

**Miraculous Spiritual Gifts.
What, Why, How & When?
Lesson 1 Slide 1**

The GIFTS of The Holy Spirit.



**A Discussion of
Miraculous Spiritual Gifts.
What, Why,
How & When?**

WE HAVE SEEN THE HOLY SPIRITS WORK IN THE CREATION OF THE WORLD.

The Material Universe

In Creation

The Church

Planned:-
Jer 51:15;

The Father

Planned:-
Eph 3:9-11;

Executed:-
John 1:1-2; Eph
3:9; Heb 1:1-2;

The Son

Executed:-
Matt 16:18; John
4:34; Acts 2:47;

Organised:-
Gen 1:1-2;
Job 26:13;
Psa 104:30;

**The Holy
Spirit**

Organised:-
John 16:13; Acts
2; 1 Cor 12:14;
2 Tim 3:16;

The Work of The Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit Organized.

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By Revealing The:-

By Confirming The:-

By Convincing Men Through The:-

By Converting Men through The:-

By Sanctifying Men Through The:-

The GOSPEL revealed the New Covenant relationship to be found in Jesus Christ.

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WE SAW THE HOLY SPIRITS WORK IN REVEALING AND CONFIRMING THE GOSPEL MESSAGE.

In Revealing The:

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Ephes. 3:3-5 (NKJV)

how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, [4] by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), [5] which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets:

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

The mysteries of the Old Testament are revealed in the New Testament. (We simply need to believe it!)

Revelation means to make known that which was hidden! . But NOW it is revealed to and through His holy apostles and prophets.

**The New Testament –
(Covenant/ Agreement / Relationship)**

**is the inspired word of God,
given to man, by Christ Jesus,
through the agency of the Holy Spirit,
through the apostle's writings.**

INSPIRATION AND REVELATION.

**All revelation is inspired,
but not all inspired material is revelation.**

**Revelation:- That which could not be known by man
except by direct communication from God.**

Revelation refers to the content.

**God has made known something; He has unveiled,
uncovered something for mankind to know.**



**Moses wrote about the creation
even though he was not there.**

This is a case of revelation and inspiration.

INSPIRATION AND REVELATION.

**All revelation is inspired,
but not all inspired material is revelation.**

**Moses also wrote about things that happened
to the people in the wilderness while he was there.**

**He did not need a revelation of these events
because he experienced them.**

**But God inspired him so that he would not make
any errors in recording these events.**



**Inspiration refers to the method that has
kept the revelation free from errors and mistakes.**

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MIRACULOUS GIFTS.

It is necessary that we keep firmly in mind what we have already established concerning the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, particularly His personality, and His indwelling of the obedient Christian.

The question to be discussed next:

**What does the Holy Spirit
in the believer do with and for the believer?**

**It will be necessary to consider
not only the genuine gifts of the Spirit,
but also the possibility of counterfeit gifts,
if the subject is to be dealt with properly.**

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

There is also the question of:-

The duration of some of the gifts of the Spirit.

How long were they to last?

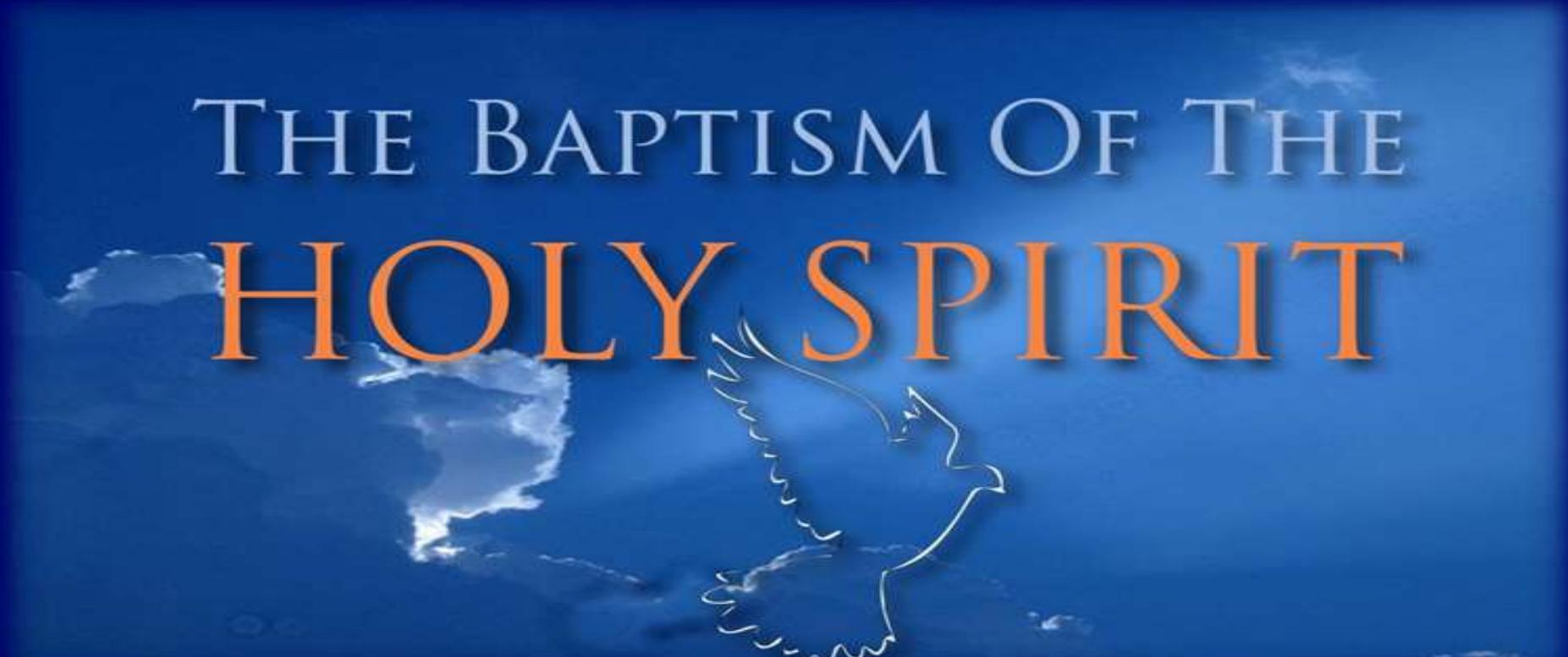
Are they available today?

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MIRACULOUS GIFTS

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In the last lesson we discussed
the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MIRACULOUS GIFTS

**“Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren,
I would not have you ignorant.” 1 Cor 12:1;**

**In the last lesson we discussed
the Baptism of the Holy Spirit**

**Mark 1:8; Christ promised
the Holy Spirit to the Apostles.**

**Acts 2:- The 12 Apostles received
the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.**



HOLY SPIRIT

**The Holy Spirit guided them into all truth
and gave them the ability to perform
miracles and signs which confirmed the truth.**

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MIRACULOUS GIFTS.

There is a difference between the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit was promised by Christ and He was the one who administered it.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit came mainly through the laying on of the Apostles hands.



The supernatural gifts were for a special time, for a special purpose, and even before the apostles died out, the gifts died out they had fulfilled their purpose.

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MIRACULOUS GIFTS.

**THERE ARE NON-MIRACULOUS GIFTS
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AVAILABLE ON
A LIMITED BASIS TO BELIEVERS TODAY.**

God is the source of all gifts in all men. Every good and perfect gift comes from God. (James 1:17;)

**The conclusion is that
God, Christ and the Holy Spirit work together.**

**Just as there are different ways to serve
and different ways that God works,
so there are different gifts of the Spirit,
but one Spirit and one Godhead.**

**Every Christian receives or can receive a gift or gifts from
the Holy Spirit in addition to the universal gift of the Spirit
Himself. Read 1 Cor. 12:4-7, Romans 12:3-13, Ephesians 4:7;**

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MIRACULOUS GIFTS.

The gifts are all spiritual, but not all are supernatural or miraculous. Such things as apostleship, prophecy, healing, discerning of spirits, languages, interpretation of languages, and certain other things cannot be understood apart from supernatural power. 1 Cor 12:8-10, 28;

Paul is showing the diversity of the gifts, but checks any tendency to boastful comparison by showing that the gifts emanate from a common source.

They are operated by a common will, and are bestowed according to the pleasure of the Spirit, and not because of any inferiority or superiority on the part of the recipients.

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MIRACULOUS GIFTS.

However, such things as faithfulness, mercy, stewardship, ruling, exhortation, etc. can be possessed and manifested whether by miraculous or by non miraculous ability.

Romans 12:6-13;

It is surely valid to speak of the "fruits of the Spirit" as being gifts which are produced in us by the Holy Spirit.

Just as every other natural talent and ability comes from God our creator. Galatians 5:22-23;

When we are born with certain talents and abilities

we cannot accept all the credit for them.

We can except credit for developing them and

using them but we cannot accept credit

for having the ability in the first place

they are God given by fact of creation.

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MIRACULOUS GIFTS

Such things are possible from the human standpoint without the Spirit of God. But there is a distinction to be made. Note John 14:27 for example.

"Not as the world gives."

In the Christian these fruits or gifts are the product of Truth, confirmed by the Spirit of Truth that one has received. Rom. 8:14;

These gifts are limited by:-

Our native ability. Mt 25:14-32;

“Talents, according to ability.”

Our willingness to produce them.

The parable of the sower and the four kinds of soil applies here. The soil represents minds and hearts.

Matt 13:3ff;

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

God is powerful! He brought this universe into existence by the power of His spoken word. It is by His design that it continues to operate.

At times, according to His own purpose, He has intervened directly and obviously into human history to bring about a desired result.

When He wanted there to be no doubt, He would split a sea or defeat an army or knock down a city wall.

When God the Son, Jesus visited us, He would prove His presence by walking on water, healing the sick and even raising the dead.

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MIRACULOUS GIFTS.

God is powerful. But God chooses to exert His power according to His own will and purpose.

We shall see that the Scriptures, in various ways, show that the age of miracles was limited.

Not because God lacks any power to do them today, but rather because they have fulfilled their role in His eternal purpose.

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Also, it must be pointed out that God certainly continues to act in powerful ways in the world today through His providence. Certainly God is able to get the job done through various means, miraculous or non miraculous.

It is not a question of "is He able" but rather "is it according to His purpose" to provide miracles today.

Based upon the promises He gave His Apostles as the power needed to establish and confirm His message.

Some of these gifts and abilities were that the Holy Spirit Enabled the speaker to communicate in languages he hadn't learned.

Guided them in the execution of Judgement upon the wicked.

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

**Protected them from such things
as poisonous serpents.**

**Enabled them to foretell future events.
Empowered them to raise even the dead.
To heal all manner of diseases.**

**We shall see that the Scriptures, in various ways,
show that the age of miracles was limited, not because God
lacks any power to do them today, but rather because
they have fulfilled their role in His eternal purpose.**

**We will see that there are Miraculous Gifts
and Non Miraculous Gifts. It will be important
for us to understand the difference.
So FIRST let us look at the Miraculous Gifts.**

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MIRACULOUS GIFTS.

I think it would be useful to look briefly, and generally, at each one of the 9 gifts which are mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:8-11; because, although Paul taught that:-

THE GIFTS WERE ALL OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE

in building up and strengthening the Body, the people who today make much of Spiritual gifts, usually concentrate on just a few, such as the gifts of tongues, healing, and prophecy, etc.

We need to know a little about the purposes which the Holy Spirit. Who bestowed the gifts, intended **ALL NINE** of these miraculous gifts to serve.

And we must emphasize, and bear in mind that these were indeed, **MIRACULOUS GIFTS.**

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MIRACULOUS GIFTS.

**By this we mean that they were
NOT NATURAL ENDOWMENTS,
or ACQUIRED ABILITIES.**

**They were gifts which
the Holy Spirit Himself
bestowed on various members
of the early congregations,
often through
the laying on of the apostles hands.**

Miraculous Spiritual Gifts.

What Were The Gifts?

1 Cor. 12:8-11 (NKJV)

for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, [9] to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, [10] to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. [11] But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

Miraculous Spiritual Gifts.

What Were The Gifts?

1 Corinthians 12:8-11;

Intellectual.

The Word Of
Wisdom.

The Word Of
Knowledge.

Faith.

Exhibition.

Gifts Of
Healings.

Working Of
Miracles.

Prophecy.

Discerning
Of Spirits.

Language.

Different
Kinds Of
languages.
Interpretation
Of Languages.

[11] But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

Another way of dividing the gifts would be:-

Gifts having to do with INTELLECTUAL Powers.

Knowledge / Wisdom / Powerful Faith.

THAUMATURGIC GIFTS -that is **Gifts involving Miraculous Powers.**; ('thauma' meaning 'wonder'; thus, acts which produce wonder.)

The Gift of Healing. The Working of Miracles.

Gifts which had TO DO WITH THE SPOKEN WORD.

Preaching and Teaching,

Prophecy -(pro fetes) -to speak forth.

The Ability to Distinguish between spirits

(Possibly relating to exorcism).

The ability to speak in other languages

(Languages which had not been learned).

The Ability to Interpret the languages used.

