

Encounter Church
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Help is Here
The Gifts of the Spirit

Acts 19:1,2 -“ While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the interior regions until he reached Ephesus, on the coast, where he found several believers. “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” he asked them. “No,” they replied, “we haven’t even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

They knew nothing of the Holy Spirit! That’s the way many Christians are today! They know about Father God. They know about Jesus Christ but they really don’t know much about the Holy Spirit.

John 14:16 - “And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—“

With the Holy Spirit as your helper comes what is called THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT!

The Bible talks about three different types of GIFTS that are given to believers.

(1). The Gift of Eternal Life

Romans 6:23-“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.”

This gift stands on its own. It cannot be earned, before or after!

Ephesians 2:8-“ God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God.”

HOW DO I RECEIVE THIS FREE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE?

Romans 10:9-“ If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

(2). The Gift of the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:4-5 - “Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

You're not working FOR your salvation but you are working FROM your salvation! Empowered by the gift of the Holy Spirit!

(3). Spiritual Gifts

Romans 12:6-“ In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well....”

Gifts (Greek) “Charis” It’s where we get our word charisma! A unique divine ability!

1Corinthians 12:1 -“ Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.”

A Spiritual gift is a special supernatural ability that God gives His children, so that together they can advance His purposes in this world!

1 Corinthians 12:7 -“ A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.”

We are designed by God to HELP EACH OTHER!

Ephesians 4:16 - “He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.”

SO HOW DO I DO MY PART?

1. Discover the Gifts God has For Me

God’s design in me reveals God’s destiny for me!

1 Corinthians 14:1 -“ Let love be your highest goal! But you should also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives—especially the ability to prophesy.

2. Develop the Gifts God has for Me

Don’t give up on the dream God has given you. Don’t give up on the passion God has put on the inside of you!

1. God give me sheep to Shepherd.
2. God give me a city to love.
3. God give me the nations as my inheritance.

No matter how far you’ve fallen, no matter what you’ve done, God can still get you back to His plan and purpose!

2 Timothy 1:6 - "For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands."

3. Use the Gifts God has Given Me

If you don't know Jesus, your journey is to find Him and give your life to Him!

If you do know Jesus we can summarize your life down into one assignment.

Use the gift God has given you to serve others!

1 Peter 4:10 - "God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."

Making a difference is not an option!

CONCLUSION: What is the Holy Spirit saying to you?

Here at Encounter Church we are ***Offering hope, health and healing to a hurting world as people Believe in Jesus, Belong to Family, Become a Follower and Build the Kingdom of God.***

HELP IS HERE-

The help you need may come from someone operating in the Spiritual Gift the Holy Spirit has given them.

The help someone else needs may come from you using the Gift the Holy Spirit has given you to serve them!