

THE FORGOTTEN GOD: **THE HOLY SPIRIT**

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REVIEW

We need the Holy Spirit in our lives! He is essential to experiencing God fully. Jesus promised the Holy Spirit, and because of his sacrifice, the Holy Spirit no longer lives in a temple separated from us, but all believers in Jesus Christ have the Holy Spirit living in them. WE are now the temple of the Holy Spirit and that comes with HIS power. A key aspect of this divine empowerment is Spiritual Gifts. Spiritual gifts are special abilities and empowerments given by the Holy Spirit to believers. They enable Christians to serve effectively, build up the church, and carry out God's work according to His divine purpose for our lives. Spiritual Gifts are diverse, given for the common good, and are determined by God. The purpose of these gifts and the very reason we have the Holy Spirit is to lead us and others into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

MY STORY

1. What stood out to you about this week's message?

2. Share a time when you felt spiritually empowered or guided by God's Spirit. How did it impact your faith or life?

3. Have you ever experienced confusion or uncertainty about spiritual gifts? How did that affect your view of the Holy Spirit?

4. Can you recall a moment when you saw someone use their spiritual gift effectively? What was that experience like?

5. If you know, what are some of your spiritual gifts? How did you find out?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What does 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 reveal about the diversity of spiritual gifts? Why is this diversity important?

2. According to 1 Corinthians 12:7 and 1 Peter 4:10-11, what is the primary purpose of spiritual gifts? How does this shape our attitude toward them?

3. What are some of the specific spiritual gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 and Romans 12:6-8? How might each be used today?

4. Why is it crucial to interpret spiritual gifts through Scripture rather than personal experience or culture?

5. How can believers discern their spiritual gifts and what role do other mature believers play in this process?

6. What does it mean that spiritual gifts are “given and determined by God” (1 Corinthians 12:11)?

7. Why does God give different gifts to different believers? How does this foster unity in diversity?

8. How do 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 and the emphasis on love relate to the use of spiritual gifts?

TAKE IT HOME

1. In what ways can you actively pursue developing your spiritual gifts?

2. What practical steps can you take to serve others using the gifts God has given you, both inside and outside the church?

3. Take some time to complete a spiritual gift test like the one below. What spiritual gift(s) do you have and how might God be leading you to use them?

Spiritual Gift Test



"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

1 Peter 4:10-11

PRAYER

Prayer Requests

Answered Prayers

SAYING YES TO JESUS

If you have not made a decision to accept Gods forgiveness through what Jesus did on the cross, you can pray this prayer:

“Lord Jesus, for too long I’ve kept you out of my life. I know that I am a sinner and that I cannot save myself. No longer will I close the door when I hear you knocking. By faith I gratefully receive your gift of salvation. I am ready to trust you as my Lord and Savior. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for coming to earth. I believe you are the Son of God who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead on the third day. Thank you for bearing my sins and giving me the gift of eternal life. I believe your words are true. Come into my heart, Lord Jesus, and be my Savior. Amen.”

If you prayed this prayer, we would love to walk with you on this new life you are beginning. Visit us at www.np.church/nextsteps and click on “*I Made A Decision To Follow Jesus*”