

The Power of the Holy Spirit, part two

☞ **Review: The Promise of the Holy Spirit & Presence of the Holy Spirit**

He is the Third Person of the Trinity who works in you to live a Godly life. Holy Spirit is a Gift from God. He works in us to develop godly fruit like patience and self-control.

☞ **Last Week: The Power of the Holy Spirit, part one**

1 Corinthians 12... God doesn't want us to be ignorant or uninformed about spiritual gifts. The Holy Spirit grants spiritual gifts that are to benefit others. There are three main divisions: **Gifts of Comprehension; Gifts of Capability; Gifts of Communication**

☞ **Gifts of Comprehension:**

- **The Word of Wisdom** – Supernatural **guidance for difficult situations.**
- **The Word of Knowledge** – Supernaturally **knowing the unknowable.**
- **Discerning of Spirits** - A supernatural ability of **seeing into the spirit world.**

☞ **Today: The Power of the Holy Spirit, part two**

II. Gifts of Capability

☞ **A. Faith**

1. Definition: A supernatural and **absolute TRUST in God** imparted by the Holy Spirit **for a specific need.** Divine certainty that triumphs over everything.

The entire Christian philosophy is based on faith. There is no phase of life that does not.

- There is natural faith. This is the faith we have in others; this is the faith the farmer has when he sows his seed; the faith you have when you sit down in a chair.
- There is also saving faith. This faith is mentioned in Ephesians 2:8 "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith..."
- Faith is also a fruit of the Spirit. Galatians 5:22. Faith as a fruit is part of the Christian character. It is the result of abiding in Christ – John 15. Usually, this is translated as "faithfulness," but it is the same word as "faith."
- Faith is a gift of the Spirit. This faith is a gift of power that operates through the Holy Spirit for the performance of supernatural exploits. Faith as a *fruit* of the Spirit grows as we abide in Christ and His Word abides in us, but the *gift* of faith is bestowed without merit or growth. It is God's reserve of faith when basic faith would fail. It is the supernatural endowment of faith and is generally given in times of danger, distress, or dire need.

☞ **Saving faith is like a bucket of water – it can quench your thirst and clean you up.**
Fruitful faith is like indoor plumbing – it supplies what you need for daily living.
Gift of faith is like a fire hydrant – it provides an abundant supply as needed.

☞ The gift of faith is faith that **commands with confidence.**

Mark 11:23 “if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him.”

☞ It is faith that **sees with certainty** and can **wait without wavering**.

Abraham took Isaac to the mountain with confidence that God would provide a sacrifice. Joshua and Caleb had to wait 40 years to enter the Promised Land, but they stayed strong in their faith.

2. Examples:

1 Samuel 17:37

David spoke confidently about God to Goliath.

Daniel 3:17

Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego trusted God in the fiery furnace.

Daniel 6:16

Daniel trusted God in the lion's den.

Matthew 8:5-10

The centurion had faith in Jesus to heal his servant.

Luke 17:19

The leper's faith enabled his healing from Jesus.

Acts 14:9

Paul saw that the man who was crippled from birth had faith to be healed, and he was.

3. Operation:

Supernaturally imparted by the Spirit, to bring the limitless resources of heaven to meet the needs of man in times of stress or difficulty, according to the occasion or need. It is supernatural faith which supplies confidence, protection or provision.

Lowell Simmons was absolutely certain he would be healed of cancer.

☞ B. Gifts of Healing

1. Definition: Gifts of healing are the supernatural **abilities imparted by the Spirit to CURE** and restore **the human body** from sickness, disability, or evil spirits.

Why “gifts” – plural? The causes of sickness are many: sicknesses of heredity, sicknesses caused by accidents, sicknesses of personal neglect and bodily abuse, organic ailments, and those of actual satanic oppression. Jesus differentiated in kinds of sickness, at times healing people and other times casting out a demon.

This isn't your everyday healing. The human body is designed to heal itself over time. Doctors, hospitals, and nurses are ministers of mercy to many but nothing supernatural is intended in their services. Their services are simply assisting body's natural healing.

This gift provides a supernatural cure that cannot be reproduced by doctors. This is often displayed in what might be considered “hopeless” situations. However, this gift can also provide a cure for the least of our sicknesses as well.

