

“Ecclesiology: The Doctrine of the Church:
Spiritual Gifts 101: Understanding the Spiritual Gifts” (Part 2)
1 Peter 4:10-11; Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Ephesians 4:11-16

→Apostolic Healing:

(Gift of healing; seen in the gospels and in Acts)

1. Healed with a word or by a touch (Matthew 8:2-3; Acts 3:7; Matthew 8:13).
2. Instantaneous healing.
3. Healed totally (no partial healings).
4. Healed everyone who came to them (Luke 6:17-19; Luke 17:11-19; Acts 8:4-8; Acts 19:11-12).
5. Visible ailments healed (crippled legs, withered hands, blind eyes, paralysis) (Luke 13:10-13; Matthew 9:5-7; Acts 9:32-35; Acts 8:4-7).
6. Raised the dead (John 11:38-44; Luke 7:14-15; Acts 9:36-42; Acts 20:9-12).

☆Paul had the gift of healing, so why didn't he heal these people or why didn't God heal these people?

- Philippians 2:26-27 (Epaphroditus)
- 2 Timothy 4:20 (Trophimus)
- 1 Timothy 5:23 (Timothy)
- 2 Corinthians 12:7 (Paul)

Remember: the purpose of the Apostolic Gifts was to confirm the message that was being preached (Hebrews 2:3-4; 2 Corinthians 12:12; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Acts 3:1-26; Acts 5:12-16; Acts 9:32-35; Acts 14:3; Acts 20:10-12). These people didn't need that confirmation! The Bible represents about 1400 years of history. Of these 1400 years only about 10% contain times where the miraculous was being done (120-140 years; Moses, Elijah, Elisha, Jesus, and the Apostles).

→Speaking in Tongues:

- *What is speaking in tongues?*
 - A gift given by God by the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:11 & 18) that enables the speaker to speak in a known language that they were not naturally trained to speak in (Acts 2:4-8).
- *What was the purpose of speaking in tongues?*
 - It was a sign to the unbelieving Jew that they as a nation had rejected the Messiah (Acts 2:14-41; Romans 11:15; 1 Corinthians 14:21-22).
 - It was a sign of blessing to the Gentiles that God was offering all people groups the Gospel for salvation (Acts 10:44-48; Matthew 28:18-20; Galatians 3:26-29; Romans 11:11-12).
 - It was a sign of authority (Acts 19:1-7; 1 Corinthians 14:18; 2 Corinthians 12:12; Romans 15:19).
 - Speaking in tongues was so insignificant to the Gentile church that not one word of speaking in tongues is given to us in Scripture and not one mention of it happens in a letter to a Gentile Church other than in 1 Corinthians, because they specifically asked Paul a question about it (1 Corinthians 12:1 & 7:1).
- *How was speaking in tongues done outside of the church?*
 - Speaking in tongues never happened individually, that is, you will not see in Scripture where an individual believed, was filled with the Spirit, and spoke in tongues. Instead, speaking in tongues always happened inside of a group of people (Acts 2 & 10 & 19).
 - Speaking in tongues never was done outside of the presence of Jewish people. In every recording of people speaking in tongues, it was done with Jewish people present, never just Gentiles (Acts 2 & 10 & 19).
- *How was speaking in tongues supposed to be done in the Corinthian Church? (1 Corinthians 14:26-28)*

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Worship: His Mercy is More (Matt Boswell)
Before the Throne of God Above (Sovereign Grace Music)

Christ the Solid Rock (Norton Hall Band)
Closing Song: How Deep (Kings Kaleidoscope)

Service Times: Sundays: Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 7; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

- One person was supposed to speak one language at one time so that it may be interpreted for the whole church, so that the whole church would be built up. If there was no interpreter then there was no speaking in tongues in the church.
- Paul speaking in tongues would not benefit the church in any way, shape, or form (1 Corinthians 14:5-6 & 12 & 19).
- Tongues is never addressed in any of the other churches and the reason could be that it wasn't happening in any of the other churches.

→ Defining the Spiritual gifts:

- ❑ *Showing mercy:* specific burden to meet the physical needs of those who are naturally neglected (the “least of these”).
- ❑ *Giving:* passionate giving that moves past the normal giving as Christians; giving of time or other resources; it is above and beyond generosity to those in need (2 Corinthians 8).
- ❑ *Exhortation:* (to exhort) a passion to comfort, encourage, and build up when they see someone hurting; they do this verbally, with the Word of God; their presence in a room is a comfort to people (they represent the comfort of God).
- ❑ *Administration:* Directing, Protecting, Leading, and Organization
 - Directing: in gentleness; people want to join them.
 - Protecting: organization and structure protect people.
 - Leading: don't have to convince people to follow them.
 - Organization: makes systems work; gives glory to God in their organization; encourages multiple people to do multiple tasks to get things done.
- ❑ *Assistance/Helps/Service:* offering stuff for others' comfort, provision, and to be able to serve; detail oriented; unnoticed, insignificant things.
- ❑ Preacher/Teacher/Prophecy
- ❑ *Faith/Prayer:* one who specifically believes and speaks the power of God; they encourage others through their prayer life; they speak confidently the promises of God to others.
- ❑ *Discernment:* gives wisdom based on Biblical knowledge; they can see right through your words and see your heart; they have a passion for proper doctrine, they are passionate about truth.
- ❑ *Wisdom/Knowledge:* have a deep level of understanding the Word of God and share it effectively.

Announcements:

***Volunteers:** We have a wonderful opportunity for our church members to get involved in serving our church body in the CHILDREN'S MINISTRY. If you are interested in serving in this ministry or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please talk to Kalen and Courtney!

***Fellowship Dinner:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner NEXT Sunday, May 9th, immediately following the worship service! There is a sign-up list on the back table, please sign-up to bring something for the dinner! We invite EVERYONE to stay and enjoy dinner and fellowship with us!

***New Members Meeting:** If you are interested in or have any questions about Church Membership, we will be having a short New Members Meeting on Sunday, May 16th, immediately following the worship service!

Account Balance: \$43,891.77 March Balance: \$45,612.91	Weekly Budget: \$3,200.50
Actual Tithe: April 4	\$4,496
Actual Tithe: April 11	\$4,548
Actual Tithe: April 18	\$1,257
Actual Tithe: April 25	\$851