



THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS HANDBOOK

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FIRE ON THE EARTH



As Jesus was journeying toward Jerusalem, where He **KNEW** that arrest, torture, and death awaited Him, He cried out, “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled!” (Luke 12:49)

Jesus foretold that same outpouring of the Holy Spirit just before He ascended into heaven: “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. (Acts 1:5, 8)

The fire of God would be at the same time a waterfall from heaven that would baptize (immerse, plunge, drench) the believers in the very life of God.

DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES ON THE BAPTISM



ACTIVATION

Baptism in the Spirit is an activation, or a coming alive, of what was given through faith at the time of regeneration (new birth in Christ).



EXPERIENCE

Baptism in the Spirit is an experience of the Spirit that is subsequent to receiving the Spirit in regeneration.



A NEW SENDING

Baptism in the Spirit is not connected to regeneration in Christ, but is a new coming of the Spirit into a person's life for a new mission or calling.



PHENOMENON

Baptism in the Spirit is a historically significant global phenomenon that signals and eschatological turning point.

GOD WILL DO AS HE PLEASES

We want to add caution: Baptism in the Spirit must not be reduced either to formula or to a theological position that has no correspondence to lived experience. The danger is that all the conditions or heart attitudes mentioned above could come to be considered prerequisites to experiencing the baptism of the Spirit.



REVELATION GIFTS

Supernatural gifts given to every believer for the profit of all to be used by the Holy Spirit however He chooses, to be instruments of His love in a needy world.



Word of Wisdom
Word of Knowledge
Discernment of
Spirits



Faith
Healings
Miracles



Tongues
Interpretation of
Tongues
Prophecy

“Manifestations of the Spirit”

REVELATION GIFTS



“To one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit... and to another distinguishing between spirits.”

1 Corinthians 12:8, 10 NASB

- **Word of Wisdom** is practical. It involves knowing how to live and act rightly, in a way that is pleasing to God. A word of wisdom, then, refers to supernatural wisdom given in the moment that leads a person to make the right decision, or reply with the right answer, breakthrough and impasse, or know what to do in a particular situation.
- **Word of Knowledge** refers to a supernatural knowledge of facts that does not come through study, research, experience, or any human means. Often, it involves knowledge of something God desires to do or is about to do in a particular situation.
- **Discernment of spirits** is a revelation from the Holy Spirit about the source of a particular thought, word or action... whether it originates from the Holy Spirit, from a demonic spirit or from the human spirit. The gift has multiple purposes.

POWER GIFTS

Apostle Paul was convinced of the power of the gifts to open peoples hearts to the Gospel



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“Different Kinds of Workings”

POWER GIFTS

- The **Gift of Faith** is different from the saving faith in Christ that is the foundation of the Christian life. This gift is unshakable conviction given by God that He is going to act supernaturally in a particular situation.
- The **Gift of Healing** is God's supernatural action to bring a sick person to physical, emotional or spiritual health. Healing is not something we can do in our own strength or ability. It is done by God's power, which comes as a gift through our faith and prayer.
- The **Gift of Miracles**, also known as the working of miracles is when God uses us to effect a miracle by His divine power. The New Testament word for miracle is dunamis, which means a mighty deed or deed of power... something that goes beyond any human explanation.



“To another there is given faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles...” 1 Corinthians 12:9-10 NASB

GIFTS OF SPEECH

The Holy Spirit's action through the gifts provides visible confirmation of the truth of the Gospel.



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“Kinds of Service”

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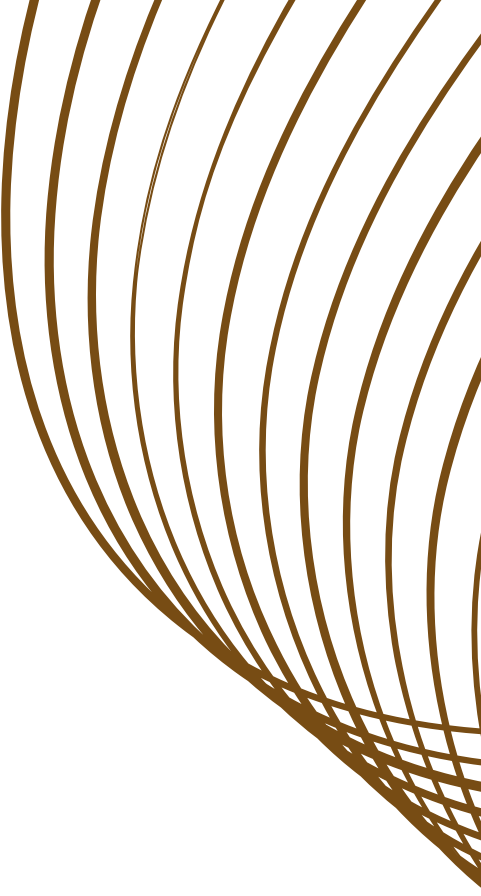
**“The Kingdom of God has
come near to you”
(Luke 10:8-9)**

**“To another is given prophecy... to another various kinds of
tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.”
1 Corinthians 12:10 NASB**

- The **Gift of Prophecy** is speaking a message inspired by the Holy Spirit, especially for the “upbuilding, encouragement and consolation” of others (1 Corinthians 14:3). A prophetic word can build up by arousing people’s faith, deepening their understanding, stirring them to worship or piercing their hearts with conviction of sin (1 Corinthians 14:24-25).
- The **Gift of Tongues** is speech inspired by the Holy Spirit in a language the speaker does not understand. Apostle Paul referenced two different forms of this gift: tongues as a language for personal prayer and praise, and tongues as a public message for the congregation.
- **Interpretation of tongues** is a gift that always operates together with a public message given in tongues. It is a supernatural ability to understand the message and to proclaim it in a language understood by the listeners, so that all can be built up by it. It is not a direct translation, but an interpretation of what was said.

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**QUESTIONS OR
THOUGHTS?**