



“We Need *EVERYTHING* the Holy Spirit Has to Give Us”

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- **The person of the Holy Spirit is a gift.** Acts 2:38–39, “Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.””
- **Paul tells us to eagerly desire spiritual gifts.** 1 Corinthians 14:1, “Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts...”

What does the Holy Spirit Do? 1 Corinthians 12:4–6, “There are different kinds of gifts, but the same **Spirit**. There are different kinds of service, but the same **Lord**. There are different kinds of working, but the same **God** works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.” (Here we see the unity of the Trinity)

1. **Different Kinds of Gifts:** 1 Corinthians 12:7–11, “To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.”
2. **Different Kinds of Service:** Ephesians 4:11–13, “It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”
3. **Different Kinds of working:** John 16:7–15, “But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.”

What is purpose of all this? He is bringing about, common good, unity, strengthening the members, to convict the world of sin and show them true righteousness, to bring glory, honor, thanksgiving and praise TO GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST His son.

- **We are to desire and administrate them for the right reasons.**
- **God will hold us accountable for how we managed His gifts.**

Paul commends the Church in Corinth.

- 1 Corinthians 1:4-9, I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. 5 For in him you have been enriched in every way—in all your speaking and in all your knowledge – 6 because our testimony about

Christ was confirmed in you. 7 Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. 8 He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

- **He is saying they have been given every spiritual gift; they got it all!**

You could assume that the Corinthians were the ideal church.

- The divisions in the Church, gross immorality, lawsuits, divorce, eating food that's just been sacrificed to idols, unwillingness to give up personal rights, appropriate and inappropriate dress in the world, pigging out and getting drunk at communion/church potlucks suppers.
- They have all these spiritual gifts... but they don't know how to properly manage them and because they are still controlled by their human sinful desires. **1 Corinthians 3:1-3**, *Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly –mere infants in Christ. 2 I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. 3 You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men?*

Same Problems in The Church Today:

- Wrong teaching and bad administration by Christian leaders.
- Loving ourselves and using God - promotes worldly behavior.
 - **1 Corinthians 3:3**, *You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men?*
- This worldly behavior is usually done because we haven't let Jesus Christ heal us.

We NEED all the spiritual gifts in the Church. We NEED all the help we can get, in order to know Him, to fulfill His will for our lives, and overcome sin.

- Is our world less sinful than the early church?
- We settle for so much less than what Jesus died to give us.
- The gifts of the Holy Spirit are not the problem, they are good;
- The gifts of the Holy Spirit alone are NOT a mark of SPIRITUAL MATURITY
- We all of the Holy Spirit to get healed from the brokenness of the world and the Church.

How do we get started?

- Ask, seek, knock, and desire the gifts
- Receive sound doctrine and teaching on the Holy Spirit
- Repent of judgments
- Get healed of disappointments
- Honor the work of the Holy Spirit in The Church