



UNDERSTANDING THE HOLY GHOST



Gifts of the Spirit

- The evidence of the Spirit-filled Life is much more than Speaking in tongues.
- It also includes possessing Spiritual Gifts, the Lord uses within the Church.
- These Spiritual Gifts DO NOT BELONG TO US, they belong to the HOLY GHOST.
 - We do not possess these gifts as our OWN ABILITIES.
 - We do not operate them *WHENEVER...* or *HOWEVER...* WE CHOOSE...
- The Holy Spirit DISTRIBUTES these gifts according to HIS DIVINE WILL and PURPOSE.

***But all these (SPIRITUAL GIFTS) worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally AS HE WILL.
-1 Corinthians 12:11***

- As a Pentecostal Church, It is incredibly important that we learn everything we can about these Spiritual Gifts, and how they operate.
 - Because these gifts are still ACTIVE, REAL, POWERFUL, and AVAILABLE TO EVERY BELIEVER.
 - These Spiritual Gifts did not die with the FIRST CENTURY CHURCH.
 - They are still alive in the 21st CENTURY CHURCH.
- According to the Scripture, there are 9 Spiritual Gifts.
- Paul identifies these gifts in 1 Corinthians 12:7-11
- These 9 Gifts are given for a Purpose:
 - *They are tools for Ministry*
 - *They reveal Jesus*
 - *They strengthen the Believer*
 - *They are used to reach the Lost*
 - *They build the Church*
- The Church is incomplete without these gifts working and operating.

⚡ THE POWER GIFTS ⚡

- These gifts remind us that Christianity is not merely a PHILOSOPHY, RELIGION or a MORAL CODE of CONDUCT.
 - **CHRISTIANITY IS SUPERNATURAL!**
- Paul said in, 1 Corinthians 2:4-5
- *4 my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:*
- *5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.*
 - Paul understood people don't merely need convincing; they need an ENCOUNTER WITH THE POWER OF GOD!
- THESE POWER GIFTS are the *GIFT OF FAITH, GIFTS OF HEALING, the GIFT OF MIRACLES.*
- THESE 3 GIFTS ANSWER 3 IMPORTANT QUESTIONS:

- 1. Can God do the impossible?***
- 2. Can God heal what is broken?***
- 3. Can God intervene beyond natural law?***

- As long as there are needs in the world, the Church still needs these Gifts operating, and answering these questions.
- Unfortunately, there are many churches today that are operating without THE POWER!
 - The building is FULL... but their altars are EMPTY.
 - There is ACTIVITY... but very LITTLE ANOINTING.
 - There is ORGANIZATION... but very little DEMONSTRATION.

***"I am not afraid that the Church should ever cease to exist... But I am afraid, lest they should only exist as a dead sect, having the form of religion WITHOUT THE POWER"
-John Wesley***

- A POWERLESS CHURCH poses no threat to Kingdom of Darkness.
- But Satan gets nervous when the Church begins operating in POWER.
- I don't want to just read about the power in the Book of Acts, I want to experience it today!

THE POWER GIFTS CONTINUED...

1 Corinthians 12:8-9

9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to

another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

10 To another the working of miracles...

1. THE GIFT OF FAITH

- A supernatural impartation of Holy confidence, whereby God enables a believer to trust Him for the impossible.
 - THE GIFT OF FAITH is a SUPERNATURAL SURGE of DIVINE CONFIDENCE placed into the believer for a specific moment.
- How It Operates
 - This gift produces unwavering confidence.
 - It refuses to DOUBT.
 - It remains calm when everyone else panics
 - It BELIEVES **BEFORE** ANYTHING CHANGES
- Biblical Example
 - In Acts 27, Paul's ship was caught in a terrible storm.
 - While IN THE STORM, Paul receives a word from God, and begins operating in THE GIFT OF FAITH.
- In the Church Today
 - God may place supernatural confidence within a believer to believe for impossible provision, impossible situations, impossible deliverance, impossible victories.
 - This is a supernatural gift that inspires the entire Body of Christ to TRUST GOD COMPLETELY!

2. THE GIFTS OF HEALING

- A supernatural manifestation whereby God restores PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL or MENTAL sickness through His divine power.
 - Healing has always revealed the compassion of God.
 - Healing is not merely about REMOVING SICKNESS, It is about REVEALING THE HEART OF GOD.
- How It Operates
 - When God heals, He sometimes heals INSTANTLY, sometimes He heals Progressively.
 - He heals through PRAYER, LAYING ON OF HANDS, ANOINTING WITH OIL, PRAYER CLOTHS.

• Biblical Example

- In Acts 3, Peter and John are passing through the Beautiful Gate.
- They speak, *In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk...*
- Immediately, his feet and ankles received strength!

• In the Church Today

- God still uses people in the Church as a conduit of healing.
- We need to pray that God will use us to heal those around us who are in need.

3. THE WORKING OF MIRACLES

- A supernatural intervention whereby God temporarily suspends, overrides or supersedes natural law to accomplish His divine purpose.
- How It Operates
 - God performs in ways that man cannot explain.
 - God demonstrates His ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY OVER CREATION.
 - God's power invading impossible circumstances...
- Biblical Example
 - In Acts 8, Philip is supernaturally transported by the Spirit after baptizing the Ethiopian eunuch.
 - This MIRACLE defies THE LAWS OF NATURE, GEOGRAPHY, TIME and SPACE.
 - God used PHILIP to work this miracle.
- In the Church Today
 - God still performs miracles.
 - He can provide unexpectedly, protect supernaturally, and deliver immediately.
 - THERE IS NOTHING OUR GOD CANNOT DO



 POWER GIFTS THESE GIFTS DO SOMETHING.		
 GIFT OF FAITH Supernatural confidence to believe God for the impossible.	 GIFTS OF HEALINGS God's supernatural power to heal sickness, disease, and infirmities.	 WORKING OF MIRACLES Supernatural intervention of God that transcends natural laws and brings divine impact.