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

In those circumstances, these were **NOT** merely extravagant demonstrations of miraculous power, but **GIFTS WHICH WERE EMINENTLY PRACTICAL**, the purpose being to edify, build up the entire congregation.

Since that was the Spirit's purpose in bestowing the Gifts,

it was **not necessary** that every member of the Congregation should possess them, nor were members regarded as second-class Christians if they DID NOT possess gifts.

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

1 Cor 12:5-7; “There are different kinds of service in the congregation, but it is the same Lord we are serving. There are different ways God works In our lives, but it is the same God who does the work through all of us.

A spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means of helping the entire congregation.”

“This means that they were for the common good; the spiritual gifts were to benefit others.“

Charismatic gifts were being used by the Corinthians for self-promotion and ego, especially the more spectacular and showy gifts like tongue speaking. This, of course, was totally wrong and contrary to God's purpose.

1 Cor 12:8ff Paul DEFINES the nine spiritual gifts given by the Spirit through the laying on of the apostles' hands.

THE GIFT OF WISDOM.

1 Cor 12:8; “To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another he gives the gift of special knowledge.” Under Intellectual Power.

The First gift we will look at is “Word of WISDOM.”

Insight into true nature of things. W.E. Vine

The Greek word used here is 'SOPHOS', which we find in the word 'philosopher' (PHILO-SOPHOS.)

Tradition says that a certain Greek scholar was too modest to allow people to call him a 'wise' man, and protested that he was 'philo sophos'- a 'lover of Wisdom'.

So here, the word WISDOM - 'SOPHOS' - has to do with DEEP SPIRITUAL INSIGHT. With the ability to understand the things which have to do with God.

H.B. SWETE, tells us that the word means "insight into divine mysteries."

THE GIFT OF WISDOM.

We are **not** speaking about **wisdom** which **MEN** may acquire through knowledge and experience.

We are dealing with **SPIRITUAL knowledge**, which human wisdom could never obtain, and which was revealed by the Holy Spirit, to those to whom the **GIFT of WISDOM** was given.

“Listen to me, dear brothers and sisters. Hasn't God chosen the poor in this world to be rich in faith? Aren't they the ones who will inherit the Kingdom He promised to those who love him?

6. And yet, you insult the poor man! Isn't it the rich who oppress you and drag you into court?

7. Aren't they the ones who slander Jesus Christ, whose noble name you bear?” **Jam 2:5-7;**

THE GIFT OF WISDOM.

In 1 Cor 2:6-8; Paul Has already said “6 Now we are speaking wisdom among those who are mature; yet a wisdom not of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are being done-away-with.”

“7 but we are speaking God's wisdom in a mystery, the wisdom that has been hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory.

8 It is this mystery which none of the rulers of this world has known; for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory.”

Paul’s teaching is prompted by wisdom of H.S.

Truth of God is produced in man.

An ability to reveal divine truth.

THE GIFT OF WISDOM.

It obviously involved the gospel. (I Cor 15: 1-3;)
“Now let me remind you, dear brothers and sisters,
of the Good News I preached to you before.

You welcomed it then and still do now, for
your faith is built on this wonderful message.”

“And it is this Good News that saves you if you
firmly believe it, unless of course, you believed
something that was never true in the first place.

I passed on to you what was most important
and what had also been passed on to me,
that Christ died for our sins, as Scriptures said.”

The “word of wisdom” was “a comprehensive view
of the scheme of redemption with the ability of
clearly explaining it to the understanding of others”

THE GIFT OF WISDOM.

**WISDOM is different from KNOWLEDGE,
Wisdom is the ability to use knowledge.**

For instance, a young man may have gained knowledge because he made the effort to study.

But to possess knowledge, and to know how best to USE it are two different matters.

He is unlikely, at his age, to have acquired the WISDOM to know how his knowledge should best be applied, because Wisdom is Knowledge which has been matured and ripened by experience.

THE GIFT OF WISDOM.

This is one reason why and **ELDER**- 'presbyter'- is an **OLDER** man. This is what the word '**presbuteros**' means. And it is why the scriptures plainly state a '**Bishop or 'Overseer'** ('**episkopos**) or an '**Elder**', is '**not a novice.**' (1Tim 3:6;).

Some versions say, '**not a new convert**', but the reason remains the same.

An **Elder** is a man who **knows** the Word and who, by reason of **spiritual maturity**, is able best to apply his knowledge.

This is how it stands with Wisdom and Knowledge TODAY. They are NOT gifts which the Holy Spirit bestows miraculously, But are acquired abilities.

THE GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE.

**1 Cor 12:8; “To one person the Spirit gives
the ability to give wise advice;**

to another He gives the gift of special KNOWLEDGE.”

**Under Intellectual Power the second gift we will
look at is the gift of Miraculous KNOWLEDGE.**

The Ability to know, store & recall spiritual truths .

**There are Christians today who possess knowledge
or wisdom, but they are acquired abilities;
abilities gained by study and experience.**

**Generally speaking, KNOWLEDGE of any subject
is gained by spending time in study or observation.**

**Anyone who possesses a wide knowledge
of any subject will almost invariably
have spent a long time acquiring it.**

THE GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE.

We might say that this was a **MORE PRACTICAL gift**, because '**GNOSIS**', the word for 'knowledge', had to do with **knowing how to use that spiritual wisdom** in daily life. It is the word which relates to '**knowing how things ought to be done**'.

In other words, it was the **PRACTICAL aspect of WISDOM**. Perhaps we might distinguish the two gifts by saying that '**WISDOM**' was the **theoretical gift**, whilst '**KNOWLEDGE**' was the **practical one**.

On the surface it might seem that this is **the wrong way round!** It might seem that '**knowledge**' is the word for the **theory** and '**wisdom**' the word for the **practical**.

THE GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE.
BUT there are people who possess **WISDOM** –
people who are **GREAT THEORISTS** and
who have a **marvellous** grasp of spiritual truth.

People who are **able** to explain great doctrines,
but who are **not noted** as **PRACTICAL PEOPLE**.

Whilst there are **others** who have a **wonderfully practical** turn of mind. When others expound the theory, and create the plan, they are able to take the blue-print, so to speak, and **make the plan a reality**.

It seems to have especially **affected** the intellect and enable **the person** having this gift to understand the deeper matters of the gospel.

THE GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE.

**Some of those in the early church
were seen to have this gift of knowledge.**

They were **able to reveal the mystery hidden before times eternal**, who discovered the deep secrets hidden in the ancient Scriptures regarding the **call of the Gentiles**, **the rejection of Israel**, **the salvation of all people through the faith and obedience unto Christ**, etc.

Paul received divine knowledge with reference to all these things; Barnabas apparently understood the mystery of the new name. Acts 11:26;

Stephen unlocked the mystery of the Jewish temple, revealing that, from its inception, it represented a departure from God's will.

THE GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE.

This is true of knowledge of the SCRIPTURES.
If we wish to possess an extensive knowledge
of God's Word, we will ONLY obtain it
if we spend time with the Scriptures.

DAVID once said, “Your word have I hid in my heart,
that I might not sin against You“

Do you see that? He had STORED UP God's Word
in his heart, so that when trouble came along,
the Word was there to help him.

Many Christians who study the word of God have
found that, when someone has asked a question
about their faith they have even surprised
themselves when they found how readily they
were able to give a Bible answer to the questioner!

THE GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE.

Now, why is that? NOT because the Holy Spirit MIRACULOUSLY placed the answer into their minds, but because they had already STORED UP the Word in their hearts!

You study the scriptures and the Holy Spirit is able to USE what YOU store up.

IF the Word had NOT been in your heart- i.e. your MIND:- You would have been unable to deal with the question.

Knowledge, today, therefore, is only acquired through EFFORT. Through taking the time to commit the scriptures to your heart. It does NOT come MIRACULOUSLY.

THE GIFT OF FAITH.
The Next THREE - are what are called
THAUMATURGIC GIFTS:
'FAITH', 'HEALING', 'MIRACLES'.

The MIRACULOUS POWERS which
the Holy Spirit bestowed on the infant assembly,
in order to secure its establishment.

Some commentators place **faith** in the
first section along with Wisdom and Knowledge.
I think it can be placed in either section.

1 Cor 12:9; “**The Spirit gives special faith to another.**”
FAITH (by which is meant '**powerful faith,**
'faith which produces results.' The faith which
Jesus said '**removes mountains.**' Matt 17:20;

THE GIFT OF FAITH.

**This FAITH is not the subjective faith
that every Christian must have!**

**“Yet faith comes from listening to this message of
good news-the Good News about Christ.” Rom 10:17;**

**One purpose of Jesus' recorded miracles
is to produce faith. However, the faith
considered as a gift of the Spirit was supernatural.**

**Those performing miracles had to believe
they could do them, with the assistance
of the Holy Spirit, Hence, the need of this faith.**

**Rather the confidence in God, by the impulse of His
Spirit, that He would enable them to perform any
required miracle. (1Cor 13:2; Mark 11:23; Jas 5:15;)**

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.

There is a lot of CONFUSION in the religious world, on the subject of HEALING.

We need to understand what we are talking about.

WE ARE SPEAKING ABOUT HEALING,

**not from the medical standpoint,
but from the religious standpoint.**

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.

We should notice that the cures, of which we read in the Book of Acts, were NOT PRODUCED BECAUSE OF THE FAITH OF THE SICK PERSON.

They were performed because of the miraculous POWER, which the Holy Spirit had given to certain believers.

This was a very important and practical gift in those days, because both PAGANS and JEWS placed greater trust in religious leaders for physical healing, than trust in medical doctors.

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.

The PAGANS went to **religious places**-
to temples dedicated to the god Aesculapius
the so-called 'god of healing.'
They would spend a night in the Temple,
seeking a cure from their particular god.

The JEWS went to the **RABBIS.**
Their religious instructors,
who practised their own kind of medicine.

THERE IS THE CONFUSION OF NAMES.

The **RELIGIOUS** world uses different names.

They sometimes called it **DIVINE** healing,
or **SPIRITUAL** healing or **FAITH** healing.

**In fact, NONE of these descriptions
is really accurate.**

For instance, to call it **DIVINE HEALING** is
much too vague and too loose a description
because examples of 'divine healing,'
that is, examples of people being healed by God,
can be found in the scriptures centuries
before spiritual gifts were bestowed.

ELIJAH AND ELISHA

and others - healed people miraculously.

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.

To call it **SPIRITUAL** healing **MISSES THE POINT**, because the **ailments** which the Gift of Healing dealt with **were UNMISTAKABLY PHYSICAL**, not spiritual.

As for **FAITH HEALING**;

When so-called '**Faith-Healers**', **fail to heal** the sick people who come to them, **they always claim that the failure occurs** because **THE FAITH** of the **SICK person** is **not strong enough**, or that they **lack faith** altogether.

But the **Gift of Healing** had **NOTHING** whatsoever to do with '**FAITH**' healing.

Healing was bestowed
whether faith was present or not.

So **WHAT- PRECISELY- ARE WE LOOKING AT?**

**We are NOT asking if God CAN heal,
because we know He can.**

**We are NOT asking if God DOES heal,
because we know He DOES.**

**We are NOT asking if God HEALS
IN ANSWER TO PRAYER, because we know
That JAMES 5:15; tell us to pray for the sick.**

**We are NOT discussing healing in response
to FAITH. Which is, in fact, very closely related
to healing in response to PRAYER.**

**What we are asking is;
ARE THERE PEOPLE WHO POSSESS
THE GIFT OF HEALING, WHICH WAS
BESTOWED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT IN N.T. TIMES?**

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS

We need to think about the question:-

DO TODAY'S SO-CALLED 'FAITH HEALERS'

POSSESS and DEMONSTRATE

THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT -THE GIFT OF HEALING?

It is positively amazing how many confuse

the GIFT of Healing with faith HEALING,

when the two are very different indeed. For example,

there is a report concerning a healing campaign,

which featured a man named THEO JONES.

At one of his meetings, the report says:-

"There was a totally blind woman led in by her husband. You are NOT BELIEVING, sister,' Jones

warned her. 'YOUR FAITH IS WEAK" The blind woman was hustled off the platform immediately."

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS
I imagine you KNOW what that REALLY meant!

Faced with a **REAL physical** problem,
and not some psychosomatic, or neurological,
or undiagnosed, or unproven ailment.

Mr. JONES was absolutely POWERLESS,
and therefore tried to cover
his impotence by **brazently accusing**
the poor woman of not having sufficient faith.

The **ELEMENT THAT WAS LACKING**
in that case **was NOT HER** faith,
BUT power. The MAN HAD NO POWER!

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.

Healing (IAMA) “ to Heal, Cure, make one recover” plural, “healings”; referring to **POWER** over different kinds of **disease**. (Matt 10:1). “Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them **authority** to cast out evil spirits and to heal every kind of disease and illness.”

HEALING:- Is a **gift** which **both Peter and Paul demonstrated**. **Acts 3:6-8;**. But Peter said, “I don't have any money for you.

But I'll give you what I have. **In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk!**”

“**Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and anklebones were healed and strengthened. He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk!**”

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.

