

- I) V9 INTRO: To another, faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings  
We are currently continuing our study of the gifts of the Spirit  
**V4-6**
- II) There are diversities of gifts, differences of ministries, diversities of activities  
**Diversities of gifts:** Different gifts that are necessary for the church to function
- III) **Differences of ministries** speaks of the variety of ways the gifts are applied  
When God is moving the Body is functioning in a healthy fashion  
Preaching and teaching occur in the same message in various ways to people  
Some are learning, others are being drawn to salvation
- IV) **Diversities of activities** speaks of the effects of the operation of the gifts  
All effects are by the Spirit, and God can move differently in each person  
People teach the same passage with different results
- V) V7 makes it clear: the manifestation of the Spirit is for the profit of all  
Profit: For the benefit of others, and not ourselves alone  
They don't draw attention to the person, but to the One giving the gifts
- VI) God is the one Who distributes His gifts to His church (V11)  
**Our part** in relation to the gifts of the Spirit is to earnestly desire what is best  
1 Co 12:31 But eagerly desire the *best* gifts
- VII) V9 We took a look at the gifts of the word of wisdom and the word of knowledge  
The next gift on this list is **the gift of faith**
- VIII) In the context of the gift of faith I will begin with what **it is not**  
**First:** The gift of faith *is not* having the kind of faith needed to be saved  
Eph 2:8-9 For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it  
is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.
- IX) **Second:** It is not **living faith** (The faith the produces our way of life)  
Ro 1:17 The just shall live by faith.  
**Third:** It is not our daily walks of faith, in which we make day to day decisions  
2 Co 5:7 We walk by faith, and not by sight  
**Fourth:** It is not the faith required to serve God  
Jas 2:18 Show me your faith without works and I will show you my faith by my works

- I) The gift of faith is supernaturally imparted faith God gives when it is needed
- II) Ac 3:1-8 Is a good example of this faith as it works in connection with other gifts  
Peter and John are at the Beautiful Gate and encounter a crippled man  
Peter speaks to him, telling him to look at us  
**THIS GIVES US INSIGHT**
- III) **The Spirit** will help you to be sensitive to needs around you  
**Walking** in the Spirit makes you more sensitive and available to be used by Him
- IV) With **supernatural faith** Peter did the impossible  
He told the man **look at us**
- V) The man looked up, expecting to receive something  
Ac 3:6-8 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.” And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up (faith), and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength (healing; miracle). So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.  
**IMPORTANTLY**
- VI) Here we get a glimpse of **why** God gifts the Church  
1 Co 12:7 It is to minister to people
- VII) The gifts are never intended to draw attention to the one exercising the gift  
When the Spirit moves, it is to bring attention to the Lord  
Jn 16:26 But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, **He will testify of Me**  
**ON A PRACTICAL LEVEL**
- VIII) We see various gifts being applied in this event  
Faith, healing, a miracle  
**FINALLY**
- IX) A common concern is how to distinguish between **faith** and **presumption**  
**First:** This kind of faith does not attempt to force God to do something  
**Second:** This kind of faith results in bringing glory to God  
**Presumption** forces God, **faith** waits on God to move
- X) V9 To another **gifts of healings** by the same Spirit  
At this point I will give a basic foundation

- I) We begin by asking why is there a need for healing? Why is there sickness?  
The basic answer is that sickness is one of the by-products of sin  
Adam's fall effected all of creation and brought sickness into the world
  
- II) Sripture teaches sin results in death  
Ro 5:12 Just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin,  
and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned- (Ro 6:23)  
Sickness is often the cause of our death
  
- III) Because God is gracious He may minister healing to those who were sick  
Ps 103:3 Who forgives all your iniquities; who heals all your diseases
  
- IV) In the NT Jesus performed healings  
In the Gospels no less the 20 healings by Jesus are recorded
  
- V) One of the purposes was for people to see the kingdom of God was present  
Lu 11:20 If I drive out demons by the finger of God then the kingdom of God has  
come to you  
Jn 14:10 The Father who dwells in Me does the works
  
