

# 1 CORINTHIANS

LEARNING TO LIVE BY THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

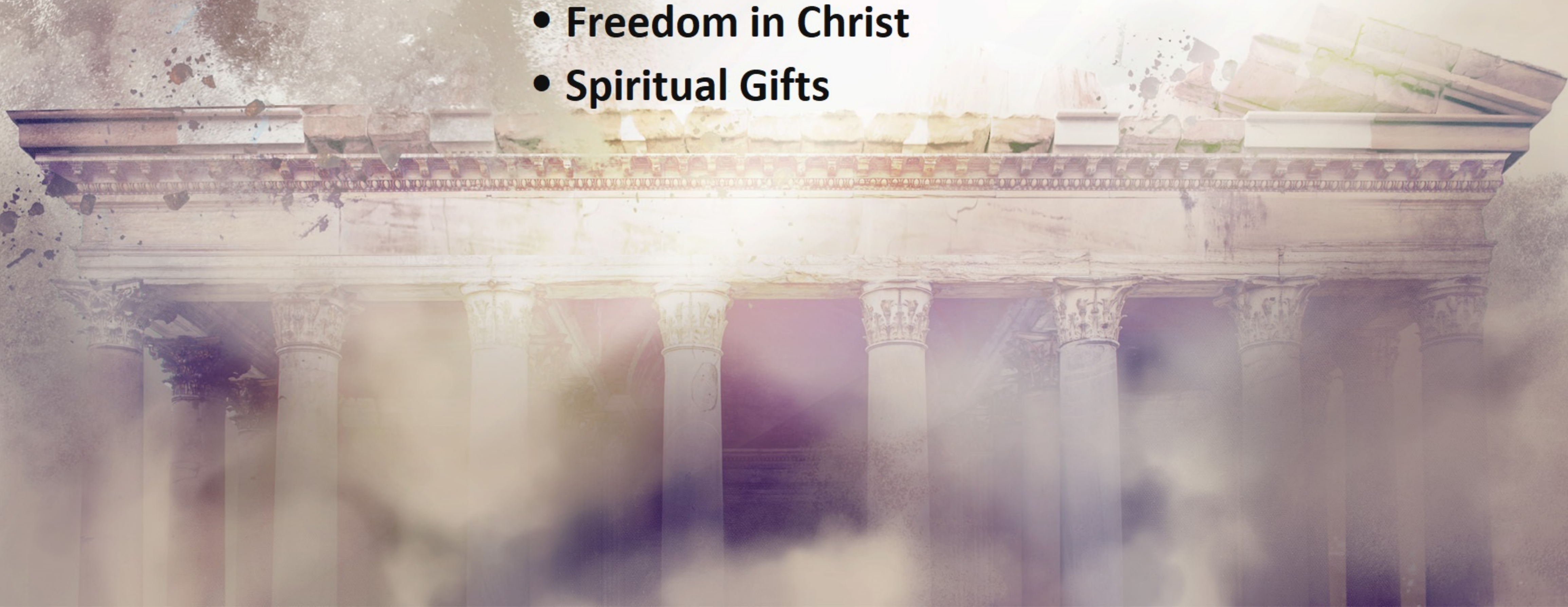
**"Concerning Spiritual Gifts"**

***1 Corinthians 12:1-11***



# **1 Corinthians addresses a number of difficult issues for Christians in the church:**

- **Divisions and quarrels**
- **Sexual immorality**
- **Lawsuits among believers**
- **Marriage and singleness**
- **Freedom in Christ**
- **Spiritual Gifts**





**The pagan cults of Greece and Rome dominated the near eastern world for thousands of years—and indirectly influence western culture—even until today. Several pagan practices were especially influential in the church at Corinth—but perhaps the most important was something called ecstasy. Ecstasy was held to be a supernatural communion with a deity. Through frenzied hypnotic chants and ceremonies, worshippers experienced euphoric feelings of oneness with the god or goddess. This practice would include fastings, drunkenness, sacred objects, incense, chants, sexual immorality, and other stimuli to induce ecstasy.**





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**Paul, in his letters, names 3 things he does not want Christians to be ignorant of:**

- **Don't be ignorant of God's plan for Israel (Romans 11:25).**
- **Don't be ignorant of spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:1).**
- **Don't be ignorant about the Second Coming of Jesus and the eternal state (1 Thess. 4:13).**





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3. The Source of Spiritual Gifts: The Holy Spirit sovereignly gives believers spiritual abilities to serve God in the Church.



**“As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, *let him speak* as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, *let him do it* as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.” 1 Peter 4:10-11**





**“Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.” Romans 12:6-8**





**“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;” Ephesians 4:11-13**





# Categories of the Spiritual Gifts

## Speaking Gifts

Apostles  
Teaching (word of wisdom/knowledge)  
Exhortation/Encouragement  
Evangelism  
Pastor/Teacher  
Prophecy

## Serving Gifts

Faith  
Administration  
Helps/Service  
Giving  
Mercy  
Discernment of Spirits

## Sign Gifts

Healing and Miracles  
Tongues  
Interpretation of Tongues