

I Cor. 12: 1-

Acts 2: 38

Subject: The Gift and  
the Spirit

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Acts 2: 38; 10: 45; 11: 17 singular. The individual gift to W.S.  
entirely to W.S. comes & takes my residence in its heart, & continues the  
moment he accepts Christ as Saviour.

I Cor. 12: 1, 4 plural.

### THE GIFT AND THE GIFTS

The Scriptures differentiate clearly between "the gift" and "the gifts."  
The gift is for salvation to the heart. <sup>comes at conversion Acts 2: 38</sup> The new birth John 3: 5 is small I Cor. 12: 13  
The gifts are imparted to the saved <sup>for service in the church</sup> in the church. The child of God  
is to be up, divide his gift, and multiply. <sup>I Cor. 12: 14</sup>

### I The Gift of the Holy Spirit

1. This marvelous, glorious <sup>gift</sup> is which we have. Age 7 years, 7 th U.S.  
In the O.T., came mighty <sup>great</sup> men, <sup>from 11: 11</sup> strong men  
In the N.T., dwelt mighty <sup>mighty</sup> men  
In O.T. descended <sup>great</sup> men  
In N.T. were <sup>wise</sup> prudent, <sup>sophomore</sup> men  
in Book of judges, "the Spirit of the Lord came upon Deborah" 3: 10  
Hilda 6: 34  
Samson 13: 25; 14: 19; 15: 14  
In Book of Qrs, all may possess. Men, women, young, old 2: 16-18  
a new home - Tabernacle, Tabernacle, Shiloh, <sup>the church, the heart Tabernacle</sup>

2. A gift. John 20: 22 λέπετε <sup>2d Great singular action</sup> Take & Seize. This is man's  
We shrink from taking the precious gift & proffered by the hand that was  
granted to receive it. just as you hand & gift is about to grasp it,  
you shrink back. "I am not worthy." It is too much for me.  
(a) Emperor Alexander, the golden cup, "which is not too much for me & you."  
(b) Eugene Alexander, the golden cup, "which is not too much for me & you."

3. Consent to receive the W.S. now. No waiting, no dragging, no  
agitating. Abandon yourself to Him. The disciple wait for  
ten days? Yes. For the ascension gift, the new age, dispensation. But  
now, He is come. Come out right now. No wait ten seconds.  
The soul that consents now will be filled <sup>now</sup>.  
(a) To a brother, friend, "I am so glad I consented!" "What did you  
consent to?" "I agonized for 15 years, nearly, nearly to be filled. Then your  
message, 'just to consent' filled. Oh, I am so glad I consented."  
Each time at a conversion meet, "I am so glad I consented."  
Great new meet in heaven, angels say, "I am so glad I consented."  
(c) Peter, "The gift of the U.S."

## II. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

### 1. The words used

I Cor. 12:1 τὸ ΠΝΕΥΜΑΤΙΚΟῦ (ΠΝΕΥΜΑ) "the spiritual"  
I Cor. 12:7 defines as "the manifestation of the spirit"  
Interpretation by U.S. not to be confused with natural talents.

I Cor. 12:4, 9, 28, 30, 31 τὸ χάριτον (cf. ῥάγισμα\*)  
A gift of grace, an undeserved favor from God to man.  
Does not refer to a natural talent, but usually bestowed that is  
natural precludes no merit, given freely by God. Some men are  
naturally gifted, highly intelligent natural endowments. The  
χάριτα are supernatural endowments.

τὸ χάριτον (a spiritual gift) is obviously related to χάρις  
(acc χάριος) grace, free, unmerited favor of God. Use of word is  
in NT quite wide, ranging from gift of salvation (Rom. 6:23) to the gifts  
of God's providential care (II Cor. 1:11). But usually the word  
is used of special gifts given to men of God, as with τὸ χάριτον  
I Cor. 4:10 is used in the NT only by Paul.

