

Gifts of the Spirit

Chapter 9

9.1 Why do we get these gifts?

What is the real purpose of God's Gifts?

JN 11:37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

JN 11:38 Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. [39] "Take away the stone," he said.

"But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

JN 11:40 Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the ***Glory of God?***"

JN 11:41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. [42] I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

JN 11:43 When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" [44] The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

First and for most, Jesus did these signs and wonders to the Glory of God. It is the testimony to the Majesty of God and His Son Jesus the Christ.

JN 14:9 Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? [10] Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. [11] Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; ***or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.*** [12] I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. [13] And I will do whatever you ask in my name,

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so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. [14] You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”

The signs and wonders and miracles are to be evidence of Jesus’ majesty, His connection to Our Father, His messiah-hood and to bring Glory to God.

JN 10:25 Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. **The miracles I do in My Father's name speak for Me,** [26] but you do not believe because you are not My sheep. [27] My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. [28] I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. [29] My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. [30] I and the Father are one."

JN 10:31 Again the Jews picked up stones to stone Him, [32] but Jesus said to them, **"I have shown you many great miracles from the Father.** For which of these do you stone Me?"

JN 10:33 "We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because You, a mere man, claim to be God."

JN 10:34 Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I have said you are gods' ? [35] If He called them 'gods,' to whom the word of God came--and the Scripture cannot be broken-- [36] what about the One whom the Father set apart as His very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse Me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son'? [37] Do not believe Me unless I do what My Father does. [38] But if I do it, even though you do not believe Me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father." [39] Again they tried to seize him, but He escaped their grasp.”

Another reason He gives us these gifts is because He promised that as disciples of Christ we would do then as to our position with Him and Our Father. He declares that we all would do more than Jesus did because when He left the world to be with Our Father in heaven, and that He would release the greatest Gift of all, that of the Holy Spirit.

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Who is anyone? Just the apostles? NO. Anyone is anyone. God is not partial. He means anyone.

JN 14:15 **"If you love Me, you will obey what I command.** [16] And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-- [17] the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you. [18] I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. [19] Before long, the world will not see Me anymore, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. [20] On that day you will realize that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you. [21] Whoever has My commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves Me. He who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I too will love him and show Myself to him."

So who is anyone? It is anyone who loves Jesus and obeys His commands.

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So Jesus is saying that because He is going to the Father, He will ask the Father to give us the Holy Spirit and through the Holy Spirit we can do everything Jesus did, because it was the Holy Spirit in Him that did all the things He asked.

It is through the Holy Spirit that all Gifts come from, and so why does He give us the Gifts, so that we can bring Glory to the Father. They are to give the same power that Jesus had and to do the same things He did, and for the same reasons He did.

Finally He has promised that in the end days He will pour out His spirit to show His love and glory.

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AC 2:26 “Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
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You will fill me with joy in your presence.”

The reason He is releasing the Holy Spirit in the end days is to prepare the world
for His final return; to create the great revival. So all can be saved before He returns.

9.2 How do we get them?

A gift is just that a gift. We cannot ask for a gift, can we? That would take away
the purpose of the giver. A gift is only good if the giver gives it freely and without ties or
strings connected. Hence it is a gift.

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We get these specific gifts as a result of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. There comes a time in ones life when just being with God is not enough, where we desire to follow Christ and by like Him, and do what He did. But He is anointed and blessed by Father through the Holy Spirit. When we finally get to the point where just being with God is not enough, and when the Holy Spirit is drawing you to do something for God; when you get to the point to where you want to give you whole life to God and to obey Him only, then the Father will anoint you too so that you can do as He needs us to do.

AC 1:1 “In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach [2] until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. [3] After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. [4] On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, **but wait for the gift my Father promised**, which you have heard me speak about. [5] For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.””

RO 5:15 “But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, **how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man**, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! [16] Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. [17] For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.”

This verse is speaking of course to the Gift of salvation, but that gift is no different then any other gift from God, His main gift that we know for sure is ours is salvation. And this shows that all gifts are given to us by God's Grace in accordance to the measure of each persons Faith.

RO 12:3 “For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. [4] Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, [5] so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. [6] **We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.** If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. [7] If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; [8] if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others,

let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.”