Acts 5:15-16;. “As a result of the apostles' work, sick people were brought out into the streets on beds and mats so that Peter's shadow might fall across some of them as he went by. **Crowds came** in from the villages around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those possessed by evil spirits, **and they were ALL healed.”**

If we look at **ACTS 19:11-12;** we see that the same thing happened in **PAUL'S MINISTRY.**

Acts 19:11-12; “God gave Paul the power to do Unusual, Extraordinary miracles, so that even when handkerchiefs or cloths that had touched his skin were placed on sick people, **they were healed of their diseases,** evil spirits within them came out.”

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.

You see that, when a person possessed the GIFT of healing it did not matter if the patient had FAITH, GREAT faith, or LITTLE faith, or NO FAITH AT ALL!

It depended on the Faith and POWER of the one which the Spirit of GOD had granted the gift to.

I repeat:- What produced the HEALING was the GIFT POSSESSED BY THE HEALER, IT DID NOT DEPEND ON THE FAITH OF THE SUFFERER.

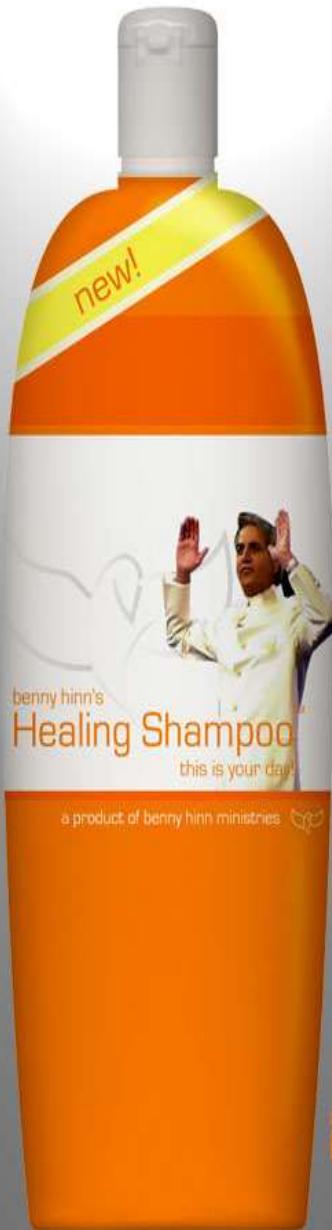
This is why we say that
'FAITH' Healing and the GIFT of Healing
are very different matters.

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.

Needless to say, when people are suffering severe illness they are understandably willing to try anything in order to obtain a cure and **its makes them very vulnerable.**

The trust and confidence they often demonstrate **makes them easy prey** to the **so-called FAITH HEALERS,** who **mercilessly** take advantage of them,

Putting it bluntly: **most of what passes as FAITH HEALING, in modern FAITH Healing CAMPAIGNS is fraudulent and false.**



HAVE YOU
EVER HAD
A HEALING
SHAMPOO?





THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.

SOME of the people who conduct the campaigns
may be sincerely mistaken in their belief;

But **the vast majority of faith-healing cases** have
proved to be frauds; people who are prepared even
to LIE in order to create a reputation for themselves.

And, at the same time to **make of money**
for them under the guise of running
non-profit making organisations,
whose assets run, in millions of dollars.

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.

**There is a letter sent by an organisation calling itself
'THE OSBORN FOUNDATION', of TULSA OKLAHOMA.**

**It enclosed a piece of burlap (sacking), which,
the letter said, had been 'prayed over' for seven days,
by Osborne and his wife, and, on receipt of 'seed money'
they would spend more time in prayer, for whatever
was asked for by whoever sent the 'seed money' to them.**

**To crown this fraud, the Osbornes had the audacity
to claim that they had sent the letter
under the impulse of the Holy Spirit.**

Do you think this man and his wife are exceptions?

Nothing of the kind!

**You can get a similar offer from
the religious tea shop in Hunstanton UK.**

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.

There is a **magazine** called '**CORONET**'. It reported that such men as **JACK COE**, **ASA A. ALLEN**, and the even better known **ORAL ROBERTS** have all built up vast personal fortunes out of their so-called **HEALING** campaigns.

A number of years ago, **Oral ROBERTS** hit the news headlines because he announced to the world that, if he did not receive the money that he needed for one of his projects that he was building, by a certain date, '**The Oral Roberts University**'. **THE LORD WOULD TAKE HIM.**

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.

Another fraud:- ORVAL JAGGERS opened a brief case on a plane, a stewardess caught sight of bundles of dollar notes.

Thinking that they might have something to do with a bank-robbery which had recently taken place, the pilot, radioed ahead, and the police were waiting for Mr. JAGGERS when he stepped off the plane.

It took him two hours to convince the police that the 70,000 dollars in the briefcase were what he had taken in, from his latest campaign.

Similarly, A. ALLEN, - the magazine reported – was driving home from a 'HEALING CAMPAIGN', with money in the boot of his car, when he was stopped by the Police and arrested For DRUNKEN DRIVING. He had to deposit \$1000 in bail. (which, I might add, he forfeited, because he did not turn up at Court).

HE WAS EXCOMMUNICATED BY THE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH of which he was a member, and **his private secretary signed a sworn statement**, which declared:-

"that NOT ONE of ALLEN'S alleged CURES could be verified, despite his claims that people had been instantly healed."

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.

Let me also mention at this point, that in the FAITH-HEALING business, most of these men began in the so-called PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

The men named, Coe, Jaggers, Allen and Roberts, ALL began in the PENTECOSTAL MOVEMENT and were either diss-fellowshipped, or left to start their own organisations.

ORAL ROBERTS, who began in Oklahoma City with \$30 went on to make a fortune of MILLIONS, He decided to move up into a higher social class and joined the METHODIST CHURCH.

(The Methodist Church in the U.S.A. seemingly attracts people of a higher social class than in this country.)

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.

AT LEAST 60 of these 'faith-healers' have set up their own organisations, and some have made extremely grandiose claims for themselves.

One **black 'healer'** from **DETROIT**, gave himself the title:- "The "REV. DR. JAMES F. JONES. DD.,
UNIVERSAL DOMINION RULER,
INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN AS PROPHET JONES.'

We could go on a long time about these frauds, confidence tricksters, who can still be heard on American Radio and T.V., and especially on the so called God channel.

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.

**Here is a final example:- which would be
hilarious, if it were not so tragic.**

It is from an ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT.

From WASHINGTON DC, Aug. 4 1951.

**It concerned a meeting in FAIRMONT HEIGHTS,
MARYLAND. The quote says:-**

**"A coffin was lowered into a grave, after
a tent-meeting Revivalist told his audience that
the doomed man would be raised from the dead.**

**As the earth was shovelled onto the coffin,
SOMEONE SAW THE CORPSE CRAWL
OUT OF A TUNNEL JUST OUTSIDE THE TENT.
The CORPSE escaped during the ensuing RIOT."**

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.

Some years ago, the BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, which, is the highest medical authority in the land, conducted a TWO YEAR LONG study of all kinds of HEALING, at the request of the Archbishops of CANTERBURY and YORK.

A special committee of eminent medical men was set up to conduct the investigation, and their report was published in a special report, during their Annual Conference.

This is from that report from the British Medical Journal.

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It states that 3 prominent R.C. doctors were invited to be on the COMMITTEE, but they declined.

(Probably because they knew that they would be expected to investigate the alleged miracles, which are reported from LOURDES.)

Most of the 'cures' of organic diseases CLAIMED, are explained in the view of the Committee, by mistaken diagnosis, or prognosis, alleviation or remission, spontaneous cure, or combined treatment.

Some cases, which were said to be EPILEPSY, appeared to be cases of HYSTERIA.

**As for the 'MIRACLES' of Lourdes.
An authority in Lourdes, known as the
"BUREAU DES CONSTATATIONS."**

**Investigates cases of so-called "miracles,"
in order to exclude psychogenic
and hysterical conditions and here follows
a quotation from the Bureau.**

**"in spite of the immense pressure of popular
enthusiasm, the number of miracles
actually attested and registered over the years,
has been exceedingly small
(not even one a year), and every attempt is made
to emphasize the spiritual value of the pilgrimage,
rather than such healings as may be claimed."**

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.

**There is much more in this report,
but here is the conclusion.**

**"As far, then, as our observation and investigation
have gone, we have seen no evidence that
there is any special type of illness cured solely
by spiritual healing, which cannot be cured by
medical methods which do not involve such claims."**

The report continues:-

**"The cases claimed as cures of a miraculous nature
present no feature of a unique and
unexpected character outside the knowledge
of any experience physician or psychologist."**

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.

And the last word:-

"The Committee finds no evidence that there is any type of illness cured by spiritual healing ALONE, which could not have been cured by medical treatment, which necessarily includes consideration of environmental factors."

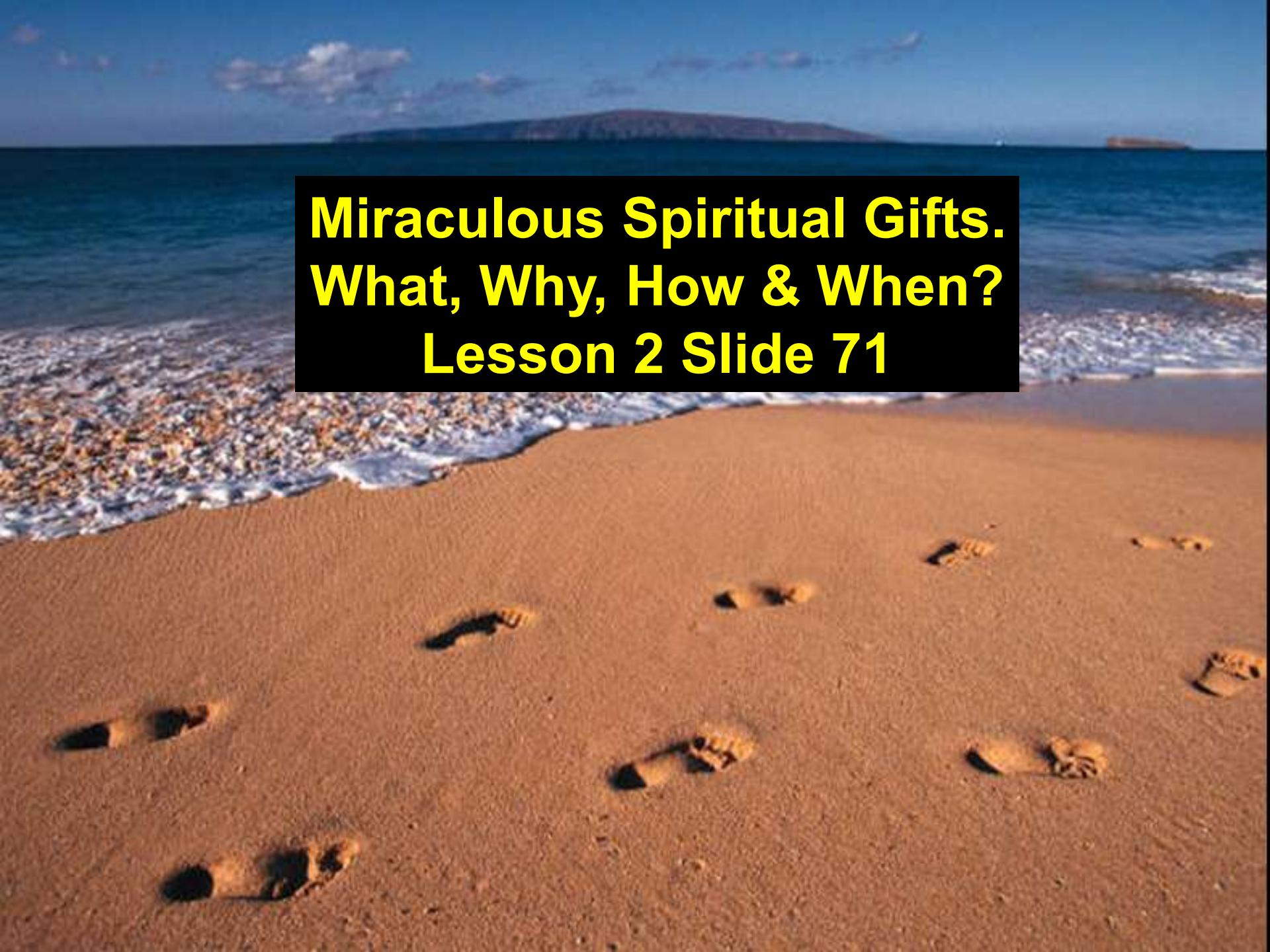
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THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.
1 Cor 12:10; **MIRACLES** – of special and
extraordinary POWER (Dunamis) is
“power, might, strength, authority:-
generally, strength, power, ability to do a thing...”

In Matthew 22:29; the Word of God said,
“Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err,
not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.”

The word translated **power** is the same translated **miracles** in
I Cor 12:10; Jesus tells us that these powers include healing
the sick of diseases, (Mk. 6:5; Lk. 9:1;), inspired teaching,
(Lk 1:17;), removal of unclean spirits, (Lk 4:36;),
Power to raise the dead, (Jn. 11;) and so forth.