2. Examples:

2 Kings 5

Naaman was healed of leprosy.

2 Kings 20

Hezekiah was healed of a boil when he was sick unto death.

Matthew 4:23-24

Jesus healed every disease and sickness...

Acts 5:12-16

Apostles healed the sick and those tormented by evil spirits in Jerusalem.

Acts 8:5-8

Philip cast out evil spirits and healed those who were paralyzed and crippled.

3. Operation:

☞ **Through the spoken word.**

Matthew 8:8. (*The centurion's servant*)

☞ **By the laying on of hands.**

Mark 6:5. (*Jesus in his hometown*)

☞ **By various forms of contact.**

Acts 5:15. (*Peter's shadow*) Acts 19:11-12. (*Paul's cloth*)

There are a variety of healing testimonies that several of you could share. Here's just a few. From David: we were in Tijuana praying for a young man who had a big welt on his jowl and as Ed and I were praying it physically began to shrink in our hands. Another time I was praying for a woman who could not hear. I began to whisper and she said she was able to hear me clearly.

Some of you might remember when we all were praying for Hope's shoulder and she said it felt like somebody was behind her praying with her and when she turned around they were not there but her shoulder was free from pain and she was able to move it.

☞ C. Miraculous Powers

1. Definition: The working of miracles is a supernatural **DEMONSTRATION** of God's power by which **the laws of nature are temporarily altered, suspended, or controlled** for a specific purpose.

Examination of the words “working of miracles.”

The Greek words are ENERGETIA DUNAMION. From the first word we derive our

☞ word **ENERGY**. From the second word we derive our word **DYNAMITE**. We could say this is the gift of “energy of dynamite” or “**explosions of the Almighty**.” This gift is also at times called signs and wonders.

☞ **Sign** - From the Greek SEEMEION meaning a sign, seal or **proof of the genuine**. Miracles then are performed as an evidence of God at work. Luke 7:19-22; John 3:2.

☞ **Wonder** - From the Greek word TERAS = **something extraordinary**, out of the course of nature – a wonderful thing. The word TERAS expresses the effect of miracles on the spectator.

The purpose of the gift:

To provide for those in need.

Matthew 14 – Jesus fed the 5,000. (*a miraculous wonder*)

Deliverance of God's people. (*a miraculous wonder*)

Exodus 14 – Israelites crossed the Red Sea.

Confirm the Word of God. (*a miraculous sign*)

Acts 14:3 – Paul & Barnabas' message.

Evidence of God's presence. (*a miraculous sign*)

John 10:38 – Believe the miracles... understand that the Father is in me...

2. Examples:

Exodus 3

Moses' call at the burning bush. The bush burned but was not consumed; God's voice.

Exodus 7-17

Moses' demonstrations to Pharaoh; parting of the Red Sea; provision of manna; water from the rock.

Joshua 1-10

Crossing the Jordan River; walls fell; sun stood still

Matthew 8

Jesus calmed the storm

Matthew 14

Jesus fed 5,000; Jesus walked on water.

Luke 8

Jesus raised Jairus' daughter from the dead.

Acts 9

Saul's sight restored; Tabitha raised from the dead.

Acts 20

Paul raised Eutychus from the dead after falling from a window

Acts 28

Paul survived a poisonous snake bite.

3. Operation:

☞ **Through the spoken word.** Jesus simply spoke to the fig tree and it withered.

Through prayer and touch.
Through objects.

Jesus prayed and broke bread to feed the 5,000.
Moses' staff was used to do many exploits.

This one is rare these days. My "story of stupidity" might qualify though. I should be dead from electrical shock, but the Grandma was praying for me at about that same time.

☞ **Gifts of Capability**

- **Faith**
- **Gifts of Healing**
- **Miraculous Powers**

These reveal the working of the Holy Spirit. They go beyond insight and speaking to give a demonstration of power.

☞ **1 Corinthians 2:4-5**

My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but **with a demonstration of the Spirit's power**, 5 so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

Conclusion

☞ **1 Corinthians 14:1... eagerly desire spiritual gifts**

Song: Holy Spirit (you are welcome here)