



The Person & the Work of the

Holy Spirit

*11. The Role of the Holy Spirit
in the Church - 8*

1. Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware.
2. You know that when you were pagans, you were led astray to the mute idols, however you were led.
3. Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed"; and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:1-3

4. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.
5. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord.
6. There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.
7. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

1 Corinthians 3:4-7

unaware ..

- ▶ the Greek word translated unaware is the word that we get AGNOSTIC from.
- ▶ an AGNOSTIC is a person who has an uncertain or non-committal attitude towards something.

Paul is saying to believers in the Corinthian Church, and to believers today, "I am speaking about something that you can't have an uncertain or non-committed attitude about."

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren...

- ▶ I do not want you to be unaware (NASB)
- ▶ I do not want you to be misinformed (Amplified Bible)
- ▶ I do not want you to be uninformed (ESV, Berean Study Bible)
- ▶ I would not have you ignorant (KJV)
- ▶ I do not want you to be ignorant (Tree of Life Version, Wuest N.T)
- ▶ I do not want you to go on being ignorant (Complete Jewish Bible)

But to EACH ONE is given the manifestation of the Spirit FOR THE COMMON GOOD

- ▶ EACH ONE means each and every believer, so no believer is left out or exempt from the associated obligation and responsibility.
- ▶ The idea of COMMON GOOD is to bring together for the benefit, profit, spiritual benefit or advantage of the whole Body.

For because of Him **the whole body** (the church, in all its various parts), closely joined and firmly knit together by the joints and ligaments with which it is supplied, when each part **[with power adapted to its need]** is working properly **[in all its functions]**, grows to full maturity, building itself up in love.

Ephesians 4:16 (Amplified Bible)



Prophecy

Word of
Wisdom

Word of
Knowledge

Faith
Healings

DORON: a present



CHARISMATA

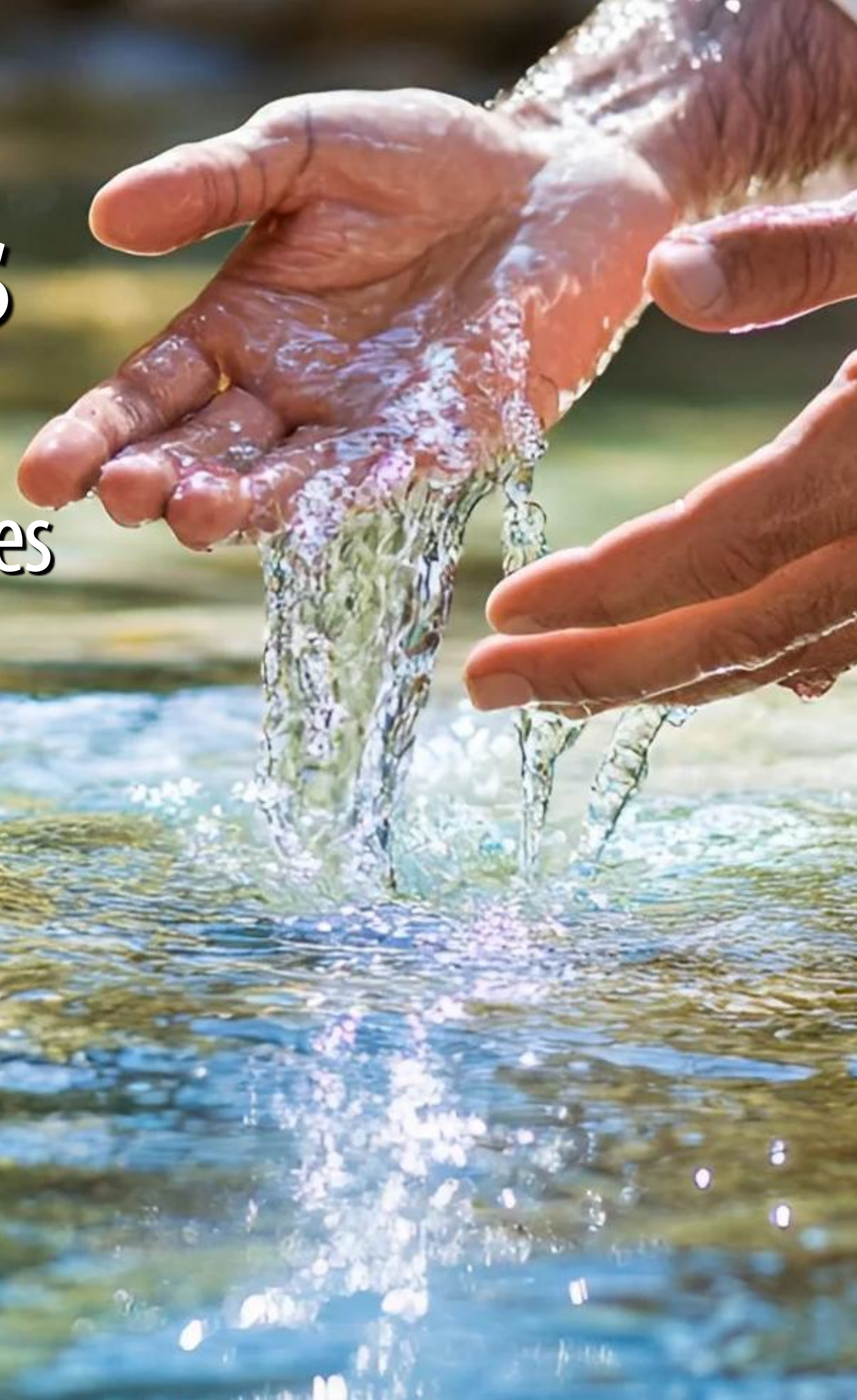
an active empowerment given by grace, divinely bestowed capacities or abilities given by the Holy Spirit to believers when they are baptised in the Holy Spirit, given for the benefit of others, for the purpose of mission & ministry & for the building up of the Church

