisdom seems to be the ability to make decisions and give guidance that is according to God's will.
- The gift of knowledge is the ability to have an in-depth understanding of a spiritual issue or situation.
- The gift of faith is being able to trust God and encourage others to trust God, no matter the circumstances.
- The gift of healing is the miraculous ability to use God's healing power to restore a person who is sick, injured, or suffering.
- The gift of miracles is being able to perform signs and wonders that give authenticity to God's Word and the Gospel message.
- The gift of prophecy is being able to proclaim a message from God.
- The gift of discerning spirits is the ability to determine whether a message, person, or event is truly from God.
- The gift of tongues is the ability to speak in a foreign language that you do not have knowledge of, to communicate with someone who speaks that language.
- The gift of interpreting tongues is the ability to translate the tongues speaking and communicate it back to others in your own language.

Verse 7 is the key,

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:

These gifts were given for the benefit of all!!

Who were operating these gifts in this church at Corinth?

Notes:

The church had the worst problems

Quarrel among leaders

Sexual behaviour

Food offered to idols

Corruption both morally and physically

But they were all able to operate on these gifts

1 Corinthians 14:26,

How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification. (NKJV)

These gifts for every one of us!

Let us look at from the beginning

Jesus promised that you will have power to be witness.

Acts 1:8,

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (NKJV)

When the Day of Pentecost came, they were all endowed with the power from God by the power of the Holy Spirit.

There were 120 people all of them were filled by the power of the Holy Spirit not just the 12 apostles. Because there are some dispensations theologise and say that the gift of the Holy Spirit ceased with Apostles.

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Acts 2: 4,

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

It's not so, it continued further.

Acts 8 *Samaria*

Acts 9 *Apostle Paul*

Acts 10 *Cornelius house*

Acts 19 *Ephesus*

So the gift of the Holy Spirit continued until today. For some time people were not pursuing it but now that God is pouring out His Spirit upon all His people.

These gifts operate on the need based rather than all the time. God uses His people for His purposes and plans.

Acts 13:2,

As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

While the church was praying, God spoke through someone saying that you set apart for me Barnabas and Saul.

Acts 21: 9-11,

⁹ Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesied. ¹⁰ And as we stayed many days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. ¹¹ When he had come to us, he took Paul's belt, bound his own hands and feet, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'"

Notes:

Even though there were four daughters who could prophesy God sent a Prophet to speak about the problem will be faced by Apostle Paul.

So the gift of Holy Spirit was dispensed to the needs of the people according to the circumstances.

Anyone who is willing to be used as a vessel God is ready to use them.

Conclusion

The office of the Fivefold ministry to equip and build the Church of Jesus Christ and its granted by Him.

The Gift of the Holy Spirt is available for all who are willing to be used for equipping the saints.

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8. How to use the gifts every day

As you have identified the gift in the afternoon session now let us look at the way in which you will be able to use them every day of your life.

First and foremost, we need to understand the gift is for common good.

1 Corinthians 12:7,

*But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for **the profit of all:***
(NKJV)

The gift is for someone whom God puts you in your path way. Its not only your near and dear but everyone who crosses your path.

The Bible openly tells us of a gift from God that unleashes the power and wisdom of His kingdom, providing everything we need for life and godliness. **2**

Peter 1:3

*³as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness,
through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,*

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me” (Acts 1:4-5, 8)

The result of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples was something earth-shaking. No, it extended much further than that—these Spirit-filled believers literally shook the gates of hell. So dramatic was the Spirit’s coming upon them that onlookers could not help but be in awe...

- they were all completely amazed
- they were amazed and perplexed
- they were absolutely astounded
- they were amazed...
- and recognized that these were men that had been with Jesus.

Acts 2:7, 12; 3:10; 4:13 NLT

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Acts 2:7, 12 NLT

⁷They were completely amazed. "How can this be?" they exclaimed. "These people are all from Galilee,

¹²They stood there amazed and perplexed. "What can this mean?" they asked each other.

Acts 3:10 NLT

¹⁰When they realized he was the lame beggar they had seen so often at the Beautiful Gate; they were absolutely astounded!

Acts 4:13 NLT

¹³The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus.

God would like to show who He is through ... YOU...

Firstly, I don't want you to misunderstand your natural talent and gifts with your Spiritual Gifts.

Apostle Paul wrote in **1 Corinthians 12:1**,

*Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, **I do not want you to be ignorant:** (NKJV)*

Spiritual gifts are often confused with

- Natural talents/abilities/skills
- The fruit of the Spirit
- Christian roles
- Christian disciplines

Notes:

The spiritual Gifts are given in your spiritual birth, most of the times it may be your weakness so that to will come to know its God who is working through you.

God also use your natural ability if you can understand that its gift from God.

So, every day and every moment God wants to do something in His world. More than you want to be used God is looking for people who will listen His voice and do His will on this earth.

First be in His presence the moment you are awake and when you got to bed.

Spirit Soul and Body

1 Thessalonians 5:23

²³ Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This makes it very clear that we are three beings.

Genesis 1:26 & 28,

²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all^[a] the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Shows very clearly that we are made like God.

Who is God?

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John 4:23,

23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

God is a Spirit

1 Corinthians 3:16

16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

So all the scriptures were written to your spirit not to your mind.

Romans 12:1

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

Present your bodies, so not written to your body

Renew your mind or soul so it's not written to your soul

So you are spiritual being going through this physical experience.

Psalms 121:4

Behold, He who keeps Israel

Shall neither slumber nor sleep.

Makes it clear God never sleeps, so our spirit is always awake.

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Song of Solomon 5:2

I sleep, but my heart is awake;

It is the voice of my beloved!

He knocks, saying, "Open for me, my sister, my love, My dove, my perfect one; For my head is covered with dew, My locks with the drops of the night."

So, you may sleep but your spirit is awake.

We hear from all the three sources the voices but the predominant voice will take over. Also, the soul is the deciding vote!

Demonstration about Spirit, Soul and Body.

For many of us sleeping time is the best time in the presence of God.

So cultivate the habit of understanding from the Lord what He wants us to do?

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9. Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Before starting this lesson let me give you a special warning.

Very scary remarks Jesus made while He was on the earth.

Matthew 7:15-23,

15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? 17 Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit; nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

You will be known by your fruits NOT by your Gifts.

Any rogue can operate on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. My humble request to all of you my dear brothers and sisters use these gifts to produce good fruits in your life.

Secondly the spiritual gifts were written to a church in Corinth we know that they were one of the morally corrupt church in the early days.

He wrote the Gifts of the spirit on chapter 12

How to operate on the gifts of the spirit in chapter 14

In between there is a chapter called 13, which we normally read on wedding. Neither Paul nor the Holy Spirit inspired to write him chapter for marriage. The

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reason its written that these are the gifts but you should use them with love to build the church.

1 Corinthians 14:26

²⁶ How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.

Shows that they were all excelling in many gifts but what God wants us to do is increase in His love so that we could build each other up.

