The Spiritual Gift of Faith

1 Corinthians 12:7-11, Romans 12:6-8

- **The more we learn and understand about the Holy Spirit and His Gifts the more effective we can become in these last days.**
- **There are different spiritual gifts that have been distributed by the Holy Spirit to each member of the Body of Christ.**

1. **Apostle Paul list Nine Spiritual Gifts in (1 Corinthians 12:7-10)**
2. **Apostle Paul list Seven more Spiritual Gifts in (Romans 12:3-8)**

- **Purpose: To teach us the importance of each spiritual gifts and how the Holy Spirit uses each of them to benefit the Body of Christ as a whole.**
- **Goal: To mature us in our understanding of spiritual gifts so that our lives can be useful for the Kingdom of God.**
- **Spiritual Principles: Authority, Agreement, Stewardship, Organization, Obedience, Faith, Grace, Unconditional Love, Prayer**
- **Today we will be discussing and examining the final spiritual gifts in the Today we will be discussing and examining the Spiritual Gifts in the <u>(2nd) Category</u>: (1 Corinthians 12:7-10, Romans 12:6-8)**

1. **Demonstration Gifts or Power Gifts – "To Know." (1 Corinthians 12:9-10)**

- **The Gift of Faith**
- **The Gift of Healing**
- **The Gift of Miracles**

2. **<u>The Spiritual Gift of Faith</u> is not our faith that I'm referring to. It is a portion of God's faith that is supernaturally imparted in a believer's life by the Holy Spirit.**

3. **<u>The Spiritual Gift of Faith</u> is a supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit that operates in and through a believer's life.**

4. **<u>The Spiritual Gift of Faith</u> will work closely together with the gift of healing and the gift of miracles. All the other Gifts of the Holy Spirit do so as well.**

- **(John 11:38-44) – "Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead."**
- **Everything that Jesus said and did was through the manifestation of the Holy Spirit power and what He spoke was God's will for His life and that situation. <u>The results received was healing and a miraculous miracle</u>.**
- **The Holy Spirit power is supernaturally manifested in and through you, but not you or your words that hold any power of themselves.**

5. **Let me make this point clear when referring to the Gift of Faith that is manifested supernaturally through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

- **It is not faith in a human being or their natural abilities.**
- **It is not faith in faith or faith in something that is outside of the Sovereignty of God.**
- **The object of the believer's faith is God and His Son Jesus Christ.**
- **The supernatural power that is manifested through all these gifts is the Holy Spirit.**

6. **The Gift of Faith and faith in general never operates outside of the Word of God and the will of God. <u>This is true with all the gifts of the Holy Spirit</u>.**

- **To please and honor God, every believer must walk by faith. (Hebrews 11:6)**
- **To please and honor God, it must be grounded and operate in love. (1 Corinthians 13:1-2, Galatians 5:5-6, 1 Thessalonians 1:2-4)**

- **<u>There are Several types of Faith mentioned in the New Testament</u>.**

1. **The Spiritual Gift of Faith is the supernatural ability of the Holy Spirit enabling and empowering a believer to believe and trust God to do the impossible. (Hebrews 11:6)**

- **The Gift of Faith has been released and distributed by the Holy Spirit to encourage those within the Body of Christ to not give up, but to continue to believe God to do the impossible.**
- **The Gift of Faith has been distributed by the Holy Spirit to some believers to benefit the entire Body of Christ.**

- **The Gift of Faith has been released by the Holy Spirit to supernaturally enable and empower a believer to stand with complete faith, authority and confidence in the power of God.**
- **The Gift of Faith is always dependent upon the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit and alignment with the Word of God.**

1) **Having complete faith and confidence in God's Word.**
2) **Never influenced by human's emotions, negative opinions, or perspective in the situation.**
3) **Having complete faith and trust in the power of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. *<u>If God said it, "I believe it and will stand on it</u>." (Psalm 27:14, Hebrews 10:35-38)**

- **The Gift of Faith is a faith that is supernatural and beyond human reasoning. *<u>It will never make any sense to the natural mind</u>.**
- **The Gift of Faith will always be in alignment with the will and purposes of God for the believer's life.**

1) **The believer who has the "spiritual gift of faith" will speak and believe God's will is going to be done no matter what the situation is.**
2) **The believer will have faith in God and declare His Word with boldness and authority. (Mark 11:20-25) – "Jesus gives the disciples a powerful lesson on faith and forgiveness."**

- **Faith and forgiveness allow the Holy Spirit power to freely flow through each gift in the believer's life.**
- **Unbelief and unforgiveness will hinder the Holy Spirit power to freely flow through each gift in the believer's life.**
- **Allow the Holy Spirit to open your heart to forgive and release any person that has cause hurt or harm in your life whether past or present. (Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:13, Matthews 18:21-22)**

