

The Gifts of The Holy Spirit Sermon 1
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THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ARE EXPRESSED THROUGH THE BODY
1 Cor. 12:8-12; 26-31

- *The Bible speaks of a corporate salvation. We are individuals but we operate like the human body, which depends on the redemptive acts done by Jesus Christ in the body of His flesh through death. The gifts are the continued expression of The Incarnation of Jesus Christ.*
- *One can say that the concept of the body forms the keystone of Paul's theology. It is from the body of sin and death that we are delivered; through the body of Christ on the Cross that we are saved; into His body the Church we are incorporated; by His body in the Eucharist the Community is sustained; in our body new life is manifested; it is to a resurrection of this body to the likeness of His glorious body that we are destined.*
- *Individualism is unknown in Paul's thought since the Church is like the body and must operate in an interdependent manner*
- *"The body alone is capable of making visible what is invisible: the spiritual and divine...It enables us to see spiritual realities." (John Paul II).*
- The Gifts of The Holy Spirit must be seen corporately, not as individual empowerments. The Gifts are all interconnected with the Church and for the building up of the Church to the Glory of God The Father.

Voice/Communication	Example	Eyes/Revelation	Example	Hands/Doing	Example
Tongues: edify self or praise God	Ro. 8:26; 1 Cor. 14:5	Word of Knowledge	Acts 5:1-11	Faith	Dan. 6:16-23; Heb. 11:33
Interpretation of Tongues	1 Cor. 14:5, 13	Word of Wisdom	Mat. 22:15-22	Healings	Acts 19:11-12
Prophecy	Acts 13:1-4	Discerning of Spirits	Acts 16:16-18	Miracles	Jn. 11:43-44
FOR: Declaring		FOR: Discerning		FOR: Delivering	
Proclaiming		Perceiving		Performing	
Speaking		Seeing		Soundness	
Relating		Revealing		Restoration	
Utterance		Understanding		Unshackling	

HEART: Love of God
LUNGS: Faith of God
SKELETON: Word of God
MUSCLE: Doctrines of Christ
MIND: Administration of leadership of Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, Teacher;
all as the extension of the headship of Jesus Christ.

When the Body, The Church, operates in love (1 Cor. 13), the Lord has provided gifts to strengthen us so we can be a witness to His glory. We do not need to seek help from any source but God for guidance, power and hope.

YOU ARE GOD'S WORK OF ART (EPH. 2:10) AND HE WILL PERFECT YOU!

What is your gift to be used in the Body of Christ?