

Understanding and Using the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Lesson 2: The Manifestation of the Spirit

In this lesson you will learn:

1. What proof does anyone have that the Holy Ghost is truly in them?
2. What is the work that it accomplishes?

When the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within a Christian, that person is described as being **baptized** or **filled** with the Holy Ghost. He has **received** the Holy Ghost.

Acts 1:5

⁵ For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be **baptized with the Holy Ghost** not many days hence.

Acts 2:4

⁴ And they were all **filled with the Holy Ghost**, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

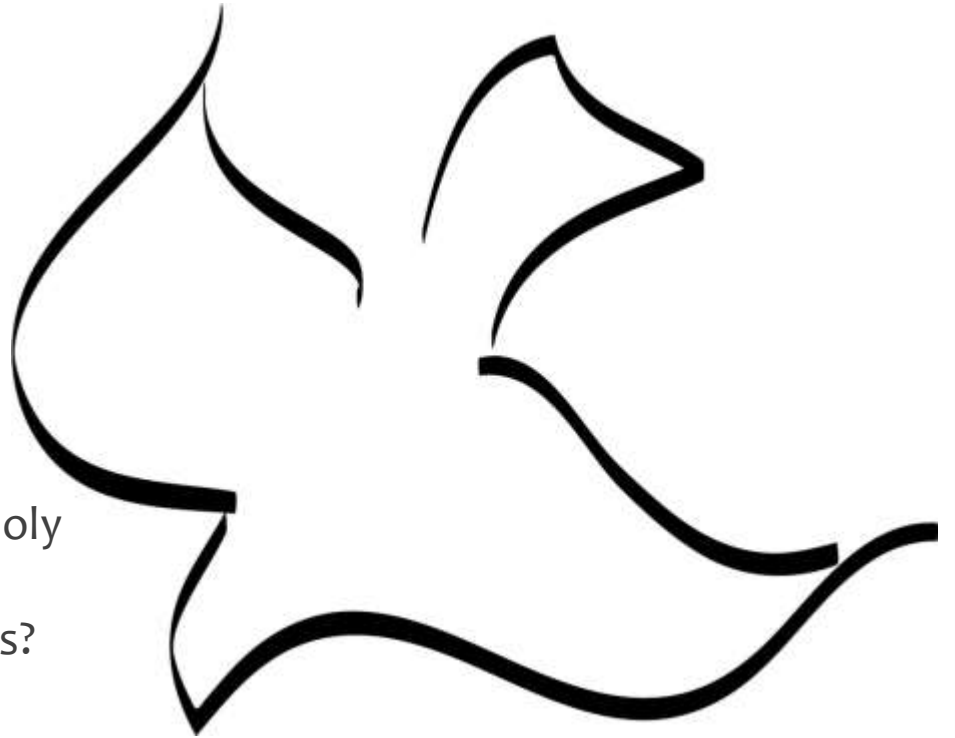
Acts 8:17

¹⁷ Then laid they *their* hands on them, and they **received the Holy Ghost**.



As we learned in the previous lesson, one of the great purposes of the indwelling Holy Ghost is to SEAL our salvation. But this is a truth we can only receive by *faith*, just like the promise of eternal life. It is not something we can see with our eyes.

What proof does anyone have that the Holy Ghost is truly inside them – and what is the work that it accomplishes?





The Spirit **MANIFESTS** or SHOWS ITSELF through the gifts it brings, the gifts of the Spirit.

After you have been filled with the Holy Ghost, you are able to do things you could not do before, not by your own power, but through **the power from on high**.

The gifts of the Spirit
are **the abilities that
God gives** to help us
glorify his name.

1 Peter 4:10-11

¹⁰ **As every man hath received the gift,**
even so minister the same one to another,
as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

¹¹ If any man speak,
let him speak as the oracles of God;
if any man minister,
let him do it as of the ability which God giveth:
that God in all things may be glorified through
Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for
ever and ever. Amen.

These gifts were made possible by the ascension of Jesus Christ. Remember that Jesus said he had to go away so he could send the Comforter.

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The gifts of the Spirit are not a *reward* for a close walk with God. They are for people like us, people who *want* to have a close walk with God, but often fail.

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The most complete biblical teaching on the spiritual gifts is found in Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth.



1 Corinthians 12, 13, and 14 are a unit.



Chapter 12 teaches about the nine gifts of the Spirit by comparing them to functions of the human body.

Chapter 13 teaches about LOVE, the greatest gift of all.

Chapter 14 teaches that LOVE shows when and how the gifts are best used.



