



PARAKLETOS

A STUDY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



CROSSROADS CHURCH
STATEN ISLAND

Week 8:
Gifts of the Holy Spirit

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Objective: *To provide a thorough description of the Holy Spirit.*

Goals:

Increase awareness of the Holy Spirit

Increase availability to the Holy Spirit

Increase application of the Holy Spirit

Lesson and Schedule Considerations:

Week 1: Identity of The Holy Spirit.....Ray Parascando

Week 2: Baptism of The Holy Spirit.....Ray Parascando

Week 3: Acts of The Holy Spirit.....Ray Parascando

Week 4: Grieving The Holy Spirit.....Dan Cогnetta

Week 5: Quenching The Holy Spirit.....Ray Parascando

Week 6: Indwelling of The Holy Spirit.....Dan Cогnetta

Week 7: Fruits of The Holy Spirit.....John Palombo

Week 8: *Gifts of The Holy Spirit*.....**John Palombo**

Week 9: Filing of The Holy Spirit.....Ray Parascando



Small Groups



Get Connected.....15 Minutes

Opening Discussion Questions:

- 1) *When a person receives a special gift from someone, what does that say about the person who gave the gift?*

- 2) *What would you call someone who gave you a gift and then asked for it back?*

Memory Verses | Week 8:

*“A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other..”
— First Corinthians 12:7, NLT*



Host Tip: *Stream the lesson after the memory verse is read.*



Start Lesson.....20 Minutes

Week 8: Gifts the Spirit of The Holy Spirit

— With John Palombo

Small Group Gifts of the Spirit Outline

- Romans 12:6-8, *“We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.”*

The Holy Spirit gives us gifting in Service and Ministry.

- Some people are gifted with teaching,
 - Some People are gifted with Preaching.
 - Some people are gifted with Evangelizing.
 - These gifts are our calling for God’s service.
- 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 *“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. ⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.”*

1. ⁸To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom,
2. to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,
3. ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit,
4. to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit,
5. ¹⁰to another miraculous powers,
6. to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits,
7. to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,
8. and to still another the interpretation of tongues.
9. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

1. The First Category is Revelation Gifts. Wisdom Knowledge and Discernment.

A. WISDOM

- The First Revelation Gift is the word of wisdom.
- The Holy Spirit gives us the gift of wisdom to defend our faith and to give understanding of God’s word to other believers and unbelievers.
- **Jesus told us in Matthew 10:18 and Luke 12:11** that when we are brought before kings to give an account for what we believe. The Holy Spirit will give us the words to say.

B. KNOWLEDGE.

- A word of Knowledge is knowing something that was revealed to you by the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit will use a word of Knowledge to confirm the answer to our prayers.

C. DISCERNMENT.

➤ *1 John 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.*

- The Holy Spirit gives us this gift to protect us from false teachings and doctrines.
- It is not meant to criticize or judge people.
- Every believer is given a certain amount of discernment by the Holy Spirit.

The Power Gifts

2. The Second Category is Power Gifts. FAITH, HEALING, AND MIRACLES

A. FAITH.

- The gift of Faith is not the same faith that we apply for Salvation.
- It is a gifting of strong confidence in God’s word.
- Examples of people with the gift of faith are those listed in **Hebrews chapter 11**. This chapter is sometimes referred to as “**the hall of faith**.”
- God uses people with the gift of Faith to strengthen and encourage others.

B. **HEALING.**

- The gifting to pray over those with diseases and they are healed.
- This is totally dependent on God's will and purpose for the person that is sick.

C. **MIRACLES.**

- We see this gift manifested throughout the ministry of the early church.
- People were having demons cast out of them.
- Jesus did many miraculous things including raising the dead.
- Some say that this gift was for the early church to demonstrate the power of God.
- While we may not see many people practicing this gift today, it does not mean that the Holy Spirit cannot give someone the power to perform a miracle if he chooses to.

3. ***The Second Category is the gifts of Utterance, TONGUES, INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES AND PROPHECY.***

A. TONGUES

- There are two different ways that the gift of Tongues can be manifested.
- The first way is to pray in tongues. Tongues is praying in the Spirit where only God knows what you are praying.
- The Second way to pray in tongues is to give a prophetic word.

- **1 Corinthians 14:22-25 Tongues**, then, are a sign, *not for believers but for unbelievers; prophecy, however, is not for unbelievers but for believers.*

²³ *So if the whole church comes together and everyone speaks in tongues, and inquirers or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your mind?*

- When used in the prophetic the Gift of Tongues is a sign for the unbelievers.
- When used in prayer, The Gift of Tongues is an important gift for prayer warriors. This gift enables the person praying to speak to God in a heavenly language that only God will understand.

B. INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES

- **1 Corinthians 14:27** If anyone speaks in a tongue, two—or at the most three—should speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret. ²⁸ If there is no interpreter, the speaker should keep quiet in the church **and speak to himself and to God.**
- If for some reason the Holy Spirit chooses to have someone speak to the church through the gift of tongues, there needs to be an interpreter for the message.

C. PROPHECY.

- **1 Corinthians 14:1-4** Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy. ² For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit. ³ **But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort.** ⁴ Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies the church.

The Greek word for prophet is ***prophétés: a prophet (an interpreter or forth-teller of the divine will)***

- Giving someone a prophetic word from God needs to be taken seriously.
- Deuteronomy 18 Tells us that if the Prophetic word is not of God that Prophet was to be put to death.

How to tell if a prophecy is from God.

- a) Deuteronomy 18:22 Tells us that the word must come to pass, or it is not from God.
- b) It must line up with God's word. God does not contradict himself.

The Purpose of the gift of Prophecy

- **1 Corinthians 14:3** But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort.
- **For Edification-** Prophetic words are to build up the body of Christ.
- **For Exhortation-** Prophetic words are to strengthen the body of Christ.



To Bring Comfort- Prophetic words are to give support to the body of Christ.

Closing Discussion & Prayer.....20 Minutes

1. The nine spiritual gifts are wisdom, knowledge, discernment, faith, healing, miracles, tongues, interpretation of tongues, and prophecy. What Spiritual Gifts do you believe you possess and why?
2. The Apostle Paul mentions gifts of service to the church in Rome. They are prophesying, serving, giving, leading and mercy. Which of these gifts do you feel are your strong points? How are you applying them to the body of Christ?
3. If you serve in ministry at Crossroads Church, how do your spiritual gifts help you to bless others?