

Lecture 5 – The Holy Spirit: The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

*All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.
1 Corinthians 12:11*

Key Terms

Gifts, divine sovereignty & human responsibility, love, unity and diversity, edification, body

Lecture Objectives

- To identify and articulate the scripturally grounded theology of spiritual gifts
- To recognize and begin to develop the ability to interact confidently and graciously with those of differing perspectives
- To explore the implications of scriptural teaching on spiritual gifts for life and ministry in church and community

Preview

Thus far in our study of the Holy Spirit, we have covered his person, work, and fruit. This lecture will take us into an exploration of the often controversial issue of the gifts of the Spirit. Prior outline points have been listed for continuity.

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I. The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

A. Personality/deity of the Holy Spirit

B. Ministries of the Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit applies salvation.

2. We are sealed with the Holy Spirit

3. The fruit of the Holy Spirit

*4. The gifts of the Holy Spirit (*see Appendix D for booklist*)

a. The divine sovereignty/human responsibility tension is evident in the Spirit's giving gifts

1) The Spirit bestows gifts as He wills

2) Believers are exhorted to seek spiritual gifts

b. The danger of abusing gifts

c. The gifts reflect unity and diversity because they are a reflection of the trinity

d. The various gifts are given by the Spirit, as He chooses, to promote the common good of the church

e. The body imagery teaches us

1) Believers belong to each other

2) Christians need each other

3) The members of the body are dependent on each other

4) God ranked the gifts according to importance

5) Gifts are not essential for salvation

f. Love is indispensable for the proper functioning of the spiritual gifts

g. The gifts of prophecy and tongues call for special teaching