

“Come, Holy Spirit” – Week Six
Spirit of Power ~ The Gifts of the Spirit

A. Spirit of Power – “Very simply, *spirit* is *unembodied personal power*. Ultimately, it is God, who is Spirit (John 4:24).” – Dallas Willard, *The Spirit of the Disciplines*, p 64

B. *Charismata*

1. “gifts” (e.g., Romans 1:11, 5:15-16, 6:23, 11:29; 1 Corinthians 1:7, 7:7; 2 Corinthians 1:11; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6-7) – *from BDAG Greek Lectionary*: (1) as the result of a gracious act of God *gift of grace, favor bestowed, benefit*; (2) as a concrete manifestation of grace in the form of extraordinary powers given to individuals, often in the plural gifts, *special abilities*
2. “natural” and “supernatural” charismata
3. abilities and responsibilities

C. the Gifts of the Spirit – *spiritual gifts* in the writings of the Apostle Paul – Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 & 27-31; Ephesians 4:11-13

1. prophets/prophecy (Eph 4, Rom 12, 1 Cor 12:8-10, 1 Cor 12:28-30) – inspired speaking – a person who communicates the word of God
2. teachers/teaching (Eph 4, Rom 12, 1 Cor 12:28-30) – instruction in the faith – a person who helps interpret the word of God
3. apostles (Eph 4, 1 Cor 12:28-30) – *apostolos*, “delegate, envoy, messenger” – a person who tells the gospel message
4. evangelists (Eph 4) – “one who brings or announces *good news (euangelion)*”
5. pastors (Eph 4) – literally “shepherds” – a frequent biblical metaphor for a leader of God’s people
6. utterance of wisdom (1 Cor 12:8-10) – offer ‘words (*logos*) of wisdom’
7. utterance of knowledge (1 Cor 12:8-10) – offer divine insight
8. faith (1 Cor 12:8-10) – *extraordinary* trust in Christ
9. gifts of healing (1 Cor 12:8-10, 1 Cor 12:28-30) – demonstrated by people of God in OT & NT
10. working of miracles (1 Cor 12:8-10) / deeds of power (1 Cor 12:28-30) – *dunamis*, “power” – demonstrated by people of God in OT & NT
11. discernment of spirits (1 Cor 12:8-10) – recognize what is of God and what is not

12. various kinds of tongues (1 Cor 12:8-10, 1 Cor 12:28-30) – *glossolalia* (“language/tongue + speak”) – “understood variously to be unintelligible ecstatic utterance (1 Cor 14.2), heavenly language (1 Cor 13.1), or foreign languages not learned through natural means by the speaker (Acts 2.4)” (BDAG)
 - a. continuationism – “supernatural” spiritual gifts continue today – contemporary charismatic movements/Pentecostalism
 - b. cessationism – “supernatural” spiritual gifts ceased after the early church was established
13. interpretation of tongues (1 Cor 12:8-10, 1 Cor 12:28-30)
14. ministry (Rom 12) – *diakonian*, “service” / forms of assistance (1 Cor 12:28-30) - *antilempseis*, “help”
15. exhortation (Rom 12)
16. leading, diligently (Rom 12, 1 Cor 12:28-30)
17. giving, generously (Rom 12)
18. being compassionate, cheerfully (Rom 12)
- C. the Gift of Love – the purpose of spiritual gifts
 1. Romans 12 – “let love be genuine”
 2. 1 Peter 4:8-11 – “maintain constant love for one another”
 3. 1 Corinthians 13 – “the greatest of these is love”