

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## **DISCOVERING THE GIFTS FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT**

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### **LESSON 3: UNDERSTANDING THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The following is an excerpt from LESSON 42 of CHRISTIAN DYNAMICS COURSE 4 by John S. Torell.

#### **EVERY CHRISTIAN THAT HAS BEEN BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS A SPIRITUAL GIFT**

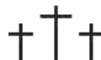
As we discussed in lessons six and seven of the basic course, every Spirit-filled believer in Christ receives spiritual gifts from God. (1 Corinthians 7:7) There are some differences of opinion concerning whether or not a person must be baptized in the Holy Spirit before he can receive his gifts. My personal interpretation of the Bible is that the normal development, as set forth in the book of Acts, is that people got saved, baptized in water and also in the Holy Spirit before receiving the gifts. We must remember that Jesus did not promise his followers power until they had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

*“And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence... But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” (Acts 1:4-5, 8)*

When we were born physically we possessed certain natural abilities. When we were born again spiritually we received certain spiritual abilities as a member of the Body of Christ, which will be brought forth through the baptism of the Holy Spirit Notice that it is through the empowering of the Holy Spirit that these gifts can operate. Without the Holy Spirit there is no manifestation of these gifts.

*“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal... But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.” (1 Corinthians 12:7, 11)*

*“For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.” (Romans 12:4-8)*



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The Bible teaches us that God knew us before our physical birth, and when He created our souls, He created them uniquely with the qualities needed to carry out God's purposes. (Isaiah 49:1; Galatians 1:15)

*“Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations... See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.” (Jeremiah 1:5, 10)*