

Pneumatology 8 - Spiritual Gifts

I. How do we get them?

- A. They are freely given to us at salvation. Ephesians 4:7-12
 - 1. Our gifts are given by grace and as a result of Christ's victory over sin and death.
 - Christ like a victorious general gives gifts in His victory parade.
 - 2. No believer is without some spiritual gift. I Cor. 12:7
 - We are created in Christ Jesus for good works and not just to fill a chair. Eph. 2:10
- B. The Holy Spirit distributes them according to His Will. I Cor. 12:3-4,11
 - 1. Every gift is necessary and important to the function and effectiveness of a church.
 - I Corinthians 12:14-30- The diversity of gifts is compared to the human body's diversity of parts. Each part is necessary and we are at our strongest when we are healthy and injury free.
 - They should not ever become a source of rivalry, but should be exercised in love.
 - 2. Although certain gifts may be desired it is ultimately the Holy Spirit's divine distribution.
 - 3. The key to discovering your gift is to start serving. You soon see how God has gifted you, and will bless other tremendously.

II. Why do we have them?

- A. To edify the church. I Cor. 12:7, 14:12, 26.
 - 1. We are called to use them for each other's benefit. Romans 12:5-13
 - 2. We're following Christ's example of service. Phil. 2:5-8
- B. Because God in His grace desires to use us to accomplish His Will.
 - 1. Our gift will correspond with God's plans and purposes for us. I Thess. 5:24, Prov. 3:5-6
 - 2. Phil. 1:6, 2:13- It's God who will accomplish the work through us.
- C. Because we are engaged in a battle.
 - 1. The Church needs to be a place of encouragement because we all grow weary. 2 Tim. 1:16-18
 - Ephesians 6 reminds us that there is a real spiritual battle taking place.
 - 2. We need the family of God.
 - Ecc. 4:9-12- We need support Hebrews 10:23-25- It's important to faithfully be at to get encouraged.

III. What are they? I Cor. 12, Rom. 12, Eph. 4

- A. There are teaching gifts such as Pastor, teacher, exhortation, and evangelists.
- B. There are practical service gifts such as helps, administration, giving, and leadership.
- C. There are resource gifts such as discernment, wisdom, encouragement.