1 Corinthians 13:13

¹³ And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Gifts of the Spirit

1 Corinthians 12: 8-11

⁸ for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same^[a] Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

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- 1) *The word of wisdom*
- 2) *The word of knowledge*
- 3) *Faith*
- 4) *Gifts of healings*
- 5) *Working of miracles*
- 6) *Prophecy*
- 7) *Discerning of spirits*
- 8) *Different kinds of tongues*
- 9) *Interpretation of tongues.*

<i>Gifts of Spirit</i>		
<i>Revelation</i>	<i>Power</i>	<i>Vocal</i>
Word of Wisdom	Faith	Prophecy
Word of Knowledge	Gifts of healing	Diverse kinds of tongues
Discerning of spirits	Working of miracles	Interpretation of tongues

Revelation Gifts

Word of Wisdom

There is a significant difference between a Word of Wisdom and a Word of Knowledge. By wisdom we give direction to us and to others.

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Ecclesiastes 10:10

*If the ax is dull,
And one does not sharpen the edge,
Then he must use more strength;
But wisdom brings success.*

Knowledge is information. Wisdom is the effective use of that information.

Wisdom points or directs to knowledge and it uses that knowledge accurately and effectively.

Proverbs 15:2

The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.

A word of Wisdom is a small fragment of Gods immeasurable wisdom given at a specific time, for a specific situation. By using this gift, the Holy Spirit supernaturally effects people, situations and things and brings about His desires and purposes.

Here are examples of the use of this gift.

In the Old Testament King Solomon used this gift in

1 Kings 3:16-28- Solomon Judges Wisely

In the New Testament, a word of wisdom by Paul brought confusion to the counsel of those opposing him and seeking his death.

Acts 23:6

⁶But when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, "Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee; concerning the hope and resurrection of the dead I am being judged!"

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Another example in the bible is found in

1 King 17:8-16 - The Widow at Zarephath

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink.” ¹¹And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, “Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.”

¹²So she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.”

¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD God of Israel: “The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.””

¹⁵So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah.

God had made provision for the widow to provide for Elijah (V 9).

The widow did not know this (V 12).

Elijah by a Word of wisdom told the widow exactly what to do (V 13-14) and they were all provided for. Without the Word of wisdom, and indeed the subsequent miracle, they all would have starved.

Another example of a word of wisdom is found in **2 King 6: 1-7**

And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, “See now, the place where we dwell with you is too small for us. ²Please, let us go to the Jordan, and let every man take a beam from there, and let us make there a place where we may dwell.”

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So he answered, "Go."

³Then one said, "Please consent to go with your servants."

And he answered, "I will go." ⁴So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees. ⁵But as one was cutting down a tree, the iron ax head fell into the water; and he cried out and said, "Alas, master! For it was borrowed."

⁶So the man of God said, "Where did it fall?" And he showed him the place. So he cut off a stick, and threw it in there; and he made the iron float. ⁷Therefore he said, "Pick it up for yourself." So he reached out his hand and took it.

Elisha knew exactly what to do to recover the lost axe head. A word of wisdom always gives us direction about what to do in each situation. A word of wisdom is often accompanied by a word of knowledge, miracle or even another gift.

Jesus had the Holy Spirit without measure (John 3:34) and therefore could walk continuously in divine wisdom. We can see Jesus having a word of wisdom in the incident of the women caught in adultery (John 8:1-12) and during the tax issue (Matt 22:15-22)

There are many more examples. Please read for further (1 Kings 3:16-28; Matthew 2:20; Luke 22:10-12; John 2:22-24; John 4:16-19; Acts 26:16; Acts 27:21-25; 1 Cor. 5).

Word of Knowledge

The Holy Spirit is omniscient. He knows everything.

A word of Knowledge is a small portion of God's Knowledge supernaturally imparted by the Holy Spirit through man. It is Divine information imparted by God for a specific time and purpose. This knowledge is spoken out in words to people, to help them.

Two, three or even more of the gifts can operate through anyone at the same time and sometimes it's hard to determine how many of the gifts are operating.

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This is also called a message of knowledge (NIV) This is a gift of supernatural information that is not available to you naturally.

2 King 6:8-12 The Blinded Syrians Captured

⁸ Now the king of Syria was making war against Israel; and he consulted with his servants, saying, "My camp will be in such and such a place."⁹ And the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are coming down there."¹⁰ Then the king of Israel sent someone to the place of which the man of God had told him. Thus he warned him, and he was watchful there, not just once or twice.

¹¹ Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was greatly troubled by this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you not show me which of us is for the king of Israel?"

¹² And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom."

Each time the king of Syria made a plot against Israel, the Holy Spirit revealed the information to Elisha who in turned warned the King of Israel. The king of Syria was perplexed. He thought he had a spy in his midst of them.

1 Samuel 9:1-27 Saul Meets Samuel

The Holy Spirit gave Samuel information supernaturally about the whereabouts of Saul's donkey.

Jesus used a word of knowledge when talking to the Samaritan women (John 4:1-26). The Holy Spirit revealed to him information about her married life (V 18). You can see how useful the word of knowledge would be in a counselling situation.

Jesus also used a word of knowledge to get the donkey he rode into Jerusalem (Matt 21: 1-9) How else did He know the donkey was there?

For further reading (Genesis 1:1-2:25; 1 Samuel 3:7-15; 2 Kings 6:8-12; Acts 9:11-12; Matthew 16:16; John 1:1-3; Acts 5:3-4; Acts 21:11; Ephesians 3)

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Discerning of Spirits

The main difference between this and the word of knowledge is that the discerning of spirit is limited to supernatural information of the spirit world. With the gift of discerning of spirits, you can perceive or even see which type of spirit either good or evil is operating in a certain situation.

2 Kings 6 : 13-18

¹³ So he said, "Go and see where he is, that I may send and get him."

And it was told him, saying, "Surely he is in Dothan."

¹⁴ Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city. ¹⁵ And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?"

¹⁶ So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." ¹⁷ And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. ¹⁸ So when the Syrians came down to him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, and said, "Strike this people, I pray, with blindness." And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

Elisha's servant's eyes were opened and he discerned the angels around. In (Acts 16:1-24) Paul discerned that the girl following him saying "good things" was being used by an evil spirit. We also see Jesus discerning what spirits were in operation in some of the people he healed (Mark 9: 14-29). Notice how Jesus could call the demons by name when casting them out.

Since all sickness is not due to demons the gift of discerning of spirits can come in very useful when praying for the sick.

For further reading (Matthew 9:4; Luke 13:16; John 2:25; Acts 13:9-10; Acts 16:16; 1 Tim. 4:1-4; 1 John 4:1-6).

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Power gifts

These gifts enable us to get things done supernaturally.

Gifts of healings

This gift is easy to explain. It is the gift of supernatural healing of disease or ailment without any natural or medical assistance.

We see Peter and John use the gift of healing at the gate to the temple.

Acts 3:1-9 A Lame Man Healed

Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. ²And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple;³ who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. ⁴And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us."⁵ So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." ⁷And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. ⁸So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. ⁹And all the people saw him walking and praising God.