- VI) After Jesus was resurrected He sent His disciples to preach and make disciples  
Mk 16:17-18 And **these signs will follow** those who believe: In My name they will  
cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; "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."  
**NOTICE**
- VII) These signs shall follow: they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover  
This ministry continued in the Church after Jesus ascended into Heaven  
**A FEW EXAMPLES**
- VIII) Acts recorded various times God healed the sick through the apostles  
Ac 5:16 A multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bring  
sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spiritis, and **they were all healed**  
Ac 8:7 says God used Philip and many who were paralyzed and lame **were healed**
  
- IX) In Ac 14:8-10 Paul performed a healing in Lystra for a man who was born crippled  
The result was the people later stoned him  
God continued moving through healings, and continues to this day

- I) Laying hands on the sick is still part of the ministry of the church  
Gifts of healings are part of the gifts God gives to His Church
- II) This did not cease with the Apostles, but is part of the life of the Body of Christ  
Praying for the sick and seeking God to heal is part of what we do  
Jas 5:14-16 Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven.

**AT THIS POINT**

- III) The question can be asked: why is there a lack of healing today?  
There seems to be a variety of reasons

- IV) Sometimes it is simply because of unbelief, a lack of faith  
We saw this in the ministry of Jesus

Mt 13:54-58 Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. "Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?" they asked. "Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? Aren't all his sisters with us? **Where then did this man get all these things?**" And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown and in his own house is a prophet without honor." And he did not do many miracles there **because of their lack of faith.**

**ULTIMATELY**

- V) The answer to this question is found in the Sovereignty of God  
God moves when and in the manner that He desires: it is up to Him  
Mk 1:40-42 Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, If You are willing, You can make me clean. Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, I am willing; be cleansed. As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed

**HEALINGS OCCUR ACCORDING TO HIS WILL**

- VI) Notice that Paul speaks of the gifts of healings  
Gifts refer to the **one praying** being gifted at that moment to pray for healing  
**This is not** the office of healer, but the spiritual power to perform a healing

**IN ANOTHER WAY**

- VII) It could apply to the ones being healed, as they receive the gift of the healing

- I) **Healings** refers to the various diseases that are healed  
There are not just certain illness, but **all illnesses** referred to here  
Mt 9:35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing **every disease** and **sickness**.

**SOMETIMES FAITH IS EXERCISED TO BE HEALED**

- II) Ac 14 speaks of Paul in Lystra, preaching while a crippled man was listening  
He had been crippled from birth, and was listening intently to Paul  
Ac 14:9-10 This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, Stand up straight on your feet! And he leaped and walked

- III) Paul exercised the gift of knowledge, and the man responded with faith  
The miracle of healing took place

**A COMMON QUESTION**

- IV) Does prayer for healing **always** result in healing: No  
We pray, but only God heals, and it is up to Him
- V) God is sovereign, and we simply ask but He makes the decision  
This is why we pray according to His will  
1 Jn 5:14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything **according to His will**, He hears us.
- VI) There are those who promise every believer healing, if they simply ask  
They say that if you're not healed, it is because of hidden sin or lack of faith
- VII) Healing is not guaranteed  
1 Ti 5:23 Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.  
2 Ti 4:20 I left Trophimus sick in Miletus.  
Gal 4:13-15 As you know, it was because of an illness that I first preached the gospel to you. Even though my illness was a trial to you, you did not treat me with contempt or scorn. Instead, you welcomed me as if I were an angel of God, as if I were Christ Jesus himself. What has happened to all your joy? I can testify that, if you could have done so, you would have torn out your eyes and given them to me.

- I) Phil 2:26-27 Epaphroditus: For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. 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.
- II) Doctors are often used to perform works that **result** in healing  
God ultimately heals, but they are used to encourage this result  
Healing and recovery can occur, but don't always
- III) When you are healed, it is God, giving you a gift