”Some scholars think that the word here refers
to the power of **EXORCISM**- the casting out
of evil spirits. Matt 10:1; Acts 19:11;

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.

So from what we have seen so far in so-called "Faith Healing Campaigns, it is NOT the same as the exercise of the GIFT of HEALING, which the Holy Spirit gave in N.T. Times.

It is plain that in the N.T. the HEALING WAS MIRACULOUS and the CURE did NOT depend on the strength of the FAITH of the sufferer.

The HOLY SPIRIT HIMSELF bestowed the gift on whoever HE chose. And by that we mean that it was NOT RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO PRAYER.

Believers were NOT told they should PRAY to receive it.

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.

The fact that 1 COR 12:11; tells us that the Holy Spirit Himself decided who should receive this particular miraculous power, means that not everyone in the congregation possessed it.

In 1Cor 12:30;. Paul asks, rhetorically,
“Have all the gifts of healing?”

The implied answer to this question is "No!"

The miraculous ability to heal WAS GIVEN FOR A PURPOSE. That purpose was the same purpose served by ALL OTHER MIRACLES, that is:-

“To confirm the Message.” Mark 16:19;
“The Lord worked with them.” (See also Heb 2:3;).
“To build up and strengthen the Church.” Rom 1:11;

MIRACLES CONFIRM THE WORD

PASSAGE	MESSAGE	CONFIRMATION	RESPONSE
Acts 4:29-32	"Speak Your Word with all boldness"	"by stretching out Your hand to heal and that signs and wonders may be done"	"those who believed were of one heart and soul"
Acts 8:5-12	"the things spoken by Philip;" "Philip... preached Christ"	"hearing and seeing the miracles which he did"	"they believed Philip as he preached the things... and were baptized"
Acts 13:7-12	"sought to hear the word of God"	"You shall be blind, not seeing"	"the proconsul believed... being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord"
Acts 14:2-3	"speaking boldly in the Lord"	"The Lord...was bearing witness to the word...granting signs/wonders to be done"	"a great multitude... believed"
Romans 15:18-19	"I have fully preached the gospel of Christ"	"in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God"	"to make the Gentiles obedient"
1 Corinthians 2:4-5	"my speech and my preaching"	"in demonstration of the Spirit and of power"	"that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God"
1 Thessalonians 1:5-6	"our gospel did not come to you in word only"	"but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance"	"you became followers of us and the Lord, having received the word"
Hebrews 2:1-4	"so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord"	"God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit"	"give the more earnest heed"
Mark 16:15-20	"preach the gospel... they went out and preached...the word"	"the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs"	"he who believes and is baptized will be saved"
John 2:22	"He had said this...the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said"	"when he had risen from the dead"	"they believed"
John 2:23	"in His name"	"they saw the signs which He did"	"many believed"

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.

As we will see in more detail later

The Gifts were NOT MEANT TO LAST FOR EVER.

1 Cor 13:8; Paul warned the very people at Corinth, who were **so concerned** about Spirit-given gifts, that “**THESE GIFTS WOULD PASS AWAY ...**”

Eph 4:8-14; reveals that the **miraculous Gifts** were given to help the assemblies to become **MATURE** in the unity of the Spirit.

There is evidence enough to prove that the **MIRACULOUS GIFT OF HEALING ceased before** the END of the apostolic age.: - That is before the Apostles of Christ themselves, died.

THE TEMPORARY NATURE OF MIRACLES IN CORINTH AND EPHESUS

1 Corinthians 12-14	Ephesians 4
"Gifts" (12:4,9, 28,30,31)	"Gifts" (4:7-8)
"no schism in the body" (12:25)	"joined and knit together" (4:16)
"one body, many members" (12:12,14,18-20,27)	"whole body, every part" (4:16)
"apostles, prophets, teachers" (12:29)	"apostles, prophets, pastor-teachers" (4:11)
"prophecies, knowledge" (13:8)	"prophets, evangelists, pastor-teachers" (4:11)
"fail, cease, vanish, done away" (13:8-10)	"until" (4:13) "we come to the unity of the faith" (4:13)
"when perfect comes" (13:10)	"the knowledge/the fullness of Christ" (4:13)
"shall know" (13:12)	"the knowledge/the fullness of Christ" (4:13)
"child" (13:11)	"children" (4:14)
"man" (13:11)	"man" (4:13)
"put away childish things" (13:11)	"grow up" (4:15)
"love" (13:1-8)	"love" (4:15-16)
"edification of the church" (14:3-5,12,17)	"edifying the body of Christ" (4:12)

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.

This introduces another matter.

Although the PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION is to continue until the end of the Age.

**This is what the Lord declared in Mark 16:20;
"Lo! I am with you unto the end of the age."**

**The curing of sickness was
NEVER PART OF THE PROMISE,
because it IS NOT PART OF THE GOSPEL.**

Sickness is not a Sin!

There are Churches today which believe that the **Healing of Sickness** is just as much a part of the **Gospel** as the Forgiveness of Sins. This is how they justify their '**HEALING CAMPAIGNS**'.

BUT, if you look at Matt 25:36; you will find a verse which may surprise you!

Jesus is speaking. He says, "**I was SICK and you visited me**" I am NOT suggesting that the Lord was sometimes sick!

That is NOT the point of the passage. After all, the next statement He makes is "**I was in prison and you came to me**", and no one suggests that He was ever in prison. AND, the people that He spoke these words **KNEW THIS!**

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS

The meaning of His statement becomes very clear when we recognize that what He says, in effect is:-

"No, you did not see me hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison – and failed to minister to my needs.

"BUT, as you did it NOT to the least of these MY BRETHREN- you did it not to ME!"

The point is that the Lord reveals that HIS PEOPLE ARE SUBJECT TO SICKNESS, and it is NOT a sin to be SICK, any more than it is a sin to be hungry and thirsty or imprisoned for righteousness sake.

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.

You will often see a huge poster advertising one of these so called **HEALING CAMPAIGNS.**

Often they announce "**Evangelistic** and **HEALING Campaign**".

There was no doubt what was considered the **most important** and **most attractive** part of the effort!

The word '**HEALING**' will usually be written, in the biggest and boldest letters!

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.

**This leads to the NEXT fact
which should be emphasized.**

**IMMUNITY FROM SICKNESS IS
NOT PROMISED IN THE GOSPEL.**

Mark. 1616; says:-

**"He who believes and is baptized SHALL BE
SAVED". It does NOT add; "and shall be cured
of his ailments." No such statement is found
in the entire New Testament.**

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.

Take the book of ACTS, for example.

There is a great deal of Gospel preaching found in that book - and there are many stories recording **HOW PEOPLE WERE CONVERTED** in N.T. TIMES.

But in **NOT ONE** of them is there anything about anyone being cured of sickness as the **result of conversion**.

People became Christians and, like others who were NOT Christians. They experienced **PHYSICAL SICKNESS**.

1 Tim 5:23; Paul gives **TIMOTHY** the advice, which has been argued about repeatedly. "No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your **FREQUENT AILMENTS**."

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.
The obvious teaching here is that **Timothy** was to use '**a LITTLE wine**' as a **medicine**.

The point here is that Timothy evidently had a **stomach problem** and was **OFTEN UNWELL**, even though he was a **CO-WORKER** with Paul and a **faithful servant of Christ**.

In Phil 2:25-29; Paul writes about **EPAPHRODITUS**, who had **been SICK**. He says that this young man the messenger of the church at PHILIPPI had “**been sick and near to DEATH.**” He “**NEARLY DIED** for the work of Christ.”

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.

**But, even though he was such a fine Christian
that did not prevent him from becoming sick.**

**Paul records that "God had mercy on him, and not on him
only but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow."**

**QUESTION:- Does this sound as if Paul, at this time
still possessed the gift of healing which he had
shown and used in the course of his ministry?**

**In 2 Tim 4:20;, Paul says, "TROPHIMUS I LEFT ILL
AT MILETUS". And if you read what the scriptures
say about this man, you will see what
a responsible work he did, as a companion of Paul.**

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.

Trophimus was one of those sent to carry the contribution, which had been taken up, to help the poor Christians in Judea.

BUT HE BECAME SICK! And Paul did not / could not heal him and left him behind.

In THE 3RD LETTER OF JOHN, the apostle expresses the prayer that **GAIUS** to whom he is writing "may be IN HEALTH" literally, **CONTINUE HAVING GOOD HEALTH**, which surely implied the possibility that **GAIUS might become sick.**

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS

**In Gal 4:13; Paul reminds the Galatian Christians
that, and I quote:-**

**"You know it was because of a bodily ailment
that I preached the Gospel to you at first"**

**He reminds them that
they did not turn away from him but:-**

**"I bear you witness that, if possible, you would
have plucked out your eyes and given them to me."**

**This is very widely understood to refer to his
'THORN IN THE FLESH' mentioned in 2 Cor 12:7;**

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.

As a general rule, Paul dictated his letters to an AMANUENSIS (a scribe, or secretary) and then SIGNED them himself. There is a reference to this in 2 Thess 3:17;

“I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. This is the MARK in every letter that I write.”

1 Cor 16:21;

“I, Paul write this greeting with my own hand.”

**See what he writes at the end
of the letter to the GALATIANS. Gal 6:11;
"See with WHAT LARGE LETTERS
I am writing to you with my own hand."**

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS

Now, no matter **WHAT** that 'thorn in the flesh' was,
the significant thing is that **Paul**; tells us that he
prayed **THREE** times, **THAT** God would remove it.

No doubt he thought that he could do
a better work without it.

But that prayer was not answered
in the way he desired.

He was told 2 Cor 12:9;.

**"My grace is sufficient for you.
My power is made perfect in weakness".**

**IN FACT, PAUL HIMSELF MENTIONS
HIS "WEAKNESSES"
OR BEING 'WEAK', 4 TIMES IN A FEW VERSES.**

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS.

**And, never forget! the so-called
FAITH-HEALERS and all the people
who claim to have the power to heal-
and all those who believe them!**

**Turn to doctors and dentists,
AND THEY ALL DIE!**

- A. B. SIMPSON died of paralysis.**
- JACK COE died of POLIO.**
- A. J. GORDON died of PNEUMONIA.**

THE GIFT OF HEALINGS

ORAL ROBERTS was leading a **HEALING CAMPAIGN** in **AMARILLO**, Texas, on Sept 11th 1950, when a storm blew in from the North, (i.e. CANADA). (Amarillo is in the 'panhandle' of Texas.)

50 PEOPLE WERE INJURED when his tent was blown down. THEY WERE **ALL TAKEN TO HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT!**

They were NOT healed on the spot!

New Testament Miracles.

1. Objective, observable sickness.
2. Objective, undeniable cure..
3. Performed without preparation.
4. All cases healed.
5. All cases healed.
6. Faith not always demanded.
7. Instantaneous.
8. Complete healing.
9. A “sign” to observers.
10. Confirmed the word of truth.
11. No publicity.
12. No money asked for.

Alleged Miracles Today.

1. Questionable sickness.
2. Questionable cure.
3. Performed after screening.
4. Selective healings.
5. Many failures.
6. Faith always demanded.
7. Time allowed for“recovery.”
8. Partial healing.
9. “Take my word for it.”
10. “Proves” true belief.
11. Much fanfare, workers exalted.
12. Donations encouraged.

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

1 Cor 12:6.7.8.9: The Last **FOUR** gifts:
“Prophecy,” ‘The Ability to Distinguish spirits,’
‘Languages’ and
“The Gift of Interpretation of languages.”

All had to do in various ways, with:-

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD.

PREACHING AND TEACHING.

THE GIFT OF PROPHECY.

PROPHECY - This was inspired preaching and teaching.

No N.T. in those days! Hence inspired preaching and teaching was the manner in which:-

God made revelations of new truth, and, expounded truth which had already been revealed.

It is a pity that, whenever the word 'PROPHECY' is mentioned, many people immediately think about PREDICTIONS, the forecasting of future events.

This is **NOT** the correct meaning of the word. '**Prophecy**' is the word '**propheteia**'- and comes from '**pro -phemi**', which means '**to speak forth**'.

THE GIFT OF PROPHECY.

In the Scriptures, a prophet was a man who 'spoke forth' on God's behalf. He delivered a message under the control and guidance of the Holy Spirit. He revealed the mind and the will of God.

The prophet had ability to take an old Testament Prophecy and show the application of it for the Christians of that day.

He could also in some cases also foretell the future. Agabus foretold of a great famine and therefore as a consequence preparation was made. (Acts 11: 28-30;) (see also Acts 21:11; 1Tim 1:18;)

THE GIFT OF PROPHECY.

This was a ministry which affected both BELIEVERS and UNBELIEVERS Christians and Non-Christians.

Where the ASSEMBLY was concerned, Eph 3:5; “God did not reveal it to previous generations, but now He has revealed it by the Holy Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets.”

NEW REVELATIONS were made to the infant CHURCH “now revealed through His holy apostles and prophets.”

THE GIFT OF PROPHECY.

**This was a ministry which affected
both BELIEVERS and UNBELIEVERS
Christians and Non-Christians.**

Where UNBELIEVERS were concerned. 1Cor 14:24-25;
“But if all of you are prophesying, and unbelievers or people who don't understand these things come into your meeting, they will be convicted of sin, and they will be condemned by what you say. As they listen, their secret thoughts will be laid bare, and they will fall down on their knees and worship God.”

