

Outline #8 The Holy Spirit and the Gifts of the Spirit

Scripture Song: The Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22–23)

1. The gifts of the Spirit

- a) 1 Corinthians 12:4–7, 11. What important lesson can we learn from this teaching of Paul?
- b) 1 Corinthians 1:4–9; Ephesians 4:7. Just as the fruit of the Spirit comes through a living connection with Jesus, so the gifts also come through our connection with Jesus.
- c) Spiritual gifts are given by Christ to His church, distributed by the Holy Spirit as He knows is best.

2. The purpose of the gifts of the Spirit

- a) Romans 12:3–6a
- b) Ephesians 4:11–12
- c) 1 Peter 4:10–11. Why is it important to remember that gifts of the Spirit are not only given for service but also to glorify God?

3. Some of the gifts of the Spirit

- a) 1 Corinthians 12:8–11
- b) 1 Corinthians 12:27–30
- c) Romans 12:6–8
- d) What do you notice about these lists?
- e) What are some other gifts of the Spirit not listed here?
- f) Which spiritual gifts do you think are most needed today?
- g) If the gifts of Christ to His followers are distributed by the Holy Spirit as He wills, what does Paul mean when he says, “Earnestly desire the best gifts?” (1 Corinthians 12:31).

- h) One of the gifts of the Spirit is the gift of tongues. How was the gift of tongues manifested in the early Christian church for the building up of the church? Acts 2:1-8

4. Spiritual gifts today

- a) Some suggest that the spiritual gifts mentioned in the New Testament were just for apostolic times, quoting the apostle Paul who says a time will come when “tongues will cease” (1 Corinthians 13:8). How can we be certain that Christ still desires to provide special gifts for His church today?
 - i) Ephesians 4:11–13. Are we there yet?
 - ii) Matthew 28:19–20, to the end of the age
- b) Are spiritual gifts discovered and then used or given when we step out in faith?
- c) What spiritual gifts have you noticed as you have engaged in ministry?
- d) Why is it important to remain humble when we see God work in us and through us in miraculous ways?
 - i) Romans 12:3
 - ii) 1 Peter 5:5–7

