

The Church needs the Holy Spirit Now The Power Gifts

I. The Gift of Faith

A. Better called "special faith" (See AMP).

1. Not saving faith Ephesians 2:8
All believers have that.

Ephesians 2:8 (NKJV) ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,

2. Not general faith for answered prayer Hebrews 11:1
Romans 10:17 Mark 11:24
The Word brings faith to hearers.

Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Romans 10:17 (NKJV) ¹⁷ So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Mark 11:24 (NKJV) ²⁴ Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*.

3. Not the fruit of faith Galatians 5:22
Better translated "faithfulness" (AMP) or "good faith"
(Weymouth)

Galatians 5:22 (NKJV) ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

B. Definition: *A supernatural endowment of faith to believe in receiving miracles of provision, protection, and preservation. A confidence in God beyond one's usual ability to trust Him.*

C. Illustrations

1. Daniel 6:16,19-23 (NKJV)

Daniel 6:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ So 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."

¹⁹ Then the king arose very early in the morning and went in haste to the den of lions. ²⁰ And 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?" ²¹ Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! ²² My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you." ²³ Now 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.

2. Mark 4:38 (NKJV)

Mark 4:38 (NKJV) ³⁸ But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How *is it* that you have no faith?"

4.1 Kings 17:2-6 (NKJV)

1 Kings 17:2-6 (NKJV) ² Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, ³ "Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. ⁴ And it will be *that* you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there." ⁵ So he went and did according to the word of the LORD, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. ⁶ The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook.

D. Give examples from your life when emergency or danger arose, but you knew on the inside that it would be all right.

II. Working of Miracles

A. Not a natural innovation

1. Not a "miracle drug" or the "miracle" of birth.

2. The manifestation of the Spirit is supernatural.

B. Definition: *An endowment of power to act as the instrument in*

bringing about specific divine intervention into the order of the natural universe.

(Miracle = *dunamis* (GR) = power. Miracles are intense explosions of the power of God.)

C. Illustrations

1. John 2:7-9 Notice it required action.
It is the working of miracles.

John 2:7–9 (NKJV) ⁷ Jesus said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ **And He said to them, “Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast.”** And they took *it*. ⁹ When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom.

2. Exodus 7:8-12

Exodus 7:8–12 (NKJV) (Aaron’s Rod) ⁸ Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, ⁹ “When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, ‘Show a miracle for yourselves,’ then you shall say to Aaron, ‘Take your rod and cast *it* before Pharaoh, *and* let it become a serpent.’ ” ¹⁰ So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and they did so, just as the LORD commanded. **And Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it became a serpent.** ¹¹ But Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers; so the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. ¹² For every man threw down his rod, and they became serpents. But Aaron’s rod swallowed up their rods.

3. Joshua 10:12-13 (NKJV)

Joshua 10:12–13 (NKJV) (Sun stands still) ¹² Then Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and **he said in the sight of Israel: “Sun, stand still over Gibeon; And Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon.”** ¹³ So the sun stood still, And the moon stopped, Till the people had revenge Upon their enemies. *Is this not written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go *down* for about a whole day.*

4. 2 Kings 6:6 (NKJV)

2 Kings 6:6 (NKJV) (Floating Axe Head) So 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.

5. Acts 13:4-13 (NKJV)

Acts 13:4–12 (NKJV) ⁴ So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. ⁵ And when they arrived in Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. They also had John as *their* assistant. ⁶ Now when they had gone through the island to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name *was* Bar-Jesus, ⁷ who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. This man called for Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. ⁸ But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. ⁹ Then Saul, who also *is called* Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him ¹⁰ and said, “O full of all deceit and all fraud, *you* son of the devil, *you* enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord? ¹¹ **And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time.**” And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand. ¹² Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had been done, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

6. Romans 15:18-21 Paul used signs in evangelism.
(Acts 8:13)

Romans 15:18–21 (NKJV) 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. ²⁰ And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man’s foundation, ²¹ but as it is written: “*To whom He was not announced, they shall see; And those who have not heard shall understand.*”

Acts 8:13 (NKJV) ¹³ Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done.

D. Give scriptural and/or personal examples of miracle power.

III. Gifts of Healings

A. Not natural healing

1. Medicine enhances or impedes natural processes using chemical or mechanical intervention.
2. Supernatural healing is wrought by the power of God with no human intervention.
3. We strongly believe in medicine. It is a good gift and comes from God. James 1:17

James 1:17 (NKJV) ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

B. Definition: *The supernatural power of God brought to bear on an illness causing an immediate cure or healing.*

1. The word "gifts" is plural in each occurrence in 1 Corinthians 12 when referring to healings.
2. There seem to be several "gifts" of healings manifested at different times through different men for specific conditions.
NOTICE: Acts 8:7 Only specific conditions are mentioned.

Acts 8:7 (NKJV) 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.

3. John 3:34 implies Jesus operated in all the "gifts" of healings.

John 3:34 (NKJV) ³⁴ For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure.

C. Many ways to minister healing

1. Simple faith and laying on of hands. Matthew 8:8
Mark 16:18 Mark 6:1-6

Matthew 8:8 (NKJV) ⁸ The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. **But only**

speak a word, and my servant will be healed.

Mark 16:18 (NKJV) 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.”

Mark 6:1–6 (NKJV) Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. ² And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing *Him* were astonished, saying, “Where *did* this Man *get* these things? And what wisdom *is* this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands! ³ Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?” So they were offended at Him. ⁴ But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house.” ⁵ Now He could do no mighty work there, except that **He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them**. ⁶ And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

2. An anointing for healing. Acts 10:38 Mark 5:30

Acts 10:38 (NKJV) 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.

Mark 5:30 (NKJV) ³⁰ And Jesus, immediately knowing in **Himself that power had gone out of Him**, turned around in the crowd and said, “Who touched My clothes?”

3. The gifts of healings manifested specifically as the Spirit wills. Notice John 5:1-9,19. This is not dependent on the faith of the sick man, and it is done in an environment where many others were not healed.

John 5:1–9 (NKJV) After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ² Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. ³ In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. ⁴ **For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had**. ⁵ Now a certain man was there who had an **infirmity thirty-eight years**.

⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been *in that condition* a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” ⁷ **The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me.”** ⁸ **Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your bed and walk.”** ⁹ And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. ¹⁹ Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

- D. "Gifts" = *charismata* = an endowment or ability given by the Spirit. Individuals in the Body will be noted as "gifted" in ministry to the sick. We must learn to identify and utilize those so gifted.