

# Manifestation of the Spirit

## **ARE ALL THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT AVAILABLE TODAY?**

There are those who say that the “gifts of the Spirit” ceased when the Bible (the Canon of Scriptures) was completed. Again, this is not true and amounts to bad scripture twisting at best. For they say that the passage which says: “when that which is perfect is come” is referring to the completion of the bible. So, is our bible we have today perfect? No they’re not. For even the ones that are closely alike may still vary in some degree from each other in major areas ([see major differences between the KJV & the NIV bible](#)). Now don’t get me wrong, for the bibles that we have are still accurate in presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ. However, there are a few areas in all our translations that have been corrupted. But this being said, by examining the evidence we have before us, we can come up with a fairly true and accurate bible.

So, why do some say that the gifts of the Spirit have ceased? Well, I do believe that those who hold to this view are trying to come up with an excuse for the church’s lacking in faith to exercise these gifts. So then, “when that which is perfect has come” is simply referring to a time in the future when God restore all things to himself. “For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. (1 Corinthians 13:9). So, “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. (1 John 3:2) We know when Jesus comes, “he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. (Matthew 24:31) Then those gifts which served us here on earth will be done away with. For they only helped in serving the church and aided in the proclamation of the Gospel while on earth.

## **LET’S NOW LOOK AT THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT:**

And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. (1 Corinthians 12:28) Just a casual reading of God’s word will clearly show that these gifts are necessary for the church of today. Not only that, but they are also to validate what we’re proclaiming. Jesus said: “If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; “but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believed that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.” (John 10:37-38) Also, in John 14:11 He says the same thing: “Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. And again in John 14:11-12 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.” “So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen. (Mark 16:19-20)

Now, we can see from what was stated above that miracles are not just to heal and deliver people from bondage, but also to validate what we are preaching. If Jesus felt it necessary to validate what He was doing with miracles, how much more do we. Those who say they ceased and are no longer necessary are denying scripture itself. Also, why would Paul write with much detail about the gifts of the Spirit if he knew they would soon be done away with? I’m convinced that Paul had no clue that his writings would someday be bound in a book along with many other writings of God’s saints. For there is no direct mention of it in the Old Testament as well as the New.

**IN CLOSING**

And last of all, let us remember what James wrote to us: "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit." (James 5:14-18)s