

Spiritual Gifts

1Corinthians 12:1-11

Measures Of The Spirit

Spiritual gifts come from the Holy Spirit - **1Corinthians 12:11**

Four measures (manifestations) of Holy Spirit:

- Spirit without measure; Baptism of the Holy Spirit;
- Miraculous indwelling; Indwelling of all Christians

Distribution Of Gifts

Only Christ given Holy Spirit without measure - **John 3:34**

Only apostles had baptism of Holy Spirit

- Cornelius, special case with a special purpose - **Acts 11:15-18**
- Promised by Jesus & Father - **John 14:26; 15:26-27; 16:13-15; Acts 1:4-8**
- Fulfilled on Pentecost - **Acts 2:1-4**

Miraculous indwelling only thru apostles' hands

- With the laying on of the apostles' hands gifts were imparted to the believers
- The seven at Jerusalem - **Acts 6:5-8**
- Philip could perform miracles, but could not confer gifts of power to others - **Acts 8:12-17**
- The twelve men Paul baptized - **Acts 19:4-7**
- Timothy was given a gift through the laying on of Paul's hands - **2Timothy 1:6**
- Diversity of gifts - **1Corinthians 12:4-11**
- Indwelling of Holy Spirit promised to all who are baptized for the remission of sins - **Acts 2:38**
- It is promised only to those who will obey the gospel - **Acts 5:32**

Purpose Of Miraculous Gifts

Jesus

- Verified Divine mission & teaching - **Matthew 12:28; Acts 2:22**
- Identified as Messiah - **John 20:30-31**

Apostles

- Verified Ambassadors' claim - **2Corinthians 12:12**
- Indicated presence and approval of God - **Mark 16:17-20**
- Confirmed their word - **Hebrews 2:1-4**

Those empowered by laying on of apostles' hands - **Acts 6:6**

- Word was not complete and apostles could not be everywhere - **Acts 8:6**
- For edification - **1Corinthians 14:5-6,12,17**
- Convince the unbeliever - **1Corinthians 14:23-26**

Duration Of Miraculous Gifts

Apostles only ones impart spiritual gifts - **Acts 8:14-18; Acts 19:6**

Once they died miracles and spiritual gifts would cease

3 gifts pertaining to divine revelation - Prophecies, tongues, and knowledge - **1Corinthians 13:8-13**

In part, contrasted to perfect (full or complete) - **James 1:25; 2Timothy 3:16-17; John 16:13**

It is evident that the need for miracles and special gifts has ceased

Word Is The Final Gift

Complete and ready to fill our heart and mind

All obedient believers have The Word within

- Promised Pentecost to repentant, baptized believers - **Acts 2:38-39**
- Necessary for those in Christ - **Romans 8:9**

Are You In Christ?