



Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Lesson 1: Introduction to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

1. Introduction

We were not created to live on human strength.

God created us to be power _____ – empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Zechariah 4:6

We do not have to endure our ministry – we should enjoy our ministry.

Why? Because we are power assisted!

On the night before Jesus was crucified He said –

John 16:7

Definition of HELPER: _____

Acts 1:8

Without the Holy Spirit we can do nothing

He is our partner and He is our friend.

He is the one who empowers us to _____

The Holy Spirit is God in action on the earth.

In the New Testament there are _____ passages which refer to the Holy Spirit.

He is mentioned _____ times in the Gospels and _____ times in the book of Acts.

Hebrews 2:4

Definition of WITNESS: _____

When we preach there should be an evidence of God's power.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are manifested for a purpose.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are introduced in 1 Corinthians 12 - immediately after 1 Corinthians 11 – where Paul teaches about communion.

This tells us that it is more important to have a _____ with Christ first.

We must have a relationship with the giver of the gifts. The gifts come out of the relationship with the giver.

The Holy Spirit Himself is referred to as a gift.

Acts 2:38

Definition of GIFT: _____

If you act in faith – there is a gift given to you.

2. The Promise**Acts 1:4**

This meeting with the disciples and early church members takes place after the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The disciples had been through a lot – Jesus' arrest, trial, beating, death, burial and then the resurrection

Then Jesus told them about their massive assignment – to bring the message of the Gospel to the entire world, baptize people, cast out demons, and heal the sick.

Jesus told them, "Do not do anything until you are filled with the Holy Spirit."

Out of the 8,000 promises in the Bible Jesus said the Holy Spirit was **THE** Promise.

The Holy Spirit isn't just a promise He is **THE** Promise.

Acts 2:38, 39

3. We are made for the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:1-4

What we read about in Acts 2 is what God intended to be normal Christianity. This is not a one-time historical event.

4. Rushing mighty wind

Acts 2:2

Notice how the Holy Spirit came – a rushing mighty wind!

A rushing mighty wind is like a hurricane. It speaks of power!

When a hurricane wind blows and you are on the street you have to hold on for dear life or you will be swept away. That is power.

The Holy Spirit didn't come like a gentle breeze. He came like a rushing mighty wind.

5. All received

Acts 2:3

The Bible tells us there were 120 people in the upper room that day.

This verse says that a fire sat on every single person's head.

Acts 2:4

All received the fire. All received the power. All received the Holy Spirit.

It's not a lottery to receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

120 out of 120 received. The Holy Spirit is for _____

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is for all blood washed Christians.

When our sins are washed away by the blood of Jesus we are qualified to receive the Holy Spirit.

There is no waiting! The power waits for you.

The Holy Spirit is for everyone and _____ is for everyone.

The Nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:1

The word “gifts” was not in the original passage.

In the original Greek language, it means – _____

One of the reasons why the gifts of the Holy Spirit are not more prominent in our churches is that we are ignorant of the things of the Spirit.

Hosea 4:6

God does not want us to be ignorant of the things of the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:2, 3

We can speak the wonderful name of Jesus because of the relationship we have with Him.

1 Corinthians 12:4

Definition of DIVERSITIES: _____

The gifts have a division to them. We can take all nine gifts of the Holy Spirit and divide them into three groups of three.

The gifts that help us _____ like God.

The gift of speaking in tongues
The gift of interpretation of tongues
The gift of prophecy

The gifts that help us _____ like God.

The gift of the word of wisdom
The gift of the word of knowledge
The gift of discerning of spirits

The gifts that help us _____ like God.

The gift of faith
The gift of the working of miracles
The gifts of healings

1 Corinthians 12:5

There are different ways these gifts can be ministered.

For example, the gift of the word of knowledge can operate by knowing that there is a person in the room with cancer. However, it can also be more precise and know the exact individual who has cancer. Either way, both examples are operations of the word of knowledge.

1 Corinthians 12:6

There are differences in the ways the gifts operate to bring about a desired result.

For example, the gifts of healings can bring about physical healing in someone's body many different ways. Just a few examples from the Bible are:

- Anointing with oil
- Pieces of cloth or material

- _____

- Speaking a word

- _____

1 Corinthians 12:7

The operation of the gifts profits everyone.