As he delivers God's Message, he will prove that God knows the secrets of men's hearts, and unbelievers will be convicted of this fact, and desire to worship.

The gift of prophecy did not seem to be very highly regarded among the Christians at Corinth.

(I Cor 14:1ff.).

It appears they exalted the gift of languages over the gift of prophecy to the point of the neglect of prophecy.

With the completion of the canon of Scripture this gift passed away. (13:8-9;) The teacher and Preacher has taken the place of the prophet.

The difference is that, whereas the message of the prophet was a direct revelation of the mind of God for the occasion, the message of the teacher is gathered from the completed revelation contained in the Scriptures.

THE GIFT OF DISCERNMENT.
1 Cor 12:10; **DISCERNMENT** was
THE ABILITY TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN
THE WORKING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
AND EVIL AND MISLEADING SPIRITS.

The word “**spirits**” has to do with
one’s **character or disposition**.

In the NT. It is often used of one’s attitude
toward truth. (Jn. 4:23, I Cor. 5:3; 6:17; I Jn. 4:1-2, 6;)

We can know a man’s character, regarding truth,
by what he teaches and practices. Others may claim
that a false teacher’s character is good, however,
God refers to his character as that of “error.”
(I John 4:6;)

THE GIFT OF DISCERNMENT.

The one with the gift of “discerning” (**diakrisis**) spirits is one who is able to make a “separation, dissolution, a decision, judgment” regarding who is of error and who is of truth.

THE GIFT OF DISCERNMENT.

The ability to recognize the difference between truth and error; the real and the sham.

1Tim 4:1-3; and 1John 4:1;

1Tim 4:1-3; “Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last days some will turn away from what we believe; they will follow lying spirits and teachings that come from demons.”

“These teachers are hypocrites and liars.

They pretend to be religious, but their consciences are dead. They will say it is wrong to be married and wrong to eat certain foods. But God created those foods to be eaten with thanksgiving by people who know and believe the truth.”

THE GIFT OF DISCERNMENT.

The ability to recognize the difference between truth and error; the real and the sham.

1Tim 4:1-3; and 1John 4:1,6;

1John 4:1; “Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world.”

1John 4:5-6; “These people belong to this world, so they speak from the world's viewpoint, and the world listens to them. But we belong to God; that is why those who know God listen to us. If they do not belong to God, they do not listen to us.

That is how we know if someone has the Spirit of truth or the spirit of deception.”

THE GIFT OF DISCERNMENT.

**It was one of the gifts peculiar to that age,
and was especially necessary at a time when God's
revelation was not fully established or generally
understood, and when many deceivers were abroad.**

(2 John 7;

**This seemed to have been exercised chiefly upon
those who came forward as teachers of others,
and whose real designs and intentions
it was important that the church should know.**

THE GIFT OF LANGUAGE. Miraculous Use of Language

Different kinds of Languages. Spoke languages that they had never learned. See Acts 2:6-8;

The nature of the tongue speaking Paul discussed in these chapters has been **the subject of much disagreement.**

Many who want to include angelic tongues today say that there is room for that interpretation.

The say that there is no interpreter mentioned on the Day of Pentecost.

THE GIFT OF LANGUAGE.

Different kinds of Languages. - spoke languages
that they had never learned. **Acts 2:6-8;**.

6. “And when this sound was heard, the multitude
came together, and were confounded,
**because every man heard them
speaking in his own language.”**

7. “and they were all amazed & marvelled, saying,
Behold, are not all these that speak Galileans?
8. And how hear we, every man
in our own language wherein we were born?”

“9. Parthians and Medes and Elamites,
and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, in Judaea
and Cappadocia, in Pontus & Asia.”

THE GIFT OF LANGUAGE.

TONGUES:- THE ABILITY TO SPEAK IN LANGUAGES THEY HAD NOT LEARNED.

It is important to notice that the gift of languages was never used in the actual preaching of the Word.

Even on the Day of Pentecost, when this gift was exercised by the apostles, those who came together at the sound, heard them praising God, and “telling the mighty works of God.”

In other words, on the Day of Pentecost, the gift of languages was used to secure attention and to create the opportunity for the preaching of the Gospel in the language which all those Jews present could already understand.

THE GIFT OF LANGUAGES.

In those days people spoke **at least two languages**.

The Jews would speak both **Greek** and **Aramaic**.

In fact, the official, major language throughout the Roman Empire in those days was NOT Latin, as we might have expected, but **Greek**.

So, they did not need the power to speak in languages on the Day of Pentecost, in order to preach to the Jews who had assembled for the Feast of Pentecost.

Also important to bear in mind those they heard **were NOT 'strange languages.'**

The scriptures tells us that they spoke in “**OTHER languages.**” Acts 2:4;

THE GIFT OF LANGUAGE.

“To another different kinds of tongues.” (12:10;).

The word “**kinds**” (**genos**) is:-

“a race, stock, family, a caste of animals, a breed”

The word **GENOS** is used 21 times in the N.T.
and for the most part indicates **one's nationality**.

This helps us understand what
the gift of tongues was all about.

The word “**tongues**” (**glossa**) is defined
as “**a tongue, language.**”

Clearly, the language spoken was of differing
nationalities. One who had the **gift of tongues**
was able to speak a language of another race
of people **without ever studying the language.**

THE GIFT OF LANGUAGES.

**This was a language, not just
a mumbling of sounds or noise.**

**The tongues of the N.T. in no way resemble
the emotional and unintelligible displays
that are called speaking in tongues today.**

**Languages were a highly sought after,
but abused gift in the church at Corinth.**

(I Cor 14;)

The background of the Corinthians selfishness and egotism.

1 Cor 14:7; “It is the same with an inanimate musical instrument. If it does not make any distinction between notes, how can one recognise what is being played on flute or lyre?”

14:8; If the trumpet sounds a call which is unrecognisable, who is going to get ready for the attack? You do not know whether to retreat or advance. You would perhaps get the wrong message.

14:9; It is the same with you: if you do not use your gift of language to produce speech that can be readily understood, how can anyone know what you are saying? You will be talking to the air.

THE GIFT OF LANGUAGES.

**14:10; However many the languages used in the world,
all of them use sound; 11. but if I do not understand
the meaning of the sound, I am a barbarian to the person
who is speaking, and the speaker is a barbarian to me.**

**The Jews call the Gentiles barbarians
because they could not understand Hebrew.**

**In 1 Cor 14:21; This is written in the law:
'I will speak to this nation with different languages
and different dialects, but they will not obey me.'**

**That is what the Lord said.
They are condemning you,
but you're not hearing them.**

THE GIFT OF LANGUAGES.

That also tells us that the languages in 1 Cor 13 and 14; are languages like Chaldean, known languages. Nothing about Unknown or ecstatic or angelic languages.

1 Cor 14:16; “for if you praise and thank God with the spirit alone, speaking in another language, how can those who don't understand you be praising God along with you? How can they join you in giving thanks when they don't know what you are saying?

Paul is telling them rather than speaking and praying in languages to elevate yourself you would do far better to preach and pray in a language everybody understands.

THE GIFT OF LANGUAGES.

In 1 Cor 14:18; Paul says “I thank God that I speak with more languages than any of you; 19. all the same, when I am in the assembly I would rather say five words with my mind, to instruct others as well, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

Look at the ratio of profitability
If you are speaking with an unknown language
(like Hebrew to Greek speakers) you are
1999 times worse off than speaking with the understanding.

The next paragraph, 14:20 to 25;
I don't want you to be children. Paul is making
a play on this word child. They were being
children in mind. They were being very childish,
rather than being childlike as Jesus had taught.

THE GIFT OF LANGUAGES.

Living Bible 1 Cor 14:22;
“So you see that being able to
‘speak in languages’ is not a sign
to God's children concerning His power,
but is a sign to the unsaved.

However, prophecy
(preaching the deep truths of God)
is what the Christians need,
and unbelievers aren't yet ready for it.

THE GIFT OF LANGUAGES.

THE INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES.

This was the ability to translate the language used in the assembly, when a language was spoken so that those present, who did not know the language, would know what was being said.

Not all hearers in an audience could always understand a language; hence, the need for miraculous interpretation.

You see from this that the purpose for which the gift of languages was used on the **DAY OF PENTECOST** was different from its purpose when the Church met together. (see separate study on Tongues.)

New Testament Tongues. GIFT OF LANGUAGES.

- 1. Holy Spirit-induced.**
- 2. Unlearned by the speaker.**
- 3. Proper Foreign language.**
- 4. Produced rational truth.**
- 5. Given as sign to unbelievers.**
- 6. Used with regulations.**
- 7. Last until complete truth.**

Alleged Tongues Today.

- 1. Self-induced.**
- 2. Learned by the speaker.**
- 3. Unknown babbling, gibberish.**
- 4. Produces an emotional frenzy.**
- 5. Given for a sign to believers.**
- 6. Used without regulation.**
- 7. Last until the 2nd Coming.**

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. Limitations on these gifts . . .

Not to everyone, and not according to the will of the seeker, but only according to the will of the Spirit, to a limited number of persons.

Not all Christians had these "spiritual" gifts; some may have had no such gift at all.

**1 Cor 12:28-30; -1 Cor 14:16, 23-24;
("uninformed." NKJV) "ungifted." (NASB)**

**A lesson for today:- What has been described as having happened to others is not necessarily intended for us,
or for any others than those mentioned.**

**What is promised to us we ought to appropriate.
What is commanded of us we ought to obey.**

MIRACULOUS SPIRITUAL GIFTS.

One can desire and seek only what is available.

**Matt 7:7-8; Paul urged the Corinthians
to desire the spiritual gifts. (I Cor 12:31;)**

**but he warns them that these same gifts
would be done away. (1 Cor 13:8-10;).**

**Were they, or we, to continue asking for them
when God had brought them to an end?**

**Possession of these "spiritual" gifts
did not ensure spiritual maturity.**

**The brethren at Corinth came short in no gift. 1 Cor 1:4-7;
Yet they were noted for being "carnal" and "babes" 1 Co 3:1-4**

MIRACULOUS SPIRITUAL GIFTS.

**These "spiritual" gifts could be abused,
but also controlled.**

**Used for personal benefit,
or contrary to their purpose.**

1 Cor 14:1-5;

**Used improperly,
to the shame of the congregation.**

1 Co 14:23;

**Used properly,
to the edification of all.**

1 Cor 14:26-32;

MIRACULOUS SPIRITUAL GIFTS.

**The personality and individuality of the Holy Spirit
is seen here in that He distributed gifts
to individuals. v11 “as He wills.”**

**These nine spiritual gifts come from the
one Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives them
to individual Christians as He deems best.**

**No one should be dissatisfied with the spiritual gift
he received, because the Holy Spirit gave to each
individual a gift best suited for him
and best for the whole congregation.**

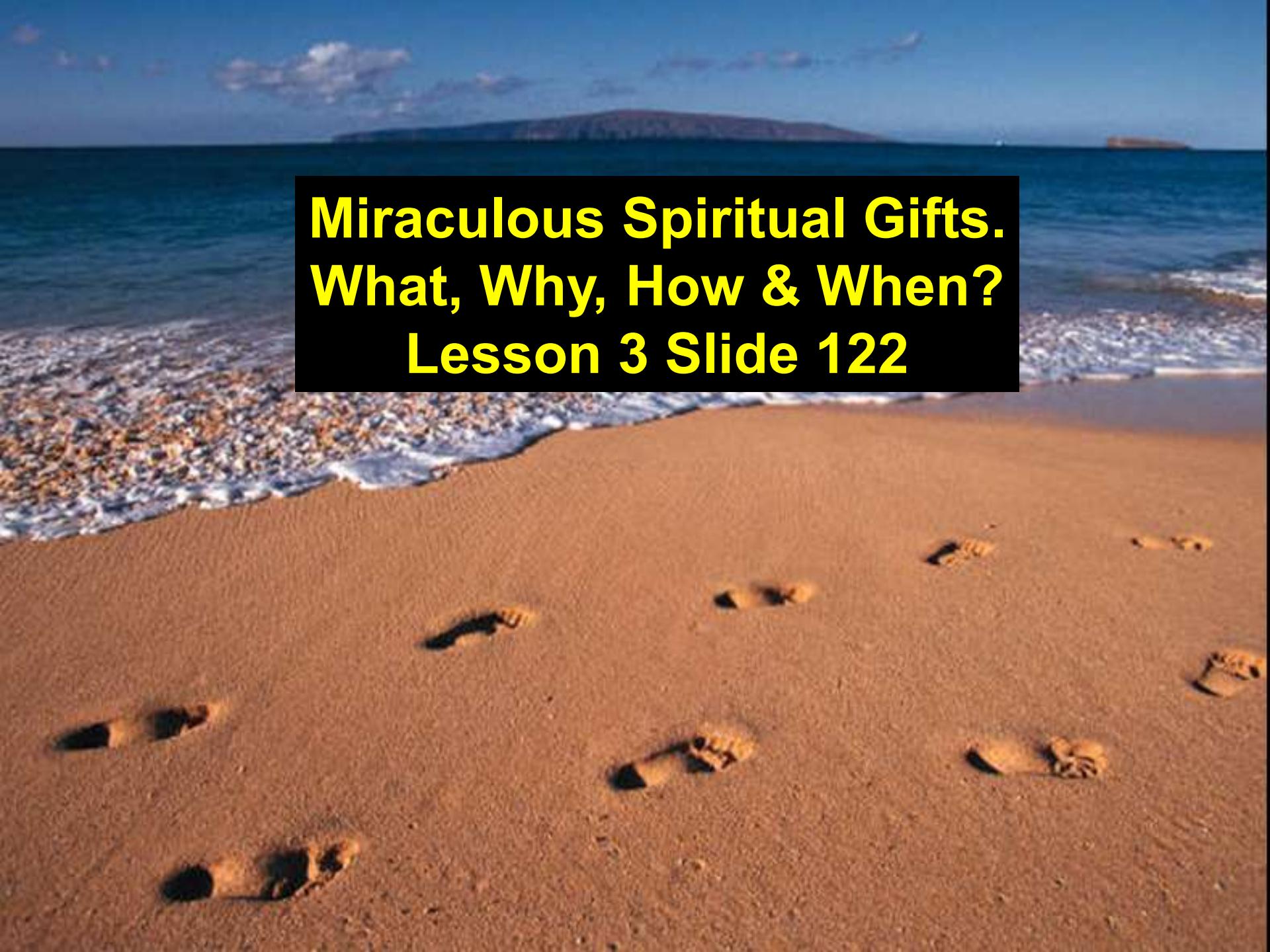
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ONE SPIRIT, ONE BAPTISM, ONE BODY.

