

THE HOLY SPIRIT

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The Holy Spirit and Spiritual Gifts in Apostolic Days

- ◎ In lesson 6, we saw, regarding the apostles:
 - They received a baptism with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4)
 - They were given power when the Holy Spirit came upon them (Acts 1:8)
 - The Holy Spirit revealed the gospel to them (Ephesians 3:1-5)
 - Confirming miracles were worked through them (Acts 2:43)
 - Other examples: Acts 3:6-8; 5:12-16; 9:40
- ◎ So we know that the apostles had miraculous, spiritual gifts. Did others also?

Miraculous, spiritual gifts were promised

- ◎ Joel 2:28-32
 - Acts 2:16-21
- ◎ Mark 16:17-20

The purpose of miraculous, spiritual gifts

◎ Reveal truth

- John 16:13; 1 Corinthians 12:8-11
- Enabled edification in absence of the written word
 - 1 Corinthians 14:12-13

◎ Confirm the word

- Mark 16:20; Hebrews 2:1-4

◎ Compare Ephesians 4:8-14

Miraculous, spiritual gifts were given (administered) through the laying on of the apostles' hands

- ⦿ (The apostles of the Lord Jesus received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, administered from heaven)
- ⦿ Acts 8:14-18
- ⦿ Acts 19:1-7
- ⦿ Romans 1:11
- ⦿ 2 Timothy 1:6
- ⦿ 2 Corinthians 12:12

Miraculous, spiritual gifts were diverse and their use regulated

- ⦿ 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
- ⦿ Many manifestations, but one Spirit
- ⦿ Nine gifts enumerated here:
 - word of wisdom
 - word of knowledge
 - faith
 - gifts of healings
 - working of miracles
 - prophecy
 - discerning of spirits
 - tongues
 - interpretation of tongues
- ⦿ Regulations in 1 Corinthians 14

The duration of miraculous, spiritual gifts

- ⦿ Since they could only be imparted to other saints through the laying on of the apostles' hands, they were not perpetual in duration.
- ⦿ Remember their purpose:
 - To reveal all truth. All truth was revealed to the apostles and prophets.
 - To confirm the word. The word has been confirmed.
- ⦿ 1 Corinthians 13:8-13 tells when miraculous, spiritual gifts would cease. They would cease when that which is perfect has come. That which is perfect is the complete will of God in Christ Jesus, the New Testament.

The duration of miraculous, spiritual gifts

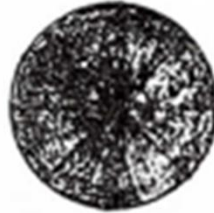
REVELATION



But
When

IN PART
(Spiritual gifts active)

REVELATION



Then

COMPLETENESS
IS COME.....

Prophecy
Tongues
Knowledge
et. al.
To Cease

Gene Frost, Gospel Anchor, P. 24.

The duration of miraculous, spiritual gifts

- The question is NOT whether God can and did empower men to exercise supernatural powers such as speaking in tongues, but whether He willed and purposed for ALL who live under the New Covenant, including people of today, to have these spiritual gifts. (The Holy Spirit, Auditorium Class, 2016, Steve Fontenot, p. 75)

◎ Who do the following Scriptures indicate had power to work miracles?

- Acts 2:43
- Acts 10:24, 33, 44-46
- Acts 8:16-19
- This is ALL the WHO. If there are any other who received this power under the New Covenant, write the Scripture here:

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◎ What was God's purpose in these having the power to work miracles?

- Apostles? – Mark 16:20, Acts 1:8, Hebrews 2:4
- First Gentiles to receive the gospel? – Acts 11:18; 15:7-9
- Those on whom apostles laid hands? – 1 Corinthians 12:7; 14:5, 12, 26
- These are the PURPOSES of these gifts. If there are any other purposes, write the Scripture here:

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◎ How did men receive the power to work these miracles?

- Apostles? – Acts 1:4-5...8
- First Gentiles to receive the gospel? – Acts 11:15
- Christians? – Acts 8:16-19
- There is no other way these gifts were received. If there is any other way one received the power to exercise spiritual gifts, write the Scripture here:

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- ◎ When these gifts fulfilled the purpose for which they were given, then they would cease. How long did God intend for men to exercise such powers?
 - Apostles? – 2 Peter 1:12-15; Ephesians 3:1-5
 - First Gentiles to receive the gospel? – Acts 11:15-18; Acts 15
 - Christians? – 1 Corinthians 13:8-13; Acts 8:16-19
 - Their purpose being accomplished, these gifts were no longer needed or exercised. If God intended these gifts to continue to be exercised throughout all time, write the scripture that indicates this here:

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