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The Gifts

Under the ministry of the Holy Spirit

▼1. One body united by the Holy Spirit working for the edifying of itself:

a. The operation of the Holy Spirit:

1 Corinthians 12:1–31 (NKJV)
1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:
2 You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led.
3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

4 There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.
5 There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord.
6 And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.
7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:

899 αὐτός (autos), ἡ (ē), ὁ (o): prn. (intensive) [see αὐτοῦ (autou), just below]; = Str 846 & 847 & 848—1. LN 58.31 same, pertaining to that which is identical to something

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We are to limit the use and operation of these gifts to what God has revealed in his word, and we must not vary from it !!!

1 Corinthians 13:8 (NKJV)
8 Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

Revelatory gifts

9 Temporary gifts

8 for to one is given the [1] word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,

1328 διά (dia): prep.; = Str 1223; TDNT 2.65—1. LN 90.4 **by**, through; in the genitive, a marker of agency

noun, genitive, singular

Through the Spirit

2848 κατά (kata): preposition.; = Str 2596—11. LN 89.8 in accordance with, with relation to, a marker of correspondence

noun, accusative, singular

accusative — The case that normally marks the direct object of a verb or **the object of some prepositions.**

According to the Spirit

9 to [2] **another** faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,

1877 ἐν (en): prep.; = Str 1722; TDNT 2.537—14. LN 90.6 **by**, from; a marker of an agent (1Co 4:6; 6:2; Col 1:16; Php 1:30); 15

noun, dative

By means of the Spirit

With three distinct prepositional phrases, Paul makes it crystal clear that all of these gifts have their source and function in the Holy Spirit

10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to [3] **another** different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

257 ἄλλος (allos), η (ē), ο (o): adj. and n.; = Str 243; TDNT 1.264—2. LN 58.37 another, different than some other item

2283 ἕτερος (heteros), α (a), ον (on): adj.; = DBLHebr 337; Str 2087—2. LN 58.37 another, other (Mt 8:21; Lk 5:7; Jn 19:37);

Conclusion to the paragraph

11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

The foundation for unity

12 For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.
13 **For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body**—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

▼2. Verse 9 to another faith:

Paul groups these gifts through the use of the synonymous word ***heteros***

a. The gift of faith is logically subsequent to salvation!

Though it is simultaneous to salvation.

Salvation is not the subject here

9 to another **faith** by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,

4411 πίστις (pistis), εως (eōs), ἡ (hē): n.fem.; = DBLHebr 575; Str 4102; TDNT 6.174—1. LN 31.43 what can be believed, a state of certainty with regard to belief (Ac 17:31); 2. LN 31.85 **trust**, believe to a complete trust

This was a temporary gift that was utilized in the early church due to a lack of having a complete canon of Scripture, as we have seen from chapter 13.

It was a special ability to trust God, though different from, yet being linked to, the gift of miracles, all of which are supernatural operations.

This is not the kind of **faith** that is found at saving faith.

Neither is this **faith** that which is found in the process of spiritual growth.

This was a supernatural kind of faith related to miracles, healing, and other supernatural gifts that were temporary and restricted to the early church age.

▼3. Verse 9 to another gifts of **healings**:

a. Credentials to establish the early church:

9 to [2] **another** faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit

There were different kinds of healings that were designed as **credentials**

to give accreditation to the Messiah, as well as to His apostles.

Their function was to call attention to the prophet / to the apostle, **so that they might gain a hearing for the gospel.**

The sign gifts validated what they were saying, and they were temporary gift.

The healing gifts were something that a person gifted with healing could go some place and heal somebody.

The mission of Jesus Christ wasn't to heal everybody; the mission of the apostles wasn't to heal people. In terms of all the people they could have possibly healed in Judea they healed very few.

Their purpose wasn't to heal people, it wasn't a function of compassion, it was to establish credentials

Matthew 11:2–5 (NKJV)
2 And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples
3 and said to Him, **"Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?"**
4 Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see:
5 The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

2 Corinthians 12:11–12 (NKJV)
11 I have become a fool in boasting; you have compelled me. For I ought to have been commended by you; for **in nothing was I behind the most eminent apostles**, though I am nothing.
12 Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds.

Apostles not only had the gift of being an apostle but they also had other gifts associated with that.

Miracles were at the discretion of the individual performing them.

He is going to perform the miracle, it is not something that just happens apart from his decision making process.

The second things we notice with healing is that in some cases there was the mention that the person who was healed had faith to be healed, **but in many cases the person that was healed, was healed without any mention of their faith.**

In fact, in some cases there wasn't even any indication that they were saved.

Peter uses his credentials to preach the gospel

Acts 3:1–16 (NKJV)
1 Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.
2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple;
3 who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms.
4 And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us."
5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.
6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."
7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.
8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.
9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God.
10 Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and **they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.**
11 Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon's, greatly amazed.
12 So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?
13 The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him go.
14 But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,
15 and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.
16 And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

The purpose of healing wasn't:

because they believed that they could be healed or

because they were saved

it was to establish the credentials of the one who did the healing.

It was up to the person who had the gift who they would heal and when, and it was not something that just came on them mystically at some times and, not others.

b.

▼4. Don't confuse yourself with every wind of doctrine:

a.

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Reading all the religious writing of the ages always confuses your understanding of God's word, you can't mix all the wisdom of man and the word of God and not be confused

Why did they make this great error?
Answer: because I did not know scripture/ the revealed word

1 Corinthians 2:4–14 (NKJV)
4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,
5 that **your faith should not be in the wisdom of men** but in the power of God.
6 However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.
7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,
8 which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.
9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."
10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.
11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? **Even so no one knows the things 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 know the things that have been freely given to us by God.**
13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.
14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

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Ephesians 4:7–16 (NKJV)
7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.
8 Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men."
9 (Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?
10 He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)
11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,
12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,
13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;
14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,
15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—
16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.