

Gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit

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Jesus impresses on us the importance of His Holy Spirit

- John 3:1-21 .. Nicodemus
- ³ Jesus replied, “**Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again**”



- ⁵ Jesus answered, “**Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.**”

Jesus Promised His Holy Spirit to us

- **John 14 . His advocate ...lives inside of you**



The Work of the Holy Spirit – according to Jesus

- **John 15**

He will testify about me(Jesus).

- **John 16: 13**

- **He will guide you into all the truth**

- **He will tell you what is yet to come.**

- **John 16:14**

He will glorify me (Jesus)



Jesus said : await the Holy Spirit..

Acts 1

- “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.
- In a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”
- But you will receive power
- when
- the Holy Spirit comes on you;
- and
- you will be My witnesses ... to the
- ends of the earth.”



Concerning Spiritual Gifts

- **1 Cor 12**
- Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed...
- ⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.
- ⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a **message of wisdom**, to another a **message of knowledge** by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another **faith** by the same Spirit, to another **gifts of healing** by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another **miraculous powers**, to **another prophecy**, to another **distinguishing between spirits**, to another **speaking in different kinds of tongues**,^[a] and to still another the **interpretation of tongues**.^[b]
- ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

The gifts of the holy Spirit



The fruits of the Spirit

- Galatians 5:22-23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control.

Against such things there is no law



Gifts are for our use – as evidence (of Jesus)

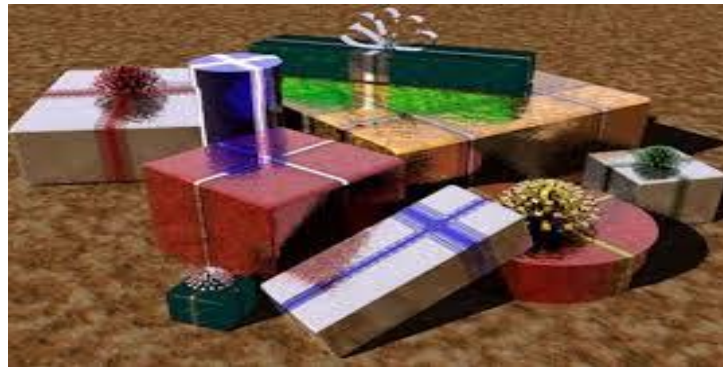
- **Hebrews 2:4**
- **1 Timothy**
- **1 Peter 4:10**



Hindrances to using the Gifts of the Holy Spirit



2 Corr 6:1
Rev 2:1; 2:18
Matt 7; 21-23



1. Things we already know about people or circumstances - Ananias

- Ananias answered, **“I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.”**



2. Previous belief systems - Peter

- **Acts 10:9-21**

- **¹⁴ “Surely not, Lord!” Peter replied. “I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.”**



3. Doubts - Thomas

- **Thomas - John 20:26-31**
- **“Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”**



4. Mt. Carmel ...Elijah



Elijah

- **Elijah Flees to Horeb**
- **The LORD Appears to Elijah**
- **Elijah appoints his successors**
- **Who complete God's tasks**
- **for the people and the land**

Now, for us all to personally respond to our use of gifts God has given each one to use

- Ananias:

Do we know the people well to use the spiritual gifts for them ??

- Peter:

Are we being asked to do something we'd rather not do??

- Thomas:

Do I really believe God can..??

- Elijah:

Am I afraid, do I hide.. ??