The Holy Spirit

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Holy Spirit & Spiritual Gifts

WEEK 11
Review: Works in the Trinity

Father – origination
Son – obtaining/performing
Spirit – applying/perfecting
Review: Order of Salvation

Election

Effectual Calling

Regeneration

Faith Repentance

Justification Adoption

Sanctification

Glorification
Review: Sanctification is:

- The work of the Spirit in us
- A real and internal work
- Not a mere persuasion to holiness
- An enablement by God
Review: Gal. 5:16-24 The War

Constant taking part of the grace of the Spirit
Constant fighting against the flesh

- Sin’s power must be destroyed
- The contest is violent
- The end aimed at is destruction of sin
Review: What illumination does

The Spirit:
- Communicates spiritual light
- Frees our minds from corrupt influences
- Implants spiritual habits and principles
Review: Illumination Necessary

• It is not new revelation
• Difference between how unbelievers and believers read the Bible
• Because we are polluted by sin, we cannot fully comprehend God’s revelation on our own
What are Spiritual Gifts?
What are the names of gifts?

**Dona** – free gift
- Ephesians 4:8

**Charismata** – gracious
- 1 Corinthians 1:7

**Pneumatica** – spiritual
- 1 Corinthians 12:1

**Distributions or varieties**
- 1 Corinthians 12:4
Gifts and graces

Both are a work of the Spirit

Saving grace  "living stones"

Spiritual gifts  "temple"

you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2:5)
The difference

**GRACES**
- Fruit of the Spirit in us
- Permanent
- Purpose is to benefit the individual believer
- From Christ’s *priestly* office

**GIFTS**
- Work of the Spirit on us
- Temporary (Saul, Judas)
- Purpose is to benefit other believers in the Church
- From Christ’s *kingly* office
Gifts Make Graces Visible

• Gifts are bestowed on the professing church to render it visible so God is glorified.

• Grace gives an invisible life to the church, gifts give it a visible profession.
Intertwined with the Church

Gifts are useless without attending on gospel institutions

Gospel institutions are fruitless without the gifts
Purchased by Christ

Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. (Acts 2:33)
Given by Christ

You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there. (Psalm 68:18)

Therefore it says, “When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.” (Ephesians 4:8)
Extraordinary & Ordinary
Extraordinary Gifts

Given to the Apostles
Foundational for the Church
Miracles suited to that world
  ◦ To awaken it from spiritual slumber
  ◦ To weaken the prejudice against the gospel
  ◦ To remove the scandal of the cross
“Ordinary” Gifts

- Not so called because they are common to everyone
- Enables us to discharge our duties and perform the work given to us
“Ordinary” Gifts: the End

POSITIVE

- The good of the Church
- to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, (Ephesians 4:12)

NEGATIVE

- To prohibit evil
- so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. (Ephesians 4:14)
What is the distinction?

In summary: **we have the Bible**

Because we have the inspired Word of God, and illumination by the Spirit, we do not need *revelatory* gifts
Evidence for the Gifts
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1. Jesus promised to be with the Church to the end of the world

2. This promise is by His Spirit
   ◦ (John 14:16-18, 26-28; 15:26; 16:7-15)

3. This is secured by an everlasting covenant (Isaiah 59:21)
Evidence for the Gifts

4. Gospel is called the “ministry of the Spirit” (2 Cor. 3:6-8)

5. End of that promise is the continuation and preservation of Church
   ○ (Ps. 72:5; Isa. 9:7; Mt. 16:18)

6. Spiritual Needs require spiritual means
Biblical Passages

• Matthew 25:14-30
• Romans 12:3-8
• 1 Peter 4:10-11
• 1 Corinthians 12:1-10
CONTINUE STEADFASTLY IN PRAYER BEING WATCHFUL IN IT WITH THANKSGIVING.

COLOSSIANS 4:2

NEXT WEEK: The Holy Spirit and Prayer