**1 Cor 12:12; “The human body has many parts,
but the many parts make up only one body.
So it is with the body of Christ.”**

**Paul introduces the physical body to teach
basic truths about the body of Christ.**

The human body has many different members: the eye, the nose, the tongue, the leg, the arm, the feet.

However, it is one body.

**Each member of the body works together
to make the body function correctly.**

ONE SPIRIT, ONE BAPTISM, ONE BODY.

**In the body (the church) of Christ,
there are many members.**

**Each member is different and
has different gifts.**

**Each is important for the correct functioning
of the body. Although there are many
members, there is just one body, the church.
(Ephesians 1:22-23).**

ONE SPIRIT ONE BAPTISM ONE BODY.

1 Cor 12:13; “Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into Christ's body by one Spirit, and we have all received the same Spirit.”

Jesus said, "Except one be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God"

(John 3:5). A person gets into Christ by being baptized by immersion for the remission of his sins.

(Acts 2:38; Galatians 3:26-27;)

When one is baptized in obedience to Christ's command, he is baptized into Christ. (Gal 3:27;).

He comes in contact with the blood of Christ, his sins are forgiven and he is made a new person in Christ by the Spirit. (Rom 6:3-4;).

ONE SPIRIT ONE BAPTISM ONE BODY.

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In the first century Jews and Greeks, slaves and free men were baptized into Christ.

They became one in Christ.

This was a great marvel to Paul. (Col 1:9-29;)

In John 7:37-39; Jesus speaks of the Spirit as the living water. One drinks of the Spirit when he is baptized in water and receives the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

(Acts 2:38; 5:32; I Corinthians 6:19-20;)

ONE SPIRIT ONE BAPTISM ONE BODY.

**1 Cor 12:6; “There are different ways God works
in our lives, but it is the same God
who does the work through all of us.”**

The mere fact of some of the Corinthian Christians having one gift and others another gift really made no difference, since it was **the same Godhead** working through all of them.

Unlike the numerous idols of the pagans, **the one true God is a unity**, a unity which was **denied by the parties and divisions in Corinth**; Paul writes these words with a view to **restructuring the broken unity**.

MIRACULOUS SPIRITUAL GIFTS.

How were the miraculous gifts given?

They were bestowed in two ways:-
directly and indirectly.

Directly:- By the immediate power of the Holy Spirit.

The apostles were promised the baptism in/of/with the Holy Spirit, (Acts 1:5, 8), and received it on the day of Pentecost. Acts 2:1-4;

The purpose: to empower them to reveal truth and also to reveal the truth through them, ("as the Spirit gave them utterance"), and then to confirm it. Acts 2:16-21; Joel 2:38;

**Indirectly by the laying on
of the Apostles Hands**
we will come back to this one later.

Miraculous Spiritual Gifts.

How Were They Received?

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Only on two
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The apostles,
at Pentecost.
Acts 2:1-4;
The
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of Cornelius.
Acts 10:44-46;

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Occasion,
The Samaritans.
Acts 8:14-19;
The Ephesians.
Acts 19:6;
The Romans.
Rom 1:11;
Timothy.
2 Tim. 1:6;

Apostles Promised Miraculous Powers, Not Christians Today.

Apostles to be baptized with Holy Spirit.

– John 14:26; “...*the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things...*”

John 15:26; “...*when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceeds from the Father, he shall testify of me...*”

Apostles Promised Miraculous Powers, Not Christians Today.

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– John 16:13; “...when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth.”

- Acts 1:5,8; “...you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence. ...But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and you shall be witnesses unto me unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MIRACULOUS GIFTS

Apostles overwhelmed, clothed with power.

Luke 24:49; “*I send the promise of my Father upon you: but wait in the city of Jerusalem, until you be endued with power from on high.*”

Acts 2:4; “*they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other languages, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*”

The result of the BAPTISM or OUTPOURING of the Spirit on the Apostles was that:-

They were Given many spiritual gifts.

Speaking in tongues, Healing, Casting out demons, Speaking God's inspired word, etc.

**The Holy Spirit enabled Jesus and the apostles
to perform miraculous signs
to confirm the word they preached.**



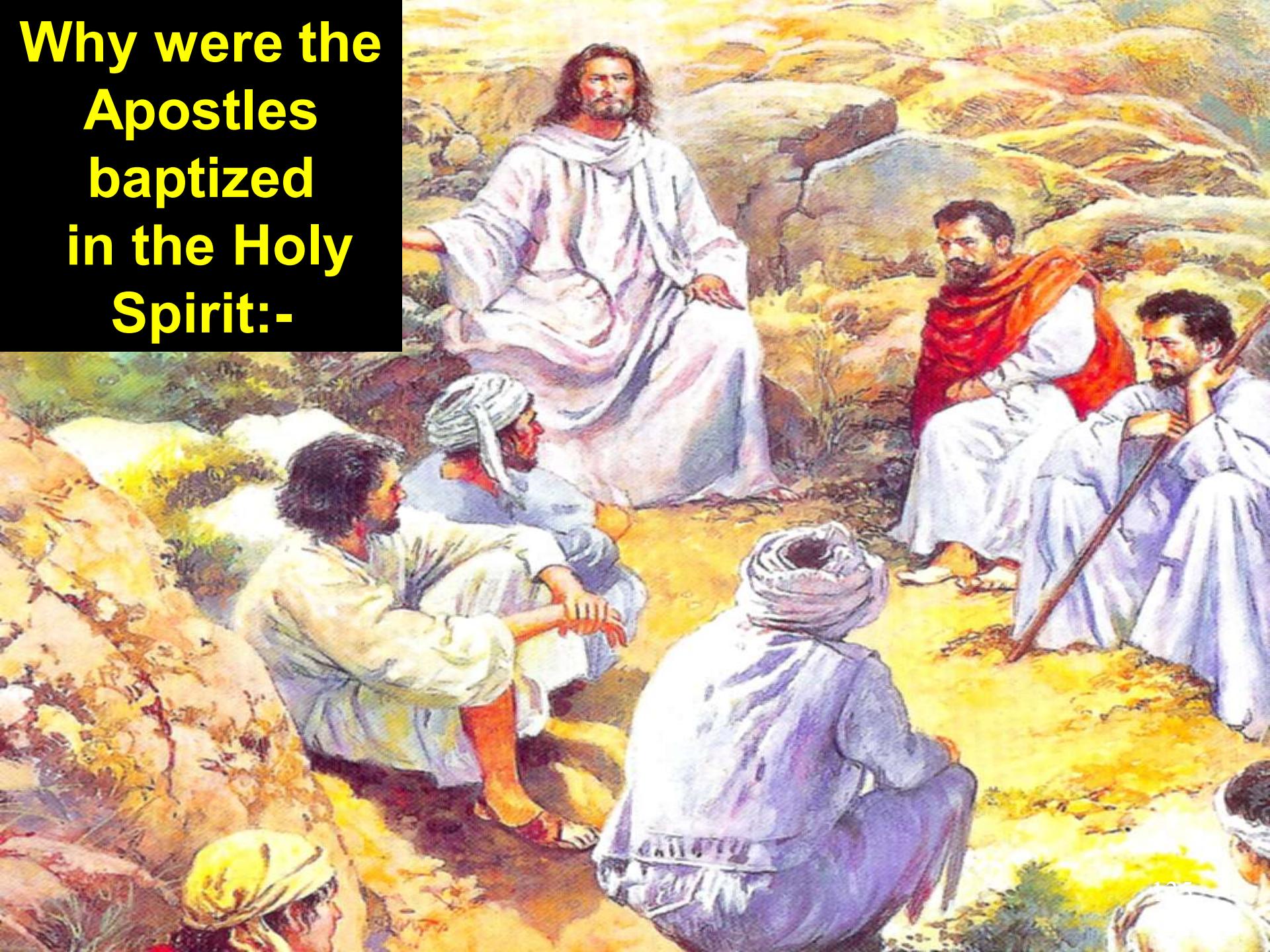
“How shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to His will.” (Heb 2:3-4;)



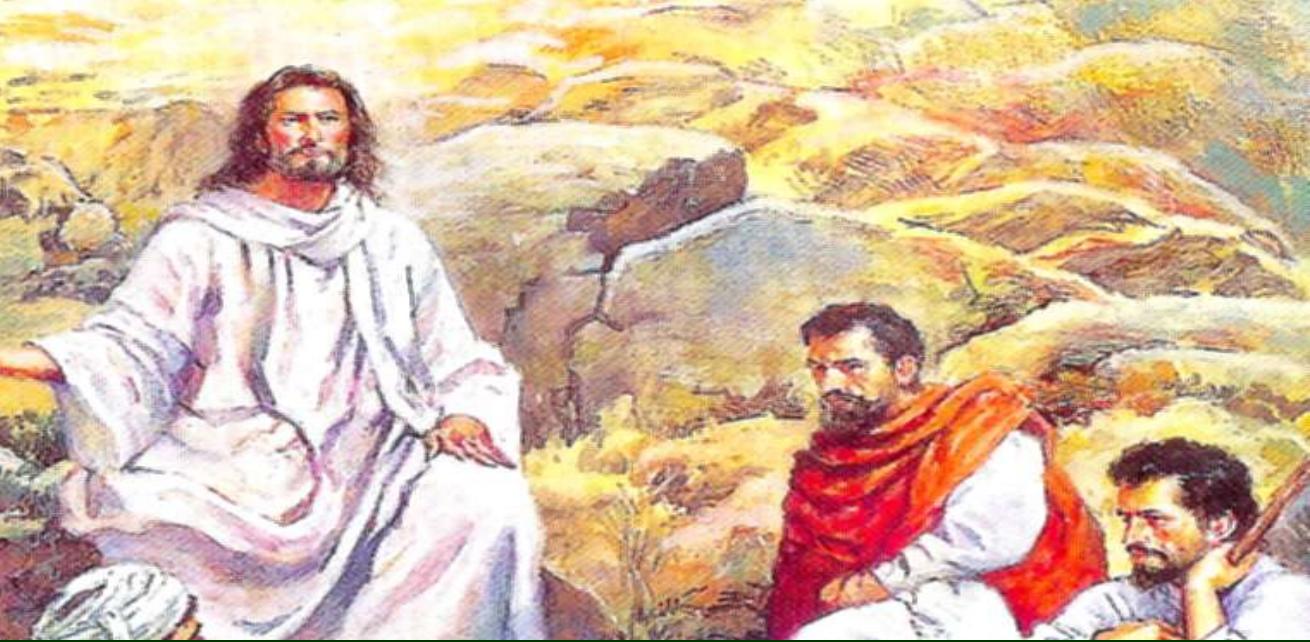
Why were the Apostles baptized in the Holy Spirit:-

“In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day He was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles He had chosen. After His suffering, He showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that He was alive.”