The ruins of the temple of Apollo in Corinth.

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Paul taught them that all holy power comes from ONE source: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



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but the same Spirit.
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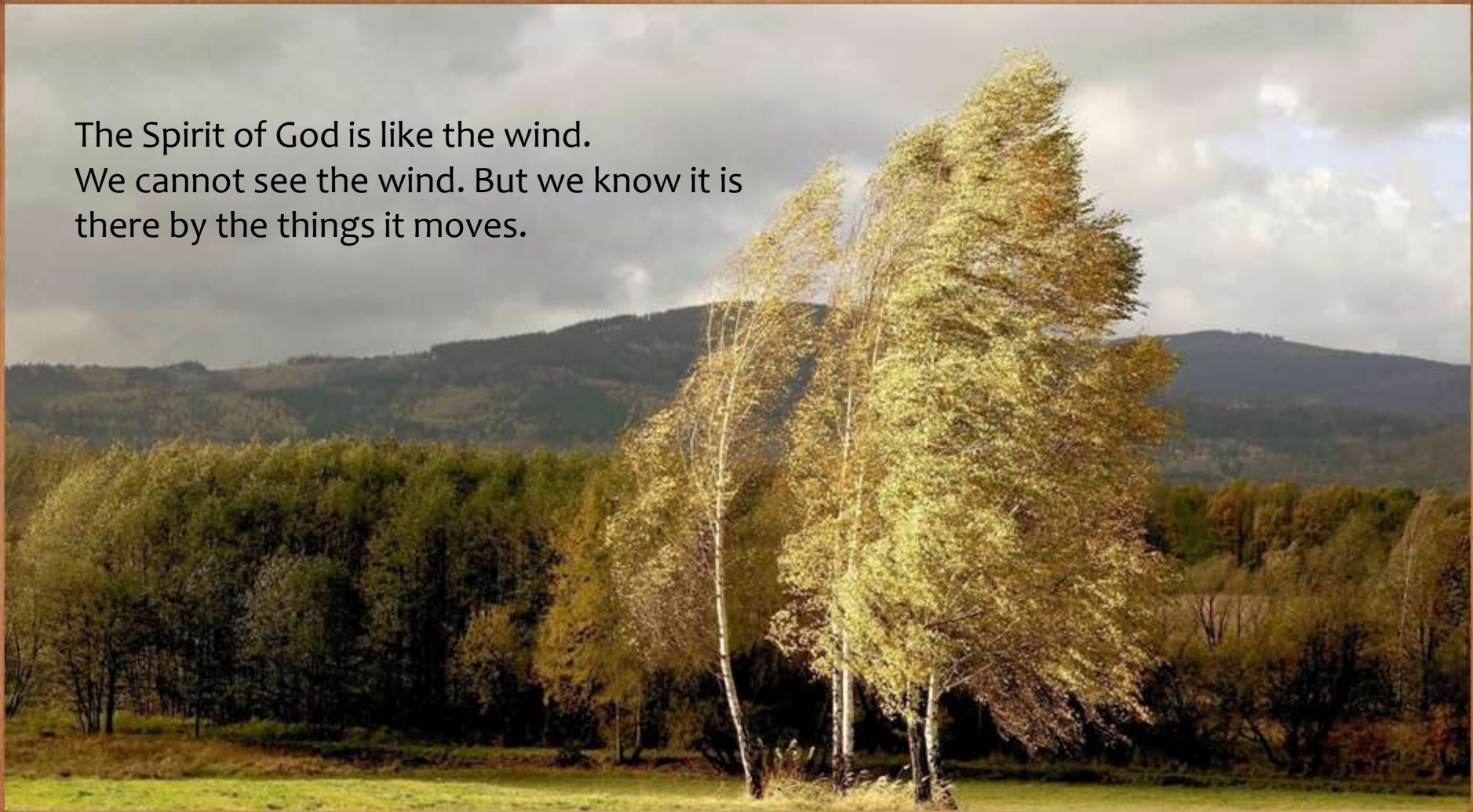
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The Spirit of God is like the wind.
We cannot see the wind. But we know it is
there by the things it moves.





The Holy Spirit shows itself to the world through the supernatural abilities it gives to ordinary human beings.

When Christians use the gifts of the Spirit, the invisible Holy Ghost is able to demonstrate its presence and power in ways that everyone can hear and see.

The demonstration or **MANIFESTATION** of the Spirit helps the individual Christian, the church, and ultimately, the world.

1 Corinthians 12:7

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.