3) **The believer will give no room for fear and doubt to settle in their heart and mind. (2Timothy 1:7)**

- **Don't be timid or fearful of allowing the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit to operate through that gift that God has entrusted to you.**
- **<u>Holy Spirit supernaturally empowers believer's spiritual lives with</u>:**
- **Power – To utilize our gifts to both bear witness and live for Jesus Christ. To strengthen the Body of Christ. (Acts 1:8, Ephesians 3:20)**

- **Love – The agape love or the God kind of love. Being committed to Jesus Christ, to willingly love someone regardless of how they treat you or what they think of you. (1John 4:17-21)**
- **Sound mind – Well-balance mind, sound judgment, self-control or remain discipline over their heart, mind and in spite of the situation or circumstances. (Galatians 5:22-23, 1Peter 1:13-16, Romans 12:1-2)**
- **The Gift of Faith is a necessary functioning gift that demonstrates the power of God through the Holy Spirit. (Acts 3:1-10)**

1) **God did not grace us with these gifts to serve our selfish-motives or selfish-agendas.**
2) **Carnal Christians who are worldly minded think that they can use the gift of faith to play and win the lottery in order to fulfill their fleshly or lustful desires. (Romans 8:5-8, 12:1-2, Philippians 2:1-4)**
3) **Every believer should walk by faith and not by sight regardless of the situation or circumstances. (2Corinthians 5:7, Proverbs 3:5-8, Matthew 6:33, John 16:33, Isaiah 26:3, Psalm 37:23-26)**

- **God has distributed to each believer a measure of faith by His grace to believe in His power to function within our God-given calling and utilize our gifts to serve His Kingdom purposes in the earth. (Romans 12:3)**

2. **The Saving Faith or Faith of Jesus Christ.**

- **The measure of faith that leads to salvation. (John 1:11-13, 3:16, Galatians 3:26, Romans 12:3)**
- **The grace given is a gift of God to save and redeem a person through faith in Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 2:8-9)**
- **When a person hears the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit brings conviction to their heart to repent and believe by faith in Jesus Christ for salvation. (John 6:44, Romans 10:8-10, 13-17)**
- **When a person receives Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior they no longer rely on their personal faith which has ended. (1 Peter 1:6-9)**
- **We can rejoice as believers because God has given us a much greater faith which is in Jesus Christ who is the center and priority of our lives. (Galatians 2:20)**

- **The person can now rejoice because they are now justified (acquitted, declared righteous) and given right standings with God through faith in Jesus Christ and have peace with God. (Romans 5:1-2)**
- **The faith of Jesus Christ is the master key that gives a believer grace to access everything in the Kingdom of God through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 2:14-18, Hebrews 4:16)**

3. Precious Faith. (2Peter 1:1-4)

- **Apostle Peter calls the faith of Jesus Christ that a believer receives is a "precious faith" given to us by the righteousness of God and Savior Jesus Christ. (vs. 1)**

1) The word "precious" means of equal value, honor, or of great value and privilege.
2) The faith of Jesus Christ is of great value, honor and privilege because it makes us acceptable to God or right standing with God.
3) It is the <u>same precious faith</u> that all believers have received. It is the same faith that is equal in value, honor, and privilege before God Almighty and Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.
4) It reveals to us that the <u>faith of Jesus Christ</u> given to us by God and Jesus Christ does not show favoritism, discriminates, and that we are all loved and equal in the sight of God.
5) The faith of Jesus Christ cannot be earned but is obtained, received or gift given to us by God through Jesus Christ.
6) The faith of Jesus Christ is by the righteousness of God and Savior Jesus Christ.

- **Apostle Peter teaches us that "<u>grace and peace</u>" be "<u>multiplied</u>" to each believer in the knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ our Lord. (vs. 2)**

1) Jesus Christ gives an abundance of grace and peace.
2) It is Jesus Christ grace and peace that overflows in the life of a true believer.
3) The believer's life is overflowing with grace and internal peace of God through the "<u>knowledge</u>" of God and Jesus Christ our Lord.

- **The word "<u>knowledge</u>" is referring to a personal experience and relationship with both God and Jesus Christ.**

- **In other words, "knowledge" is knowing God and Jesus Christ fully, personally, experiencing a genuine relationship through daily fellowship and communion with God and Jesus Christ.**

4) **The believer knows Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord.**

- **Jesus Christ is our Lord.**
- **The true believer commits to their personal relationship with Jesus Christ and surrender total control to Him as Lord over their life. (John 17:3)**
- **Apostle Peter teaches that Jesus Christ has abundantly supplied everything a believer need. (vs. 3)**