Jesus healed numerous people during his life

Matthew. 8:14-17 Peter's Mother-in-Law Healed / Many Healed in the Evening

¹⁴Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever. ¹⁵So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them.^[a]

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¹⁶ When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, ¹⁷ that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

"He Himself took our infirmities

And bore our sicknesses."^[L]

Matthew 15:29-31

²⁹ Jesus departed from there, skirted the Sea of Galilee, and went up on the mountain and sat down there. ³⁰ Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them the lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus' feet, and He healed them. ³¹ So the multitude marveled when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

The gifts of healings are very useful in evangelistic meetings. When people see the love of God demonstrated with people getting healed it draws them closer to God.

For further reading (Mark 16:18; John 14:12; 1 Corinthians 12:9)

Working of miracles

This is a supernatural intervention of the Holy Spirit's power to change or alter natural events or circumstances.

Moses did ten miracles in Exodus 7 to Exodus 12. When the Israelites crossed the Red Sea in Exodus 12, this again was another miracle. Joshua commanded the sun to stand still (Joshua 10)

Jesus fed 5,000 (Matthew 14:13-21) and again 4,000 (Matthew 15:32-39) He also raised dead people and walked on the sea. These were also miracles.

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For further reading (1 Corinthians 15:10,27-31; Hebrews 2:3-4; Psalms 107; Exodus 7:10-14:21; 2 Kings 4:1-44; 2 Kings 6:1-7; Matthew 17:20; Mark 9:23; Mark 11:22-24; John 14:12).

Faith

Holy Spirit supernaturally imparts this faith into our lives. When our natural faith reaches its upper limit then this gift of faith comes into operation. However, since the Holy Spirit gives us these gifts he can grant us the gift of faith at any time.

The gift of faith enables us to receive whatever is needed from God. We can see the gift of faith in operation at a certain moment in Daniel's life.

Daniel 6:16-23 Daniel Saved from the Lions

¹⁶So the king gave the command, and they brought Daniel and cast him into the den of lions. But the king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you." ¹⁷Then a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signets of his lords, that the purpose concerning Daniel might not be changed.

⁸Now the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; and no musicians^[a] were brought before him. Also, his sleep went from him.¹⁹ Then the king arose very early in the morning and went in haste to the den of lions. ²⁰And when he came to the den, he cried out with a lamenting voice to Daniel. The king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?"

²¹Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! ²²My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and, O king, I have done no wrong before you."

²³Now the king was exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So, Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he believed in his God.

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Daniel was cast into the lion's den. Daniel neither resisted being thrown into the den nor did he worry. That was supernatural faith in action. The lion's mouths were stopped.

Jesus always walked in faith and it would be hard to differentiate between his own faith and the gift of faith.

Luke 4:27-30

27 And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."

28 So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, 29 and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. 30 Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.

Here the people attempted to push Jesus over the hill top. Notice how He escaped? Those people were rendered powerless to stop Jesus from walking away. Miracles are usually present when the gift of faith is in operation.

For further reading (Romans 4:17; James 1:5-8; Matthew 17:20; Matthew 21:22; Mark 9:23; Mark 11:22-24; Hebrews 11:6; Hebrews 12:1-3).

Vocal gifts

All these gifts give us supernatural utterance. These gifts make use of our tongue.

Gift of prophecy

This gift is speaking to the people on behalf of God. This is hearing what God is saying and declaring it. Prophecy is for edification, building us up, exhortation and comfort.

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Our preaching, singing and even talking could be prophecy when we are hearing and saying what the Holy Spirit leads us to say. When the anointing of God comes on us it sometimes causes us to prophesy

Numbers 11:16-30 **Moses Chooses Seventy Leaders**

1 King 22:1-28 **Jehoshaphat and Ahab**

Acts 21:9-14

⁹Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesied. ¹⁰And as we stayed many days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. ¹¹When he had come to us, he took Paul's belt, bound his own hands and feet, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'"

¹²Now when we heard these things, both we and those from that place pleaded with him not to go up to Jerusalem. ¹³Then Paul answered, "What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

¹⁴So when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, "The will of the Lord be done."

From the scriptures, we see people speaking as the Holy Spirit gives them utterance. When we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit, He can also lead us to prophesy. This gift should be more common during our prayer times.

For further reading (Acts 3:21; Acts 11:28; Acts 21:11; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 Corinthians 14:23-32)

Different kinds of tongues

This is the Holy Spirit giving us the supernatural ability to speak in new tongues we have not learnt naturally. It could be tongues of another nation or even tongues of angels

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1 Corinthians 13:1

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

Mark 16:17

And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues

Acts 2:3-11

³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵ And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. ⁷ Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

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Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. ⁴⁵ And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

Then Peter answered, ⁴⁷ "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

Acts 19:1-10

And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples ² he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

³ And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?"

So they said, "Into John's baptism."

⁴ Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."

⁵ When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. ⁷ Now the men were about twelve in all.

⁸ And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God. ⁹ But when some were hardened and did not believe, but spoke evil of the Way before the

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multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. ¹⁰ And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

Speaking in other tongues helps our prayer life tremendously. Paul, who wrote most of the New Testament spoke in tongues a lot!

1 Corinthians 14:18

I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all;

Jesus said these signs would follow them who believe in him, they would speak with new tongues. Mark 16:17

Speaking in tongues is a gift for the New Testament believer.

1 Corinthians 14:13-15

¹³ Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.¹⁴ For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. ¹⁵ What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

Praying with our understanding means praying in a known mother tongue and praying with the Holy Spirit means praying in tongues unknown to us but given by the Holy Spirit. The scripture encourages us to do both.

Praying with the Holy Spirit helps us to pray about those things we do not clearly understand. However, because the Holy Spirit knows everything He can pray through us in tongues more accurately.

Romans 8:26-28

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us^[a] with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷ Now He who searches the hearts

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knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

Praying with the Holy Spirit also builds us up spiritually. It keeps us in God's love. To build ourselves up spiritually we need to spend more time praying in the Holy Spirit.

Jude 20-21

²⁰ But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

For further reading (Isaiah 28:11; Mark 16:17; Acts 2:4; Acts 10:44-48; Acts 19:1-7; 1 Cor. 12:10,28-31; 1 Corinthians 13:1-3; 1 Corinthians 14:2,22,26,27-32).

Interpretation of tongues.

This gift speaks for itself. When we pray in tongues we can ask God to give us the interpretation

1 Cor. 14:13

¹³ So anyone who speaks in tongues should pray also for the ability to interpret what has been said.

Because praying in tongues is praying with the Holy Spirit, when we interpret our tongues we are speaking the mind of God, this is the same as prophecy.

For further reading (1 Corinthians 12:10; 1 Corinthians 14:5,13-15,27-28).

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10. Gifts of Healing

Not all sickness is because of sin!!

John 9:3,

Sickness, disease, infirmity. These are all common to man.

Even believers have them. They are the results of man's fall into sin. This does not mean that a person is sick because he has sinned.

Sometimes people are sick because they have sinned. Jesus once said, "...See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you" (John 5:14).

Mark 16: 18

they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

The great commission Jesus gave it to the church in the Gospel of Mark we see that when we lay our hands on the sick people they will recover.

