

Ephesians 4:7-13

Series – The Holy Spirit: Growing in Relationship with God the Spirit

Message – The Gifts of the Spirit

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Spiritual Gifts

- Ephesians 4:11
- This list in Ephesians _____ be the categories of spiritual gifts.
- Spiritual gifts are _____ abilities.
- The body of Christ is incomplete and our witness to the world reduced when some members of the body do not _____ and _____ their gifts.
- You can give without loving, but you _____ love without giving.

Purpose of Spiritual Gifts

- Ephesians 4:12-23
- When exercised rightly, spiritual gifts move the church toward _____ and _____ in Christ.
- When spiritual gifts are used rightly, Christians will grow in the _____ of Jesus, and that will be _____ by the fruit of the Spirit demonstrated in real-life situations.
- The _____ the Bible is talking about is unity “in the faith” and “in the knowledge of Jesus.”
- Christlikeness involves grace _____ truth, not one at a time but both always and with wisdom.

Spiritual Gifts and the Gospel

- Ephesians 4:7-11
- Background on ancient kings...
- Colossians 2:13-15
- The spiritual gifts you have are _____ King Jesus, emerging from his great victory on the cross, and given through the Holy Spirit.
- “To find and exercise your gifts is to find your meaning in life.” – Tim Keller

Reflection Questions

1. What stood out to you in the description of what spiritual gifts are?
2. Do you know some of your spiritual gifts? If so, how do you try to use those gifts?
3. Have you experienced receiving from another Christian who seemed to be utilizing their spiritual gifts in such a way that you felt like you grew in Christlikeness? Share more about that experience.
4. Where have you observed a demonstration of Christian maturity beyond a Sunday gathering of the church?
5. How does the perspective that spiritual gifts emerge from Jesus’ victory on the cross impact you? Or change your thinking about spiritual gifts?
6. How is God getting your attention?
7. What might God be saying to you?
8. What are you going to do about it?