

# The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

## Introduction:

- A. When Cornelius and his household were “baptized with the Holy Spirit” (Acts 11:15-16) it was referred to as “the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 10:44-45).
- B. As we continue in our study of the Scriptures, a clear and definite distinction can be detected between the Holy Spirit as a “gift” and the “gifts” of the Holy Spirit.

## I. “Measures” of the Spirit

A. The New Testament refers to different “measures” of the Spirit received by various individuals.

1. Jesus Christ had “the Spirit without measure” (John 3:31-36; 1:32-34; Col 1:19).
2. The apostles had a “baptismal measure” of the Spirit (Acts 1:4-5; 2:4; John 14:26; 16:12-15; Mark 16:17-18; 2 Cor 12:12; 1 Cor 2:1-13; Heb 2:3-4).
3. Others enjoyed a “laying on of the apostles’ hands” measure of the Spirit (Acts 8:4-8, 12-19; 19:1-7; 2 Tim 1:6; 2 Cor 12:12-13; 1 Cor 1:4-7).

## II. “Gifts” of the Spirit (1 Cor 12:1-11)

- A. What was the aim of these gifts? “The \_\_\_\_\_ good” (1 Cor 12:7).
- B. What were these gifts?
  1. The utterance of \_\_\_\_\_ (12:8a).
  2. The utterance of \_\_\_\_\_ (12:8b).
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ (12:9a; 13:2; Matt 17:19-21).
  4. Gifts of \_\_\_\_\_ (12:9b; Mark 16:18).
  5. The working of \_\_\_\_\_ (12:10a).
  6. \_\_\_\_\_ (12:10b; Acts 11:27-28; 21:8-11; 1 Cor 13:2).
  7. The ability to distinguish between \_\_\_\_\_ (12:10c; 1 John 4:1).
  8. Various kinds of \_\_\_\_\_ (12:10d).
  9. The \_\_\_\_\_ of tongues (12:10e).
- C. Who empowered these gifts? “One and the same Spirit” (12:11).

## III. “Limitations” of the Measures of the Spirit

- A. Jesus, who had “the Spirit without measure,” baptized the apostles with the Spirit (John 1:33).
- B. The apostles could impart gifts of the Spirit through “the laying on” of their hands (Acts 8:18).
- C. No Biblical record exists of those “laid hands on” being able to pass along the Spirit to others.

