

# Trinity: Holy Spirit 3 Joshua Brunette Pendleton First 6.14.2023

## Key Verses:

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:4-11 NASB** Read from Bible

**Romans 12:3-8 NASB** Read from Bible

**Opening:** Scripture refers to the body of Christ in very specific terms as a body that moves, breathes and performs the work of Christ on the earth. The gifts of God are poured out upon the body of Christ and ensure that the church can fully demonstrate the love of God to the world it lives in. Understanding the gifts of the Spirit ensures that we can recognize when they are operating and will allow us to identify the gifts God has given to us. We are responsibly to offer our bodies to the Lord in service to the gospel. Let us discover how truly gifted the Holy Spirit has made each of us. **Key Point: Desire Spiritual Gifts 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:1** Let love be your highest goal! **But you should also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives**--especially the ability to prophesy.

## 1. There are different types of gifts

- a. **Motivational Gifts:** *Diversities of gifts* (1 Corinthians 12:4). How God works in a believer to shape his perspective on life and motivate his words and actions. (7 Gifts) \*\* Every believer has a gift given by God.
  - i. **Prophecy:** Reveals truth by exposing sin, God's will in circumstances, through divine revelation so that fellowship with God can be restored and/or maintained. (This gift does not flow through a critical spirit but a merciful spirit)
  - ii. **Serving:** Demonstrates love by meeting practical needs, usually through tangible work, labor.
  - iii. **Teaching:** Discovers and validates truth so that the Church maintains accuracy.

- iv. **Exhorting**: Encourages Christians to grow spiritually by discipling, teaching, and counseling others.
  - v. **Giving**: Conserves, procures, and shares resources to meet needs in the church and in ministry.
  - vi. **Organizing**: Manages projects by recruiting workers, organizing tasks, or delegating responsibilities.
  - vii. **Mercy**: Demonstrates God's love and compassion by responding to hurt.
- b. **Life Lesson**: Each Member of the body of Christ is given **at least one of these gifts at birth**. The moment of salvation **awakens** and **activates** it for the specific purpose of using it to strengthen and encourage the local body of Christ. These gifts are strengthened and empowered for their ultimate purpose through the anointing of the Holy Spirit.
- c. **Key Point**: Some giftings are used in the Church and in the world from the time they are given at birth and are without repentance. However, their greatest potency is when they are Spirit lead and empowered.
- d. **Ministry Gifts**: *Differences of administrations* (I Corinthians 12:5). How God works with what a believer does to serve and meet the needs of others. (See Ephesians 4:11–13 and I Corinthians 12:27–31.) \*\* The offices are called into ministry by God himself.
- i. **Apostles: Oversee ministries**, churches, founds the church in doctrine, Pastors other pastors, regional influencer, used in miracles, plants new churches, burdened with ministry expansion. The ministry of the apostle points the church forward.
  - ii. **Prophets: Declare the truth of God** to churches, nations and the lost. They operate with prophetic gifts including visions, dreams, and the working of miracles. They are burdened to

focus the church on God and their ministry points the church upward.

- iii. **Evangelists: Sharing the gospel with the lost**, works both in the church with the pastor to equip the church for sharing the gospel and outside the church in winning the lost. The evangelist is used in faith, working of miracles, power gifts and the prophetic gifts. The Evangelists are burdened for the lost and their ministry points the church outward.
- iv. **Pastors:** Lead the saved of God through life, ensuring they are cared for, disciplined, fed the word of truth and protected from the working of the enemy. The shepherd tends the sheep walking with them through all of lives ups and downs. They are burdened for the community of faith and their focus is inward, meaning the inward health of the church and the believers growth.
- v. **Teacher:** The teacher guides the disciple through the truth and guards the truth from lies and distortions. Their burden is to bring understanding to the body of Christ, and they focus the church downward to dig foundations.
- e. **Manifestation Gifts: *Diversities of operations*** (I Corinthians 12:6). How God works through a believer in each situation to demonstrate His supernatural power. (See I Corinthians 12:7–11.) (9 Gifts) \*\* Generally operate through the Holy Spirit Baptism, the Spirit grants these gifts to each one as He wills. This means upon Spirit Baptism the Holy Spirit will use a vessel in a gift according to His good purpose and pleasure, for the revealing of the Lord and building up of the body.

