

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Objective

- Learn about the gifts of the Holy Spirit as mentioned in Holy Scriptures.
- Understand unity and diversity within the Body of the Lord Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit.
- Understand God's will in our lives to be fruitful sons of righteousness and light and to have unity within our diversity.

References

- Holy Scriptures (New King James Version: www.biblegateway.com)
- Notes from lessons by Servant George Bassilios
- www.wikipedia.com

Scriptural Verses

"There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit . . . the same Lord. . . it is the same God"
(1 Corinthians 12:5, Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:13)

Lesson Outline

- ❖ Each member of the body has a gift and we are accountable to God for the gift we have been given, to use it (1 Corinthians 12:7; 14:26; Ephesians 4:16).
- ❖ Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it Colossians 4:17
- ❖ It is our responsibility to "stir up the gift."
- ❖ Let's not muffle His Spirit within us.
- ❖ "Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you...through the laying on of my hands" (2 Timothy 1:6).

Function of the Holy Spirit in our practical lives

A. Prophecy from the Old Testament of the Holy Spirit being poured on us

- ❖ "Until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is counted as a forest" (Isaiah 32:15).
- ❖ What is that Wilderness? Could it be our hearts?
- ❖ What is the Fruitful Field? Could it be our hearts once the Holy Spirit has filled it?
- ❖ What/Who is the Forest? Could it be the unity and strength of the Body of Christ?
- ❖ The Holy Spirit is Inspiring and Contagious!

B. The gifts are given to us not for ourselves but for the edification of the body of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all" (1 Corinthians 12:7)

- ❖ Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel” (1 Corinthians 14:12)
- ❖ “But earnestly desire the best gifts” (1 Corinthians 12:31)
- ❖ “As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another. As good stewards of the manifold, Grace of God" (1 Peter 4:10-11)

C. Spiritual gifts were never intended to be mysterious; God wants us to understand and use them.

- ❖ ”Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant“ (1 Corinthians 12:1)
- ❖ Let us realize our talents and gifts are not from our own selves and not for ourselves:
- ❖ “For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?” (1 Corinthians 4:7)

Gifts of the Holy Spirit as mentioned in the Holy Bible

Gifts of the Spirit: 1 Corinthians 12:1-14

- ❖ The Word of Wisdom
- ❖ The Word of Knowledge
- ❖ The Discerning of spirits (Human, Angelic, and Satanic)
- ❖ Prophecy
- ❖ Diverse kinds of tongues
- ❖ Interpretation of tongues
- ❖ Faith
- ❖ The Working of miracles
- ❖ The Gifts of healings

Gifts of the Spirit: 1 Corinthians 12:27-30

- ❖ Apostles
- ❖ Prophets
- ❖ Teachers
- ❖ Miracles
- ❖ Healings
- ❖ Helps
- ❖ Administrations
- ❖ Varieties of tongues

Gifts of the Spirit: Romans 12:6-8

- ❖ Prophecy
- ❖ Ministry
- ❖ Teaching
- ❖ Exhortation/Encouragement
- ❖ Giving
- ❖ Leading

- ❖ Showing mercy

God's will for our lives through our gifts

- “For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth, finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them” (Ephesians 5:9-11)

In Conclusion

- ❖ The difference between the belief in the True God and in others is the acceptance of the gift of the Holy Spirit. For “*No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit*” (1 Corinthians 12:3). The acceptance of Christ as the Savior through confession in Christ as the True God is the highest gift given to the believer by the Holy Spirit.

Activities/Discussion Points

Bring awareness to the group of talents and gifts of the Holy Spirit by having each person write down the gifts that they see in the person sitting next to them.