Why were the Apostles baptized in the Holy Spirit:-



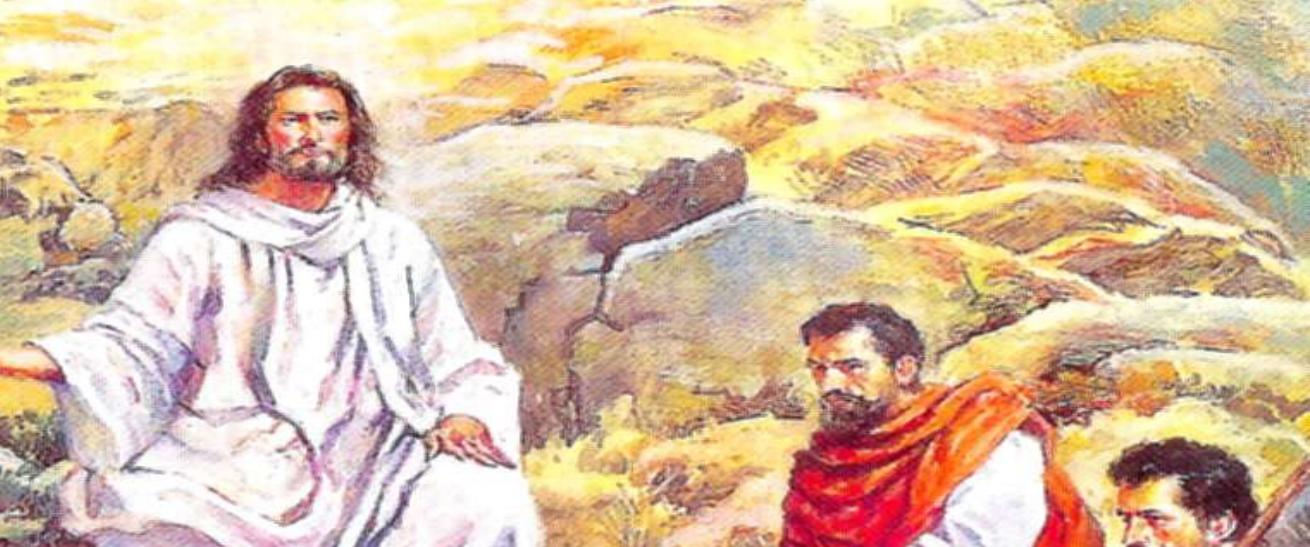
Why were the Apostles baptized in the Holy Spirit:-



“He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command:-”

"Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Why were the Apostles baptized in the Holy Spirit:-



**"So when they met together, they asked him,
"Lord, are you at this time going
to restore the kingdom to Israel?"**

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority."

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, And to the ends of the earth." Act 1:1-8;

The Holy Spirit was poured out, (they were baptized in.) The Apostles received the Power.



“Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.”

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.”

**The Holy Spirit was poured out,
(they were baptized in.)**

The Apostles received the Power.



“They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.” (Acts 1:25-2:4;)

How did people receive the gifts.

DIRECTLY FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT HIMSELF...

Only happened on two occasions,

- 1. The apostles, at Pentecost. – Acts 2:1-4;**
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1. The apostles, at Pentecost – Acts 2:1-4;

“Seven weeks had gone by since Jesus' death and resurrection, and the Day of Pentecost had now arrived.

As they met together that day, 2. suddenly there was a sound like the roaring of a mighty windstorm in the skies above them and it filled the house where they were meeting.”

“3. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on their heads. 4. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in languages they didn't know, for the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.”

THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE NEW TESTAMENT.

Jesus had told disciples to “wait in Jerusalem until they received power from the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 1:4-8;

4. “In one of these meetings as he was eating a meal with them, he told them, **“Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you what he promised. Remember, I have told you about this before.** 5. John baptized with water, but in just a few days **you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”**

“6. When **the apostles** were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, are you going to free Israel now and restore our kingdom?” 7. “The Father sets those dates,” he replied, “and they are not for **you** to know. 8. But when the **Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about me everywhere-in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”**

THE GIFTS FOR THE APOSTLES.

WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN WHAT JESUS SAID THE HOLY SPIRIT WOULD DO FOR THE APOSTLES.

**When they received the promised BAPTISM of the Spirit –
(their 'overwhelming' by and in the Spirit) - they would be
qualified and equipped to become the Lord's
WITNESSES, because the Holy Spirit would:-**

**REMIND them - (give them TOTAL RECALL) –
of “all that He had taught them during His ministry.”**
John 14:26;

**GUIDE them into ALL THE TRUTH that
the Father intended them to receive.
"He shall TEACH you all things." John 16:13;
REVEAL to them “THINGS TO COME.” John 16:13-14;.**

THE GIFTS FOR THE APOSTLES.

TESTIFY to Him. “Bear witness by means of the miracles they would be able to perform.”

John 15:26-27;.

This promise of the miraculous testimony of the Holy Spirit to their preaching of the Gospel was again promised by the Lord, after His resurrection, as recorded in

Mark 16:17-18;.

The passage is sometimes wildly misunderstood by some who claim that believers today are able to perform miracles – especially of the kind mentioned in these two verses.

But if we **read the verses in Mark 16:7;** We see that, at first, His disciples did not believe the claims of those who said they had seen Him after His resurrection, (v 11, 13;) and **Notice that the Lord ‘rebuked’ them for their unbelief.**

THE GIFTS FOR THE APOSTLES.

Then follows His Commission – 16:15-20; "Go!..."
And He gives the promise of miraculous support
to 'those who believe'.

Heb 2:3-4; records that the apostles did believe,
and their witness to Jesus and His resurrection
was endorsed by the miracles they performed.

Remember Jesus words In Mark 9:1;"I assure you
that some of you standing here right now will not die
before you see the Kingdom of God arrive in power!"

Again in Luke 24:48-49; “You are witnesses of all these things. "And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven."

Again in Acts 2:1-4 “And when the day of Pentecost was now come, they were all together in one place. 2. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound as of the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3. And there appeared unto them tongues parting asunder, like as of fire; and it sat upon each one of them. 4. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

In Acts 2:43; “A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders.”

THE GIFTS FOR THE APOSTLES.

Acts 3:6-7: “ But Peter said, "I don't have any money for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk!" Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankle bones were healed and strengthened.”

Acts 4:33;. “And the apostles gave powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great favour was upon them all.”

Acts 5:12; “Meanwhile, the apostles were performing many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And the believers were meeting regularly at the Temple in the area known as Solomon's Colonnade.”

THE GIFTS FOR THE APOSTLES.

**Paul says 2 Cor 12:12; “When I was with you,
I certainly gave you every proof that I am truly
an apostle, sent to you by God Himself.
For I patiently did many signs and wonders
and miracles among you.**

The miracles are described by Paul in Rom 15:19;

as

**“mighty signs and wonders
by the power of the Spirit of God.”**

HOW DID PEOPLE RECEIVE THE GIFTS.

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“Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who had heard the message.

45. The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out upon the Gentiles, too. 46. And there could be no doubt about it, for they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.”

HOW DID PEOPLE RECEIVE THE GIFTS.

The purpose of the gift was not to save them.
They still had to obey the gospel plan of salvation.

Acts 10:47-48;

The purpose was not to reveal truth to Cornelius
and there is no evidence that the gift remained
with them as it did with the apostles.

The purpose was to prove to the apostles
and to the Jewish Christians
that Gentiles were acceptable to God.
10:23, 34-36, 45, and 11:12-15;

HOW DID PEOPLE RECEIVE THE GIFTS.

There is some objection to calling this experience of Cornelius a "baptism of/in/with the Holy Spirit."

Peter speaks of "the like gift" that the apostles received, but may be referring to the fact that it was given directly by the Spirit and remember it was only the gift of a language, probably Hebrew.

It is not identical to the experience of the apostles on the day of Pentecost.

We would not be contentious over terms
We admit only that it was a direct bestowal
of a miraculous gift.

We will deal with Cornelius experience
in more detail later.



**The Holy Spirit was a counselor.
(some versions say, “comforter.”)
For the apostles after Jesus left them
to return to His Father.**



“All this I have spoken while still with you.
But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father
will send in my name, will teach you all things and
will remind you of everything I have said to you.”
(John 14:25-26;)

A Variety of Gifts 1 Cor 12:4-11;.

Gifts were to confirm the preaching.

**“They went out and preached everywhere,
the Lord working with them and confirming
the word through the accompanying signs.”**

Mark 16:20;

**“For I long to see you, that I may
impart to you some spiritual gift,
so that you may be established.”**

Rom 1:11;

Miraculous Gifts, for Special Purposes.

Gave Confirmation. Heb 2:4, “God also

bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to His own will?”

Gave Inspiration. Acts 2:4, “...they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

Provided Edification. 1st Cor 14:26;

“How is it then, brethren? when you come together, every one of you has a psalm, has a doctrine, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation

Let all things be done unto edifying.”

HOW DID PEOPLE RECEIVE THE GIFTS.

Miraculous gifts were also given directly, by the laying on of the hands of an apostle.

All cases of the miraculous gifts other than that of the apostles and Cornelius (and that of Saul of Tarsus, which we will speak of separately) were given by laying on of apostles' hands.

Acts 8:14-19; Acts 19:1-7; Romans 1:11;

HOW DID PEOPLE RECEIVE THE GIFTS.

The Samaritans – Acts 8:14-19;

“When the apostles back in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had accepted God's message, they sent Peter and John there.

15. As soon as they arrived, they prayed for these new Christians to receive the Holy Spirit.”

16. The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them, for they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

17. Then Peter and John laid their hands upon these believers, and they received the Holy Spirit.

HOW DID PEOPLE RECEIVE THE GIFTS

- “18. When Simon saw that the Holy Spirit was given when the apostles placed their hands upon people's heads, he offered money to buy this power.
19. "Let me have this power, too," he exclaimed, "so that when I lay my hands on people, they will receive the Holy Spirit!"

The Ephesians. – Acts 19:5-6; “As soon as they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6. Then when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in other tongues and prophesied.”

HOW DID PEOPLE RECEIVE THE GIFTS.

THROUGH THE LAYING ON
OF THE APOSTLES HANDS.

The Romans – Rom 1:11-12; “I want to see you very much, so that I may give you a spiritual gift; it will make you strong, 12. that is, so that we could encourage each other. My faith would help you and your faith would help me.”

Timothy - 2 Tim. 1:6; “This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you.”

HOW DID PEOPLE RECEIVE THE GIFTS.

THROUGH THE LAYING ON
OF THE APOSTLES HANDS...

1 Tim. 4:14; “Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the elders.”

1) Though the Greek “with” implies that the presbyter's laying on hands was the mere accompaniment of the conferring of the gift. (Jamieson, Fausset, Brown.)

(Not giving a gift but a sign of authority and approval.)

2) And “by” (in 2 Tim 1:6) implies that Paul's laying on his hands was the actual instrument of its being conferred (ibid.) 2 Tim. 1:6; “That is why I am reminding you now to stir up the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.”

HOW DID PEOPLE RECEIVE THE GIFTS.

The case of Saul of Tarsus seems to be as unique as his apostleship Acts 9:10-18; Acts 9:17; does not say that Saul received or was to receive the Holy Spirit by the laying of Ananias' hands.

Rather, Ananias reveals the Lord's promise that Saul was to receive the Holy Spirit from the Lord, but it was not to come until he had done what Ananias would command him in the name of the Lord, he was to be baptised.
Acts 9:18; 22:16;

“And now, why delay? Get up and be Immersed, and have your sins washed away, calling on the name of the Lord.” Acts 22:16;

HOW DID PEOPLE RECEIVE THE GIFTS

Saul was commissioned to apostleship by Jesus himself. He learned the truths that he was to teach, not from men, but by direct revelation from the Lord. Galatians 1:11-12, Acts 26:16-18;

When Saul/ Paul received the miraculous powers of the Holy Spirit which he demonstrated throughout his ministry, no one can say.
The Scripture is silent about it.

So Saul's experience was unique, one of a kind just as that of the apostles on the day of Pentecost was one of a kind. It was not typical. It means nothing at all about our own experience of the Holy Spirit today.

PURPOSE OF MIRACULOUS GIFTS.

Why were the miraculous gifts given?

There are **four purposes** either explicitly stated or clearly implied in the Scripture.

1. They were given as authenticating signs of apostleship. 2 Cor. 12:12.

2. Some were used to confirm the word.

Miracles of healing, raising the dead, etc.
would fall into this class.

Mark 16:17-20, Heb. 2:3-4;

3. Some were used by the Holy Spirit in revealing or making known the truth of God. For example:- prophecy, tongues, interpretation. 1 Cor 4:12-26;

PURPOSE OF MIRACULOUS GIFTS.

- 1. They were edifying the congregation, not rewards for personal service or personal righteousness.**

1 Cor. 14:12, 26 and Eph. 4:12;

**This is the only one which could cause us
any difficulty in determining
the duration of the miraculous gifts.**

Because congregations still require edifying today.

Miraculous Spiritual Gifts.

Purpose Of The Gifts?

Confirmed
Both
Messenger
&
Message!

Mark 16:20 (NKJV)

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

Miraculous Spiritual Gifts.

Purpose Of The Gifts?

Hebrews 2:1-4 (NKJV)

Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. [2] For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, [3] how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, [4] God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

Old Testament

New Testament

Miraculous Spiritual Gifts.

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Confirmed Both
Messenger
& Message!

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Numbers. 16:28-30

Deuteronomy. 4:32-40

Joshua. 2:9-11

1 Kings 18:21-24, 30-39

New Testament.