Gifts of Healings are yet another super natural gift given by God through the Holy Spirit so that people will come to know God through His mighty power.

Notice its Gifts of the healing. Not gift of healing

When Jesus was on the earth He did perform many miracle healings on the people.

Matthew 9:35

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

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Mark 6:56

Wherever He entered, into villages, cities, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well.

None could die in the presence of Jesus and He messed up every funeral He went including His own!

Acts 10:38

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

1 John 3:8

The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

Jesus commissioned His disciples to preach the Kingdom

Matthew 10:7-8

And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' ⁸ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Luke 9:1-2

Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. ² He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

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Luke 9 chapter can be summarised. Then despite the failure of the disciples yet Jesus sent out 70 others.

Luke 10: 1

After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also,^[a] and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.

After His resurrection Jesus commissioned every one of us with the same mandate.

Matthew 28:19-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Mark 16:15-20

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." ¹⁹So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

The healing power of God continues in the Early Church through the believers in the church.

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Acts 3:1-10

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. 2 Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. 3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. 4 Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” 5 So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. 6 Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” 7 Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. 8 He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. 9 When all the people saw him walking and praising God, 10 they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Peter heals a lame man who had been lame from birth

Acts 5:16

Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.

The Apostles heal all the sick and demon possessed from the surrounding cities of Jerusalem

Acts 8:7

For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed.

Philip in the city of Samaria casts out demons and heals the disabled, the paralyzed, and the lame

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Acts 14:8-10

8 In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. 9 He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed 10 and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

Paul heals a man lame from birth

Acts 19:12

so, that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them.

Handkerchiefs and aprons that Paul has touched are taken to others to heal the sick and cast out demons (Please note that in verse 11 this particular miracle is associated with Paul only and no one else)

Acts 28:8-9

8 His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him. 9 When this had happened, the rest of the sick on the island came and were cured.

Paul on the island of Malta heals a man with an illness and then heals everyone who was brought to him.

Look at this list of the people whom the Holy Spirit used in the gifts of healing in the book of Acts.

1. Peter and John (apostles) **Acts 3:1-11.**
2. Peter (apostle) **Acts 5:15.**
3. Philip (evangelist) **Acts 8:5-7.**
4. Ananias (unknown believer) **Acts 9:17-18.**
5. Peter (apostle) **Acts 9:32-34.**

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6. Paul (apostle) **Acts 14:8-10.**

7. Paul (apostle) **Acts 28:7-9.**

The different sicknesses, diseases, and infirmities healed in the book of Acts.

1. Lameness {infirmity) **Acts 3:2.**

2. Illness (sickness) **Acts 5:16.**

3. Palsy (paralysis), lameness (infirmity) **Acts 8:7.**

4. Blindness (disease or infirmity) **Acts 9:17-18.**

5. Palsy (paralysis) **Acts 9:33.**

6. Lameness (infirmity) **Acts 14:8-10.**

7. Fever (illness), dysentery (disease) **Acts 28:8.**

We can safely say, there is no sickness, disease or infirmity that cannot be healed through the gifts of healing.

This gift of Healings intended by God to heal everyone who was sick?

The false idea that God gave the gift of healing to the Church because it was God's intention for all believers to be delivered from sickness and disabilities does not hold up to the teaching of Scripture.

The exercise of the gift of healing is limited to a specific purpose of God. If the purpose can't be served, then the gift can't be exercised.

Let's examine a few passages that support this fact.

1 Corinthians 12:9

to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,

Paul writes that some in the Corinthian Church had the gift of healing yet Paul in the same book indicates that some were sick, weak and had even died

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1 Corinthians 11:29

For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.

The cause of this suffering was unrepentant sin.

Likewise, in **1 Corinthians 5:4-5**

4 So when you are assembled and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present, 5 hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh,[a][b] so that his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord.

Paul commands the Church to turn a publicly sinning brother over to Satan for the “destruction of the flesh that his Spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.”

So we can conclude that when there is public and/or unrepentant sin in the life of a believer, God at times decides it is better for them to be sick, weak and even die as a form of chastisement.

This is further brought out in **1 John 5:16-17**

16 If you see any brother or sister commit a sin that does not lead to death, you should pray and God will give them life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that you should pray about that. 17 All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death.

Where John says not to pray for the believer who commits a sin that leads to death.

The same idea is in the mind of James when he speaks of the anointing of the sick in **James 5:14-15** for he says, “And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven”. James further drives this home when he finishes his discourse by talking about covering a multitude of sins and saving a soul from death (19-20).

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2 Corinthians 12:7-10

7 or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Paul who had the gift of healings more than anyone else (Acts 19:11-12) could not heal himself. He prayed earnestly that God might take away a thorn in the flesh three times but God said no. Some say this was not an illness but demon persecution and it that its partially true.

However, this persecution manifested itself in the form of a physical "infirmity" (9).

God choose to allow Paul to physical suffer rather than to heal so that the power of Christ might rest on Paul (9-10). God does substitutes grace for healing.

Philippians 2:26-27

26 For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. 27 Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow.

Epaphroditus, a co-worker of Paul's who was close to death but God in His mercy healed Him. Paul said he feared he would lose this close brother however, if Paul had the gift to heal, why did he not use it to heal Epaphroditus?

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Why would Paul have feared if he knew he had the ability to heal him?

There is only one answer. God had restricted the gift of healing to be used for only one specific purpose and that purpose could not be served in the healing of Epaphroditus. Therefore, Paul could not use his gift of healing to help his brother. Paul knew this was a situation where this man's fate lay in the hands of God and God alone and he feared that God might choose to take him in death.

1 Timothy 5:23

Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.

Paul tells Timothy to take a little wine for his stomach's sake. We saw earlier in Acts 19 that Paul sent cloth he had touched to heal others. Why did he not send such a cloth to Timothy along with his letter to heal him? The reason was the same as with Epaphroditus. Timothy's healing would meet the purpose set aside for the gift of healing. It was God's will for Timothy to endure some physical suffering for God's glory.

2 Timothy 4:20

Erastus stayed in Corinth, and I left Trophimus sick in Miletus. 21 Do your best to get here before winter. Eubulus greets you, and so do Pudens, Linus, Claudia and all the brothers and sisters.

Paul indicates he left another co-worker in Miletus because he was sick and could not travel. If Paul had the power to heal why did he have to leave him behind? Once again Paul was not allowed to use his gift because the circumstance did not serve the purpose for which the gift of healings was designed. It was God's will to for Paul to leave him sick.

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The gift of Healings was not dependent upon the recipient's faith.

Often it has been argued that the reason the gift of healing is ineffective is because the sick lack the faith to be healed. This too is a false idea that can't be supported by Scripture.

Please do not misunderstand, I am not saying that faith at times does not play a role in healing but it has never been a requirement.

Mark 2:1-12

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. 2 They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. 3 Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. 4 Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. 5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." 6 Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, 7 "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 8 Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? 9 Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? 10 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, 11 "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." 12 He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Jesus heals the paralytic looking at the faith of his friends.