EPH 2:1 “As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, [2] in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. [3] All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. [4] But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, [5] made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--**it is by grace you have been saved.** [6] **And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,** [7] **in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.** [8] **For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--** [9] not by works, so that no one can boast. [10] For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

So we get any gift by the Grace of Our Father through our faith. When we pray for a gift we are really showing God our faith and obedience. We get the Gift(s) not because we asked for it but God gives us the gift by His Grace and because of our faith in Him.

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JAS 4:1 “What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? [2] You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. [3] When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

JAS 4:4 “You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. [5] Or do you think Scripture says without reason that the spirit he caused to live in us envies intensely? [6] But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

"God opposes the proud
but gives grace to the humble.""

JAS 4:7 “Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. [8] Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

[9] Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. [10] Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.”

9.3 Who can have the Gifts?

MK 16:15 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. [16] Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. [17] **And these signs will accompany those who believe:** In My name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; [18] they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

MK 16:19 “After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. [20] Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.”

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AC 1:6 “So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"”

AC 1:7 “He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. [8] But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."”

Who was He talking to here? All of the followers. There were about 120 of them.

AC 1:15 “In those days Peter stood up among the believers (**a group numbering about a hundred and twenty**) [16] and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus-- [17] he was one of our number and shared in this ministry."”

AC 2:1 “When the day of Pentecost came, **they were all together in one place.** [2] Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. [3] They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. [4] All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”

AC 2:5 “Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. [6] When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. [7] Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? [8] Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? [9] Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, [10] Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome [11] (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs--we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" [12] Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"”

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AC 2:29 "Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. [30] But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. [31] Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. [32] God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. [33] Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. [34] For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

" `The Lord said to my Lord:
"Sit at My right hand

AC 2:35 until I make your enemies
a footstool for Your feet." '

AC 2:36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

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AC 2:37 “When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"”

AC 2:38 “Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. **And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.** [39] The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call.””

AC 2:40 “With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." [41] Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.”

So all who are saved not only receives the Holy Spirit for salvation but also the Gift of the Holy Spirit. This is who can receive the gifts—all those who are saved.

All Christians have the Gift, but not all know it. According to Ephesians that to all Christians **there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.**

But do not get confused with the offices of God—Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and healers.

The purpose is that for any time it is necessary for a Christian needs to help and bring glory to God, he has and is to use God’s gifts.

1TI 4:9 “This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance [10] (and for this we labor and strive), that we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, and especially of those who believe.”

1TI 4:11 “Command and teach these things. [12] Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. [13] Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. [14] **Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you.**”

1TI 4:15 “Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. [16] Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.”

And

2TI 1:3 “I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. [4] Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. [5] I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. [6] **For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. [7] For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.”**

I have laid hands on several people with eye problems and they were healed, I have used His miraculous powers to stop storms out at sea, I have received knowledge of things, I knew not; I have prophesied, I speak in tongues and I have interpreted them, and finally I have been able to see evil in people (distinguishing between spirits).

Every Christian can and should do these things and more. Faith can move mountains.

There is an old saying, “If I can do it, you can do it.”

9.4 What are the Gifts of the Spirit?

We find some of the Gifts in I Corinthians 12.

1CO 12:1 “Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. [2] You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. [3] Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.”

1CO 12:4 “There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. [5] There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. [6] There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.”

1CO 12:7 “Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. [8] **To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, [9] to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, [10] to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the**

interpretation of tongues. [11] All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.”

One type of miraculous power that has come with the Godly office was calling fire from heaven by Elijah.

2KI 1:9 “Then he sent to Elijah a captain with his company of fifty men. The captain went up to Elijah, who was sitting on the top of a hill, and said to him, "Man of God, the king says, 'Come down!' " "

2KI 1:10 “Elijah answered the captain, "If I am a man of God, may fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men!" Then fire fell from heaven and consumed the captain and his men.

2KI 1:11 “At this the king sent to Elijah another captain with his fifty men. The captain said to him, "Man of God, this is what the king says, 'Come down at once!' " "

2KI 1:12 "If I am a man of God," Elijah replied, "may fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men!" Then the fire of God fell from heaven and consumed him and his fifty men.”

2KI 1:13 “So the king sent a third captain with his fifty men. This third captain went up and fell on his knees before Elijah. "Man of God," he begged, "please have respect for my life and the lives of these fifty men, your servants! [14] See, fire has fallen from heaven and consumed the first two captains and all their men. But now have respect for my life!"

