

The Comforter

Different Views of the Gifts of the Spirit

Cessationist: "Gifts have Ceased"

Pentecostals: "Gifts are signs"

How about you?

Do not despise or neglect the Holy Spirit

Matthew 12:32

Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the **Holy Spirit** will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

1 Timothy 4:14

Do not neglect your **gift**, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

1 Peter 4:10

Each of you should use whatever **gift** you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

Revelation 22:17

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free **gift** of the water of life.

2 Peter 1:20-21

²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Isaiah 11:2-3

New American Standard Bible (NASB)

² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him,
The spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The spirit of counsel and strength,
The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³ And He will delight in the fear of the LORD,
And He will not judge by what His eyes see,
Nor make a decision by what His ears hear;

How does the Holy Spirit comfort us.

John 14: ¹⁵Jesus said to his disciples:

If you love me, you will do as I command. ¹⁶Then I will ask the Father to send you the Holy Spirit who will help ^[b] you and always be with you. ¹⁷The Spirit will show you what is true. The people of this world cannot accept the Spirit, because they don't see or know him. But you know the Spirit, who is with you and will keep on living in you.

". . . It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send him to you" (John 16:7).

1. Through gifts:

1 Cor 12:7

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, ^[a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ^[b] ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

2. Through the Truth

3. The Holy Spirit gives us bold compassion

2 Timothy 1:7 (Message)

And the special gift of ministry you received when I laid hands on you and prayed—keep that ablaze! God doesn't want us to be shy with his gifts, but **bold and loving and sensible.**

4. The Spirit knows things we don't.

1 Corinthians 2:1-9

⁹ However, as it is written:

"What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived"^[b]—
the things God has prepared for those who love him—

¹⁰ these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

5. The Spirit gives Hope for Eternal Life:

Titus 3:1-8

¹ Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, ² to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone.

³ At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. ⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the **Holy Spirit**, ⁶ **whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.** ⁸ This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

6. The Holy Spirit tells you where to go

Acts 13:2

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³ So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

On Cyprus

⁴ The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. ⁵ When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper.

7. The Holy Spirit Encourages people and the Church

[Acts 9:31](#)

Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the **Holy Spirit**, it increased in numbers.

[1 Corinthians 14:12](#)

So it is with you. Since you are eager for **gifts** of the Spirit, try to excel in those that build up the church.

8. The Holy Spirit Helps us to Endure Hardships.

[1 Thessalonians 1:6](#)

You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the **Holy Spirit**.

In this world you will face trouble...