Look Acts 3:1-4

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One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. 2 Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. 3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. 4 Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!”

when Peter heals the lame man. He has no clue what Peter is going to do nor is there any mention of faith on his part. Peter merely commands him to stand and the man finds the Spirit places within him an irresistible urge to stand and walk to his amazement and that of those who knew him. No faith, just the work of God. This is the case in most that are healed by the gift of healings.

The gift of Healings was capable of healing all types of illness and disabilities. There is no disability, illness, deformity, or injury that God can not heal. We see this during our Lord’s ministry as He healed all that were brought to Him.

Matthew 4:24

News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them.

Matthew 9:35-36

“Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.” (NKJV)

The apostles could heal everyone brought to them regardless their condition.

Acts 5:16

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“Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.” (NKJV)

Acts 28:8-10

“Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him. So when this was done, the rest of those on the island who had diseases also came and were healed.” (NKJV)

The gift of healings was not intended to replace the natural healing power

God designed our bodies and was not it intended to bypass the work of medical doctors. God has allowed man to advance far in his knowledge of the body and his ability to heal. God expects us to use this knowledge and expertise to live as healthy a life as possible.

Colossians 4:14

Our dear friend Luke, the doctor, and Demas send greetings.

When Paul describes Luke as the “beloved physician.” Luke, an important co-worker of Paul, carried on his own work as a physician and was greatly loved by many who had profited from his work. What most people do not realize is that the level of medical knowledge and treatment in the day of Paul was not surpassed by modern medicine until the 1940.

God never tells Christians if they will just have faith they will be healed. God never tells Christians they should not see doctors.

The Gift of Healings always instant healing.

When a person was healed by someone with this gift, their healing is immediate and complete. Take someone who was born unable to walk. He not only is given the ability to walk but also the skill or knowledge of how to use that ability to walk. We are not born knowing how to walk. As infants, we have to learn to

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walk over a period of trial and error. The healing these people experienced did more than correct the problem but also gave them the life experiences necessary to use them.

Occasionally a medical breakthrough makes it possible for someone who was born blind to see. Even though they are now able to see light, it takes time for them to be able to tell the difference between a tree and a person. Like a new born, they have no frame of reference from life experience from which to draw. However, when God heals a person, all of these factors are brought together from the moment of healing.

Gift of Healings never involved with money.

It was never used to build multi-million dollar ministries, to enhance personal bank accounts, or to make one famous. This behaviour often associated with modern healers is a troubling problem development.

Does God heal people today?

The answer is yes.

Is it always God's will for people to be healed?

No. God at times uses illness and injury in a believer's life to serve His purposes.

Remember the story of healing the lame person being healed in Acts 3:1-10. This person is been lame for 38 years Jesus while He was on the earth He passed him many times certainly three times in a year. Yet He did not choose to heal him. Why?

Jesus could see the purpose of God in that. He could see Peter healing him later and more people getting saved through that.

In the pool of Bethesda in John 5 there were many people who were sick Jesus healed only one!

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So how do I heal? Or what should I do when someone is sick?

Heal the sick!

Pray and listen to what the Lord is saying and do that.

Jesus always did that!

We are supposed to operate like Jesus Christ. He never put healing in the forefront of His ministry. Whenever He healed people He used to tell them not to tell anyone.

Luke 8:38-39

38 The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

Matthew 9:30

and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, "See that no one knows about this."

Mark 1:43-44

43 Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: 44 "See that you don't tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them."

Mark 5:43

He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat

Healing should take the people to the awe of God.

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How Do Gifts of Healing Work?

We must learn there is no set pattern.

This is we examine the main cases of healing in the New Testament. There, healing was by

1. A touch, a spoken word (**Matthew 8:3**).
2. A spoken word (**Matthew 8:5-13**). (Note: The person who was healed was not present to hear the spoken word.)
3. A touch (**Matthew 8:15**).
4. A touch, a spoken word (**Matthew 9:29**).
5. A command (**Matthew 12:13**).
6. Placing mud on blind eyes and a spoken word (**John 9:6**).
7. A command, a lift with the hand (**Acts 3:6-9**).
8. A spoken word, a command (**Acts 9:34**).

We note the most common method of healing happened by the spoken word. It is important to remember this. A touch with the hand, a lift, or some other act may help another's faith. However, it seems God works most through a spoken word. The early church leaders did their works by a spoken word. It seems reasonable that God will still direct the gifts of healing to people in the same way. The gifts of healing are manifested through believers as the Holy Spirit leads.

So either healing or performing miracles please do as the Lord God leads you through His Holy Spirit!!

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11. Gift of Tongue

One of the most controversial subjects in the Christendom. Whether you are Charismatic or Pentecostal or Anglican or Baptist everyone had got a different opinion about Tongues.

Almost all the other gifts of the Holy Spirit is been operated by others in the Old Testament but speaking in tongues is been exclusive to the New Testament.

We need to understand the history behind for us to know completely about this gift. God in the Garden of Eden created humankind and they were able to communicate with each other perfectly.

Unfortunately, this relationship was broken because of the fall of Adam. God cursed the earth and Adam and Eve chased out of the Garden of Eden and their descendants and they continued to live under one language until Genesis chapter 11.

Genesis 11:1,

Now the whole earth had one language and one speech.

God needed to confuse their language and split them since they were prideful. When they were prideful they wanted build a tower called 'Babel' not for anything but to make name for themselves. Self is the birth place of all pride fullness. Pride is the birthplace of sin and regrettably fallen man has decided to use every advantage, including language, to usurp God's authority and place himself upon a throne which is not rightfully his.

Genesis 11:5-8

But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. ⁶And the Lord said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. ⁷Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." (NKJV)

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Afterwards God chose man named 'Abram' later known as 'Abraham' through him God chose to bless the mankind with one language to bring Him glory and draw mankind towards Him. Later God used the language 'Hebrew' to the nation of Israel, to communicate to the mankind.

During those periods God, did promised through Prophet Isaiah,

Isaiah 28:10-12

For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little.”¹¹ For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, ¹²To whom He said, “This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest,” And, “This is the refreshing”; Yet they would not hear. (NKJV)

This is also we can take the fulfilment of God’s promise of captivity of Israelites by Assyrians since they will speak in a strange language.

But in the New Testament Jesus just before leaving the earth after His resurrection in the Great Commission He did promise about this.

Mark 16:15-17

¹⁵And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.¹⁶He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; (NKJV)

So, it was promised by Jesus which was fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost.

Acts 2:1-4

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When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is given to the church and one of the remarkable signs was that they were all speaking in other tongues.

Acts 2:6

And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. (NKJV)

They spoke in language which the others could understand in their own language.

Acts 27-11

⁷ Then they were all amazed and marvelled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." (NKJV)

The others were accusing them that they were behaving like drunk. So Peter has to use the prophesy of Prophet Joel to say that they are not drunk but they were filled by the Holy Spirit.

Acts 10,

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Peter goes to Cornelius house and while he was still preaching they Holy Spirit fell upon them.

Acts 10:46

⁴⁶For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. (NKJV)

Church in Ephesus,

Acts 19:1-6

And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples ² he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

³And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism."⁴Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."

