

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

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It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

Hebrews 4:12 For the Word of God is alive and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword. . .

1 Corinthians 12 –

3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed;" and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

ἐν + πνεῦμα – EN plus PNEUMA – “By means of the Spirit”

POD: God the Holy Spirit is the means by which the believer is enabled to communicate accurate doctrine [1 Cor. 12:3].

If false doctrine is being taught it is NOT by means of the Holy Spirit.

7 But to everyone is being given **the manifestation of the Spirit** for the common good.

δίδωμι – DIDOMI – “Give” – believers therefore receive something.

Jesus Christ, as the head of the body, is the One doing the giving.

Luke 24:49 "And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

John 15:26 "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me,"

John 14:26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you."

Doctrine of Procession –

- The Father sends forth the Son.
- The Father and the Son send forth the Spirit.

Points of Doctrine

1) Jesus Christ is in charge of giving the “manifestation of the Spirit” to the believer [1 Cor. 12:7].

2) The “manifestation of the Spirit” is a reference to the functioning of your spiritual gift – the operation of it.

3) When a spiritual gift is operational, God the Holy Spirit is doing work in the believer and using the believer as a vessel in harmony with Christ to provide a particular service to fellow believers [1 Cor. 15:7 cf. Phil. 2:13].

POD: The execution of our spiritual gifts is designed to confer a benefit to the body of Christ [1 Cor. 12:13].

POD: The execution of spiritual gifts is dependent upon God the Holy Spirit [1 Cor. 12:7 cf. 11a].

POD: Therefore, the believer must cooperate with God the Holy Spirit to add value to the body of Christ.

Gal. 5:25 If we *are living* by the Spirit, let us also walk [*keep in step*] by the Spirit.

You must learn to master your “walk” with the Lord for your spiritual gift to function.

POD: The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every believer, but the manifestation is specific for each believer [1 Cor. 12:7 ἐκάστῳ cf. 1 Cor. 12:8].

1 Cor. 12:7-8 But to each one is being given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit;

➤ ἑκάστος – HEKASTO – “To everyone” - Every single believer!

➤ ᾧ - relative pronoun of ὅς – HOS - “To one”

The manifestation of the Spirit is specific for each believer.

➤ ἄλλῳ δὲ - Emphasizing something different from the previous one who has a different gift.

⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

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IX. The Gift of Faith

In the list of gifts and works of the Spirit in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, the gift of faith is mentioned. It is found in the context mentioning “the word of knowledge” and “the word of wisdom” as given by the Spirit, which are works of the Spirit rather than gifts of the Spirit. Faith seems to be in a different category, however, and probably refers to the fact that some Christians have outstanding qualities of faith. As a gift, faith is a blessing bestowed upon some Christians, not all, though all Christians have some faith in God. It is manifested not so much in trust in Christ as Savior as in confidence in God in respect to His power and love working in the details of their lives, supplying their needs and guiding their steps. As such it is an abiding characteristic of the gifts of the Spirit throughout the present age of grace.

A person who is strong in faith believes God not only can when he prays, but believes God will answer his requests.

All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.