

The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit - Part 13

Title: His ministry concerning the gifts of Christ.



Text: Eph. 4:4-8 NLT:

4 For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.

5 There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 one God and Father of all,
who is over all, in all, and living through all.

7 However, he has given each one of us a special gift through the generosity of Christ.

8 That is why the Scriptures say,
“When he ascended to the heights,
he led a crowd of captives
and gave gifts to his people.”

The gifts sent from the Trinity.

The Father gave his dearly beloved Son.

Jn. 3:16 NLT:

16 “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

The Son who freely gave his precious blood.

Lk. 22:19 NLT:

19 He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, **“This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”**

Pursuant to his arrival at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit began his ministry of gift-giving to the church, and will continue it until the rapture.

Acts 1:7-8 NLT:

7 He replied, **“The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know.**

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

The definition of a spiritual gift.

A spiritual gift is a supernatural ability bestowed upon a believer by Christ through the Holy Spirit to the believer at the moment of salvation.

Defining the difference between gifts and a gift.

Gift, occurred at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came in answer to the promise of Christ.

Gifts: These are given to today.

Difference between gifts and talent.

When a person is saved, their talents are sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and they become a **gift**.

i.e. A talented musical composer, becomes a worship leader.

Talent is a human and natural ability, given at birth, such as music, speech, or organization. However, none of these talents can be used to glorify God unless sanctioned by the Holy Spirit.

THE EXTENT OF THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS.

Each believer possesses at least one spiritual gift..

1 Pet. 4:10 NLT:

10 God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

Eph. 4:7 NLT:

7 However, he has given each one of us a special gift through the generosity of Christ.

1 Cor. 7:7 NLT:

7 But I wish everyone were single, just as I am. Yet each person has a special gift from God, of one kind or another.

1 Cor. 12:7 NLT:

7 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

1 Cor. 12:11 NLT:

11 It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

No believer possesses all the gifts.

1 Cor. 12:29-30 NLT:

29 Are we all apostles? Are we all prophets? Are we all teachers?
Do we all have the power to do miracles?

30 Do we all have the gift of healing? Do we all have the ability to
speak in unknown languages? Do we all have the ability to
interpret unknown languages? Of course not!

The purpose of the spiritual gifts.

To glorify the Father.

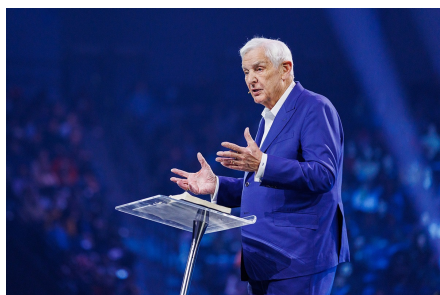
Rev. 4:11 NLT:

11 “You are worthy, O Lord our God,
to receive glory and honor and power.
For you created all things,
and they exist because you created what you pleased.”

To edify the Church.

Eph. 4:13 NLT:

13 This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith
and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord,
measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.





Abusing spiritual gifts.

By not using those spiritual gifts or by attempting to use those gifts not imparted to us.

1 Tim. 4:14 NLT:

14 Do not neglect the spiritual gift you received through the prophecy spoken over you when the elders of the church laid their hands on you.

2 Tim. 1:6 NLT:

6 This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you.

ATTEMPTING TO USE THOSE GIFTS NOT IMPARTED TO US.

NOT USING THESE GIFTS IN LOVE.

1 Cor. 13:1 NLT:

Love Is the Greatest

1 If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

By not using the gifts or by lying about them, we can sin against God and thus lose the total number of spiritual gifts.

The Apostle Paul states that there are eighteen spiritual gifts available to us.

Rom. 12:6-8 NLT:

6 In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you.

7 If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well.

8 If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

Eph. 4:11 NLT:

11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.

1 Cor. 12:4-7 NLT:

4 There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all.

5 There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord.

6 God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.

7 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.



THE NATURE OF THESE SPIRITUAL GIFTS.

1. The believer may poses permanent stationary gifts.

2. The believer may poses temporary sign gifts.

THE SEVEN TEMPORARY SIGN GIFTS :

Apostleship.

Prophecy.

Miracles.

Healing.

Tongues.

The interpretation of tongues.

Knowledge.

What warrants the title or position of a temporary sign gift?

