

# **HOLY SPIRIT GIFTS**

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## **Dedication**

This book is dedicated to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who gave His Church gifted men and spiritual gifts for all Christians to do the work of taking the Gospel to the world and making disciples in every nation. It is secondly dedicated to all students of the Bible who sincerely want to know whether or not the “manifestation gifts” are for all Christians today.

## Invitation

We invite all Christians to read this book so you can learn about a movement which has captured the hearts and minds of about half of all Protestants in the world.

If you are a member of a Pentecostal or Charismatic church we urge you to read this book from cover-to-cover. We are certain you will learn something about your movement's past you did not know about.

If you are not a member of a Pentecostal or Charismatic church please read this book to learn all about the Pentecostal and Charismatic movements for your own spiritual edification and so you can share what you learn with your brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Once you have read this book share what you have learned with others and pass it on to those you think would be interested in the truths in it.

**Please, read** the Foreword, Preface and Introduction.

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**Grace:** Something given which is NOT deserved.

**Mercy:** Something NOT given which is deserved.

**Grace:** Eternal Life is given which is NOT deserved.

**Mercy:** Eternal punishment is NOT given which is deserved.

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# FOREWORD

If you have any questions concerning the gifts of the Holy Spirit which are listed in 1 Corinthians 12.8-10, you should take the time to read this book from cover to cover. It gives you the facts that you need to determine if those gifts are for you.

The “manifestation gifts” of the Holy Spirit are:

1. word of wisdom
2. word of knowledge
3. faith
4. gifts of healings
5. workings of miracles
6. prophecy
7. discernings of spirits
8. speaking a known language which one does not know
9. interpreting a known language which one does not know.

If you have one or more of these gifts read this book to learn why you have them.

If you do not have any of these gifts read this book to learn why you do not have them.

Whether you have these gifts or not it is important to know why you have some or none, and this book will give you the answer.

As you read this book study the Bible and pray without ceasing. Ask God to give you full understanding concerning the “manifestation gifts” of the Holy Spirit.



## PREFACE

The gifts in 1 Corinthians 12.8-10 are called *pneumatikon charisma* (Spirit gifts). We use the term “manifestation gifts” because these gifts are manifestations of the Holy Spirit. The question of whether or not these gifts are for today is vigorously argued among many Christians. The Pentecostal and Charismatic denominations contend earnestly that these gifts are for all Christians today. Many members of other denominations argue that these gifts are not for Christians today because they have not been given since 100 AD. They contend that all experiences of those gifts are demonic or faked.

This book presents the facts, as given in the Bible, concerning these gifts and as experienced from the day of Pentecost until today. We are convinced that this fair and balanced presentation will enable everyone who reads it to come to a definite conclusion as to whether or not the “manifestation gifts” are for Christians today.

This book clears up the many misconceptions that are held by proponents and opponents of the “manifestation gifts.” It reveals the fact that the practice of speaking known languages one did not know did not begin on the day of Pentecost. The reader will also learn that many non-Christian religions have a practice that is identical to what the Pentecostals and Charismatics experience today of speaking in an ecstatic manner.

We urge readers to remember that the doctrines of the Christian faith are not based on experience or tradition. Instead, doctrine is based solely on Scripture and nothing else (*sola Scriptura*). If a doctrine cannot be fully supported with Scripture it must be rejected as a false doctrine or a non-biblical teaching.



# INTRODUCTION

Both sides of this controversial subject are presented using statements by the Pentecostals and Charismatics. We leave it to you, the reader, to decide if the “manifestation gifts” are for all believers today.

We ask you to keep in mind that the “manifestation gifts” had two purposes:

To prove that Jesus is the promised Messiah (Isaiah 28.11; Acts 2.11-12), and

To equip believers to do the work of service, preaching the Gospel and making disciples (Ephesians 4.11-12).

**If** the “manifestation gifts” are for believers today their main purpose is to help them mature in the Lord so they can share the Gospel in a clear and concise manner (1 Peter 3.15), and then disciple the people they lead to the Lord (Deuteronomy 4.9-10; 6.5-7; 32.46; Psalm 78.3-7; Matthew 28.19-20; 2 Timothy 2.2).

**If** the exercise of the “manifestation gifts” in a church is not assisting the members to grow spiritually then they are being used improperly. Every Pentecostal and Charismatic church in the world should have the most mature Christians to be found anywhere, who are daily sharing the Gospel, leading people to Christ and discipling them. Every member of every Pentecostal and Charismatic church in the world should be a super-believer who knows the Bible inside-and-out, who can quote hundreds of verses by memory, who can teach the Bible with no preparation, who can share the Gospel in a clear and precise manner, who boldly share the Gospel daily and who can disciple those they lead to the Lord.

Is this true of your church? Is this true of you? Do you spend more time in real prayer, Bible reading, Bible study, Bible memorization and meditation than you do in praying in “tongues,” singing and listening to preachers and gospel music?

As you study the Bible and this book keep in mind that “*man doth not live by bread alone but by everything that proceedeth out of the mouth of Jehovah doth man live*” (Deuteronomy 8.3; Matthew 4.4). The way a believer grows spiritually is by being in the Word daily – reading, studying, memorizing and meditating upon It – and by praying without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5.17). Spiritual growth comes by being in the

Word and by praying with your mind daily. It also comes by attending Bible studies, worship services, sharing the Gospel and discipling your children and those you lead to the Lord.

Christians who are not growing spiritually by having a daily discipline of praying, feeding on the Scriptures, attending regular Bible studies and worship services, sharing the Gospel and making disciples are spiritual babies. A believer can be saved for 50 or more years and be a spiritual baby. There are millions of elderly believers around the world who have not grown up spiritually. It is sad, but it is a fact of life. The average believer does not give this fact much thought because they do not understand how serious the problem is. Let us demonstrate the gravity of the illustration with an analogy that Chuck Smith uses:

**If** we were to see a baby of six months stand up in a crib and say “dadda” and “momma” we would think the child is making rapid growth. Yet if we came back 20 years later and we saw a fully grown man in the same crib stand up and say “dadda” and “momma” and that is all he could do we would be horrified.

Every believer should be just as horrified to see a brother or sister in a church who has been saved for 20 or more years and knows virtually nothing about the Bible, cannot share the Gospel, cannot quote more Scripture than John 3.16, does not read the Bible daily, rarely studies and meditates on the Bible, seldom prays, rarely attends Bible studies and only attends Sunday worship services regularly.

**If** you do not want to die as a spiritual baby in a crib study Appendix A carefully. Memorize the salvation verses and learn how to share the Gospel. Then set up a spiritual fitness program of daily Bible reading, study, memorization, meditation and prayer. Find a good Bible study to attend and find someone to disciple you.

We must also remember one last important truth: The use of “manifestation gifts” do not automatically produce sanctification (holy living) in those who have them. The believers in Corinth were not lacking in any gift (1 Corinthians 1.7), yet they were the most carnal church of the first century. It is the abundance of “manifestation gifts” that lead to carnality. This was true in Corinth and it is true in a great many churches that exercise the “manifestation gifts.” There is more carnality among those churches than the churches that do not have those gifts. It should also be noted that among the televangelists that exercise the “manifestation gifts” the level of carnality – divorce, adultery, greed, pride, deceit, love of worldly things – is extreme.