

The 9 Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Bible clearly teaches that we are not only to “share” the Good News but also to “show” the power of the Good News. Paul, in writing to the Corinthian church said, **“...my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.” 1 Cor. 2:4, 5**

Paul also explains the *what, why and how* of these gifts, or “charismas”, in 1 Corinthians chapters 12 – 14. Below we’ve listed a brief description of each gift and their usage in our public worship services at GPC.

If you have any questions, feel free to speak with anyone on the Elders, or write your question or comment on our “Guest Card”, or contact us on the web at www.gatheringplacechurch.org.

What are they?

Each of these “graces” are "momentary" gifts that come on a person who is filled with the spirit at a certain moment of time, for a specific purpose, and for personal ministry. They are not like the motivational gifts (like "helps" or "exhorter") which God develops in you over time, nor are they like office gifts (such as "prophet" or "teacher"), but they are gifts that the Holy Spirit has, which he gives to each person as he chooses at a given time.

The Word of Wisdom: Divine insight and direction on what to do

The Word of Knowledge: Divine information or facts – non-directional

Faith: Unlimited faith for an impossible situation

Gifts of Healings: Ability to heal all kinds of sicknesses and diseases

Working of Miracles: Creative Power

Prophecy: God speaking through a person with a message for another person or group of people to build, comfort, and encourage

Discerning of Spirits: Ability to recognize and distinguish between different types of spiritual activity, whether divine or demonic.

Different Kinds of Tongues: Languages of earth or heaven

The Interpretation of Tongues: Interpretation of the message given

Why did God give them?

To strengthen the Church and to empower it for supernatural effectiveness.

“Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the building up of the church that you seek to excel.” 1 Cor. 14:12

Also see (1 Cor. 12:7, 25; 14: 5, 26, 31)

How are they to be used in a public worship gathering?

If God is moving on you during the service, and you feel it’s for the body, tell one of the Elders for their discernment and timing. (The Elders can operate in the gifts at will being they are leading the meeting)

During the service, one of the Pastors/Elders may give an invitation for those who feel they may have a “word” from God to share it with the body.

Praying for Others: at some point in the service, people are either invited to pray for one another while in their seats, or invited to come down front to be prayed for by our GPC prayer teams. It is important that if those doing the praying speak in tongues, they do it quietly between themselves and God. Tongues don’t benefit the one being prayed for, and, if they aren’t informed about this gift, it can be counterproductive. If you feel you have a “word” for the person, be sure to preface it with, “I feel like the Lord might have something to say to you, but you’ll need to decide if it is from him or not. Would you like me to share it with you?”

Any of these gifts can be utilized before and after meetings between individual church members without leadership’s direction being it won’t be interrupting the church meeting.

Regarding unusual manifestations: (holy laughter, uncontrollable weeping, etc...) If God is doing something sovereign, beyond the 9 gifts of the Spirit, and if the Elders discern that it is for the benefit of the entire body, they will allow it to continue in the main meeting. But, if the leadership discerns that it is primarily for one or two people and disrupting the meeting, they will respectfully help them to an “encounter room” where God can continue his work in them. This is not being done to control the Spirit, but rather to discern what the Spirit wants to do for the entire church meeting vs. what he is doing with one or two people.