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“Are spiritual gifts happening today? Can Christians heal, cast out demons or speak in tongues?” These questions and other related ones are asked regularly by both believers and non-believers. Sadly, people are confused about what the Bible teaches regarding the gifts of the Holy Spirit. An examination of the Holy Spirit’s work and the promises regarding his activity will provide explanations and limitations on the Spirit’s involvement.

Memory Verses: Joel. 2:28–32; Heb. 2:2–4; 1 John 5:6–8

Key Points

- It is easier to let people confront their own experiences versus us trying to disprove their experiences.
- Let the Bible define what is or is not a gift of the Holy Spirit.
- There is a difference between “gift” and “gifts.”
- The gifts of the Holy Spirit were for a specific time and purpose.
- Sincerity is not an actual litmus test.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How do gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Bible differ from those allegedly practiced today?
2. How do gifts of the Holy Spirit differ from natural talents?
3. What advice does Paul give to the church to test the gifts of the Holy Spirit?

CHAIN REFERENCE

- Genesis 2:7
- Exodus 31:1-5
- Judges 15:12-15/1 Samuel 10:9-10
- Luke 9:1-2
- Acts 2:1-13
- Acts 2:38
- Acts 8:14-17
- 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
- 1 Corinthians 13:8-12
- 1 Corinthians 14:26-33

