

- Announcements
 - Food for Thought this Wednesday
 - Chaplains Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser – opportunities to serve
 - Opportunities to give
 - LWT Honduras – through March 22 and beyond
 - Susan to New Zealand

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UBU Conformed – Destined to be conformed to the image of Jesus

- Romans 8:29 (NASB95) — 29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;
- UBU beyond who you are
- Romans 12:2 (NLT) — 2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. (Renewing the mind) Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.
- Thinking God's thoughts – higher thoughts and ways
- Psalm 119:73 (NLT) — 73 You made me; you created me. Now give me the sense to follow your commands.
- Psalm 119:162 (NLT) — 162 I rejoice in your word like one who discovers a great treasure.
- Transformed into a new person
- Transformed - The Greek word metamorphoō, which means "to change form".

Motivational Gifts - Many Parts of One Body - UBU

- God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well
- Prophecy – speak out with as much faith as God has given you
- Serving others – serve them well
- Teacher – teach well
- Encourage others – be encouraging
- Giving – give generously
- Leadership – take the responsibility seriously
- Showing kindness – do it gladly
- Love each other with genuine affection
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- 1 Corinthians 12:1–11 (NLT) — 1 Now, dear brothers and sisters, regarding your question about the special abilities the Spirit gives us. I don't want you to misunderstand this. 2 You know that when you were still pagans, you were led astray and swept along in worshiping speechless idols. 3 So I want you to know that no one speaking by the Spirit of God will curse Jesus, and no one can say Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit. 4 There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. 5 There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. 6 God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. 7 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. 8 To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. 9 The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. 10 He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. 11 It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

Special Abilities - 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

- Don't misunderstand special abilities the Spirit gives us (Informed)
- Different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all
- A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other
- The Spirit decides which gift each person should have – UBU beyond you
- Renewed mind – I am able to serve God and others with the special ability given to me by God
- Special abilities discovery and development

Cessationists - 1 Corinthians 13:10 (NLT) — 10 But when the time of perfection comes, these partial things (tongues, prophecy) will become useless.

- Need to accurately handle the Word of God
- Romans 12:3 ...I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are...

- Isaiah 55:8 (NLT) — 8 “My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the Lord. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.”
 - The Mind of God
 - Wisdom
 - Knowledge
 - Discernment
- The Voice of God
 - Tongues
 - Interpretation of tongues
 - Prophecy
- The Hand of God
 - Miracles
 - Healing
 - Faith
- Special Abilities – given by the Spirit – as the Spirit wills – to help each other
- When special abilities are misunderstood to be natural abilities
- Ephesians 4:4–13 (NLT) — 4 For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. 5 There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all. 7 However, he has given each one of us a special gift through the generosity of Christ. 8 That is why the Scriptures say, “When he ascended to the heights, he led a crowd of captives and gave gifts to his people.” 9 Notice that it says “he ascended.” This clearly means that Christ also descended to our lowly world. 10 And the same one who descended is the one who ascended higher than all the heavens, so that he might fill the entire universe with himself. 11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. 12 Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. 13 This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

Equipping Gifts Ephesians 4:4-13

- One body, one Spirit
- Special gifts given

- Apostles
- Prophets
- Evangelists
- Pastors
- Teachers
- To equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church
- So that we will be mature in the Lord
- Measuring to the full and complete standard of Christ
- Romans 8:29 – destined to be conformed to his image

Gifts within gifts

- 2 Timothy 4:5 (NASB95) — 5 But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.
- The work of an Evangelist – equipping people for the work of the ministry
 - Helping people to know how to share the gospel
 - Through lifestyle – people watch you more than listen. Matthew 5:16
 - Through readiness to share the reason of the hope 1 Peter 3:15
 - Through the message of the gospel, John 3:16, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Romans 3:23, 6:23, 10:9,10
 - “More Apostolic than you are willing to admit”
 - Starting churches
 - Training ministers
 - Sending to serve elsewhere
- Cessationists
 - Yes, to Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers
 - No, to Apostles and Prophets
- Acknowledging the equipping gifts
 - Apostles – missions, church planters, training ministers
 - Prophets – more forth telling than fore telling (predictions)
- Accurately handle the Word of God
- Philippians 1:6 (NLT) — 6 And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

- Beyond you – gifts given by the Holy Spirit
- Gift discovery
- Gift development
- Gift deployment/employment
- 1 Peter 4:10 (NLT) — 10 God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.
- 1 Peter 4:10 (NASB95) — 10 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.
- Multiple Opportunities
 - Children
 - Nursery
 - Events
 - Giving
- Employ your special abilities