

For the good of all

A series on Gifts of the Spirit



1 Corinthians 12:8–11 | 1 Corinthians 12:28 | Romans 12:6–8 | Ephesians 4:11 | 1 Peter 4:11

“The correlation between the ascension of Christ and the descent of the Spirit signals that the gift and gifts of the Spirit serve as the external manifestation of the triumph and enthronement of Christ. The gifts are given through the Spirit of Christ to equip believers to serve one another in the body of Christ and thus to set on display the unity of the church in the context of its diversity. For this love is essential.” ~ *The Holy Spirit* by Sinclair B. Ferguson

January 15, 2023

Acts 27:13–26 | “*Gift of Faith*”

All those who have put their trust in Christ Jesus have received the faith from God to do so. However, Scripture speaks of a special gift of faith that is given only to some. This gift is given by the Holy Spirit to an individual for the sake of the whole church. They are enabled to trust God in the darkest of times, so they remind us to persevere in trusting God!

January 22, 2023

Acts 5:12–16 | “*Gift of Healing*”

The gift, or gifts of healing are given to some to demonstrate God’s love for his people. It can also act as a sign, confirming the witness of the church. When God heals through us, he does so to show his faithfulness to working through his Son, Jesus.

January 29, 2023

Acts 13:4–12 | “*Gift of Miracles*”

There is overlap of the gift of miracles (or of power) with faith and healing. However, often miracles of power involve nature such as the stilling of the wind or the ceasing of rain. This power is exercised in response to God’s command, not our own desires. This gift is used to validate the church’s ministry of evangelism.

February 5, 2023

Acts 21:7–16 | “*Gift of Prophecy*”

The gift of prophecy is distinct from teaching and exhortation. It is a specific word from the Lord for a particular situation. It can be for an individual or the whole community depending on what God is saying.

February 12, 2023

Acts 16:16–21 | “*Gift of Discernment*”

The gift of discernment is essential when the church opens itself up to prophecy. Those with the gift of discernment are able to discern true prophecy from false and the source of the prophecy: the Holy Spirit or another spirit.

February 19, 2023

Acts 14:13–27 | “*Gift of Tongues*”

The gift of tongues is both a public and private gift. Publicly it is used in worship and is accompanied by an interpretation for the building up of the body. Privately it is used for earnest prayer. Because it is such a manifest gift, we must always take care to heed Paul’s warning not to make it a source of pride or personal spiritual fulfillment. Nor should we ignore it!