1 Corinthians 12:8-11

This passage of scripture lists all nine gifts of the Holy Spirit.

A few of the words used in these verses are interesting to study. Different words are used to describe how the Spirit gives us these gifts.

In verse 8 the word “through” is used first. This is an accurate translation. – *for to one is given the word of wisdom **through** the Spirit*

Then the word “through” is used again. The King James Version uses the word “by”. – *to another the word of knowledge **through** the same Spirit*

Definition of THROUGH:

- _____

- Indicates motion from a higher place into a lower place

Another Greek word is used in the next verse. The word “by” in verse 9 sheds more light on how the gifts of the Spirit come to us – *to another faith by the same Spirit*

Definition of BY:

- _____
- Implies motion into someone and then remaining in them

The gifts of the Spirit come through the Holy Spirit. When they come into us from Him, they rest on us. They move from a higher place into a lower place, but remain in us.

What are the purposes of the gifts of the Holy Spirit?

1. _____

1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27

The church is the body of Christ. And we are all members of that body.

The body reveals the power of God through the gifts of the Holy Spirit

2. _____

Mark 16:15-18

Evangelism should not be done through man’s ways.

The Gospel is supposed to travel on _____

The Gospel is the glove – the Holy Spirit is the hand in the glove.

We need signs and wonders to reach the world.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit help us to bring God’s power and anointing to the world.

3. _____

1 Corinthians 14:26

The gifts also bring us into a place of maturity

4. _____

The gifts are weapons. We are in warfare.

The ministry of Jesus was marked by miracles. Our ministries should be the same.

1 Corinthians 12:11

He is willing!

Charis

Sometimes the translation from Greek to English can cover up meanings of words.

The Greek language has 9 words that are all translated by one English word – “gift”.

One of the nine words translated “gift” is the Greek word “charisma”.

That is the word used in our text about the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

“Charisma” comes from the root word “charis”. “Charis” is normally translated “grace”.

Definition of GRACE: _____

We actually deserved evil. But God, in place of that, gave us good. That is grace.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are GRACE GIFTS. With this in mind, let us look at some truths about grace.

Truths about the grace of God

1. _____

Grace is free. The gifts are free. They cannot be earned.

The Holy Spirit gives gifts as He pleases. You can practice them and more become more proficient at them, but they are not earned.

If you can earn something, it is not grace.

God does reward those who do good, but that is not grace. Grace is on a different plane altogether.

One of the best ways to please God in your life is to accept His grace without trying to earn it.

2. _____

John 1:17

Grace come through Jesus. The gifts of the Holy Spirit come through a relationship with Jesus.

3. _____

Ephesians 2:8

This is true when operating in the gifts of the Spirit. There is an element of faith every time you step out to operate in one of the gifts.

4. _____

Hebrews 10:29

Charisma

Now that we understand CHARIS (grace), we are in a better place to understand CHARISMA.

Definition of CHARISMA: _____

“Charisma” is translated “gift”.

It is a free gift, given by God’s grace, which has a particular manifestation.

The word is used seventeen times in the New Testament.

We want to look at some of these – this will give you a better understanding of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Charisma gifts in the New Testament

Romans 1:11

Romans 5:15-17

The free gift (charisma) is righteousness.

This is the first free gift you receive.

2 Corinthians 5:21

Romans 6:23

There is a difference between earning wages and grace.

Grace simply means you did not work for it.

Wages is justice. You get what you deserve.

Grace is the alternative to justice. _____

Romans 11:29

When God gives a gift He doesn't change His mind.

If He did, it would be a _____ – not a gift.

Even if people misuse the gift, He will not take it away.

If, at any time, there is a condition for having a gift, it is not a gift.

1 Corinthians 1:7

There were many problems in the Corinthian church. However, they had the grace gifts in operation.

God does not give you gifts because you are a good person. He gives you gifts because you have the faith to receive them.

This is why it is so important that our foundation is a right relationship with Jesus Christ. What good are the gifts if I am living an unholy lifestyle?

1 Timothy 4:14**2 Timothy 1:6****1 Peter 4:10**

Peter did not expect any Christian to be lacking in grace gifts.

There is a great problem in the church today – We are operating in the natural.

We trust in education and background.

We need to operate in the spirit – the supernatural!