
THE SPIRIT OF PENTECOST



*Enlivening the Gifts of
the Holy Spirit*





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Discovering your spiritual gifts

The Gift of the Holy Spirit given to each baptized Christian needs to be:

discovered...

discerned...

developed...

and exercised

to transform and equip us for the life God has called us to, and the mission He has set out for us to do.



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Received at Baptism and fan into flames at confirmation.

We become a new creation

- The Holy Spirit seals us in Christ, indwells in us, regenerates us and fills us.
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The HOLY SPIRIT...

Regenerates you (John 3:3-5)

Indwells you (Rom. 8:11)

Anoints you (1 John 2:27)

Baptizes you (Acts 2:17-41)

Empowers you (Micah 3:8)

Sanctifies you (Rom. 15:16)

Comforts you (John 14:16-26)

Gives you joy (Rom. 14:17)

Gives you discernment (1 Cor. 2:10-16)

Bears fruit in you (Gal. 5:22-23)

He Gives gifts to you 1 Cor. 12:3-11)





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We receive life in abundance.

Do we believe?

Do we receive?

The key to supernatural living is....

When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, His power is released within us and through us, for victorious living and fruitful witness for the Saviour.

Without the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit, a Christian cannot experience joy and wonder of the supernatural life.

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Gifts of the Holy Spirit

1. Gifts to make us holy (Isaiah 11:2-3)
2. Gift to make us spiritually mature
3. Fruit of the Holy Spirit reflects the image and nature of Christ.
4. Charisms/ Gifts - to equip us for service and to build God's kingdom.



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Seven-fold gifts – Receiving the Holy Spirit

Makes us holy – directed inwards for inner transformation.

“By means of these seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the soul is furnished and strengthened so as to be able to obey more easily and promptly His voice and impulse.”

Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical Divinum Illud

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- Wisdom
 - Understanding
 - Knowledge
 - Right Judgment / Counsel
 - Courage / Fortitude / Power
 - Piety
 - Awe and wonder of the Lord / Reverence for God
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Spiritual gifts enables us to live our vocation effectively. The seven-fold gifts and fruits of the Spirit provide the inner “Christ-likeness” necessary for the effective use of our charisms.

St. Francis lived fully his vocation given by God, and would guide those who choose to follow his footsteps, to live fully their life in Christ in faithfulness and fruitfulness, by following his Rule of Life.

The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit



HEALTHY CHRISTIANS



Desire the ...

FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

love , joy , peace , longsuffering , gentleness ,
goodness , faith , meekness , temperance:

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- Charisms – **Giving** the Holy Spirit
Builds up the Body of Christ – directed outwards
for others. (1 Cor. 12; Rom 12:7-10; Eph. 4: 11-16).

Spiritual gifts or charisms are empowered by God:

- As instruments of God's providence
 - For the sake of others
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Characteristics of Charisms

- Bears results *above and beyond* our natural abilities.
 - ***Received*** from the Holy Spirit, ***not achieved***.
God gives us those charisms that we need to fulfill His purpose for us in the Body of Christ. We may always ask for a particular charism if we desire it, but God will give us the charisms that are best suited to who we are and the purpose for which we were created.
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Characteristics of Charisms:

- Focused outward toward other people, the rest of the Church, and the world.
- Gifts whose sole purpose is to build up the Body of Christ, the Church

God commissioned Francis ‘go and rebuild my Church which you see is falling into ruins.’

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- **Manifestation Gifts:**

Wisdom – empowers a Christian to be a channel of God’s goodness through the special ability to receive inspired insights which enables him or her to come up with creative solutions to specific problems.

Knowledge – Christians with this gift are very focussed on the big picture, the larger concepts and ideas.

Wisdom – the individual is more interested in the specific and practical application of those big ideas.

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- **Word of Knowledge** – a revelation of information for a person, group or situation that could not have been known by any natural means.
 - Christians with the charism of knowledge are usually given other charisms such as **teaching, writing, prophecy, encouragement** or **leadership** which enable the ‘knower’ to effectively share the knowledge that he or she has been empowered to acquire.
 - **How can this gift be used in the Church and in your fraternity?**
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- **Faith** – empowers a Christian to be an effective agent of God’s purposes through an unusual trust in the love, power, and provision of God and a remarkable freedom to act on this trust. An example is St. Clare of Assisi.
- **Healing** – empowers a Christian to be a channel of God’s love through whom God cures illnesses and restores health when healing is unlikely to occur quickly or to happen at all.

Some with the charism heal primarily through prayer. Other gifts in this category: **encouragement**, **mercy**, and **hospitality** can be a powerful source of restoration.

