

*New Series at HPA...*



**SPIRITUAL GIFTS**  
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We are to  
***GROW***  
in the Belief and Use of  
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# Introduction – Spiritual Gifts

- 1 Peter 4:10 (NASB) *As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the multifaceted grace of God.*
- Spiritual gifts still are a vital part of Church.
- God has multiple operations, systems and levels of ministry, and the Spirit's gifts are how believers participate and cooperate with God.
- These gifts are *of/from* the Holy Spirit; we are only stewards of them.
- These gifts are to be used in serving one another.

# 1. Study to Know about Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:1 (NIV) *Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.*

- There is currently a deficiency of teaching and understanding the subject of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- We must open our hearts and focus our minds to believe what the Bible teaches about spiritual gifts; let's not be "*uninformed.*"
- The **fruit of the Spirit** is for all believers (Rom 7:4; Gal 5:22-23; Eph 5:9; Phil 1:11; Col 1:10; Jas 3:17).
- The **gifts of the Spirit** are for all believers who have been baptized in (filled with) the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4; 10:45-46).

## 2. The Divine Trinity Endorses Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 <sup>4</sup> *There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.* <sup>5</sup> *There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.* <sup>6</sup> *There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.*

- Notice the words “*different*” and “*same*” in each verse.
- The same God Who is over His entire universal operation has many distinct smaller operations (*working*) going on all the time (v6).
- The same Lord Who is the Head of His Church has many distinct ministries (*service*) going on all the time around the world (v5).
- The same Holy Spirit Who is currently managing the Church has various gifts to empower people in/for the Lord’s ministries (v4).

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# 3. The Purpose for Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:7 *Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.*

- First, the main gift of God is salvation.
- Then comes the gift of the Spirit Himself, which believers receive when they are baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit and power.
- Then come the spiritual gifts for Spirit-filled believers to carry out the ministries (*the common good*) in the church.
- Even though the Spirit is invisible, the “*manifestation of the Spirit*” is “*seen*” in the life, work and service of a believer.
- A Spirit-empowered believer is a benefit for everyone.

## 4. The 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12 List of Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:8-10 (English Standard Version-ESV)

*<sup>8</sup> For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.*

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and to another the **utterance of knowledge** according to the same Spirit,

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# 5. How to Function in the Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:31 *Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most excellent way.*

1 Corinthians 13:8 *Love never fails.*

v13 *And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

1 Corinthians 14:1 *Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.*

- The greatest gifts are the ones with less attention.
- But the greatest way to use all gifts is with love.

# Conclusion...

- Are you a believer in Jesus Christ?
- Are you baptized in the Holy Spirit, with the experience of speaking in tongues for the first time?
- Do you know what your gift is?
- Use your gift for the common good.
- The Spirit of God wants to move in the members of the Body of Christ by using His gifts to show everyone the way back to God.
- Let's **GROW IN THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS.**