The Holy Spirit is the greatest gift, for by Him we are saved and by Him all things were made and by Him we can do what Jesus did and more.

So to summarize, anyone can have God’s gifts, He gives them to us by His grace, we receive them through faith, and we are to use them to the Glory of God.

The main gifts are wisdom, knowledge, miracles, healing, extreme faith (that moves mountains), tongues, interpretation of tongues and its interpretation, prophecy, visions, dreams and finally distinguishing between spirits.

95 How do they work?

They all work by faith.

9.5.1 Tongues

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JAS 3:3 “When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. [4] Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. [5] Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. [6] The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.”

JAS 3:7 “All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, [8] but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.”

JAS 3:9 “With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. [10] Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. [11] Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? [12] My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.”

Tongues is not magic. Tongues is an angelic language. It is a heavenly language. Because in the past most people who are baptized in the Holy Spirit start to speak in tongues, and because the first Pentecost they were heard to speak in tongues, most people believe that it is the easiest gift to receive and therefore all should speak in tongues. They even go so far to say that if you do not speak in tongues that you are not baptized in the Holy Spirit. Well all of these are gifts, and hence no one can demand, beg borrow or steal, it is a gift. God has to give it, but their argument is that because it is the easiest, then God gives it to everyone. Well truthfully, that is up to Him not us. Anything else is judging and all judging is up to Him.

God does not steal control over our tongues and vocal cords. We have to work with Him. We have to step out in faith that He does give us all the gifts freely and liberally. But it is up to Him. Why would He not give the gifts, because they are for all Christians. So it does make sense that we have all of the gifts and that we have to learn how they work and how to use them.

I remember when I was prayed for the Holy Spirit. The Christians around me kept praying and praying. But no one explained how it works. What I found out is that God put a Godly word in my mind—Abba—Father. It kept on and on. So I gave up fighting it and started to say that word, as long as it was in my mind. But after awhile, I found that I started to continue speaking that language and it continued, without my mind thinking about it. I found that my heart had taken over and I was speaking tongues.

But this tongue was a prayer language not a prophetic tongue. That one is where your tongue is a true worldly language and people can understand it, as you prophecy or praise the Lord in that language.

Another tongue is where you speak the angelic tongue but some else can interpret it. This is the prophetic version of tongues.

9.5.2 Prophecy is an interesting method of God talking to us.

Here is a new controversy, being prophetic is receiving revelation from God. When you receive a message or a word or God puts His words in your mouth, what is He doing? –He is revealing to you and or the others, what is on His mind. He is revealing what He is doing, what He wants us to know and understand. He is revealing the secrets of the Kingdom of God. It is all revelation.

Pure prophecy is where God puts His words into your mouth. Sometimes it originates in your heart and as you speak He teaches you what to say. It can be that He puts His words in your mind, and you speak them. He is revealing His mind.

But the main point is that all of these words are God's. When a person prophesies, please be very careful that you do not interpret them, but to only speak what you see in your mind, or hear or the unction's in your heart. But you must say only them. If you cannot think of the exact words to describe what He is saying then just describe exactly as you get it. Anything else can ruin the prophecy. If in your prophecy you get a vision, just describe what it is you see. Do not try to add anything from your mind to explain it or to add anything that you assume it might mean. Only describe what you see.

Only the people or person it is for, can understand what it really means or the person that the Lord has as an interpreter for them. The whole point is to have a person that knows nothing about it to give the message, and another to interpret it. This adds to the validity of it being God's words or message.

When you prophecy it could be for yourself, it could be for some one present or some one away. It is a way for God to let others to know what He is doing with yet another person. That way all will know that the person is doing God's will and how they can help them. It could be for a revelation of what He wants everyone to pray for, or it could be a revelation of what He wants us to pray against.

If it is not clear as to which direction you should go, then you need to pray for more revelation as to what He wants you to do. It could be a message of a direction you or the others are to go, or it could be that you are going the wrong way and He is pointing a safer way for all to go. But the key is that once you get the prophecy it is not automatic that He will do it. He is still dependant on us to pray for or against the prophecy for Him to do something. That is why He gave the prophecy.

