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John 3:15

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are unique skills and abilities given by the Holy Spirit to faithful followers of **Christ** to serve God for the common benefit of his people, the church. A listing of spiritual gifts in **1 Corinthians 12:8-10** mentions wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, speaking in tongues, and interpretation of tongues. Comparable gifts are discussed in **Ephesians 4:7-13**, **Isaiah 11:2-3** and **Romans 12:3-8**. The gifts of the Spirit are simply God empowering faithful Christians to do what He has called us to do. **2 Peter 1:3** says, "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness." The gifts of the Holy Spirit are part of "everything we need" to accomplish His plans for our lives.

<https://www.christianity.com/god/holy-spirit/what-are-the-seven-gifts-of-the-holy-spirit-scripture-meaning.html#:~:text=The%20Gifts%20of%20the%20Holy%20Spirit%20%20The%20God,%20One%20matter%20the%20conditions,%20More%20items...>

Jesus Appears to the Apostles

Mark 16:13-14, Luke 24:33-43, and John 20:19-23

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And they arose that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them, saying, "*The Lord has really risen*, and has appeared to Simon." And they began to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread. And while they were telling these things, He Himself stood in their midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." And He reproached them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who had seen Him after He had risen. But they were startled and frightened and thought that they were seeing a spirit. And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples therefore rejoiced when they saw the Lord. And while they still could not believe it for joy and were marveling, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" And they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish; and He took it and ate it before them. Jesus therefore said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, *He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."* If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained."

The Lesson:

Jesus breathed on the disciples when He commanded them to "Receive the Holy Spirit":

- In Hebrew, the term for the Holy Spirit is Ruwach Qodesh, literally the "breath of God". Jesus breathing on His disciples would have reminded them of what they knew ... "*The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit*" and foreshadowed of what was to come ... *and suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.*
- Jesus actually **imparted** the Holy Spirit at that time and serves as evidence that all of His followers must receive the Holy Spirit to be saved. Then, at a later time, they would receive a **baptism (immersion or overwhelming)** with the Holy Spirit for the purpose of being clothed with power (equipped with spiritual gifts) in order to be effective witnesses. Bible scholars point to two different Scriptures that speak to life giving water (the Holy Spirit) in support of this idea.
 - The first Scripture, John 4:13-14 refers to Jesus **imparting** the Holy Spirit so that an individual might have eternal life. In the passage, Jesus is speaking to the woman at the well in Samaria. He says to her, "*Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.*" This passage connects the idea that anyone who drinks the water that Jesus gives him (the Holy Spirit) has access to eternal life. In this case the water is enclosed in a container ... the well. Also note that the water is contained within the individual. This supports the idea that the individual believer has access to this source of life or may give it to anyone who asks him for a drink of it. The water for the most part remains hidden.
 - The second Scripture, John 7:37-39 refers to Jesus **baptizing (immersing or overwhelming)** an individual with the Holy Spirit for the purpose of clothing the disciples with power (spiritual gifts) that they might be effective witnesses. *Now on the last day, the great day of the feast (Tabernacles), Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'"* But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. This passage speaks to believers who are giving away the life giving water (the Holy Spirit) in other words ... witnesses. In this case it is not a single well of water but multiple streams. And it is not just a spring bubbling up but large quantities of water ... flowing rivers. The rivers of water are exposed for all to see and anyone may drink from them freely.

When Jesus told the disciples to receive the Holy Spirit they would have undoubtedly recalled the things that He had spoken to them about the Holy Spirit at the Last Supper. These statements form the **core** of our understanding on the doctrine of the Holy Spirit.

What thoughts come to your mind concerning what Jesus said.

- The **Father** is the giver of the Holy Spirit. (John 14:16)
- The Holy Spirit will remain with Jesus' disciples **forever**. (John 14:16)
- The disciples will have an **intimate knowledge** of the Holy Spirit. (John 14:17)
- The Holy Spirit will **live with** the disciples. (John 14:17)
- The Holy Spirit will be **inside** the disciples. (John 14:17)
- God the Father will send the Holy Spirit in Jesus' **name**. (John 14:26)
- The Holy Spirit will **teach** the disciples all things. (John 14:26)
- The Holy Spirit will bring to **remembrance** everything Jesus has said to His disciples. (John 14:26)
- **Jesus**, Himself sends the Holy Spirit. (John 15:26) John the Baptist also testified to this when he said, *He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.*"
- The Holy Spirit is **truth**. (John 15:26)
- The Holy Spirit will bear witness of **Jesus**. (John 15:26)
- The Holy Spirit will convict the world concerning **sin** because they do not believe in Jesus. (John 16:8&9)
- The Holy Spirit will convict the world concerning **righteousness** because Jesus has been raised from the dead. (John 16:8&10)
- The Holy Spirit will convict the world concerning **judgment** because Satan, the ruler of this world (kosmos—adornment/illusion) has been judged. (John 16:8&11)
- The Holy Spirit will **guide** the disciples into all truth. (John 16:13)
- The Holy Spirit will not speak on His own **initiative**. (John 16:13)
- The Holy Spirit will speak only what He **hears**. (John 16:13)
- The Holy Spirit will **speak**. (John 16:13)
- The Holy Spirit will tell you about the **future**. (John 16:13)
- The Holy Spirit will **glorify** Jesus. (John 16:14)
- The Holy Spirit will give the disciples **understanding** of everything that Jesus possesses. (John 16:14)

Jesus also made other statements to the disciples about the Holy Spirit, what thoughts come to your mind?

