

The Body of Christ – Finding your Place - Part 2
1 Cor. 12, Eph. 4, Romans 12, Peter 4

A Spiritual Gift is a God-given ability for service to be used in the body of Christ.

1. Everyone Christian has a spiritual gift – 1 Peter 4:10,11
2. Three Types of Gifts
Speaking and Serving, _____
3. Where are gifts located in Scripture?
Ephesians 4
Romans 12
1 Corinthians 12
4. What was the Purpose of Sign Gifts?
To authenticate the truth of the _____ of God until the Bible was available.
5. The Sign Gifts

A _____

The apostles were those to laid the foundation for the church. Eph. 2:20.
There were two qualifications for being an apostle. (Mark 3:13; Acts 1:22–24)

1. Being chosen by Jesus
 2. Witnessed the resurrected Jesus
- Therefore, it is not possible to have apostles today.

P _____

The gift of prophecy is also related to the foundation of the church (Eph. 2:20).
This office and gift ceased after the completion of the New Testament.

M _____

We can see from Scripture that God used men with the gift of miracles to validate message from God. In the New Testament, they were used to validate the message of the apostles.

- Moses and Joshua - @ 25 miracles
- Elijah and Elisha - @ 21 – Elijah – 7, Elisha – 14
- Time of Christ and Apostles - @ 36
- Future – Joel 2 – End of tribulation

When the Bible was completed, validation came from the power of the Word of God and miracles were no longer need.

While no one today has the gift of miracles, it does not mean that God does not perform miracles today.

God does answer prayers and will do the miraculous but always for His glory.

H_____

When people were healing in the Bible, we notice a few characteristics.

1. It was immediate – Mark 1:42
2. It was total healing – Matt. 14:36
3. It wasn't _____ – Matt. 14:36
4. It was for a purpose – not just to remove sickness. John 9:3
5. It was secondary to the _____ – Luke 9:6

Today, we do not need faith healers but God can and does heal. But sometimes, He allows us to suffer for His glory and our good.

Distinguishing S_____

They had supernatural ability to determine the validity of the message given. 1 John 4:1 says to test the spirits.

W_____

In the book of Corinthians, wisdom was at the top of the list of gifts.

1 Cor. 2:6-12 describes this gift as divinely imparted revelation that Paul used to communicate to believers.

K_____

The gift of knowledge is the capability of grasping the meaning of God's revelation, which is mystery to the natural mind.

T_____ and the Interpretation of Tongues

Reasons why Tongues are not for today.

1. 1 Cor. 13:8 says they will cease in the middle voice. Prophecy and knowledge will fade away but tongues will end by _____. The distinction is very clear.
2. They were part of authenticating the message of the _____.
3. Tongues were used as a sign to _____ Jews (1 Cor. 14:21-22).
4. Tongues is not mentioned beyond 1 Corinthians.

Application:

The Amazing, Powerful, Incredible Word of God!

- over a 1600-year span (from 1500 B.C to A.D. 100)
- over 40 generations
- over 40 authors from many walks of life (i.e. - kings, farmers, fishermen, a tentmaker, homeless prophets, a doctor, a professional scribe, vocational musicians, etc.
- in different places (i.e. - wilderness, dungeon, palaces)
- at different times (i.e. - war, peace)
- in different moods (i.e. - heights of joy, depths of despair)
- on three continents (Asia, Africa, and Europe)
- in three languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek)
- The Bible says more than 400 times “thus saith the Lord.” And the words which follow are actual quotes from God!
- There are historical discoveries regularly coming to light that continue to support the accuracy of the Bible.
- Historically it has been said that the Bible is the most sold book of all time. It is regularly on various best seller lists.
- The Bible has been translated into more than 1,200 languages.
- There are no contradictions in the Bible.
- There are at least 185 songs in the Bible
- There are 21 dreams recorded in the Bible
- There are more than 3,200 verses with fulfilled prophecy either within the Bible itself or since the Bible was written. But there are still more than 3,100 verses with unfulfilled prophecies.

We often are looking for the miraculous, the spectacular and the quick and easy fix to our spiritual life.

We have the most powerful tool in the world sitting in our hands of laying around our house.

Commit to the following:

1. Open the Word of God
2. Read with humility
3. Yield to whatever you read.

The rain of God's grace and the power of His resources will flood you with all that you need to experience an exceedingly abundant beyond whatever you can imagine life.

7 minutes with God....180 seconds in prayer and 240 in reading and applying His Word.