⁵When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. ⁷Now the men were about twelve in all.

Here Apostle Paul prayed for the believers in Ephesus and laid hands on them and they were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues.

Now let us come to **1 Corinthians 14:2**,

For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries. (NKJV)

Only God can understand this language.

In **Acts 2** others could understand!

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So from this we can understand very clearly that there are two types of tongues one which we can understand and the other we can't understand.

1 Corinthians 14:14-15

For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. ¹⁵What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding.

So, one tongue helps me glorify God in tongue known to others but unknown to me.

The other tongue which I speak which I or others don't understand but God! This helps me to pray which can be termed as prayer language.

This is where many problems come in our so called charismatic or Pentecostal churches. They use this gift in the church and confuse many people. They fail to recognise what Apostle Paul taught in

1 Corinthians 14:19

*yet in the church I would rather **speak five words with my understanding,** that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue. (NKJV)*

1 Corinthians 14:27-2

If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret. ²⁸But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God.

So, in our worship service you are not supposed speak in this prayer tongue unless you have the interpretation.

1 Corinthians 14:1

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Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret. (NKJV)

Before giving this instruction of how to use this divine helpful language Apostle Paul writes, in

1 Corinthians 14:18

I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all;(NKJV)

At the same time, do NOT forbid anyone speaking in tongues, we don't want miss what the Lord is saying.

1 Corinthians 14: 39

Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues. (NKJV)

Because the Spirit of God helps us in our weakness to pray effectively according to His will.

Romans 8:26-27

ikewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groaning's which cannot be uttered. ²⁷ Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. (NKJV)

So, I would request you to kindly use the tongue in the right way in the church. If you are speaking in tongues make sure you get the interpretation or wait for someone to do it.

Prophesy builds others up but Tongue builds YOU up! This gift is for YOU!!

1 Corinthians 14:3-4

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But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men. ⁴He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. (NKJV)

You should speak in your natural tongue and also in the tongue what the Lord had given you.

1 Corinthians 14:6-12

⁶But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you unless I speak to you either by revelation, by knowledge, by prophesying, or by teaching? ⁷Even things without life, whether flute or harp, when they make a sound, unless they make a distinction in the sounds, how will it be known what is piped or played? ⁸For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle? ⁹So likewise you, unless you utter by the tongue words easy to understand, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air. ¹⁰There are, it may be, so many kinds of languages in the world, and none of them is without significance. ¹¹Therefore, if I do not know the meaning of the language, I shall be a foreigner to him who speaks, and he who speaks will be a foreigner to me. ¹²Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel. (NKJV)

Would like to counter another issue of Tongue have ceased!!

1 Corinthians 13:8-10

Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

In heaven, an innumerable group from every nation, tribe, people and tongue will join to praise God with one language.

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Revelation 7:9-12

9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honour and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen." (NKJV)

The intention of the spiritual gift of tongues is to glorify God now, but also to prepare ourselves as His church to glorify Him forever in heaven. The gift however is only partial, in that it is not given to all believers, and in the context of the church requires an interpreter for it to be edifying.

So "*tongues*" is a temporary gift needed only under the imperfect conditions dominant on earth. This explains why Jesus never needed the gift of tongues. It was because His mind was perfectly pure and because He lived in perfect communion with His Father always,

Is everyone needs to have this gift?

Not every believer receives this gift. **The gift of tongues is not a requirement or a necessary sign of salvation.**

1 Corinthians 12:30

Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

Can I control my Tongue?

Tongues are not "ecstatic speech" but are always orderly and are able to be controlled by the one speaking.

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1 Corinthians 14:27-28, 33, 39-40

If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret. ²⁸ But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God.

³³ For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints

³⁹ Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues.

⁴⁰ Let all things be done decently and in order.

Why you should speak in Tongues?

God's Plan for His church.

The manifestation that came with the gift of the Holy Spirit was speaking in tongues. It wasn't the wind, fire, noise or feeling of God's presence that was evidence of the gift being received but a spirit language believers began speaking languages of the Spirit they didn't understand. It was God's plan for the gift to function as a spirit language for His children (**Acts 2:4, 11; 1 Corinthians 14:2**).

1. Jesus commanded us to receive the Holy Spirit to be an effective witness.

When Jesus commissioned the disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they received the promise of the Father, He didn't say, "Do this if you feel led to do so, or if it fits in your doctrinal or denominational beliefs, or if you have the time, or if you are so inclined, or if you feel comfortable about it."

No! Jesus commanded them to wait until they received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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Since Jesus put such importance on their receiving this gift, that's more than enough reason for every Christian to seek God until they receive it too (Acts 1:4; 5:32; John 14:16-17; Ephesians 5:18).

2. The Word of God commands us to do

Scriptures exhort us to be filled with the Spirit and to pray in the new tongues of our spirit language. Our spirit language enables us to

live in the Spirit,

walk in the Spirit,

be led of the Spirit,

have the fruit of the Spirit,

manifest the gifts of the Spirit and

go from glory to glory until we are transformed into His same image. (Galatians 5:22-25; Romans 8:14; 1 Corinthians 12:7-11; 14:15; Ephesians 5:18; Acts 19:2; 2 Corinthians 3:18).

3. Direct communion with God

Our spirit language enables us to have our spirit to Holy Spirit communication with God. Humans are spirit beings clothed with flesh and bone. While man's sin deadened the spirit, Jesus brings the spirit back to life by imparting His everlasting life into us. The Holy Spirit gives us a spirit language so we can communicate directly with God (John 4:24; 1 Corinthians 15:45; Genesis 2:7; Romans 5:12; John 3:3-5, 16).

A spirit language is the greatest gift the Holy Spirit can give a believer. Jesus is the greatest gift God could give for the redemption of the world, and the Holy Spirit is the greatest gift Jesus could give to His church. Of all the resources in heaven and the eternal universe, nothing is more valuable, beneficial or important for the Holy Spirit

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to give the individual child of God than her own spirit language (1 Corinthians 12:31; 14:4).

4. Builds you and increase your faith through prayer.

Praying in tongues builds you up and increases your faith. Faith is the medium of exchange for all heavenly things, just as money is the medium of exchange for all earthly things. A major way to increase our faith is to pray in the tongues of our spirit language (Romans 12:6; Jude 1:20; Mark 9:23; Matthew 9:29).

Praying in our spirit language is the main way we fulfil the biblical admonition to "pray without ceasing." Christians can pray in tongues at any time. If we are in a place where it isn't convenient or wise to speak out loud in tongues, we can pray with our inner man without making an audible sound (Ephesians 6:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Matthew 26:41; Luke 18:1; 21:36; 1 Corinthians 14:15).

5. Praying the Will of God

The Holy Spirit directs our spirit language to pray in according to the will of God. Probably the only time we can be assured that we are praying 100 percent in the will of God is when we are praying in our spirit language. God always answers requests that are made in alignment with His will (Romans 8:27; 1 John 5:14-15).