1 Corinthians 12 lists nine different ways the Holy Spirit manifests itself.

1 Corinthians 12:8-10

- 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom;
to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;
- 9 To another faith by the same Spirit;
to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;
- 10 To another the working of miracles;
to another prophecy;
to another discerning of spirits;
to another *divers* kinds of tongues;
to another the interpretation of tongues:

These gifts are energized and distributed by the Holy Spirit. Everyone who has received the baptism of the Holy Ghost receives *several* gifts.

1 Corinthians 12:11

But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man **severally** as he will.

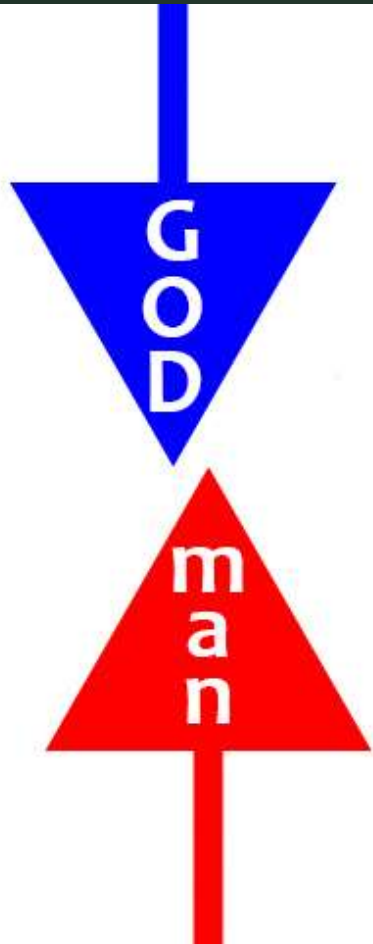


The will of God and the will of the Christian must be in agreement for the gifts to work as they should.

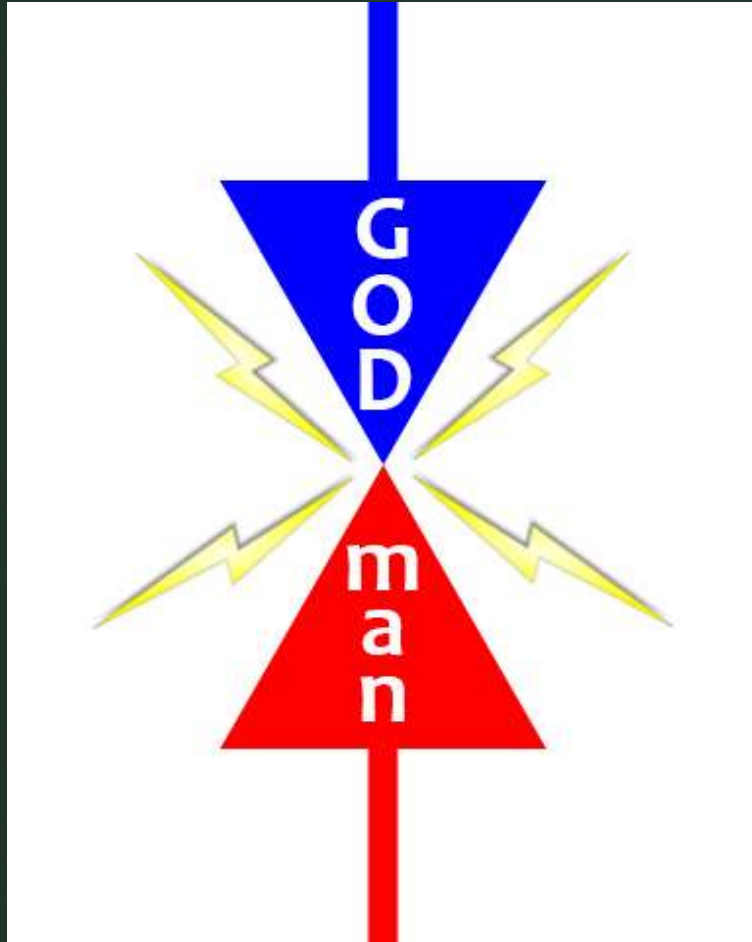
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When the will of God and the will of the believer are in conflict, the gifts are dormant.



But when the will of God and the faith of the believer are in agreement, the gifts are energized by the Holy Spirit.