CHARISMATA vs NATURAL TALENT & ABILITIES

- ▶ Natural talents & abilities are capacities that we're born with or that we develop through practice.
- ▶ Natural talents operate in the human realm & they are developed through education, experience & personality.
- ▶ CHARISMATA are Spirit-originated capacities that we receive when we are baptised in the Holy Spirit.
- ▶ CHARISMATA operate in the spiritual realm flowing from grace & the Holy Spirit's power, often beyond natural ability.

PNEUMATIKOS

- ▶ the things of the Spirit
- ▶ spiritual qualities, attitudes & realities



12. Now we have not received the spirit of the world, but **(we have received)** the Spirit **(Pneuma)** who is from God, so that we might understand the things freely given us by God.
13. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit **(Pneuma)**, interpreting spiritual truths **(pneumatikos)** to those who are spiritual. **(pneumatikos)**

1 Corinthians 2:12-13

14. The natural person (the man without the Spirit) does not accept the things of the Spirit (**Pneuma**) of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually (**pneumatikos**) discerned.
15. The spiritual person (**pneumatikos**) appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one.

1 Corinthians 2:14-15

Charismata

(grace-empowerments)

Specific Spirit-enabled capacities, abilities & equipment given by grace for Christian ministry & service

What the Spirit enables us to do

Functional & outward: manifestations of grace in action, e.g. prophecy, word of knowledge, teaching, administration

For mission & ministry, to build up the Body of Christ & to serve others

Pneumatikos

(of the Spirit)

Qualities, attitudes, & realities that belong to the Spirit's realm, given by the Holy Spirit so we can live a Spirit-shaped life

What the Spirit makes us to be

Relational and inward: character & mindset aligned with the Spirit, attitudes, actions, & realities shaped by the Spirit

Enabling a believer to live a Spirit-led life that reflects Christ's character

Understanding that Scripture uses CHARISMATA & PNEUMATIKOS (not DORON) to speak about spiritual gifts shifts our perspective from waiting for gifts to come to us from heaven, to realising that if we have been baptised in the Holy Spirit, then we have already received all we need to actively live a Spirit-shaped life & to walk in Spirit-empowered ministry. This change in our thinking is vital if the Church is to move in power, if we are to grow in spiritual maturity & if we are to be effective in ministry & mission.

Is Paul saying in this verse...

- ▶ Now concerning spiritual presents that God may or may not give to us from heaven, at some future time.. **DORON**
- ▶ Now concerning spiritual capacities or abilities that we have already received from God when we were baptised in the Holy Spirit .. **CHARISMATA**
- ▶ Now concerning the things of the Spirit (spirituals) that we have already received from God when we were baptised in the Holy Spirit .. **PNEUMATIKOS**

But, brothers, I do not want you to go on being ignorant about **the things of the Spirit**.

1 Corinthians 12:1 (Complete Jewish Bible)

Now there are varieties of gifts
(charisma or charismata) but
the same Spirit (Pneuma)

1 Corinthians 12:4

But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

Hebrews 5:14

Eagerly pursue and seek to acquire [this] love
[make it your aim, your great quest]; and
earnestly desire and cultivate the spiritual
endowments, especially that you may prophesy.

1 Corinthians 14:1 (Amplified Bible)

Pursue love! However, keep on eagerly seeking the things of the Spirit; and especially seek to be able to prophesy.

1 Corinthians 14:1 (Complete Jewish Bible)

- 17.** And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;
- 18.** even on My male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out My Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

Acts 2:17-18

He had four unmarried daughters, **who prophesied.**

Acts 21:9

For **you can all prophesy** one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged

1 Corinthians 14:31

God uses people. God uses people to perform His work. He does not send angels. Angels weep over it, but God does not use angels to accomplish His purposes. He uses burdened, broken-hearted, weeping men and women.

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Over the next seven days, do you think you could take one, simple, step? Ask the Lord each morning, “Heavenly Father, where are You working today and how can I join You?” Then watch for that conversation, that person, that opportunity where His Spirit nudges you to speak, to listen, to pray, or to serve. And remember, we don’t need to manufacture the light, just willing to let it shine. Brothers and sisters, this is our purpose, this is our calling. This is our privilege.

- How can we join God in seeing His harvest gathered?
 - by telling Him “Here I am Lord - use me.”
 - by being prepared spiritually, emotionally and practically. Find a tract that is ‘comfortable’ for you to use, it might be your own.
 - by being prayerfully obedient.

20. Now to Him Who, **by the [action of His] power that is at work within us,** is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]—
21. To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen (so be it).

Ephesians 3:20-21 (Amplified Bible)