

Two weeks ago we talked about the church, the body of Christ, being demonstrated in 3 ways: The universal Church, the local church, and the individuals that make up the church.
The local church plays a key role in fulfilling the mission of Christ.

Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. [4] For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, [5] so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. [6] Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; [7] or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; [8] he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

I Corinthians chapters 12 & 13 is the largest consolidated teaching on Spiritual gifts. This body of Scripture mentions the following gifts.

- I Corinthians 13 - the greatest of all the gifts is love.
- Word of wisdom
- Word of knowledge
- Faith
- Healing
- Miracles
- Prophecy
- Discerning of Spirits
- Different types of tongues
- Interpretation of tongues
- Apostles
- Prophets
- Teachers
- Helps
- Administration

Ephesians 4:11 lists 5 offices or gifts: Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers

1 Peter 4: [10] As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. [11] If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- There is no reason to believe that the NT lists of gifts are all inclusive.
- Every born again person should be an active member of a local church.
- The Holy Spirit has given each believer a spiritual gift, or gifts, for the purpose of ministering one to another and for the glory of God.
- The body needs each member.
- Each member is needed within the body.