

1 CORINTHIANS

Characteristics of a healthy church

Chapter 12

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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"[3] how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, [4] while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will."

Hebrews 2:3-4 ESV

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- ★ (v2) Last week -example of pagan worship 1 K 18 - but is there place for expressions of joy & celebration in the Lord?

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- ★ (v3) If Jesus is head of the church & he gives the gifts...we need to have a level of trust in him as well as each other
 - the reason chapter 13 is right in the center of this teaching!
 - See 14:32
- ★ (v4-6) Different gifts...different kinds service...different kinds of working...all people?

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- **This tells me that these gift can look & work differently as God works them in a whole bunch of people!**
- **v.11 = 'just as he determines'**
- **Does every person get all these different gifts or...the same ones?**
 - **see v.29**

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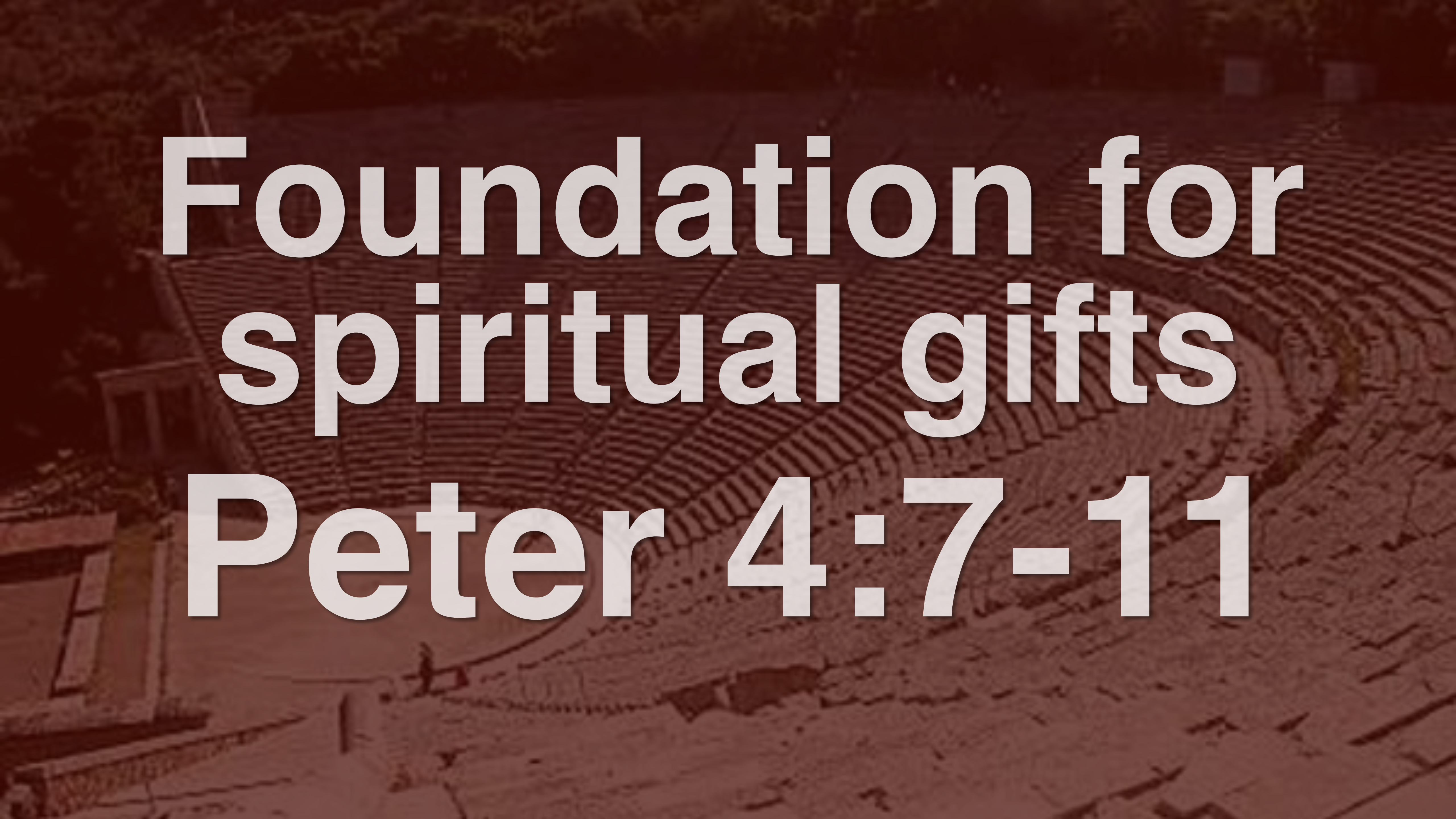
- ★ (v7) The Spirit always shows himself when it benefits the church/people & when God gets the glory!
 - Example Daniel 3 - saved people & pointed the king to God!
- ★ (v8-11) Not the exclusive list...
 - Bezalel & Ohiliab 31:1-6
 - Rom. 12:3-8

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- ★ "By Grace" = we don't deserve or earn them why they are labeled "gifts"
- ★ "Given" in accordance with the amount of Faith(which is a gift)
- ★ Members in a body see 1 Cor. 12:12-29
- ★ Note: we all belong to each other meaning we need humility, means can be evaluate (see 1 Cor. 14:29)
- ★ Gifts may more practical in nature...

1 Corinthians 12:12-29

- ★ "Unit"... "one"...these mean unity - today's mentality of what's true for you may not be true for me doesn't work
 - Our thinking needs to be conformed to God's
 - Do we all have the same spirit? - why we test & ask questions & get in the Word!



**Foundation for
spiritual gifts
Peter 4:7-11**