The answer is found in the miraculous nature of the gift itself. i.e. A prophet sent by God some centuries ago, before most of the **New Testament** was written, had a God given ability to perform miraculous signs. In order to distinguish himself, from the false prophets of the time.

Jn. 3:2 NLT:

2 After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. “Rabbi,” he said, “we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you.”

Jn. 20:30 NLT:

Purpose of the Book

30 The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book

Rom. 15:18 NLT:

18 Yet I dare not boast about anything except what Christ has done through me, bringing the Gentiles to God by my message and by the way I worked among them.

2 Cor. 12:12 NLT:

12 When I was with you, I certainly gave you proof that I am an apostle. For I patiently did many signs and wonders and miracles among you.

Heb. 2:4 NLT:

4 And God confirmed the message by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever he chose.

The signs were given to validate the authority of the Savior and his apostles before the writing of the New Testament. Afterward, this miraculous proof was no longer needed because the scriptures themselves reveal the truth from the false.

The gift of Apostleship.



A reference to certain men called by Christ himself and endowed with special power, to function, as the official - “charter members” of the newly organized church.

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1 Cor. 12:28 NLT:

28 Here are some of the parts God has appointed for the church: first are apostles, second are prophets, third are teachers, then those who do miracles,

those who have the gift of healing,
those who can help others,
those who have the gift of leadership,
those who speak in unknown languages.

Apostolic requirements:

One must have seen, the resurrected Christ.

Acts 1:22 NLT:

22 from the time he was baptized by John until the day he was taken from us. Whoever is chosen will join us as a witness of Jesus' resurrection.”

1 Cor. 9:1 NLT:

Paul Gives Up His Rights

1 Am I not as free as anyone else? Am I not an apostle? Haven't I seen Jesus our Lord with my own eyes? Isn't it because of my work that you belong to the Lord?

APOSTOLIC NUMBER :

The total number of the early apostles was not limited to twelve.

Lk. 6:13-16 NLT:

13 At daybreak he called together all of his disciples and chose twelve of them to be apostles. Here are their names:

14 Simon (whom he named Peter),
Andrew (Peter's brother),
James,
John,
Philip,
Bartholomew,

15 Matthew,
Thomas,
James (son of Alphaeus),
Simon (who was called the zealot),

16 Judas (son of James),
Judas Iscariot (who later betrayed him).

Acts 1:26 NLT:

26 Then they cast lots, and Matthias was selected to become an apostle with the other eleven.

Acts 14:14 NLT:

14 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard what was happening, they tore their clothing in dismay and ran out among the people, shouting,

Rom. 1:1 NLT:

Greetings from Paul

1 This letter is from Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, chosen by God to be an apostle and sent out to preach his Good News.

Rom. 11:13 NLT:

13 I am saying all this especially for you Gentiles. God has appointed me as the apostle to the Gentiles. I stress this,

Gal. 1:19 NLT:

19 The only other apostle I met at that time was James, the Lord's brother.

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1 Cor. 15:7 NLT:

7 Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him.

2 Cor. 11:5 NLT:

5 But I don't consider myself inferior in any way to these "super apostles" who teach such things.

2 Cor. 12:12 NLT:

12 When I was with you, I certainly gave you proof that I am an apostle. For I patiently did many signs and wonders and miracles among you.

Defining the gift of prophecy:

Prophecy is the supernatural ability to see into the future. The Bible itself was written in this manner.

Mt. 13:14 NLT:

**14 This fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah that says,
'When you hear what I say,
you will not understand.
When you see what I do,
you will not comprehend.**

2 Pet. 1:20-21NLT:

20 Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding,

21 or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.



SCRIPTURES CONCERNING THE PROPHETS :



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1 Cor. 14:1-6 NLT:

Tongues and Prophecy

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

2 For if you have the ability to speak in tongues, you will be talking only to God, since people won't be able to understand you. You will be speaking by the power of the Spirit, but it will all be mysterious.

3 But one who prophesies strengthens others, encourages them, and comforts them.

4 A person who speaks in tongues is strengthened personally, but one who speaks a word of prophecy strengthens the entire church.

5 I wish you could all speak in tongues, but even more I wish you could all prophesy. For prophecy is greater than speaking in tongues, unless someone interprets what you are saying so that the whole church will be strengthened.

6 Dear brothers and sisters, if I should come to you speaking in an unknown language, how would that help you? But if I bring you a revelation or some special knowledge or prophecy or teaching, that will be helpful.

Eph. 4:11 NLT:

11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.