Rom. 1:11 In this one instance, both words used together.  
χάριτον ΠΝΕΥΜΑΤΙΚΟῦ - "a grace gift spiritual manifestation"

## 2. Bestowed by Christ upon his ascension into heaven

Eph. 4:7,8

All gifts are based upon the victory of Christ at the cross. Jesus entered into conflict with Satan, death, the grave, and now nothing was left. Therefore he has the right to distribute the spoils, i.e. dispense gifts.

a poem "The gifts from on high"

## 3. They are sovereignly bestowed

I Cor. 12: 7...11. "as he wills" Πούδομεν

(1) we cannot choose our gifts. The choice made by the R.S.  
the power is not ours and does not depend on us <sup>1 Cor. 4:7</sup> but our God <sup>1 Cor. 4:7</sup> chose us

(2) they are not bestowed as rewards. No recompence /  
spiritual excellence or superiority

(3) they are not to be sought by men. Not bestowed because  
we prayed for it, sought it, wanted it, demanded for it. A  
sovereign bestowal. So many fancy, pray, may, beg,  
argue to receive some spiritual gift.

But I Cor. 12: 31 "covet...but gifts." Paul's address to a church  
emphasizing the lowest gifts, least profitable. Not them, but  
necessarily the greatest gifts bestowed among its people, sovereignly  
bestowed upon us all.

4. No one person has all the gifts, but each one, one or some

I Cor. 12: 28 - 30

But every child of God some gift. I Cor. 12: 7

12: 11

Every member essential to the body. Each gift needed, not to be neglected. No great claim to more gift than a less man minority. all, etc., & not.

your gift? - in my witness, or else

[How know? - recognized by assembly  
(S) Geo. W. Truett, Whitefield ministrations]

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#### 5. The purposes of service

Acts 1: 8 ; I Cor. 12: 7

The God did not say alone, "you shall be witnesses .." That He said "you shall receive power .." and then "... that the nation still stand scattered. The command it will done, not to fear, no power to carry it out."

Paul not stressing many things when wrote I Cor. 12: 1  
no urging Timothy to stir up & yet that is in the 1st Cor. 1: 6

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THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Heavenly Father, Thou hast told  
Of a gift more precious than  
pearls or gold;  
A gift that is free to everyone,  
Through Jesus Christ, Thy only Son.  
Thank Thee, Lord, for the gift to me.

I must believe;  
Thou hast said it,<sup>Jn. 20:22</sup>  
It is only "take" and I shall  
if Thou didst say it, it must  
be true,  
And there's nothing else for  
me to do.  
I thank Thee Lord, for the gift to me.

So I come to take, for my  
~~need is great~~  
because my need

Is very great and real indeed.

On the strength? Thy word,  
I rise and say

O let Thy word come true today

"O thank Thee God, for the promise today,  
The Holy Spirit given to me."

Eph 4:8, 11

THE GIFTS FROM ON HIGH

The Holy Spirit's gifts were  
first revealed

In all the glory of their  
heavenly might

In Christ the living Word,  
the Son of man;

Nor spake He ever word  
or action wrought

But by the spirit of the  
living God.

The great apostle of our faith  
is He;

The prophet, the priest, the Bishop  
of our souls;

The Shepherd tree that guards  
His own sheep-fold;  
The Servant come to minister  
in love.

With deeds of love He took  
my place in death;  
With words of love He healed  
the broken heart;  
With gifts of love uncounted  
riches gave;  
In words of wisdom showed  
the mind of God;  
In words of knowledge taught  
us how to live.

He healed the sick, the blind;  
the dead He raised;

The lying craft of Satan  
full revealed.

These gifts of grace He gave  
to His redeemer  
when He ascended to His throne  
on high.

They are His work, His wisdom,  
and His might:

The power of truth and love;  
in dwelling light

That fills the Church with Christ,  
the perfect man.

quoted, p 200 The NT Order for Church or Missionary, A. R. Hay