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- **Discernment of Spirits** – empowers a Christian to be an effective channel of God’s wisdom by accurately perceiving a divine or demonic presence in certain people, places or things.
 - **Prophecy** – empowers a Christian to be a channel of divine truth and wisdom by communicating a word or call of God to individuals or a group through inspired words or actions.
 - **How can this gift when exercised, be of great purpose to our Fraternity?**
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- **Service** – empowers a Christian to be a channel of God’s purposes by recognizing the unmet needs that can prevent good things from happening, and by personally doing whatever it takes to solve the problem and meet the need.
 - People with this gift, usually turn their hands to almost any practical task. Servers are hard-working backbone of any community.
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- **Administration** – empowers a Christian to be an effective channel of God’s wisdom by providing the planning and coordination needed to accomplish good things.

Leaders come up with and share the vision.

Administrators make and execute the logistical plans that will make the vision happen. Christians with the gift of service are strongly motivated to meet the needs themselves through service.

- **How would each using their gift benefit the fraternity and community at large?**
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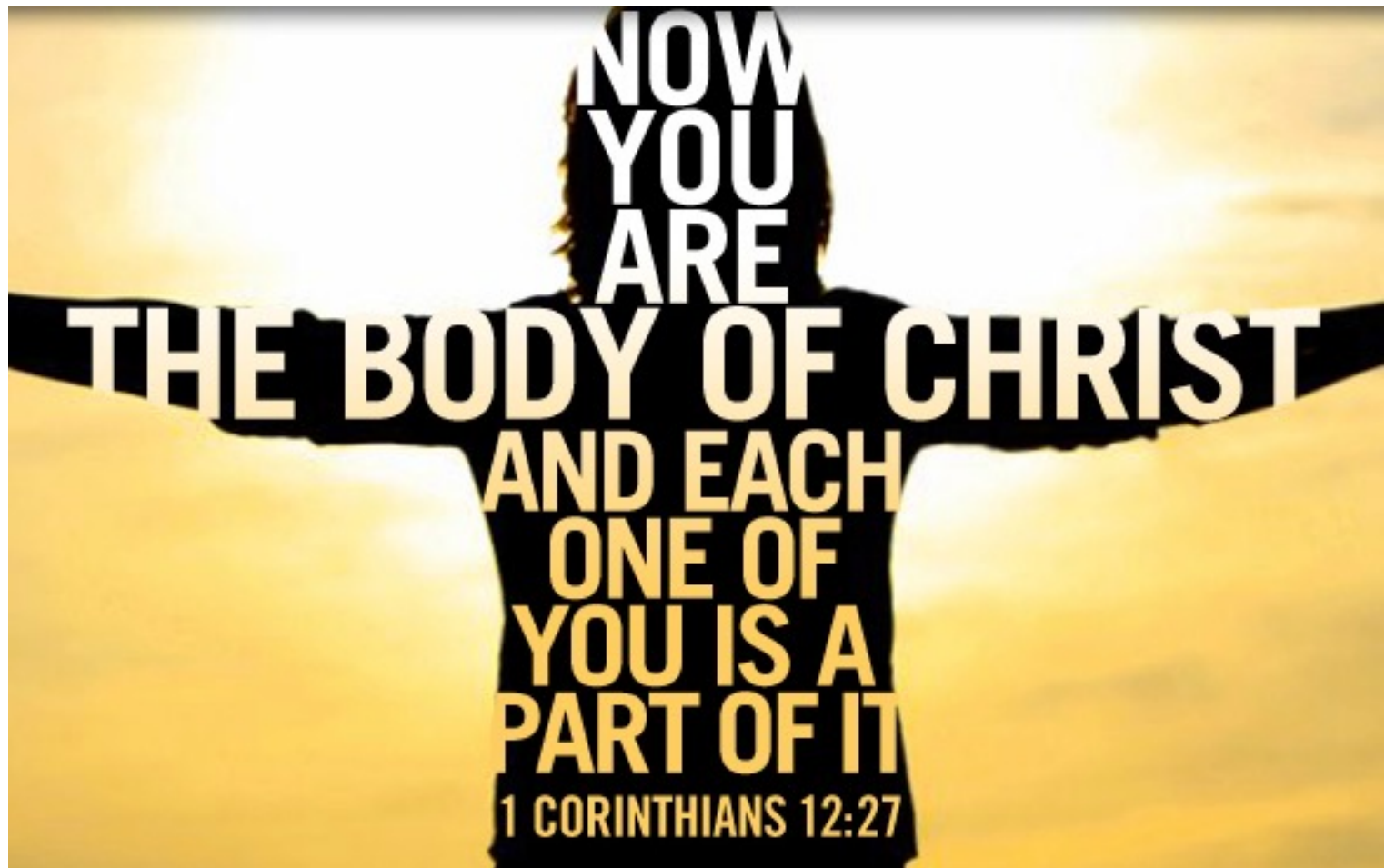
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Love

never fails...
1 Corinthians 13:8

- The greatest of these is **LOVE**.
- Power to love through the Holy Spirit**
- **Loving God first**
 - **Love demonstrated**
 - **Love your neighbour**
 - **Love your enemies**
 - **Love yourself**
 - **Love your family**
 - **Love with God's love.**
 - **Love by faith**
- Begin to grow in LOVE**
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- *I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)*

Go, you are sent to bear much fruit!