6. Praying in the Spirit brings peace

Praying in tongues quiets the mind. **Dr. Andrew Newberg**, a neuroscientist, compared brain scans of Christians praying in tongues with Buddhist monks chanting and Catholic nuns praying, the study showed the frontal lobes the brain's control centre went quiet in the brains of Christians talking in tongues, proving that speaking in tongues isn't a function of the natural brain but an operation of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 14:2, 14).

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How you should speak in Tongue?

1. 1 Corinthians 13:1

"If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal."

Speaking in tongues without love is useless. All pride in those who speak in tongues, and all "looking down" on others who don't speak in tongues are because of a lack of love. Such unloving believers who speak in tongues are as disgusting to God as a noisy gong is to us.

2. Learn to speak in your mother tongue with love and grace

My humble request is that please learn to speak in your mother tongue well with love and grace. Because many people who speak tongues but their life is quite contrary to the Bible.

3. Privately speaking

When you are in private please use this gift quite extensively since its one of the best gift given by God to build yourself. With my personal experience, I would say this is the best gift I have received from the Lord to know the mysteries of God.

4. Public speaking

In Public or in worship service if you are speaking then please do wait for interpretation since you are not supposed to speak without interpretation.

1 Corinthians 14:22-23

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Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe. ²³ Therefore if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those who are uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind? (NKJV)

In my personal life, you will not find me speaking on tongue in the mike unless there is a revelation or interpretation.

5. Don't falsify tongue

The tongue is the precious gift hence there are lot of counterfeit too. There are lot of people in the Pentecostal circle falsify this. In my own personal life, I have seen this how the pastor speaks the tongue the same way everyone in the congregation also speaks. They just copy the language of their pastor and used think that as tongue.

Ask God who will give you His Spirit graciously.

If you have not received this Gift ask God who will give it to you without any problem.

Luke 11:13

*If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!**" (NKJV)*

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12. Gift of Prophecy

There is a difference between the office of a prophet and prophecy.

A Prophet is the one who speaks on behalf of God.

Priest speaks to God on behalf of people

Discernment and knowledge: Knowing the current circumstances of the people and their position.

Revelation: What God has or going to do is been revealed which was hidden

Prophecy: Ability to hear from God and declaring them in advance.

Old Testament Prophecies

A prophet's primary function in the Old Testament was to serve as God's representative or ambassador by communicating God's word to his people. True prophets never spoke on their own authority or shared their personal opinions, but rather delivered the message God himself gave them.

God promised Moses, "Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say" (Exod. 4:12).

God assured Moses, "I will raise up for [my people] a prophet like you . . . and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him" (Deut. 18:18).

The Lord said to Jeremiah, "I have put my words in your mouth" (Jer 1:9).

God commissioned Ezekiel by saying, "You must speak my words to them" (Ezek. 2:7).

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And many of the OT prophetic books begin with the words, *“The word of the LORD that came to . . .”* (Hos. 1:2; Joel 1:1; Micah 1:1; Zeph. 1:1; cf. Jonah 1:1). Amos claimed, **“This is what the LORD says”** (Amos 1:3).

Prophetic ministry was not restricted to men in the Old Testament, however. Moses’s sister Miriam is called a “prophet” (Exod. 15:20), as are Deborah (Judg. 4:4) and Huldah (2 Kings 22:14–20).

We occasionally read of groups or bands of prophets ministering in Israel (1 Samuel 10:5; 1 Kings 18:4), referred to as “the company of the prophets” (2 Kings 2:3, 5, 7; 4:38).

The Bible doesn’t explain how the word of the Lord came to a prophet, although in addition to the audible and internal voice of God there are a number of instances in which the Lord revealed his will through visions (1 Samuel 3:1,15; 2 Samuel 7:17; Isaiah 1:1; Ezekiel 11:24) or dreams (Numbers 12:6).

Until the nation of Israel went into captivity there were many prophets mostly known by everyone is Elijah and Elisha. After the nation went into captivity God raised many prophets their works are preserved as separate books from Isaiah to Malachi.

Bible prophecies that were fulfilled about 2500 years ago when the ancient kingdoms and cities of Babylon, Nineveh, Tyre and Edom were destroyed. The Bible makes it clear that were destroyed because they had sought to destroy the Holy Land of Israel and the people of Israel, the Jews.

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Babylon Will Rule Over Judah for 70 Years

Jeremiah 25:11-12

11 This whole country will become a desolate wasteland, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

12 "But when the seventy years are fulfilled, I will punish the king of Babylon and his nation, the land of the Babylonians,[b] for their guilt," declares the Lord, "and will make it desolate forever.

This prophecy was written sometime from 626 to about 586 BC and was not fulfilled until about 609 BC to 539 BC approximately about 50 years later.

God Spoke through Prophet Jeremiah that the Jews would suffer 70 years of Babylonian domination, and that after this was over, Babylon would be punished. Both these prophecy were fulfilled!

In 609 BC, Babylon captured the last Assyrian king and took over the Assyrian empire, which included the land of Israel. Babylon then began to stretch itself by taking many Jews as captives to Babylon and by destroying Jerusalem and the Temple.

Their domination of the Jews ended in 539 BC, when Cyrus, a leader of Persians and Medes, conquered Babylon, bringing an end to the empire. The prophecy also had another fulfilment, which was prophesied in Isaiah.

Cyrus Cylinder

Isaiah 45:1

"This is what the Lord says to his anointed,

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*to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their armor,
to open doors before him
so that gates will not be shut:*

This prophecy was written between 701 and 681 BC, you will find a prophecy that was ultimately fulfilled hundreds of years later in 539 BC.

God spoke saying that HE would open the gates of Babylon for Cyrus and his attacking army. Despite Babylon's remarkable defense system, which included moats, and walls that were more than 70-feet thick and 300-feet high with over 250 watchtowers. Cyrus was able to enter the city and conquer it.

Cyrus and his troops accomplished it by diverting the flow of the Euphrates River into a large lake basin. Cyrus then was able to march his army across the riverbed and into the city!

Babylon's will be Permanently Overthrown

Isaiah 13:19

*Babylon, the jewel of kingdoms,
the pride and glory of the Babylonians,[b]
will be overthrown by God
like Sodom and Gomorrah.*

Written between 701 and 681 BC was fulfilled only after 539 BC.

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History confirms the fact that following Cyrus' destruction of Babylon in 539 BC, it never again rose to power as an empire.

The Jews will overcome Babylonian Rule and to return to their home

Jeremiah 32:36-37

36 "You are saying about this city, 'By the sword, famine and plague it will be given into the hands of the king of Babylon'; but this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 37 I will surely gather them from all the lands where I banish them in my furious anger and great wrath; I will bring them back to this place and let them live in safety.

Written about 626 and 586 BC By Jeremiah the prophet that was ultimately fulfilled in 536 BC.

Nineveh will be destroyed by Fire

Nahum 3:15

*There the fire will consume you;
the sword will cut you down—
they will devour you like a swarm of locusts.
Multiply like grasshoppers,*

Archaeologists unearthed the site during the 1800s and found a layer of ash covering the ruins. According to the Encyclopaedia Britannica: "...Nineveh suffered a defeat from which it never recovered. Extensive traces of ash, representing the sack of the city by Babylonians, Scythians, and Medes in 612

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BC, have been found in many parts of the Acropolis. After 612 BC the city ceased to be important..."