Acts 11:27-28 NLT:

27 During this time some prophets traveled from Jerusalem to Antioch.

28 One of them named **Agabus** stood up in one of the meetings and predicted by the Spirit that a great famine was coming upon the entire Roman world. (This was fulfilled during the reign of Claudius.)

The name **Agabus**, in the Greek language means- “locust”, he was a prophet of Jerusalem who foretold suffering for Paul if he went to Jerusalem.

Acts 21:10-11 NLT:

10 Several days later a man named **Agabus**, who also had the gift of prophecy, arrived from Judea.

11 He came over, took Paul’s belt, and bound his own feet and hands with it. Then he said, “The Holy Spirit declares, ‘So shall the owner of this belt be bound by the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem and turned over to the Gentiles.’”

Defining the gift of miracles.

A supernatural ability to perform those events outside and beyond the realm of nature; the ability to set aside for a time the regular laws of nature.

1 Cor. 12:28 NLT:

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The gift of healing.



A supernatural ability to cure human ills, whether of physical, mental, or demonic origin.

1 Cor. 12:9 NLT:

9 The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing.

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1 Cor. 12:30 NLT:

30 Do we all have the gift of healing? Do we all have the ability to speak in unknown languages? Do we all have the ability to interpret unknown languages? Of course not!

The purpose of the gift of healing.

As in the case of miracles, this gift was apparently given to attest to the authority and power of the one doing the healing.

The limitation gift of healing.

CHRIST DID NOT HEAL ALL THOSE HE ENCOUNTERED :

Lk. 4:25-27 NLT:

25 “Certainly there were many needy widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the heavens were closed for three and a half years, and a severe famine devastated the land.

26 Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them. He was sent instead to a foreigner—a widow of Zarephath in the land of Sidon.

27 And many in Israel had leprosy in the time of the prophet Elisha, but the only one healed was Naaman, a Syrian.”

Jn. 5:3-9 KJV:

3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

The Apostle Paul was limited in his healing abilities as seen in his own affliction.

2 Cor. 12:7-10 NLT:

7 even though I have received such wonderful revelations from God. So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud.

8 Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away.

9 Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

10 That’s why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

As seen in the case of Epaphroditus.

Phil. 2:26-27 NLT:

26 I am sending him because he has been longing to see you, and he was very distressed that you heard he was ill.

27 And he certainly was ill; in fact, he almost died. But God had mercy on him—and also on me, so that I would not have one sorrow after another.

As seen in the case of Timothy.

1 Tim. 5:23 NLT:

23 Don’t drink only water. You ought to drink a little wine for the sake of your stomach because you are sick so often.

As seen in the case of Trophimus.

2 Tim. 4:20 NLT:

20 Erastus stayed at Corinth, and I left Trophimus sick at Miletus.

The gift of tongues.

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Until the completion of the New Testament, God used the gift of tongues to act as a sign to unbelievers (both Jews and Gentiles) and as a means to edify the believer.

1 Cor. 14:4 NLT:

4 A person who speaks in tongues is strengthened personally, but one who speaks a word of prophecy strengthens the entire church.

1 Cor. 14:22 NLT:

22 So you see that speaking in tongues is a sign, not for believers, but for unbelievers. Prophecy, however, is for the benefit of believers, not unbelievers.

THE GIFT OF THE INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES.

1 Cor. 12:10 NLT:

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The gift of knowledge.



The eminent Rev. Dr. Harold Wilmington (RIP)

1 Cor. 12:8 NLT:

8 To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge.

*** One of the theologians that helped shape the direction of my spiritual growth, and to whom in great part, some of my studies are predicated upon.**

I encourage you to seek Dr. Wilmington's vast biblical studies, so that you may be blessed as I have been by his work.

How do I ask Jesus to come into my life?



How do we get right with God, regardless of my sins?

Lord Jesus, I ask You to please come into my life, and to forgive me of all my sins, and I ask You to become my Lord and Savior, from this day forward.

Friends, if you prayed that prayer, I believe that you are born again, and that you have been made a new creation in Christ Jesus, and that ALL of your sins have been forgiven, and that you have Eternal life with our father in Heaven.

For Jesus Says to all of us: Jn.14:6 NIV:

6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

I encourage You, to get in a good bible teaching church, so that you may grow in Christ Jesus, so that HE may use you to preach and teach, the Good News!

In, Jesus Mighty Name!

Rev. Jesus Del Rio, Ed