**Key Point:** The supernatural gifts of God are for demonstrating the supremacy and reality of the risen Christ to a world that resides in unbelief. When the word of God is preached then the gifts are meant to operate **as signs to confirm the word** that was

preached as being the truth. The gifts are God's confirmation of what was preached as being from Him, and not just the words of mere men.

1. **1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2:1-5** When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I decided to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. 3I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. 4My message and my preaching were not with persuasive words of wisdom, **but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power**, so that your faith would not rest on men's wisdom, **but on God's power**

i. **Word of Wisdom:** The word of wisdom is a prophetic "how to." Through the word of wisdom God gives specific instruction for specific situations to bring His supernatural understanding and will to pass. It is prophetic because it often focuses on future occurrences in the life of a believer, and the person who functions in the word of wisdom does not need any prior explanation of the situation to do so. The wisdom is complete and often answers the questions of the receiver's heart. Why is it needed? There are three types of Wisdom, the wisdom of man, the wisdom of the world and the wisdom of God. Example

ii. **Word of Knowledge:** The word of knowledge is a prophetic revealing of the secrets of a person's life. The Lord will provide the missing information of a person's life to help bring a breakthrough or salvation. This gift is prophetic because it reveals knowledge about a person's life or circumstances not naturally known. Often the revealed knowledge helps the person understand something about themselves that was a mystery to them. The word of

knowledge will then bring scriptural principles and clarity to the person to help direct them.

- iii. **Gift of Faith:** Is a supernatural endowment of faith from God to believe Him for something that would normally be unbelievable. It is the ability to believe and walk in faith that will produce a breakthrough. Since faith is necessary in every aspect of Christian living this gift can help the Christian to minister in a situation where there is unbelief but a willingness to believe. Miracles, and answered prayers need faith to be effective. The Holy Spirit helps us through this supernatural gift to believe even though the situation appears the opposite.
- iv. **Gift of Healings:** A supernatural gift where various diseases, ailments and dysfunctions of the body and soul are broken off by people. Healings are supernatural occurrences that can take some time to gradually manifest but when a person is healed, they receive full assurance and usually also a sign that the process has begun. The gift of healing often begins through a prophetic word revealing a need for healing. Healing also works with deliverance from demonic oppression.
- v. **Working of Miracles:** A supernatural gift that suspends or alters the natural laws of order. A miracle is a definite sign and a wonder that leads unbelievers to Christ. Miracles reveal God as He is Lord of creation and result in God receiving great glory, the church reverencing God and standing in Awe of His power!
- vi. **Gift of Prophecy:** The supernatural ability to receive a divinely inspired message and deliver it to others in the church and world. These messages can take the form of exhortation, correction, disclosure of secret sins, prediction of future events, comfort, inspiration, or other revelations

given to equip and edify the body of Christ. Again, they do not constitute the authoritative Word of God, but are the human interpretation of the revelation that was received. They are spoken in human words through a human mind which is why they must be tested against the Scriptures.

vii. **Discerning of Spirits:** The supernatural ability to identify the origins of a Spirits working whether obvious or hidden. Discerning of Spirits is for testing truth and for uncovering the working of the enemy. It is also used to reveal the working of God in specific situation. Discerning of Spirits is used when bringing deliverance to demon possessed people and when praying and interceding in situations where you are not 100% informed, or clarity is needed to pray or minister effectively.

viii. **Diverse Kind of Tongues:** The supernatural ability to proclaim the gospel in an unknown language. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:39 “Do not forbid the speaking in tongues.”

**Adorational (Worship)** 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:15 used to worship God.

**Intercessional:** Romans 8:26, used when praying for a situation where you do not know all the pieces

**Edificational:** Jude 20, used to build up your spirit man in faith to believe God for His promises.

**Congregational:** (A form of prophecy) 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:13 says it needs interpretation.

**Foreign language:** Study languages some are unknown or dead. Romans 8:26, 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:21 is quoting from Isaiah 28:11.

ix. **Interpretation of Tongues:** This is in accordance with 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:13 and itself is a gift to interpret a prophetic message given through the gift of tongues.

f. **Life Lesson:** God's Holy Spirit is engaging human beings who live in the flesh to empower them through to produce the work of the kingdom both in the physical realm and in the spiritual realm.

**Conclusion:** God wants His church to know and understand the gifts are given to display the realities of the Kingdom. You do not have to apologize for believing God in every situation and through the gifts the Holy Spirit provides we are able to adequately represent Jesus as His Church in every circumstance. We must, as the scriptures declare, earnestly desire spiritual gifts.