

## The Gift of Faith

***1 Corinthians 12: 7-11 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.***

***8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;***

***9 to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;***

***10 to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:***

***11 but all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.***

## Gifts of the Spirit are Supernatural

As we have mentioned in almost all of our previous lessons, we must keep in mind that all of the gifts of the Spirit are supernatural gifts.

They are not natural nor can they be explained or attributed to natural causes.

I have heard of teachers who try to explain that some of them are spiritual in origin and some are natural.

However, every single one of the gifts of the Spirit of God listed in ***1 Corinthians 12: 8-11*** is a supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

For example, speaking in tongues is supernatural.

Speaking in your own language is not supernatural because you were taught to speak that language.

But you are not taught how to speak in tongues.

Let's pause here for a point of clarification.

It is true in our own spiritual lives, the Spirit of God will lead and guide us in ways that are supernatural because the bible tells us this.



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***Romans 8: 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.***

Notice that there is no reference here to being a Spirit filled Christian accompanied by praying in tongues before being qualified to be led by the Spirit of God.

For example, we can have an inner witness to do or not do something.

Even though that witness is not necessarily an expression of one of the Gifts of the Spirit that we are learning about, it is still no less a supernatural manifestation of the power of God.

The inward witness is simply a matter of being led by the Holy Spirit.

According to ***Romans 8: 14***, every believer should be led by the Spirit in their everyday Christian walk.

## **The Gift of Special Faith**

In our previous lessons, we covered the revelation gifts of the Holy Spirit: word of wisdom, word of knowledge, and the discerning of spirits.

Now we are going to study the three gifts we call the power gifts: the gift of faith, the working of miracles, and the gifts of healings.

In this lesson, we will discuss the first of the power gifts, the gift of faith.

The ***Amplified Bible*** says of this gift in ***I Corinthians 12: 9***, *to another [wonder-working] faith [is given] by the same [Holy] Spirit,*

This gift is referred to by many scholars as *special faith*.

## **The gift of Special Faith is not the Same as Saving Faith**

Every believer already has general faith or saving faith, which is also a gift.

Let's look at ***Ephesians 2: 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,***

This passage of scripture tells us that while the faith we are saved by is given to us by God.



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However, we can find no scriptural evidence that it is identified as one of the gifts of the Spirit listed in *1 Corinthians*.

And, according to *Romans 10: 17*, *faith (saving faith) comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ*.

So, to be clear, the faith we are referring to in this lesson, is special faith to accomplish extraordinary things that go beyond saving faith.

In a nutshell, it is the supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit whereby a believer is empowered with special faith, or wonder working faith, that goes beyond saving faith.

From what I can tell, the gift of faith is the greatest of the three power gifts.

We will cover that in more detail later in our lesson.

Keep this in mind, The gift of faith is the gift of the Spirit by which a believer might receive a miracle.

The working of miracles is so that one might work miracles.

One gift receives and the other does something.

Take note that the bible says in *1 Corinthians 12: 10* to another the working of miracles;

In other words, when you receive a miracle, you don't work a miracle.

But when you perform a miracle by the unction of the Holy Spirit, you are working a miracle by this supernatural gift of the Holy Spirit, the working of miracles.

These power gifts are very closely associated one with the other and many times they work together.

The same is true of the revelation gifts as well as the utterance gifts.

It is also important to note that all of the gifts of the Spirit operate by faith, by ordinary faith on the part of the believer through which the gift is being manifested.

In other words, a person must step out in faith and yield to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

That's where your ordinary faith or simple faith is involved.

How many times have covered in our teaching of the bible this question.

How do receive anything that we receive from God?

The answer is, by faith.

So to encapsulate this truth, let's look at it this way, all of the gifts of the Spirit of God work by faith.

As we are learning, there are many different kinds of faith.

- A. Saving faith that brings salvation.
- B. Faith, or better known as faithfulness, or the fruit of the Spirit that comes after salvation.
- C. There is the manifestation of special faith as a gift of the Holy Spirit, however this gift operates as He wills, not as we will.

Faith, like prayer, is something that is easily confused in the minds of some people.

Many times, we want to put all kinds of faith in the same sack, so to speak, and just mix them all up, just shake them all together.

Maybe this thought will help.

Special faith is not the general faith by which we ordinarily receive answers to prayer.

We know that we are saved by general faith, we know that we receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit by general faith.

We know that we receive answers to our prayers by this kind of ordinary or general faith because Jesus said in **Mark 11: 24** *Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.*

People have been receiving answers to prayer for generations without ever having received the infilling of the Holy Spirit to overflowing.

This has nothing to do with diminishing the importance the Baptism of the Holy Spirit has in the lives of Spirit filled Christians.

This ordinary faith given to us by God had to be in manifestation for us to get any answer to prayer in our lives, to get saved, to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, healing for our body, financial needs met.

This general faith is so very important because it is the bridge to even greater faith to be manifest in our lives through the Holy Spirit.

And, it can grow by feeding on the Word of God and exercising it in the arena of life.

We can all have an ever in-creasing faith.

The gift of faith, however, is a supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit given as He wills.

## **The Gift of Faith compared to Working of Miracles**

### **Smith Wigglesworth and the Gift of Faith**

### **The Power Gifts often Work Together**

### **Casting Out Demons**

### **Purposes of the Gift of Faith**

***Galatians 3: 5 Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith—***



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