The nine gifts of the Spirit fall into THREE categories:



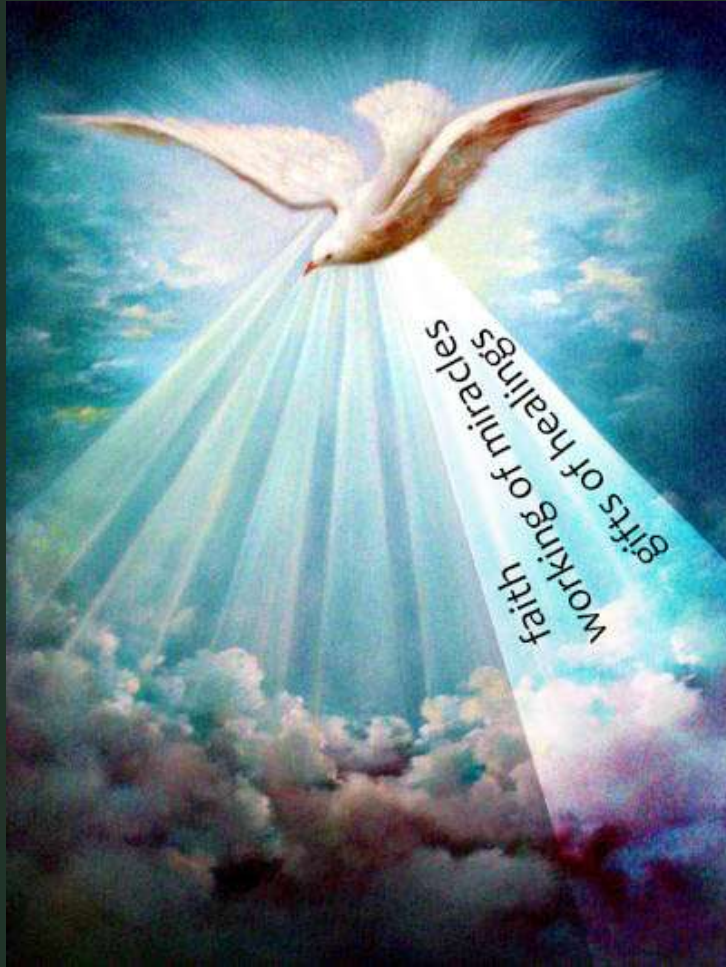
The Spirit SPEAKS

Divers (Different) Kinds of Tongues
Prophecy
The Interpretation of Tongues



The Spirit REVEALS

The Word of Knowledge
The Word of Wisdom
The Discerning of Spirits



The Spirit MOVES

The Gift of Faith
Working of Miracles
Gifts of Healings

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We will be studying all nine gifts of the Spirit one by one.
But for now, here are some simple definitions to help you.

The Spirit SPEAKS

By the gift of tongues, the Holy Spirit gives you the ability to speak to God in a language that you do not know.

By the gift of the interpretation of tongues, the Holy Spirit speaks through you to give the meaning of what was just spoken by the gift of tongues.

By the gift of prophecy the Holy Spirit speaks through you to bring a message to the people of God in a language you understand.

The Spirit SPEAKS

The Spirit REVEALS

By the gift of the word of knowledge, the Holy Spirit reveals a secret you need to know to complete your assignment from God.

By the gift of the word of wisdom, the Holy Spirit gives you a revelation of counsel, telling you what God wants you to do with the information you received by a word of knowledge.

By the gift of discerning of spirits, the Holy Spirit reveals to you the source of any spiritual manifestation, whether it is holy or unholy.

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By the gift of faith, the Spirit helps you to believe the revelation you have received from God, no matter how impossible it seems to your own mind.

By the gift of the working of miracles, the Spirit enables you to bring to pass signs and wonders in the name of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation you have received from God.

By the gifts of healings, the Spirit gives you power and authority to cast out unclean spirits and heal all manner of sickness and disease in the name of Jesus Christ.

Every Christian who is filled with the Holy Ghost can use these gifts and benefit by them.

1 Corinthians 12:7 and 11

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In the next lesson, we will begin our study of the spiritual gifts with the gift of tongues. What is it, what it is for, and who can receive it?

Questions to help you understand the lesson:

1. Which one of these does NOT describe receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost? a) baptized with the Holy Ghost b) possessed by the Holy Ghost c) filled with the Holy Ghost.
2. How does the invisible Holy Ghost show itself to the world?
3. According to Psalm 68:18, are the spiritual gifts only given to faithful believers?
4. What are the nine gifts of the Spirit listed in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10?
5. According to 1 Corinthians 12:11, how many gifts does the Holy Spirit give each Spirit-filled Christian?

Each question is worth 20 points.



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