

1. What are spiritual gifts?

In other words, what are the gifts of the Holy Spirit?

2. What is the specific purpose of spiritual gifts?

3. What is the difference between the gift of the Holy Spirit, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

4. What spiritual gifts do you think you have?

5. What are "the greater gifts"? (1 Cor 12:31)

6. What kinds or categories of gifts are there?

7. What is greater than all of the gifts?

8. What must one do to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit? (Not the gifts of the Holy Spirit)

9. Do we need to receive a specific spiritual gift to be saved?

10. What is the exact opposite of spiritual gifts and what purpose do they serve?

BONUS QUESTION

List all of the passages in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the New Testament (just the book and reference numbers), which speak about spiritual gifts, not the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Answer Key / Explanation

STOP! Before you read the answers, please fully answer the questions to the left. In this way you will learn best.

Q1: Spiritual gifts are talents or abilities which the Lord gives to Christians to cause church growth. For example: "When He [Christ] ascended on high... He gave gifts to men... to the building up of the body of Christ... to grow up in all aspects into Him... each individual part [gift], causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love" (Eph 4:8, 12, 15, 16). And so we can see that the subject of this passage is spiritual gifts ("He gave gifts to men" vs. 8), and that their purpose is to build up the Christian church body in love.

Q2: The specific purpose of these gifts is to cause spiritual growth (good growth), not sensual growth (bad growth). This is a very, very important point which we should not miss. For example, listen to the conclusion of the matter of us using spiritual gifts to cause church growth (Eph 4:7, 16). "So this I say [in conclusion to using spiritual gifts], and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk... they... have given themselves over to every form of sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness. But you did not learn Christ in this way [in sensuality]... but "in... holiness of the truth" (Eph 4:17, 19, 20, 24). And so to learn the way of Jesus Christ is to learn the way of holiness, which is of the Holy Spirit, spiritual. So we must use our spiritual gifts to encourage one another to live or walk spiritually (holy), not sensually (unholy).

Q3: The gift is the indwelling person of God, the pledge from God, the deposit guaranteeing our inheritance in the kingdom of God, the person of the Holy Spirit (SEE Ro 8:9; Eph 1:13, 14; Gal 4:6). The gifts are the kind of person/member that God wants us to be in His church in the form of talent and abilities to encourage others spiritually (SEE 1 Cor 12:7; He 2:3, 4). The baptism of the Holy Spirit is how God empowered the apostles to carry out their calling/gift as apostles of Christ. This began the fulfilment of Joel's prophecy which said that this would happen (Acts 1:4, 5, 8 power). This is obviously different than water baptism, and is not required for salvation, especially because truly it can only be administered by God, not men. Now the gifts are the work of the gift, and the gift is the Holy Spirit Himself. And so they are inseparable, but different.

Q4: This depends on which gifts God actually gave to you. It is God who determines what kind of talent we have in His church body, not us (SEE He 2:4; 1 Cor 12:11, 18 "distributing to each individually as He wills", not our will). So what does God's will have to say about it?

Q5: The "greater gifts" (1 Cor 12:31) are all the clear speaking gifts, the teaching gifts. For example, there are five of these gifts listed in Ephesians 4:11 which God has given to men (Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers).

Note: All of these are teaching gifts, all of these are ministers of the gospel, but with different specialties. For example, apostles and prophets are the human authors and penmen of our Christian faith, and so we cannot be the founders, but only built upon their teaching foundation, the Scriptures (SEE Eph 2:20). They are the authority for all doctrine (SEE 1 Cor 12:28 first apostles, second prophets, etc.). Evangelists have the specialty of abundant outreach. Pastors have the specialty of abundant inreach, shepherds. And teachers simply teach without any special strength in pastoring or evangelizing.

Q6: There are 3 categories of gifts. The greater gifts (1 Cor 12:31), the non-teaching gifts, & the situational gifts for the conditions in which we find or place ourselves in life ["conditional" gifts SEE 1 Cor 7:7, 17, 20].

Note: The greater gifts are noted in Q5. The non-teaching gifts are helps, administrations, miracles, healings, tongues, etc. (SEE 1 Cor 12:28). Evidently, the situational gifts come in three subcategories: gender (male/female), familial (single, married, husband, wife, parent, child, etc.), and societal (such as work calling, king, midwife, administrator, soldier, civilian, nationality, such as Jew or Gentile, etc.).

