

SPIRITUAL GIFTS (#2)

Last week we introduced the subject of Spiritual Gifts from 1 Cor.12:1-13. You can keep current in this Sunday series through our church web site at www.doctrinalstudies.com

**This week will study the passages listing all the Spiritual Gifts
and give a brief definition of the function of each.**

NOTE: We will explain from our lesson text why some Spiritual Gifts ceased and others were done away during the church age.

1. The following four passages of Scriptures list all the Spiritual Gifts for the church age.

<u>1 Cor.12:8-12 (4 sets)</u>	<u>1 Cor.12:28-30</u>	<u>Rom.12:6-8</u>	<u>Eph.4:11</u>
Word of wisdom	Apostles	Prophecy	Apostles
Word of knowledge	Prophets	Service	Prophets
Different faith	Teachers	Teaching	Evangelists
Gifts of healings	Miracles	Exhorting	Pastors and teachers
Gifts of miracles	Gifts of healings	Giving	
Prophecy	Helps	Leading	
Distinguishing spirits	Administration	Mercy	
Kinds of tongues	Kinds of tongues		
Interpretation of tongues	Interpretation of tongues		
Count_____	Count_____	Count_____	Count_____
Total count_____			

In Eph.4:11, four and not five groupings are listed by the Greek grammar – “And He gave some as (tous men) apostles, and some as (tous de) prophets, and some as (tous de) evangelists, and some as (tous de) pastors and teachers.”

(1Pet.4:10-11) “As each one has received a special gift (charisma), employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of **God**. **Whoever speaks**, let him speak, as it were, the utterances of **God**; **whoever serves**, let him do so as by the strength which **God** supplies; so that in all things **God** may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

Peter divided Spiritual Gifts into two categories of function: **Speaking gifts and Serving gifts**.

Based on the listing above:

- **7 Speaking Gifts** were given to the church on the Day of Pentecost: Prophecy and Distinguishing spirit, Kinds of tongues and Interpretation of tongues, Apostles, Evangelists, and Pastors and teachers.
- The rest or **12 were Serving Gifts**. **This division will help you in identifying your gifts.**

2. According to our lesson text, some spiritual gifts would cease and some would be done away with during the transitional period of the church age.

At least the following **10 changes** occurred during the transitional period (the book of Acts) between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant – “He takes away the first in order to establish the second.” (Heb.10:9b)

- Dispensation (Jewish to Church)
- Divine agency (Priest nation of Israel to Church body)
- Canon of Scripture (OT to completion Bible)
- Ministry of Holy Spirit (Besides to inside)
- Christology (Shadow to historical)
- Priesthood (Levitical to Royal)
- Covenants (Old to New)
- Advents of Christ (First to Second)
- **Believers** (**Some to all gifted**)
- Gospel (Prophetic to historical)

Three special dates and events are associated with Spiritual Gifts ceasing and being done away with during this transition period.

- **30AD**
 - The ascension-session of Jesus Christ resulted in the distribution of 19 Spiritual Gifts on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 1:9-11; 2:1-4, 33)
 - § (Eph.4:8). “When He ascended on high, He led captive a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men.”
- **70AD**
 - The fall of Jerusalem to Rome resulted in 2 Spiritual gifts ceased (pauo / f.p.ind / intransitive) [ceasing by something inside itself]
 - § Kinds of tongues
 - § Interpretation of tongues (1 Cor.1:22; 14:21-22; Isa.28:9-11; 13:8-10)
 - Leaving 17 Spiritual Gifts.
- **100AD**
 - The completion of the Bible resulted in 5 or probably 8 Spiritual Gifts being done away with. (katargeo / f.p.ind / transitive) [Done away by something outside itself]:
 - Prophecy and Distinguishing spirit,
 - Word of wisdom and Word of knowledge,
 - Apostle (1 Cor.4:9),
 - And probably Different faith and Gifts of healings and Gifts of miracles
 - Leaving 12 or probably 9 Spiritual Gifts plus a completed Bible.

3. Under the doctrinal principle of God’s grace, the church does not lose anything in the Plan of God.

Therefore the church didn’t lose anything of significance to its function, in the Plan of God, when these specific Spiritual Gifts became inoperative anymore than the horse and buggy did to today’s transportation (1 Cor.12:18, 24, 28).

However, the CAB does lose something when he does not seriously study the completed Bible regarding his spirituality, his spiritual growth and his spiritually gifted ministry (1 Cor.12:1; 2 Pet.3:18; Heb.10:25).

“Once the credibility of the witness of the Apostles had been established, and the Canon of New Testament had been completed, there was not the same necessity for the exercise of the miraculous, spectacular gifts which gradually became less prominent.” (Holy Spirit and His Gifts by O.J. Sanders, pg.111)

4. Now we will examine our lesson text as to why some Spiritual Gifts ceased and some were abolished during the transition period (1 Cor.13:8-12).

- According to 1 Cor.13:8, **gift of tongues** and **interpretation of tongues** would cease (pauo / f.m.ind / intransitive) with the fulfillment of Isa.28:9-13 (1 Cor.1:22; 14:21-22).
- According to 1 Cor.13:9-10, the gifts of **prophecy**; **distinguishing spirit**, the **word of wisdom** and the **word of knowledge** would be done away with (katargeo / f.p.ind / transitive) with the completion of the Bible.
- These Spiritual Gifts would disappear from the church when the Perfect (to teleion) comes.