

The Third Person: Gifts of the Spirit

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Believers are meant to know and utilize their spiritual gifts.

But in giving instruction, I do not praise you, because you come together not for the better but for the worse. (1 Corinthians 11:17 NASB)

There's a problem with the Lord's Supper.

There's a problem with Spiritual Gifts.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. (1 Corinthians 12:1)

God's Word teaches us that every believer [in this room] has a gift.

You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. (1 Corinthians 12:2)

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:3)

If God doesn't speak, we cannot know Him.

One Giver, Many Gifts.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; (1 Corinthians 12:4)

The Holy Spirit is the One who gives all gifts.

One Purpose, Many Areas

and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; (1 Corinthians 12:5)

All spiritual gifts are for the magnification of Jesus, NOT you.

One Effect

and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. (1 Corinthians 12:6)

The effect is not because of you, but because of His grace and power through you.

There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. (1 Corinthians 12:6 NASB)

The Holy Spirit empowers you with the gift and it's the Spirit that causes your gift to succeed and impact lives.

It's God's gifts, for God's ministry purposes, with God's effect.

Every spiritual gift is for the benefit of the body.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:7)

For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of

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For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:12)

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and all were made to drink of one Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:13)

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. (1 Corinthians 12:14)

We all need to have a relationship with Jesus, but we also need to have a relationship with each other.

If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. (1 Corinthians 12:15)

If we don’t have the diversity of our gifts, the body doesn’t function the way it needs to be healthy and whole.

And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? (1 Corinthians 12:16-17)

Big Idea: The Holy Spirit gives various gifts to all believers for the benefit and blessing to others.