

The New Testament Church
The Holy Spirit #10 – Faith, Healing and Miracles
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I Review of the Series on the Holy Spirit - John 14-17 – the Holy Spirit’s “job description”

- A. The Holy Spirit is God - the one (transcendant) and many (imminent) - Elohim
 - 1. Jn. 20:21-22 – Jesus appeared – *peace I give you, receive the Holy Spirit – regenerated*
 - 2. Acts 2:1-4 – The day of Pentecost – *be baptized in the Holy Spirit - empowerment*
- B. The Holy Spirit **comforts** (or shepherds) and **convicts** (as an attorney)
 - 1. He comforts by empowering us – prayer in tongues, the Spirit having more of us
 - 2. He convicts us of our sin, then defends us when forgiven – building our character
- C. The gifts draw you in to greater surrender, that His image (character) may be formed!
- D. We can hear the voice of the Lord – the *rhema* voice rests on the written *logos* Word
- E. The Trinity is involved in manifesting the work of the Spirit in the NT – v. 4-6
 - 1. Diversities of **gifts** (charismaton, ability) – the Spirit gives when they are needed
 - 2. Differences of **ministries** (diakonion, service)– our Lord Jesus develops ministries
 - 3. Diversities of **activities** (energy, power) – God the Father places us in the body

II The Power gifts: faith, healing and miracles – 1st Cor. 12:7-10

- A. Nu. 21:1-9 – *looked at (faith in God) the bronze serpent, he lived* (Jn. 3:14; 2nd Kings 18:4)
- B. Gifts, ministries and activities are for the “common good” – sympheron – v. 7
 - 1. They are not for you but for others for the advance of His Kingdom
 - 2. Your gift, ministry/service will make room for you as you walk in submission to Him!
 - 3. “Everyone is given something, but no one is given everything” – we are a body
- C. ...*To another faith by the same Spirit* - v. 9a – **(faith is as strong as its object!)**
 - 1. Faith (pistis) – *belief, trust, confidence* – **confidence in the ability of God**
 - 2. Biblically, *faith in God does not guarantee that He will always do what we ask*
 - 3. Faith is faithfulness (Ga. 5:22); praying in Jesus’ name is in His will (1st Jn. 5:14)
 - 4. We can be given a “gift of faith” for a specific situation and need (greater confidence)
 - 5. Example of a “gift of faith” – Acts 3:1-16 (emphasizing v. 16 – *faith in His Name*)
- D. ...*to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit* – v. 9b (**power to quicken-cure the body**)
 - 1. Healing (iamaton) – *healing, curing, remedy* – **God can heal and cure me** (Ro. 8:11)
 - 2. The word for gifts is in the plural – many gifts due to many diseases in the body
 - 3. Sin is the cause of disease, *but we can walk in a measure of divine health, for...*
 - 4. God made the body to heal itself, and we are to steward it with exercise and food
 - 5. Example of the gifts of healing in operation – Acts 9:32-35
- E. ...*to another the working of miracles* – v. 10a – greatest miracle is a heart change – Ro. 8:2
 - 1. Miracles (dynamion) – *miraculous power* – **God can do the extraordinary**
 - 2. First order – Creation, Incarnation, Word, Redemption (**heart change**), Return of Christ
 - 3. Second order – angels, answers to prayer, providential timing/protection, intervention
 - 4. Ordinary cause/effect and extraordinary (beyond the laws of nature) – my experiences
 - 5. Example of miracles in operation – Acts 5:12-16 (caution against idolatry of articles)
- F. Remember that gifts (“divine gratuity” – grace) are **confirmation** tips! (Mark 16:20)
 - 1. They are given as the Spirit distributes them for a specific time, place and person
 - 2. Due to the nature of their impact, they delivered confidently but in caution and humility
 - 3. Gifts can become ministries based on character and consistency (1st Cor. 12:28-31)