



Understanding Spiritual Gifts

WEEK TWO: *Where Do Spiritual Gifts Come from & What Is Their Purpose?*

Who promised the Gift of the Holy Spirit?

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

What was this "power" going to allow us to do?

Acts 2:1-8,12-13

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?"

¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

When did this take place?

Who spoke in tongues?

What were the two responses from the crowd?

Pride takes many forms, but spiritual pride is the most grievous. To become proud of spiritual gifts or leadership position is to forget that all we have is from God, all the position we occupy is God's appointment."

— J. Owsald Sanders

According to this passage, where did this gift come from?

Acts 2:32-3

³²God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

Acts 2:37-43

³⁷When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, *"Brothers, what shall we do?"* ³⁸Peter 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. ³⁹The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off - for all whom the Lord our God will call."*

⁴⁰With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, *"Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."* ⁴¹Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

How did the crowd Respond to Peter's message?

How did Peter respond?

How are these gifts related to each other?

What is the combined purpose and goal of the Gifts of the Spirit?

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

⁴There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.

⁵There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

⁷Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.