



The Gifts of the Spirit

“Gift of Faith”

July 6, 2016

Introduction – Tonight we are continuing our series on the Gifts of the Spirit. The Lord impressed me, that as a Church, He wants us to have a **“Growing in God”** summer. We are to grow in the **Character and Charisma** of **Christ** this summer. The **Character of Christ** is grown in us by **The Fruit of God’s Spirit** and the **Charisma** (divine gratuity, spiritual endowment, free gift or miraculous faculty) is given through us by **The Gifts of His Spirit**.

The purpose of this study is to acclimate (*to adapt to a new temperature, altitude, climate, environment, or situation*) us as Born again Believers in the Lord Jesus Christ who are Baptized in the Holy Spirit to the “existence and availability” of His supernatural gifts. The Holy Spirit manifests His Gifts through those of us who are not ignorant of them, but rather informed and earnestly desiring His Gifts to be in manifestation through our lives.

God is growing us up as His Church, to a Higher Level of Living and ministering than we have ever known before!

1 Corinthians 12:1-3, 7-11 – 1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: 2 You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. 3 Therefore I make known to you that **no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed** (banned or excommunicated), and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. 7 But the **manifestation of the Spirit** is given to each one **for the profit of all**: 8 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**. NKJV

God said (in the first verse of this chapter), that He did not want us to be ignorant of spiritual gifts. Ignorance comes through a lack of knowledge and if we don't know about these gifts, how will we be able to desire (covet earnestly) and experience these gifts (the last verse of this chapter).

1 Corinthians 12:31 - **But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.** NKJV

Here the Greek word for **"gifts"** is **"charisma"** and means gifts of grace.

“These nine gifts of the Holy Spirit are manifested through us by the grace of God, as The Holy Spirit wills. These gifts cannot be earned or owned by us. However, the Bible tells us that we are to desire spiritual gifts and grow in the grace of God.”

I. There are **Nine** Gifts that are divided into **three** categories

A. There are three **revelation** gifts, they **reveal** something

1. Word of **Wisdom**
2. Word of **Knowledge**
3. **Discerning** of Spirits

B. There are three **Power** Gifts, they **do** something

1. Gift of **Faith**
2. Gifts of **Healings**
3. Working of **Miracles**

C. There are three **Vocal** Gifts, they **say** something

1. Gift of **Prophecy**
2. Divers kinds of **Tongues**
3. Interpretation of **Tongues**

II. How are the Gifts of the Spirit are **Distributed**

A. According to the **Will** of God

B. **1 Corinthians 12:11** - But one and the same **Spirit** works all these things, **distributing to each one individually** as He wills. NKJV

C. To those who earnestly **Desire** them.

D. **1 Corinthians 12:31** - But **earnestly desire the best gifts**. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

III. The Gift of **Faith**

A. The Gift of **Faith** is not the same as **Faith** that comes from hearing God's Word, Romans 10:17.

B. The Gift of **Faith** is not the Fruit of **Faith** mentioned in, Galatians 5:22-23.

C. The Gift of **Faith** is a Supernatural manifestation of **Faith** given by the Holy Spirit to help us accomplish what is humanly impossible to do without God's Divine intervention.

D. Although general Faith is required to operate any of the Gifts of the Spirit, there is a Gift of the Spirit called, the Gift of **Faith** or **Special** Faith.

E. The Gift of **Faith** manifests after we have come to the end of our faith and we receive a supernatural gift of faith to help us **receive** what we need to carry out God's plan.

F. As we stand in **Faith**, walk by **Faith** and live by **Faith**, we become candidates for the Gift of **Faith** to manifest in and through our life.

G. With the Gift of **Faith** there is no human **effort** involved.

IV. The Gift of **Faith** vs. The Gift of Working of **Miracles**.

A. The Gift of Faith doesn't **work** a miracle, but **receives** a miracle.

1. When Daniel was in the Lion's Den he received a **Miracle** by the Gift of **Faith**.

2. **Daniel 6:23** - Now the king was exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, **because he believed in his God.** NKJV

B. The difference between the working of **miracles** and the gift of **Faith** is that the gift of working of miracles actively **does**, and the gift of Special Faith passively **receives**.

1. Throughout the Bible we see the Gift of **Faith** works primarily for those who are in **danger**.

2. The Gift of **Faith** is a divine gift enabling by the Spirit of God that causes what is **spoken** or desired by man, or spoken by God to ultimately come to pass.

3. To raise someone from the dead many times it requires all three of the **power** Gifts to be in operation; The Gift of Faith, Working of Miracles and Gifts of Healings.

V. Scriptures showing the Gift of **Faith** in operation in people's lives

A. **Elijah** calling forth a 3 ½ year drought

1 Kings 17:1-6 - And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, **said to Ahab, "As the LORD God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word."** 2 Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 3 "Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. 4 And it will be that you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there." 5 So he went and did according to the word of the LORD, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. 6 The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook. NKJV

B. **Elijah** calling down fire from Heaven

1 Kings 18:25-40 –25 Now Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one bull for yourselves and prepare it first, for you are many; and call on the name of your god, but put no fire under it." 26 So they took the bull which was given them, and they prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even till noon, saying, "O Baal, hear us!" But there was no voice; no one answered. Then they leaped about the altar which they had made. 27 And so it was, at noon, that Elijah mocked them and said, "Cry aloud, for he is a god; either he is meditating, or he is busy, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is sleeping and must be awakened." 28 So they cried aloud, and cut themselves, as was their custom, with knives and lances, until the blood gushed out on them. 29 And when midday was past, they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice. But there was no voice; no one answered, no one paid attention. 30 Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." So all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down. 31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, "Israel shall be your name." 32 Then with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD; and he made a trench around the altar large enough to hold two seahs of seed. 33 And he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood, and said, "Fill four waterpots with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice and on the wood." 34 Then he said, "Do it a second time," and they did it a second time; and he said, "Do it a third time," and they did it a third

time. 35 So the water ran all around the altar; and he also filled the trench with water. 36 And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, "LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word. 37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that You are the LORD God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again." 38 Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench. NKJV

C. **Joshua** commanding the Sun to stand still

Joshua 10:12-14 - 12 Then Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, **and he said in the sight of Israel: "Sun, stand still over Gibeon; And Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon."** 13 So the sun stood still, And the moon stopped, Till the people had revenge Upon their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day. 14 And there has been no day like that, before it or after it, that the LORD heeded the voice of a man; for the LORD fought for Israel. NKJV

D. **Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego in the Fiery Furnace**

Daniel 3:16-27 - 16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. 17 If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. 18 But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up." 19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and the expression on his face changed toward Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. He spoke and commanded that they heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated. 20 And he commanded certain mighty men of valor who were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, and cast them into the burning fiery furnace. 21 Then these men were bound in their coats, their trousers, their turbans, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. 22 Therefore, because the king's command was urgent, and the furnace exceedingly hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. 23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. 24 Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king." 25 "Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God." 26 Then Nebuchadnezzar went near the mouth of the burning fiery furnace and spoke, saying, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here." Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego came from the midst of the fire. 27 And the satraps, administrators, governors, and the king's counselors gathered together, and they saw these men on whose bodies the fire had no power; the hair of their head was not singed nor were their garments affected, and the smell of fire was not on them. NKJV

Application/Conclusion – As children of God, we are called to live by faith, walk by faith and use our faith to receive Gods great and precious promises. So, as we live, walk and receive from God’s Promises by faith, we can rest assured that when we come to the end of our faith, we become candidates for the Gift of Faith to manifest through us as the Holy Spirit wills and we earnestly desire Him to do so.