

The Holy Spirit and Spiritual gifts

There are different kinds of gifts but the same spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord (1 cor 12:4-5). In Christianity, a spiritual gift or charisma is an endowment which is given by the Holy Spirit, such as the seven gifts listed in Isaiah 11:2-3 of the Holy Spirit. They are-wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. Fruits of the Holy Spirit are a biblical term that sums up nine attributes of a person or community living in accord with the Holy Spirit, but the fruits of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

The letters of Paul contains numerous insights into the works of the Holy Spirit in the lives of disciples. The love of God has been poured into hearts through the Holy Spirit, and we are adopted into the family of God. The Christian life is “life in the Spirit”, which is a foretaste of the fullness of life that awaits us. As we live in the spirit, our lives are filled with the characteristics of divine life, faithfulness, generosity, peace, joy, and especially love. Paul’s writings show how the Holy Spirit bestows a variety of spiritual gifts upon the church. Each member of the church is given unique and diverse gifts for the service of the others and for the good of the church. The spirit offers these gifts of divine grace and coordinates them so that they work together in harmony. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms (1 pet 4:10).

These gifts are given by the Holy Spirit to individuals, but their purpose is to build up the entire church. They are described in the New Testament, primarily in 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Ephesians 4, 1 Peter 4, also touches on the spiritual gifts. The gifts are related to both seemingly natural abilities and seemingly more miraculous abilities empowered by the Holy Spirit, the work of the Holy Spirit, Spiritual gifts, and modern-day miracles as an everyday part of a believer’s life. The gifts have been categorized as those that promote the inner growth of the church, apostle, prophecy, distinguishing between spirits, teaching, words of wisdom/knowledge, helps and administration and those that

promote the church's outer development ,faith, miracles, healing, tongues, interpretation of tongues.

The inspired writings of Luke (the gospel according to Luke and the Acts of the Apostles) present the life of Jesus and the life of the church as a dynamic work of the Holy Spirit. The gospel begins with the angelic announcement to Mary that she would be the mother of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. In verses 34-35 the angle explained, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you". Through the bodily motherhood of Mary, God's eternal word would enter time, becoming flesh in the world. From his mother's womb to the empty tomb, Jesus is the man of the Spirit, par excellence.

What is the role of the Holy Spirit? We see the answer given in Hebrews "God also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by distribution of the Holy Spirit according to His own will." This verse says that God himself testified to the world in three ways: 1) by signs and wonders, 2) by various miracles and 3) by distributions of the Holy spirit. The role of the Holy Spirit is to direct attention and conviction towards the word of the Son of God. The work of the Holy Spirit is a clarification and application and certification of us all. Thus on test of the Spirit's voice is whether it orients us more and more on the Word of God spoken once for all 'in these last days' through the Son of God, Jesus Christ in his decisive work of redemption. This is where we hear God. He is not silent. Nor have any of us exhausted this word. O let us read and ponder and meditate and memorize and saturate our minds in this great, final word –which the Holy Spirit serves in all his gifts.



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