

“Ecclesiology: The Doctrine of the Church:
 ”Spiritual Gifts 101: Understanding the Spiritual Gifts”

1 Peter 4:10-11; Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Ephesians 4:11-16

- 1 Peter 4:10-11
 - Everyone, in Christ, has received a spiritual gift from God (4:10).
 - These gifts have been given by God, to us, to serve one another (4:10).
 - These gifts need to be properly stewarded in love by grace (4:10; 1 Corinthians 16:14).
 - The gift that we have received is a grace from God, that is, it is not earned or deserved (4:10).
 - Peter divides the gifts into two categories: speaking gifts and serving gifts (4:11).
 - The speaking gifts must be used as if “we are speaking on behalf of God”.
 - The serving gifts must be done by God’s strength, not ours.
 - Our gifts are given by God to glorify God, never ourselves (4:11).

“From self-denial in the spiritual worship of God flows self-surrender to the will of God, and from self-surrender flows selfless service in the work of God (Romans 12:1-3).” (John MacArthur)

- Romans 12:3-8
 - It takes humility and faith to use the gifts in a way that gives glory to God. Grace, humility, and faith are gifts from God (12:3).
 - Every Christian is a part of the universal body of Christ (all Christians for all time) and the local body of Christ (our church). The local church is made up of many members that have different gifts (12:4).
 - We are members of one another. That is, we are a part of one another’s spiritual health (12:5). We cannot be spiritually healthy without operating inside the body of Christ locally.
 - Paul divides the gifts into seven categories in this portion of scripture: *Prophecy/preaching, service, teaching, exhorting, generosity, leadership, and acts of mercy.*

Permanent Gifts:

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| 1. Speaking Gifts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Prophecy (proclaiming the Word of God) b. Knowledge c. Wisdom d. Teaching e. Exhortation | 2. Serving Gifts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Leadership b. Helps c. Giving d. Mercy e. Faith f. Discernment |
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- 1 Corinthians 12:1-31
 - The Father, the Son, and the Spirit, all participate in us having and using our spiritual gifts (12:4-6).
 - The gifts are given for the common good of the local body of believers (12:7).
 - God gives us the gifts according to His will not ours (12:11 & 18).
 - None of us can say to one another that “we have no need of one another” (12:21).
 - We should be careful exalting certain gifts based on the natural praise that certain giftings get (12:21-24).
 - As we operate in our gifts there will be no division and everyone will be cared for within the body (12:25-26).

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Worship: Glorious Christ (Sovereign Grace Music)

God is For Us (CityAlight)

Satisfied in You (The Sing Team)

Closing Song: How Great Thou Art (Various Artists)

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

Apostolic Gifts: (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).

1. Miracles
2. Healing
3. Languages/tongues
4. Interpreting languages

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 TONIGHT immediately following the worship service! We invite EVERYONE to stay and enjoy dinner and fellowship with us!

***Communion:** We will be celebrating and partaking of Communion together NEXT Sunday, May 2nd!

***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!