When He gives a prophecy, the point is that He is asking you to pray more and get more clarification on it. Normally He does not give the prophecy with everyone fully understanding it. He has given it for you to pray more about it. The prophecy is only the beginning and not the end in itself.

Pure Prophecy is what makes a prophet. That is his main function or office. But prophecy is not just a specific message. Now days we have prophetic healers, prophetic evangelists, prophetic pastors, prophetic teachers and prophetic apostles. They all use prophecy to do their main job. To prophecy is to give God's word. Well when a pastor gives his sermon, he should be going it as a prophecy. Then his message will be tailored to the people hearing the message, and it is from God and not the pastors flesh. So God blessings are on them.

The same with the healer. When a person is not being healed it is often because he is sinning, but he really does not realize that he is. If the healer was using the prophecy gift, then the Holy Spirit could tell him what the sin is, they can pray for forgiveness, and God can then heal the sick person.

The same goes with the other functions. With the message from God all guess work is taken out and you can get to the problem and then God can work in them.

9.5.3 Prophetic Healing

I would pray and hope that all can have and use this gift. I pray that some day soon, that the Lord will teach all how to work with the Holy Spirit so that all can heal. There is healing of the body, mind and spirit. When we are saved, in a sense we are healed. We receive a new spirit. A spirit that is now holy, pure and Godly.

All healing is like that, God removes the damaged part and replaces it with a pure, holy and Godly part. I do realize that this is little controversy, so the process is not important, only that we get well. But how?

We get sick, why? There are many reasons we get sick: teaching faith, a testing, sinning, a sign for others, fighting between heaven and hell, being a mule, practicing for others, demon(s), being demon possessed and for the Glory for God.

There are many reasons for sickness, but that is exactly why there needs to be prophetic healing. We need to know why they are sick before we can use the gift of healing to heal them. We need to receive revelation on the problem, the condition and how God wants to heal.

Once we know this then God can heal them. With out revelation, it is really hard to heal. It is hit and miss as to what is really happening so that we can pray with God to heal.

9.6 Miraculous Powers

This is where Peter walked on water. This is stopping the rain or storms. This is bringing down fire from heaven. This is having the strength of Sampson. This is walking through fire.

9.6.1 Gift of Wisdom

JAS 3:13 “Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. [14] But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. [15] Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. [16] For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.:

JAS 3:17 “But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. [18] Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.:

Wisdom is not logical. No logic can explain this, in fact, logic will always try to explain it and if it cannot, then it will get in the way. This must be taken by faith and faith alone. This is how we should all live with the gift of wisdom then we would never make a wrong choice. This gift comes from your heart. You do not know why you do it, but you know it is the smart, wise thing to do. You just know it. It is in your spirit. It usually comes like an unction from your heart. You just know it is the right thing to do.

9.6.2 Gift of Knowledge

JAS 4:13 “Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." [14] Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. [15] Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." [16] As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil. [17] Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins”.

This one is also not logical and what is said about wisdom above all applies here. As with wisdom, so is the gift of knowledge. You just know some thing. You do not know why or how but you know it to be true. You just know what is wrong. As with wisdom this is another that I pray that we all live by.

9.6.3 Gift of Faith

Gifts of the Spirit

Simply put, salvation. This is how we are saved, He gives us the gift of Faith, the faith that brings salvation. He reveals Himself to us and this helps us believe and that brings faith.

EPH 2:1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, [2] in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. [3] All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. [4] But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, [5] **made us alive with Christ** even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. [6] And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, [7] in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. [8] **For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--** [9] not by works, so that no one can boast. [10] For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

MT 8:23 Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. [24] Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. [25] The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"

MT 8:26 He replied, "**You of little faith, why are you so afraid?**" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

MT 14:27 But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

MT 14:28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

MT 14:29 "Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. [30] But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

MT 14:31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. **"You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"**

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MT 14:32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. [33] Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

MT 17:20 He replied, "**Because you have so little faith.** I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. **Nothing will be impossible for you.** "

MT 21:21 "Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. [22] If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

LK 17:6 "He replied, "**If you have faith as small as a mustard seed,** you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you."

Finally look as what He says about the mustard seed.

MT 13:31 "He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. [32] **Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree,** so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches.'"