Matthew. 9:1-6

Matthew. 11:2-6

John. 2:1-11, 23

John. 3:1-2

John. 5:31-36

John. 10:22-25, 37-38

Acts. 2:22

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Exodus 4:1-8; “But Moses protested again, "Look, they won't believe me! They won't do what I tell them. They'll just say, 'The Lord never appeared to you.' " 2. Then the Lord asked him, "What do you have there in your hand?" "A shepherd's staff," Moses replied. 3. "Throw it down on the ground," the Lord told him. So Moses threw it down, and it became a snake! Moses was terrified, so he turned and ran away.”

“4. Then the Lord told him, "Take hold of its tail." So Moses reached out and grabbed it, and it became a shepherd's staff again. 5. "Perform this sign, and they will believe you," the Lord told him. "Then they will realize that the Lord, the God of their ancestors-the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob-really has appeared to you."

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6. "Then the Lord said to Moses, "Put your hand inside your robe." Moses did so, and when he took it out again, his hand was white as snow with leprosy.

7. "Now put your hand back into your robe again," the Lord said. Moses did, and when he took it out this time, it was as healthy as the rest of his body."

8. "If they do not believe the first miraculous sign, they will believe the second," the Lord said."

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Exodus 4:28-31; 28: “Moses then told Aaron everything the Lord had commanded them to do and say. And he told him about the miraculous signs they were to perform.

29. So Moses and Aaron returned to Egypt and called the leaders of Israel to a meeting.

30. Aaron told them everything the Lord had told Moses, and Moses performed the miraculous signs as they watched.”

“31. The leaders were soon convinced that the Lord had sent Moses and Aaron. And when they realized that the Lord had seen their misery and was deeply concerned for them, they all bowed their heads and worshiped.”

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Exodus 7:1-5; “Then the Lord said to Moses, "Pay close attention to this. I will make you seem like God to Pharaoh. Your brother, Aaron, will be your prophet; he will speak for you. 2. Tell Aaron everything I say to you and have him announce it to Pharaoh. He will demand that the people of Israel be allowed to leave Egypt.”

3. “But I will cause Pharaoh to be stubborn so I can multiply my miraculous signs and wonders in the land of Egypt. 4. Even then Pharaoh will refuse to listen to you. So I will crush Egypt with a series of disasters, after which I will lead the forces of Israel out with great acts of judgment. 5. When I show the Egyptians my power and force them to let the Israelites go, they will realize that I am the Lord.”

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Numbers 16:28-30; 28. “And Moses said, "By this you will know that the Lord has sent me to do all these things that I have done, for I have not done them on my own. 29. If these men die a natural death, then the Lord has not sent me. 30. But if the Lord performs a miracle and the ground opens up and swallows them and all their belongings, and they go down alive into the grave, then you will know that these men have despised the Lord."

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Deuteronomy 4:32-40; "Search all of history, from the time God created people on the earth until now. Then search from one end of the heavens to the other. See if anything as great as this has ever happened before. 33. Has any nation ever heard the voice of God* speaking from fire-as you did-and survived?"

"34. Has any other god taken one nation for himself by rescuing it from another by means of trials, miraculous signs, wonders, war, awesome power, and terrifying acts? Yet that is what the Lord your God did for you in Egypt, right before your very eyes. 35. "He showed you these things so you would realize the Lord is God, that there is no other god."

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Joshua 2:9-11; "I know the Lord has given you this land," she told them. "We are all afraid of you. Everyone is living in terror. 10. For we have heard how the Lord made a dry path for you through the Red Sea when you left Egypt.

And we know what you did to Sihon and Og, the two Amorite kings east of the Jordan River, whose people you completely destroyed."

"11. No wonder our hearts have melted in fear! No one has the courage to fight after hearing such things. For the Lord your God is the supreme God of the heavens above and the earth below."

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1 Kings 18:21-24, 30-39; “Then Elijah stood in front of them and said, "How long are you going to waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him! But if Baal is God, then follow him!" But the people were completely silent.

22. Then Elijah said to them, "I am the only prophet of the Lord who is left, but Baal has 450 prophets."

“23. Now bring two bulls. The prophets of Baal may choose whichever one they wish and cut it into pieces and lay it on the wood of their altar, but without setting fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood on the altar, but not set fire to it.

24. Then call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the Lord. The god who answers by setting fire to the wood is the true God!" And all the people agreed.”

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1 Kings 18:30-39: “Then Elijah called to the people, “Come over here!” They all crowded around him as he repaired the altar of the Lord that had been torn down. 31. He took twelve stones, one to represent each of the tribes of Israel, 32. and he used the stones to rebuild the Lord's altar.

Then he dug a trench around the altar
large enough to hold about three gallons.”

“33. He piled wood on the altar, cut the bull into pieces, and laid the pieces on the wood. Then he said, "Fill four large jars with water, and pour the water over the offering and the wood." After they had done this.”

1 Kings 18:30-39; “34. he said, "Do the same thing again!"

And when they were finished, he said, "Now do it a third time!" So they did as he said, 35. and the water ran around the altar and even overflowed the trench. 36. At the customary time for offering the evening sacrifice, Elijah the prophet walked up to the altar and prayed, "O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, prove today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant.

Prove that I have done all this at your command.”

37.“ O Lord, answer me! Answer me so these people will know that you, O Lord, are God and that you have brought them back to yourself." 38. Immediately the fire of the Lord flashed down from heaven and burned up the young bull, the wood, the stones, and the dust. It even licked up all the water in the ditch! 39. And when the people saw it, they fell on their faces and cried out, "**The Lord is God! The Lord is God!**"

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Acts 2:22; Acts 10:38; John 20:30-31;**

Matthew 9:1-8; “5. Is it easier to say, 'Your sins are forgiven' or 'Get up and walk'? 6. I will prove that I, the Son of Man, have the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, "Stand up, take your mat, and go on home, because you are healed!" 7. And the man jumped up and went home! 8. Fear swept through the crowd as they saw this happen right before their eyes. They praised God for sending a man with such great authority.”

Matt 11:2-5; “3. Are you really the Messiah we've been waiting for, or should we keep looking for someone else?" 4. Jesus told them, "Go back to John and tell him about what you have heard and seen, 5. the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor.”

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John 3:1-2; “1. After dark one evening, a Jewish religious leader named Nicodemus, a Pharisee, 2. came to speak with Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are proof enough that God is with you."

**John 2:1-11; “9. When the master of ceremonies tasted the water that was now wine, not knowing where it had come from (though, of course, the servants knew), he called the bridegroom over. 10. "Usually a host serves the best wine first," he said. "Then, when everyone is full and doesn't care, he brings out the less expensive wines.
But you have kept the best until now!"**

11. This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was Jesus' first display of his glory. And his disciples believed in him.”

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John 2:23; “Because of the miraculous signs he did in Jerusalem at the Passover celebration, many people were convinced that he was indeed the Messiah.”

John 5:31-36; 34. “But the best testimony about me is not from a man, though I have reminded you about John's testimony so you might be saved.

35. John shone brightly for a while, and you benefited and rejoiced.

36. But I have a greater witness than John, my teachings and my miracles. They have been assigned to me by the Father, and they testify that the Father has sent me.”

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John 10:22-25, 37-38; “22. It was now winter, and Jesus was in Jerusalem at the time of Hanukkah. 23. He was at the Temple, walking through the section known as Solomon's Colonnade. 24. The Jewish leaders surrounded him and asked, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

25. Jesus replied, "I have already told you, and you don't believe me. The proof is what I do in the name of my Father."

John 10:37-38; “Don't believe me unless I carry out my Father's work. 38. But if I do his work, believe in what I have done, even if you don't believe me. Then you will realize that the Father is in me, and I am in the Father.”

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**Acts 2:22; "People of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed
Jesus of Nazareth by doing wonderful miracles, wonders,
and signs through Him, as you well know."**

**Acts 10:38; “And no doubt you know that God anointed
Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power.
Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who
were oppressed by the Devil, for God was with him.”**

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John 20:30-31 (NKJV)

“And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; [31] but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”

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**3. New Testament – (Others) - Mark 16:15-20;
Romans 15:19; Acts 14:3; 1 Corinthians 2:4-5; Ephes 3:3-5;
2 Corinthians 12:12; Hebrews 2:1-4;**

Some gifts revealed God's will.

(e.g., wisdom; prophecy.)

Other gifts confirmed God's will.

(e.g., tongues, miracles.)

**Gifts were of little value unless
truth was being revealed. 1 Cor 14:6;
Prophesy more highly regarded than tongues.
1 Co 14:5;**

How can one tell whether the gifts are truly from God?

What are the tests for true spirituality?

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John 4:1-6;

“1. Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God.

For there are many false prophets in the world.

**2. This is the way to find out if they have the Spirit of God:
If a prophet acknowledges that Jesus Christ became a human being, that person has the Spirit of God.”**

3. “If a prophet does not acknowledge Jesus, He is not from God. Such a person has the spirit of the Antichrist. You have heard that he is going to come into the world, and he is already here.”

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“4. But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won your fight with these false prophets, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world. 5. These people belong to this world, so they speak from the world's viewpoint, and the world listens to them.”

“6. But we belong to God; that is why those who know God listen to us. If they do not belong to God, they do not listen to us. That is how we know if someone has the Spirit of truth or the spirit of deception.”

We cannot emphasise enough that the Bible, is the written revealed word of God that must be the final authority for all our faith and practice.

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**1. Gifts must not contradict or violate any principle
of God revealed in Scripture.**

Rev. 22:18-19; Gal. 1:6-8; 2 John 9-11;

**Silence of Scripture does not prove that a thing is from
God. One must be able to verify and support it, and find
approval for it in the Scripture before he dares to accept it as
being from God. 2 Tim. 3:16- 4:4**

**“1. And so I solemnly urge you before God and before Christ
Jesus-who will judge the living and the dead by his appearing
and his kingdom 2. Preach the word of God. Be persistent,
whether the time is favourable or not. Patiently correct,
rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. 3.
For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to right
teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look
for teachers who will tell them whatever they want to hear.
4. They will reject the truth and follow strange myths.”**

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1 Cor. 12:28-30 (NKJV)

And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. [29] Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? [30] Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

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Ephes 4:11-13; (NKJV)

“And He Himself gave
some to Be Apostles,
Some Prophets,
Some Evangelists,
And Some Pastors
And Teachers,
[12] for the equipping of
the saints for the work
of ministry, for the
edifying of the body of
Christ.”

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First apostles. In the first rank or order; or as superior in honour and in office. He has given them the highest authority in the church; He has more signally endowed them and qualified them than he has others.

Teachers—who taught, for the most part, truths already revealed; whereas the prophets made new revelations and spoke all their prophesying under the Spirit's influence.

As the **teachers** had the "word of knowledge," so the **prophets** "the word of wisdom." (1 Cor 12:8;)

Under "**teachers**" are included
"**evangelists and pastors.**"

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Miracles:- literally, "powers." (1 Cor 12:10;) Ranked below "teachers," as the function of teaching is more edifying, though less dazzling than working miracles.

Gifts Of Healings:- The power of healing those who were sick. 1 Cor 12:9; Compare James 5:14-16;

Helps, governments:- Lower and higher departments of "service" (1 Cor. 12:5); as instances of the former, deacons whose office it was to help in the relief of the poor, and in baptizing and preaching. (Acts 6:1-10; Acts 8:5-17);

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**Also, others who helped with their time and means,
in the Lord's cause.**

(compare 1 Cor 13:13; Num 11:17;).

The Americans similarly use "helps" for "helpers."

**As instances of the higher service, Elders / Bishops /
Pastors, whose office it was to govern the Church.**

(1 Tim 5:17; Hebrews 13:17, 24;)

**These officers, though now ordinary and permanent,
were originally specially endowed with the Spirit for
their office, so they are here classified with other
functions of an inspired character.**

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Administrators:- (Government) (literally, "guiding the helm" of affairs,) as being occupied with external things, notwithstanding the outward status it gives, is ranked by the Spirit with the lower functions.

Compare "He that gives" (answering to "helps")— "he that rules" (answering to "governments") (Romans 12:8). Translate, literally, "Helpings, Governings" [Alford].

Those who speak in unknown languages.

(1 Cor. 12:10.) “Different languages.”

Imparted by Laying on of the apostles hands.

While the Apostles were alive the gifts:-

- 1. Enabled the speaker to communicate
in languages he hadn't learned.**
- 2. Guided them in the execution of penalties
upon the wicked.**
- 3. Protected them from such things as
poisonous snakes.**
- 4. Enabled them to foretell future events.**
- 5. Empowered them to raise even the dead.**
- 6. To heal all manner of diseases.**

THE GIFTS WERE TO CEASE. 1 Cor 12:4-11;

1 Cor 13:8 “Love never fails. But if there are **prophecies**, they will fail; if there **tongues**, they will cease; if there is **knowledge**, it will vanish away.”

1Cor. 13:9 “For we know in part and we prophesy in part. 10. But when that **which is perfect has come**, then that **which is in part** will be done away.”

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While the gifts were available they performed all the purposes that they were intended for.

1 Cor 13 tells us that there would come a time when having fulfilled their purposes, the miraculous gifts would pass away.

The gifts were given to confirm the message and the messengers and reveal the will of God. Both purposes have been fulfilled we have the perfect revelation from God in our Bibles today. 1 Pet 1:3; 2 Tim 3:16-17;

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