

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Part 1:

The Need for Supernatural Testimony

Hebrews 2:4 God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, **and gifts of the Holy Spirit**, according to His own will?

- “bearing witness” -to testify further jointly, i.e. unite in adding evidence (Strong's 4901 sunepimartureo)
- The gifts of the Holy Spirit, like signs and wonders, confirm the presence and actions of God in an assembly and also in the lives of Believers. All should accompany the preaching of the gospel or the ministry of the word. It is important to know that gifts of the Holy Spirit are tied to both signs and wonders and miracles. Miracles are part of signs and wonders while gifts of the Holy Spirit work in conjunction with both.

Mark 16

15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

17 "And these signs will follow those who believe (*"those who are Believers"*): In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;

18 "they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

- This is NORMAL Christianity in that Holy Spirit works with us to provide evidence for the ministry of the Word. It is not in “word only but in power and demonstration”. It takes both.

1Co 4:20 For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power.

1Th 1:5 For our gospel did not come to you in word only (*preaching*), but also in power (*signs and wonders*), and in the Holy Spirit (*gifts of the Holy Spirit*) and in much assurance (*boldness derived from* , as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.

As a side note, it would be logical to conclude that because the WHOLE world to date has not heard the gospel THEN signs, wonders with miracles and the gifts of the Holy Spirit must still be needed for a supernatural testimony. In other words, if the “preaching of the gospel” still continues today then so should signs, wonders, miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

- Signs and wonders and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit produce boldness in the Believer to “speak the word”. It shows that God is in agreement with what is being said.

Acts 4:29 "Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word,

30 "by stretching out Your hand to heal (*gifts of healing*), and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus."

31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

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Jesus' testimony:

Ac 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

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Paul's testimony:

1Cor 2:1-5

And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling.

And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power (dunamis) of God.

Rom 15:18-19 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient--

in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

Paul further stressed that the supernatural, i.e., "mighty signs and wonders," which he wrought "by the power of the Spirit of God" were necessary whenever and wherever he ministered, so that he could "fully preach the gospel of Christ"

Is the Gospel *fully preached* today? The larger church is ignorant of the Spirit's grace gifts, the *charismata*.

1Cor 1:1 I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus,

that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge,

even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, (Baptism of the Holy Spirit)

so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are for a demonstration that CONFIRMS the will, the mind and the power of God to the church AND the world. Biblically speaking if operates in conjunction with the preaching of the Word

The Holy Spirit convicts (convinces not judges) the world of their unbelief and encourages the church through the operation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit

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Part 2

The Nature of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

1. Grace is understood to be both “unmerited favor provided to the undeserving” and “operational power of the Holy Spirit.”

The Greek word for grace is *charis* (kar.ees). The common suffix *ma* at the end provides the word *charisma*. This is similar to the Greek word for “air” (pneu) in making it wind (pneuma). Adding the suffix “ma” means “a portion of” or “the movement of”.

Charisma (gift) is therefore defined as “portion of grace, the result of grace and the movement of grace”. Grace is understood in this context as God’s operational power.

A *charisma* is a portion or functional ability which is freely given (as all grace gifts are). The plural form is *charismata*, the *ta* comparing with “s” in English.

Charismata	Gifts
Charis	Grace
Charisma	Gift or gifted (portion of operational power given freely)
Pneu	Air
Pneuma	Wind (flow or moving of air)

- The nine gifts of the Holy Spirit are a “manifested occurrence of only a portion God’s Grace” for a specific moment in time.
- The Holy Spirit is the agent which activates the gift in the individual for the profit of the recipient(s).
- The gifts are “God’s ability and knowledge” supernaturally working through a person and NOT the person’s natural ability and knowledge.
- The gifts are freely given (unearned) and entrusted to us without our merit and operate in our lives as we make ourselves available. It is part of the blueprint of who we are in Christ.
- The gifts do not determine the level of a person’s spirituality. It is depth of their personal relationship and knowledge of God determines the level (maturity) of spirituality.
- Lastly, the “gifts” are an expression of the will and mind of God through the power of the Holy Spirit operating in an individual who is yielded. (The Holy Spirit knows the mind of God –not the person)

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Understanding “Grace” is the key to understanding the operation of the “Gifts”

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1. Grace cannot be earned other wise it is not grace

Ro 4:4 Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.

- While God rewards faithfulness as a means of promotion in the kingdom but grace is free.
- A person does not have to be at a certain level of spirituality or maturity to receive or operate in grace or the “gifts”
- Two aspects of grace: “I have to do something to earn it” or worse “I have done something to earn it”. Another way to put it is, “I have to be or appear special” or “I am special”. Both conditions are wrong because it is rooted in OUR performance. This motivation of the heart is both religious and prideful
- Religion vs. Spiritual:
Grace is the hardest single-most concept for a “religious-minded person” to understand.
--A religious person believes they are (or have to be) rewarded by God because of something they do
--A Spiritual person understands that any aspect of grace or gifts are merely to be acknowledged and then accepted.
“Grace is a GIFT and the gift is GRACE”

2. Grace is given because of God’s choices NOT ours. We simply acknowledge and respond by receiving.

Ro 9:15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

- God does not have to answer to anyone for His choice of “who receives what” in the area of grace
- While grace in the form of salvation and righteousness is available to “whosoever would believe” the gifts of the Holy Spirit are the sovereign choice of God provided in the “blueprint” of the individual

1Co 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

3. Grace comes by Jesus Christ

Joh 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

- Grace is not provided to any person accept through Jesus

4. Grace comes to the Humble

Jas 4:6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."
(Quoting Proverbs 3:34, also 1 Peter 5:5)

- Grace is available to ALL people all the time but grace is only given and received to the humble of heart

5. Grace comes through Faith

Eph 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

Ro 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

2Co 4:13 And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, (quoting Psalms 116:10)

- Grace is appropriated only through believing or “faith”
- Faith, like grace, is also a “gift”

6. Grace is administered by the Holy Spirit

Joh 16:13 "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

Heb 10:29 “...Spirit of grace”

1Co 12:11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

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7. Grace or rather the effect of grace, is increased through relationship

2Pe 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,

1Ti 1:13 although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

Facts about the Gifts

1. GIFTS CANNOT BE REVOKED AND THEY ARE NOT DEPENDANT ON OUR ABILITY

Ro 11:28-29 Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

2. EVERY BELIEVER HAS BEEN GIVEN GIFTS AS PART OF THE PACKAGE

Every believer has been given a *charisma*/gift regardless if he ever manifests it

1Pe 4:10 -11 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.

3. IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO INITIATE THE FLOWING IN THE GIFTS

Although God doesn't take it back during a lifetime, a Christian may neglect a *charisma* as did Timothy (1 Tim 4:14), and have to stir it up again (2 Tim 1:6,7).

1Ti 4:14 Do not neglect (disregard; make light of) the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

2Ti 1:6-7 Therefore I remind you to stir up (rekindle the fire that is there in you) the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

4. THE USE OF THE GIFTS ARE PRIMARILY FOR OTHERS AND NOT FOR US per se

1Co 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:

1Co 12:11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

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Part 3

Categories of Spiritual Gifts

1Co 12:4-7 There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord.

And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:

- “**diversities** of gifts but the same Spirit” – the mind of the Spirit
(motivations) diairesis, a distinction or (concretely) variety:--difference, diversity.
- “**differences** (diairesis) of **administrations** but the same Lord” –the mind of Christ
(offices for specific functions)
(ministry) diakonia, attendance (as a servant, etc.); figuratively (eleemosynary) aid, (official) service (especially of the Christian teacher, or technically of the diaconate):--(ad-)minister(-ing, -tration, -try), office, relief, service(-ing).
- “**manifestation** of the Spirit, but it is the same God“ – the mind of God
(manifestation) phanerosis: exhibition, i.e. (figuratively) expression, (by extension) a bestowment:--manifestation. from 1756; to be active, efficient:--do, (be) effectual (fervent), be mighty in, shew forth self, work (effectually in).

Rom 12:3-8 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

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.

All the gifts exemplify or epitomize the individual and corporate natures of the Father, the Son or the Holy Spirit.

The nature AND personality of each one of the Trinity is brought to bear in the way the gift manifests itself.

Regardless of the manifestation the gifts of each of the personalities of the Trinity will be present.

As an example when someone is healed, the LOVE of God is present, the MIND of Christ is present, and the POWER of the Holy Spirit is present. LOVE is the motivation, the MIND is the will, and the POWER is the means.

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The Father, the Son & the Holy Spirit ALL gave “gifts” to the Church

	Gift	Reference	Originator	Category
1	Love	1Co 13:2; 2Co 13:11; 1Co 13:13; 1Th 4:9; 1Jo 4:12	Father	<p style="text-align: center;">“diversities of activities”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Gifts of the Father</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>These gifts personify the Father</i></p> <p><u>same God</u> who works IN ALL internal motivations and knowledge based exclusively on personal and intimate relationship These gifts are expressions of God’s grace and love</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This is not an “all-inclusive” list</p>
2	righteousness	Rom 5:17	Father	
3	Eternal Life	Rom 6:23	Father	
4	showing mercy (compassion)	Rom 12:8	Father	
5	celibacy	1 Cor 7:7	Father	
6	Giving	Rom 12:8	Father	
7	prophecy	Rom 12:6; 1 Cor 12:10	Holy Spirit	<p style="text-align: center;">“diversities of gifts”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Gifts of the Holy Spirit</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>These gifts personify the Holy Spirit</i></p> <p><u>same Spirit</u> <u>manifestation</u> was given to profit ALL Outward display These gifts are available to ALL Believers Given to confirm, exhort, comfort, and motivate These gifts depict the personality of the Holy Spirit</p>
8	Word of Wisdom	1 Cor 12:8	Holy Spirit	
9	Word of Knowledge	1 Cor 12:8	Holy Spirit	
10	faith	1 Cor 12:9	Holy Spirit	
11	gifts of healings	1 Cor 12:9	Holy Spirit	
12	workings of miracles	1 Cor 12:10	Holy Spirit	
13	miraculous intervention	2 Cor 1:11	Holy Spirit	
14	discerning of spirits	1 Cor 12:10	Holy Spirit	
15	different kinds of tongues	1 Cor 12:10	Holy Spirit	
16	interpretation of tongues	1 Cor 12:10	Holy Spirit	
17	ministry (serving)	Rom 12:7	Jesus	<p style="text-align: center;">“differences of administrations”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Gifts of Jesus</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>These gifts personify Jesus</i></p> <p><u>same Lord</u> provides governing oversight to the flock Given to govern and direct the church to a the truth of the “knowledge of God” uses the Holy Spirit as a means to motivate and know the “mind of Christ” These gifts are individual “callings”</p>
18	teaching	Rom 12:7; Eph 4:11; Heb 5:11	Jesus	
19	exhortation	Rom 12:8	Jesus	
20	leading	Rom 12:8	Jesus	
21	apostle	1 Cor 12:28; Eph 4:11	Jesus	
22	prophet	1 Cor 12:28; Eph 4:11	Jesus	
23	teacher	1 Cor 12:28; Eph 4:11	Jesus	
24	helps	1 Cor 12:28	Jesus	
25	administrations (governments)	1 Cor 12:28	Jesus	
26	evangelists	Eph 4:11	Jesus	
27	pastors	Eph 4:11	Jesus	