

Understanding Spiritual Gifts

Introduction

1. As ambassadors of Jesus Christ, we are to spread the gospel to the world.
2. Not only has God given us an enormous task, He's also provided for us the tools we need to perform that task. These _____ are spiritual gifts.
3. The purpose of this first lesson is to provide a foundational understanding of spiritual gifts and answer such questions as, "Have I been given spiritual gifts?" "When was I given them?" "How did I receive them?"

I. **First, Scripture teaches that _____ believer has been given spiritual gifts. Romans 12:3-6; 1 Corinthians 7:7; 1 Corinthians 12:7**

- A. When did we receive our spiritual gifts? It happened the _____ we were saved.
- B. At salvation, the Holy Spirit entered into your spirit, indwelling you, regenerating you, sealing you, and baptizing you into the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13). The Holy Spirit also bestowed gifts unto you so you could function as a vital, profitable member of the _____ of Christ.

II. **Second, we must understand what spiritual gifts are NOT.**

- A. First, spiritual gifts are not the same as the _____ of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23.
 - The fruit of the Spirit deals with attitude and character, while spiritual gifts are concerned with ministry.
- B. Second, we do not receive spiritual gifts as we _____ in Christ.
- C. Third, spiritual gifts are not to be confused with _____ talents.
- D. Fourth, a spiritual gift is not a specialty of ministry.

III. Third, spiritual gifts involve all three members of the Godhead.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

- These verses show us that the function of spiritual gifts involve all three persons of the Trinity.
 1. Verse 4 – God the Holy Spirit bestows the gifts.
 2. Verse 5 – God the Son _____ you in the ministry (to use the gifts).
 3. Verse 6 – God the Father provides the _____ (from using the gifts).