

An aerial photograph of a river with white-water rapids. The water is a vibrant blue-green color, and the surrounding rocks are dark and jagged. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

The River of God

Part 7 - The Gifts of the Spirit #3

37 "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" ...

John 7:37-39 (ESV)

***...39 Now this he said about the Spirit,
whom those who believed in him
were to receive, for as yet the Spirit
had not been given, because Jesus was
not yet glorified.***

John 7:37-39 (ESV)

***There will be swarms of living things
wherever the water of this river flows.***

***Fish will abound in the Dead Sea,
for its waters will become fresh.
Life will flourish wherever this water
flows...watered by the river flowing
from the Temple.***

Ezekiel 47:9,12 (NLT)

The Holy Spirit

Empowers



I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done — by the power of signs and miracles, through the power of the Spirit...

Romans 15:18-19 (NIV) (also 2 Corinthians 12:12)

***...So from Jerusalem all the way around
to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the
gospel of Christ.***

Romans 15:18-19 (NIV) (also 2 Corinthians 12:12)

***And now, Lord, look upon their threats
and grant to your servants to continue
to speak your word with all boldness,
while you stretch out your hand to heal,
and signs and wonders are performed
through the name of your holy
servant Jesus...***

Acts 4:29-31 (ESV)

...And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

Acts 4:29-31 (ESV)

***Truly, truly, I say to you,
whoever believes in me will also do
the works that I do; and greater works
than these will he do, because I am
going to the Father.***

John 14:12 (ESV)



4. Gift of Faith

To another faith by the same Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)

Faith: *A Spirit-empowered confidence
in the psychological certainty that
God is going to do what is asked.*



Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well...

James 5:14-18 (NLT)

...And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results...

James 5:14-18 (NLT)

***...Elijah was as human as we are,
and yet when he prayed earnestly that
no rain would fall, none fell for three
and a half years! Then, when he prayed
again, the sky sent down rain and the
earth began to yield its crops.***

James 5:14-18 (NLT)

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5. Gift of Healing

***To another gifts of healing by
that one Spirit.***

1 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)

Gifts of Healing: *A Spirit-empowered
blessing where God heals
a body by supernatural means.*



***That evening many demon-possessed
people were brought to Jesus.
He cast out the evil spirits with a simple
command, and he healed all the sick...***

Matthew 8:16-17 (NLT)

...This fulfilled the word of the Lord through the prophet Isaiah, who said, “He took our sicknesses and removed our diseases.”

Matthew 8:16-17 (NLT)

He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed.

1 Peter 2:24 (NLT)

***Let all that I am praise the Lord;
may I never forget the good things he
does for me. He forgives all my sins
and heals all my diseases...***

Psalm 103:2-5 (NLT)

***...He redeems me from death and
crowns me with love and tender mercies.***

He fills my life with good things.

My youth is renewed like the eagle's!

Psalm 103:2-5 (NLT)



6. Gift of Miraculous Powers

to another miraculous powers.

1 Corinthians 12:10 (NIV)

Miraculous Powers:

A Spirit-empowered activity that cannot be explained by natural abilities that arouses awe and wonder and bears witnesses to God.



And then he told them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned...

Mark 16:15-18 (NLT)

...These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages...

Mark 16:15-18 (NLT)

...They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed."

Mark 16:15-18 (NLT)

***While they were at Lystra,
Paul and Barnabas came upon a man
with crippled feet. He had been that
way from birth, so he had never walked.
He was sitting and listening as
Paul preached...***

Acts 14:8-10 (NLT)

...Looking straight at him, Paul realized he had faith to be healed. So Paul called to him in a loud voice, “Stand up!” And the man jumped to his feet and started walking.

Acts 14:8-10 (NLT)

***But when the Holy Spirit has come upon
you, you will receive power to testify
about me with great effect!***

Acts 1:8 (LB)

(also 1 Corinthians 2:4; 1 Thessalonians 1:5)