Q7: Love, agape love, is greater than all the gifts (SEE 1 Cor 12:31 thru 14:1).

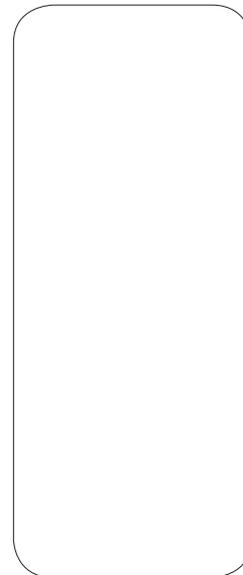
Q8: In order to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the indwelling person of God, we must believe and obey the gospel. For example, Peter said, "And we are witnesses of these things [the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ]; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him" (Acts 5:32). God does not give His Spirit to a rebellious or unbelieving person. He will not live with or dwell with insubordination. But how do you obey Him to receive Him? Peter said to those who began to believe in the gospel: "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Ac 2:38). And so to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, not the gifts, we must repent and be baptized in water in the name of the Lord.

Q9: We do not need to receive a specific spiritual gift to be saved. It takes no talent to be saved. It takes faith in Jesus Christ, repentance, and baptism, and other first teachings, such as the good confession that Jesus is Lord and Christ (SEE Ro 10:9), etc. Yet some are teaching that unless we receive the gift of tongues we cannot be saved. But tongues were not crucified for us, were they? Neither was giving, teaching, or any other spiritual talent. It takes



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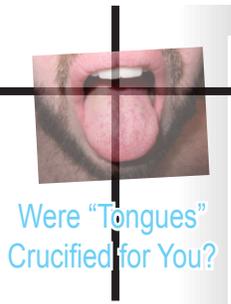
no spiritual gift to be saved. So receiving a talent is not necessary to be saved. Receiving Jesus Christ is necessary to be saved (SEE Jn 1:12). We are saved by God's favor [grace] through the gift of one man, Jesus Christ, through obedient faith in Him (Eph 2:8; Ro 1:5; He 5:9). It is through Christ's talent that we are saved, not any talent of our own. He earned salvation for us with His unique talent to die on the cross for our sins.

Q10: The exact opposite of spiritual gifts are sensual gifts. These cause people to grow in sin. Indeed, Jesus taught that "sensuality" (SEE Mk 7:22)

is such a large sin, that it is equal to murder, adultery, etc. Continuing to practice any of these sins lead to spiritual death in the lake of fire (He 6:1; Re 21:8). And so, sensual gifts do not build up the Christian church spiritually. Instead they tear her down to hell! Beware of sensual gifts! The world and the kingdom of God is filled with them!

BONUS QUESTION: There are many passages in the gospel about spiritual gifts, such as 1 Cor 12-14; Eph 4:7-17+; 1 Pe 4:10, 11; 1 Cor 7:7+; Ro 12:6-8; Mt 25:14-46.

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Were "Tongues"
Crucified for You?

The Bible encourages us to learn about spiritual gifts. Indeed, it even urges us to desire them. For example, Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, began to teach a Christian church about them, saying, "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware" (1 Cor 12:1). And then he told them this: "So also you, since you are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek to abound for the edification of the church" (1 Cor 14:12). And "Earnestly desire the greater gifts" (1 Cor 12:31).

And so we can see that there are "spiritual gifts"; that we should "not... be unaware" of them; that we should seek them zealously and earnestly, especially "the greater gifts", for the purpose of building up a church. But like the church in Corinth, are you zealous for spiritual gifts? Are you fervently seeking them? Are you abounding, that is overflowing, with spiritual talents for the purpose of building up a church in the spirit, spiritually?

Now there is a lot of confusion over spiritual gifts. For example, what are spiritual gifts? Who has them? Who gives them? What are "the greater gifts" (1 cor 12:31) and why are they so great? What kinds or categories of gifts are there? What is the difference between the gift of the Holy Spirit, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit? What gifts do I have? Which ones can I receive? Etc. But when you finish this quiz on spiritual gifts, and my free *Complete Bible Study on Spiritual Gifts*, "When He Ascended on High He Gave Gifts to Men" (Eph 4:8), you will begin to know the answers to these questions and more.

I encourage you to study spiritual gifts and to earnestly desire them so that you can more powerfully build up a Christian church in Spirit, not flesh. Rick David, an Evangelist & Author of FreeBibleStudy.org

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