Tyre Will Be Attacked By Many Nations

Ezekiel 26:3

therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against you, Tyre, and I will bring many nations against you, like the sea casting up its waves.

Written between 587-586 BC which predicts the attacks on Tyre that occurred in 573 BC, 332 BC, and 1291 AD.

There are literally hundreds of other fulfilled prophecies that we could list here. There was prophecy that predicted the coming of a Messiah, a saviour who would deliver the Jews. While there are dozens of messianic prophecies in the Old Testament scriptures, one of these was incredibly specific in its claims.

The Coming of the Messiah

	Prophecies About Jesus	O. T. Scripture	N. T . Fulfilled
1	Messiah would be born of a woman.	Genesis 3:15	Matthew 1:20 Galatians 4:4
2	Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1 Luke 2:4-6
3	Messiah would be born of a virgin.	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:22-23 Luke 1:26-31

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	Prophecies About Jesus	O. T. Scripture	N. T . Fulfilled
4	Messiah would come from the line of Abraham.	Genesis 12:3 Genesis 22:18	Matthew 1:1 Romans 9:5
5	Messiah would be a descendant of Isaac.	Genesis 17:19 Genesis 21:12	Luke 3:34
6	Messiah would be a descendant of Jacob.	Numbers 24:17	Matthew 1:2
7	Messiah would come from the tribe of Judah.	Genesis 49:10	Luke 3:33 Hebrews 7:14
8	Messiah would be heir to King David's throne.	2 Samuel 7:12-13 Isaiah 9:7	Luke 1:32-33 Romans 1:3
9	Messiah's throne will be anointed and eternal.	Psalms 45:6-7 Daniel 2:44	Luke 1:33 Hebrews 1:8-12
10	Messiah would be called Immanuel.	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:23
11	Messiah would spend a season in Egypt.	Hosea 11:1	Matthew 2:14-15
12	A massacre of children would happen at Messiah's birthplace.	Jeremiah 31:15	Matthew 2:16-18
13	A messenger would prepare the way for Messiah	Isaiah 40:3-5	Luke 3:3-6

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	Prophecies About Jesus	O. T. Scripture	N. T . Fulfilled
14	Messiah would be rejected by his own people.	Psalm 69:8 Isaiah 53:3	John 1:11 John 7:5
15	Messiah would be a prophet.	Deuteronomy 18:15	Acts 3:20-22
16	Messiah would be preceded by Elijah.	Malachi 4:5-6	Matthew 11:13-14
17	Messiah would be declared the Son of God.	Psalm 2:7	Matthew 3:16-17
18	Messiah would be called a Nazarene.	Isaiah 11:1	Matthew 2:23
19	Messiah would bring light to Galilee.	Isaiah 9:1-2	Matthew 4:13-16
20	Messiah would speak in parables.	Psalm 78:2-4 Isaiah 6:9-10	Matthew 13:10-15, 34-35
21	Messiah would be sent to heal the broken hearted.	Isaiah 61:1-2	Luke 4:18-19
22	Messiah would be a priest after the order of Melchizedek.	Psalm 110:4	Hebrews 5:5-6
23	Messiah would be called King.	Psalm 2:6 Zechariah 9:9	Matthew 27:37 Mark 11:7-11
24	Messiah would be praised by little children.	Psalm 8:2	Matthew 21:16

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	Prophecies About Jesus	O. T. Scripture	N. T . Fulfilled
25	Messiah would be betrayed.	Psalms 41:9 Zechariah 11:12-13	Luke 22:47-48 Matthew 26:14-16
26	Messiah's price money would be used to buy a potter's field.	Zechariah 11:12-13	Matthew 27:9-10
27	Messiah would be falsely accused.	Psalms 35:11	Mark 14:57-58
28	Messiah would be silent before his accusers.	Isaiah 53:7	Mark 15:4-5
29	Messiah would be spat upon and struck.	Isaiah 50:6	Matthew 26:67
30	Messiah would be hated without cause.	Psalms 35:19 Psalms 69:4	John 15:24-25
31	Messiah would be crucified with criminals.	Isaiah 53:12	Matthew 27:38 Mark 15:27-28
32	Messiah would be given vinegar to drink.	Psalms 69:21	Matthew 27:34 John 19:28-30
33	Messiah's hands and feet would be pierced.	Psalms 22:16 Zechariah 12:10	John 20:25-27
34	Messiah would be mocked and ridiculed.	Psalms 22:7-8	Luke 23:35

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	Prophecies About Jesus	O. T. Scripture	N. T. Fulfilled
35	Soldiers would gamble for Messiah's garments.	Psalm 22:18	Luke 23:34 Matthew 27:35-36
36	Messiah's bones would not be broken.	Exodus 12:46 Psalm 34:20	John 19:33-36
37	Messiah would be forsaken by God.	Psalm 22:1	Matthew 27:46
38	Messiah would pray for his enemies.	Psalm 109:4	Luke 23:34
39	Soldiers would pierce Messiah's side.	Zechariah 12:10	John 19:34
40	Messiah would be buried with the rich.	Isaiah 53:9	Matthew 27:57-60
41	Messiah would resurrect from the dead.	Psalm 16:10 Psalm 49:15	Matthew 28:2-7 Acts 2:22-32
42	Messiah would ascend to heaven.	Psalm 24:7-10	Mark 16:19 Luke 24:51
43	Messiah would be seated at God's right hand.	Psalm 68:18 Psalm 110:1	Mark 16:19 Matthew 22:44
44	Messiah would be a sacrifice for sin.	Isaiah 53:5-12	Romans 5:6-8

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Prophecy in the New Testament

Acts 2:17-18

17 *“In the last days, God says,*

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

18 *Even on my servants, both men and women,*

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

Prophetic ministry in the early church was widespread and diverse. ***A number of prophets travelled from Jerusalem to Antioch, and one of them, Agabus, “stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world” (Acts 11:28).***

Prophets were active in the church at Antioch (**Acts 13:1**),

Tyre (**Acts 21:4**), and

Caesarea, where the four daughters of Philip prophesied (**Acts 21:8–9**).

Prophecy, one of the gifts of the Spirit designed for edifying the body of Christ.

Notes:

Ephesians 2:20

built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

1 Corinthians 14:1

Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.

Apostle Paul earnestly desires that we all may prophesy!

What is the prophecy?

1 Corinthians 14:3

But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort.

Prophecy is to

- 1. Strengthen, Edification,***
- 2. Encouraging***
- 3. Comforting***

What does the prophecy do?

1 Corinthians 14:4

Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies the church.

It builds the church! Not an individual but the whole church.

Notes:

1 Corinthians 14:24-25

24 But if an unbeliever or an inquirer comes in while everyone is prophesying, they are convicted of sin and are brought under judgment by all, 25 as the secrets of their hearts are laid bare. So they will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, "God is really among you!"

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