- The heavenly Father gives the gift of the Holy Spirit to those who **ask** Him. (Luke 11:13)
- No one can enter the kingdom of God without being **born** of the Spirit (John 3:5)
- When a person is born again by the Spirit it is like the wind. You don't know where the wind came from or where it is going because it goes where it wishes ... you just **hear** the sound of it. (John 3:8)
- The Holy Spirit will clothe the disciples with **power** from on high. (Luke 24:49)

Matthew 28:19

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy **Spirit**,

“Now while the people were *in a state of* “**EXPECTATION**” and all were **wondering in their hearts** about John, as to whether he might be the Christ, John answered and said to them all, "As for me, **I baptize you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**” John 3:15

Acts 1:5

for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy **Spirit** not many days from now.”

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy **Spirit** has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

Joel 2:28-29

*The LORD Will Pour Out His Spirit
(future prophecy fulfilled at Pentecost)*

²⁸ “And it shall come to pass afterward,
that **I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;**
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.
²⁹ Even on the male and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

Acts 2:1-8

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy **Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the **Spirit** gave them utterance.

⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?

Acts 2:17

"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my **Spirit** on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;

Acts 2:18

even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my **Spirit**, and they shall prophesy.

Acts 2:33

Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy **Spirit**, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

Acts 2:38

And Peter said to them, "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**."

Acts 4:31

And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy **Spirit** and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, ¹⁵ who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶ for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy **Spirit**.

Acts 8:18

Now when Simon saw that the **Spirit** was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money,

Acts 8:19

saying, "Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy **Spirit**."

Acts 9:17

So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy **Spirit**."

Acts 10:38

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy **Spirit** and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Acts 10:43-45

⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Holy Spirit Falls on the Gentiles

⁴⁴ While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.

Acts 10:46-48

⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Acts 11:14-16

¹⁴he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' ¹⁵As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

Acts 15:8

And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy **Spirit** just as he did to us,

1 Corinthians 12:1-26

Spiritual Gifts

¹**Now concerning spiritual gifts**, brothers, **I do not want you to be uninformed**. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore 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.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

A List of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:8-10

⁸For to one is given through the Spirit the **utterance of wisdom**, and to another the **utterance of knowledge** according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another **faith** by the same Spirit, to another gifts of **healing** by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the **working of miracles**, to another **prophecy**, to another the ability to **distinguish between spirits**, to another **various kinds of tongues**, to another the **interpretation of tongues**.

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. **We have different gifts**, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is **prophesying**, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is **serving**, then serve; if it is **teaching**, then teach; if it is to **encourage**, then give encouragement; if it is **giving**, then give generously; if it is to **lead**, do it diligently; if it is to show **mercy**, do it cheerfully. **Romans 12:3-8**

1 Corinthians 12:11-26

¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

One Body with Many Members

¹²For 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. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves^[d] or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If 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. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷If 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? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

1 Corinthians 12:27-31

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first **apostles** (sent ones), second **prophets**, third **teachers**, then **miracles**, then gifts of **healing**, **helping**, **administrating**, and **various kinds of tongues**. ²⁹**Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?** ³¹**But EARNESTLY DESIRE the higher gifts.** And I will show you a still more excellent way.

1 Corinthians 2:1-0

¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. **For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.** ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³ **And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit,** interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴ The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶ "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" **But we have the mind of Christ.**

1 Corinthians 14

Prophecy and Tongues

¹ Pursue love, and **EARNESTLY DESIRE the spiritual gifts,** especially that you may prophesy. ² **For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit.** ³ On the other hand, the one who **prophesies** speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. ⁴ **The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself,** but the one who **prophesies** builds up the church. ⁵ **Now I WANT YOU ALL TO SPEAK IN TONGUES,** but even more to **prophesy.** **The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up.**

⁶ Now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching? ⁷ If even lifeless instruments, such as the flute or the harp, do not give distinct notes, how will anyone know what is played? ⁸ And if the bugle gives an indistinct sound, who will get ready for battle? ⁹ So with yourselves, if with your tongue you utter speech that is not intelligible, how will anyone know what is said? For you will be speaking into the air. ¹⁰ There are doubtless many different languages in the world, and none is without meaning, ¹¹ but if I do not know the meaning of the language, I will be a foreigner to the speaker and the speaker a foreigner to me. ¹² **So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.**

¹³ Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret. ¹⁴ **For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays** but my mind is unfruitful. ¹⁵ What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; **I will sing praise with my spirit,** but I will sing with my mind also. ¹⁶ Otherwise, if you **give thanks with your spirit,** how can anyone in the position of an outsider say "Amen" to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? ¹⁷ For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. ¹⁸ **I thank God that I SPEAK IN TONGUES MORE THAN ALL OF YOU.** ¹⁹ Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

²⁰ **Brothers, do not be children in your thinking.** Be infants in evil, **but in your thinking be mature.** ²¹ In the Law it is written, "By people of strange tongues and by the lips of foreigners will I speak to this people, and even then they will not listen to me, says the Lord." ²² Thus **tongues are a sign not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is a sign not for unbelievers but for believers.** ²³ If, therefore, the whole church comes together and all speak in tongues, and outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are out of your minds? ²⁴ But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all, ²⁵ the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.

Orderly Worship

²⁶ What then, brothers? **When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation.** Let all things be done for building up. ²⁷ If any speak in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn, and let someone interpret. ²⁸ But if there is no one to interpret, let each of them keep silent in church and speak to himself and to God. ²⁹ Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said. ³⁰ If a revelation is made to another sitting there, let the first be silent. ³¹ For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged, ³² and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets. ³³ For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. . . . ³⁷ **If anyone thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, he should acknowledge that the things I am writing to you are a command of the Lord.** ³⁸ If anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized. ³⁹ **So, my brothers, EARNESTLY DESIRE to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.** ⁴⁰ But all things should be done decently and in order.

So that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people." **So, Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his 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.**

Ephesians 4:7-13