

Corinth

Post

Modern

Faith

Spirit for All

Recap

What **divides** you?

But in the following instructions, I cannot praise you. For it sounds as if more **harm** than good is done when you meet together. First, I hear that there are **divisions** among you when you meet as a church, and to some extent I believe it. **Vs 17-18**

There are two different types of **dehumanization**: a human compared to an **animal** or a human compared to an **object**. What people think separates humans from other animals and objects is their **mental capacity**—their ability to process things both cognitively (in the case of animals) and also emotionally (in the case of objects). It's important in our current world because people tend to dehumanize those with whom they **disagree**. **Juliana Schroeder, UC Berkeley Haas School of Business**

Recap

For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are **announcing** the Lord's death until he comes again. **Vs 26**

Announcing that we **all** need grace and forgiveness

Declaring before the cross we **all** humbly stand together

Proclaiming to the world we are **united** in our love for He whom saved us

Shouting to the world that we **reject** their labels and tribalism

Recap

Is there any encouragement from **belonging** to Christ? Any **comfort** from his love? Any **fellowship together** in the Spirit? Are your hearts **tender** and **compassionate**? Then make me truly happy by **agreeing wholeheartedly** with each other, loving **one another**, and **working together** with **one mind** and **purpose**. [Philippians 2:1-2](#)

The Missing Link, Sam Hunter

What if you had never met any Christians, and had never attended a Christian church? All you had was the **Bible**. You had read the Old Testament, and saw the Spirit moving over the unformed earth. You had witnessed the Spirit moving into and away from the various characters in the O.T. stories. You had seen both Samson and King Saul move mightily with the Spirit, and you had seen the Spirit leave them, as they continually **grieved** Him.

Then you get to the New Testament, and at John's Gospel and you hear Jesus' promise of a **new power**. A power that will never leave you. You read on, watching as this promise of power plays out so obviously throughout the Apostles' lives. You can't help but think, "Whoa, this Holy Spirit must be something else!"

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Now, after a time, you are going to get the opportunity to visit America for the first time, and for the first time to meet these Christians you've been reading about. "What will it be like?" you think to yourself? Will they be **super-humans**? Giants? Will they **stand out** in every crowd, shining like the sun? "Of course they will! That's the promise. It's right there, throughout the New Testament. It's everywhere, this promise, this power. It's what happened to all those who placed their saving trust in that guy Jesus I've read about."

The Missing Link, Sam Hunter

Most of us, the vast majority of us, live lives that **look just like everyone else** around us. You live with anxiety and uncertainty and fear. Some have more anxiety than others, but no one escapes this in their own power. And some of you are in complete denial of this. “My life is good, what are you talking about?” But oh come on, deep inside, you know something is **missing**. You know there’s **more**. There’s got to be! What is missing for many of you is simply the **Holy Spirit**. For many others of you it’s the **power** of the Holy Spirit.

“Since the days of **Pentecost**, has the whole church ever put aside every other work and waited upon Him for ten days, that the Spirit's power might be manifested? We give too much attention to **method** and **machinery** and **resources**, and too little to the source of power.” **Hudson Taylor**

Welcome to UCC, we are not here to **entertain** you and you aren't here to **perform**

What's your spiritual **gift**?

Corinth is **sensual**

Corinth is **immature**

Corinth is **struggling** with **transformation**

Corinth is trying to **blend** the Gospel and culture

Now, dear brothers and sisters, regarding your question about the **special abilities** the **Spirit** gives us. I don't want you to **misunderstand** this. **12:1**

You will recognize that when we start talking about **spiritual gifts** and the functioning of the Body we get into areas that are **highly subjected** to discussion and **controversy** and **disagreement** Ray Stedman

many Christians claim to believe in the supernatural but think (and live) like **skeptics**. We find talk of the supernatural world **uncomfortable**. This is typical of denominations and evangelical congregations outside the charismatic movement Dr Michael Heiser

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might **receive the Holy Spirit**, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **Acts 8:14-16**

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” They answered, “No, **we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.**” **Acts 19:1-2**

You know that when you were still **pagans**, you were **led astray** and **swept along** in worshiping **speechless idols**. So I want you to know that no one speaking by the Spirit of God will curse Jesus, and no one can say Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit. **Vs 2-3**

There are **different kinds** of spiritual **gifts**, but the **same** Spirit is the **source** of them all. There are **different kinds** of service, but we serve the **same** Lord. God works in **different ways**, but it is the **same** God who does the work in **all** of us. **Vs 4-6**

A spiritual gift is **given to each of us** so we can **help each other**...It is the one and only **Spirit** who distributes all these **gifts**.
He alone decides which gift **each person** should have. **Vs 7, 11**

“the task of the **church** cannot be attempted without the **Spirit**. I have sometimes heard Christian people talk as though, having done what he's done in Jesus, God now wants us to do our part by getting on with things under our **own steam**. But that is a tragic misunderstanding, and leads either to arrogance or to burnout, or both. Without God's Spirit, there is nothing we can do that will count for God's kingdom. **Without God's Spirit, the church simply can't be the church.**” NT Wright

Two Main Functions of the Holy Spirit

Convict the world of sin

And when he comes, he will **convict** the world of its sin, and of God's **righteousness**, and of the coming **judgment**. [John 16:8](#)

Transform us into Jesus (little Christs)

So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the **Spirit**—makes us **more and more** like him as we are **changed** into his glorious image. [2 Corinthians 3:18](#)

The Holy Spirit is triggered by **need**

Comfort resists the Spirit

Fruit of the Spirit

But the **Holy Spirit produces** this kind of **fruit** in our lives: **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control**. There is no law against these things! Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their **sinful nature** to his cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us **follow** the Spirit's leading in **every part of our lives**. [Galatians 5:22-25](#)

Fruit of the Spirit

In the New Testament, the Greek word **karpos** comes up several times. Sometimes it is translated as “crop,” and others, as “fruit.”

And the seed that fell on good soil represents those who hear and accept God’s word and produce a **harvest** of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted! [Mark 4:20](#)

Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God...Even now the ax of God’s **judgment** is poised, ready to sever the roots of the trees. Yes, every tree that does not **produce** good **fruit** will be chopped down and thrown into the fire. [Matthew 3:8, 10](#)

Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much **fruit**. For apart from me you can do nothing...
When you produce much **fruit**, you are my **true** disciples. [John 15:5](#)

Fruit of the Spirit

You can **identify** them by their **fruit**, that is, by the way they **act**. Can you pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? [Matthew 7:16](#)

A **good tree** produces good fruit, and a **bad tree** produces bad fruit. [Vs 17](#)

So every tree that does not produce good fruit is **chopped down** and thrown into the **fire**. Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can **identify people** by their **actions**. [Vs 19-20](#)

Fruit (crops) are a **marker** of an authentic disciple of Jesus (the **inverse** being true as well)

Fruit of the Spirit

The growth of fruit is **gradual**

The growth of fruit is **inevitable**

The growth of fruit is **internal**

The growth of fruit is **symmetrical** (they grow together)

Gifts of the Spirit

Now about the **gifts of the Spirit**, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of **wisdom**, to another a message of **knowledge** by means of the same Spirit, to another **faith** by the same Spirit, to another gifts of **healing** by that one Spirit, to another **miraculous powers**, to another **prophecy**, to another **distinguishing** between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of **tongues**, and to still another the **interpretation** of tongues. [1 Corinthians 12:1,8-10](#)

Gifts of the Spirit

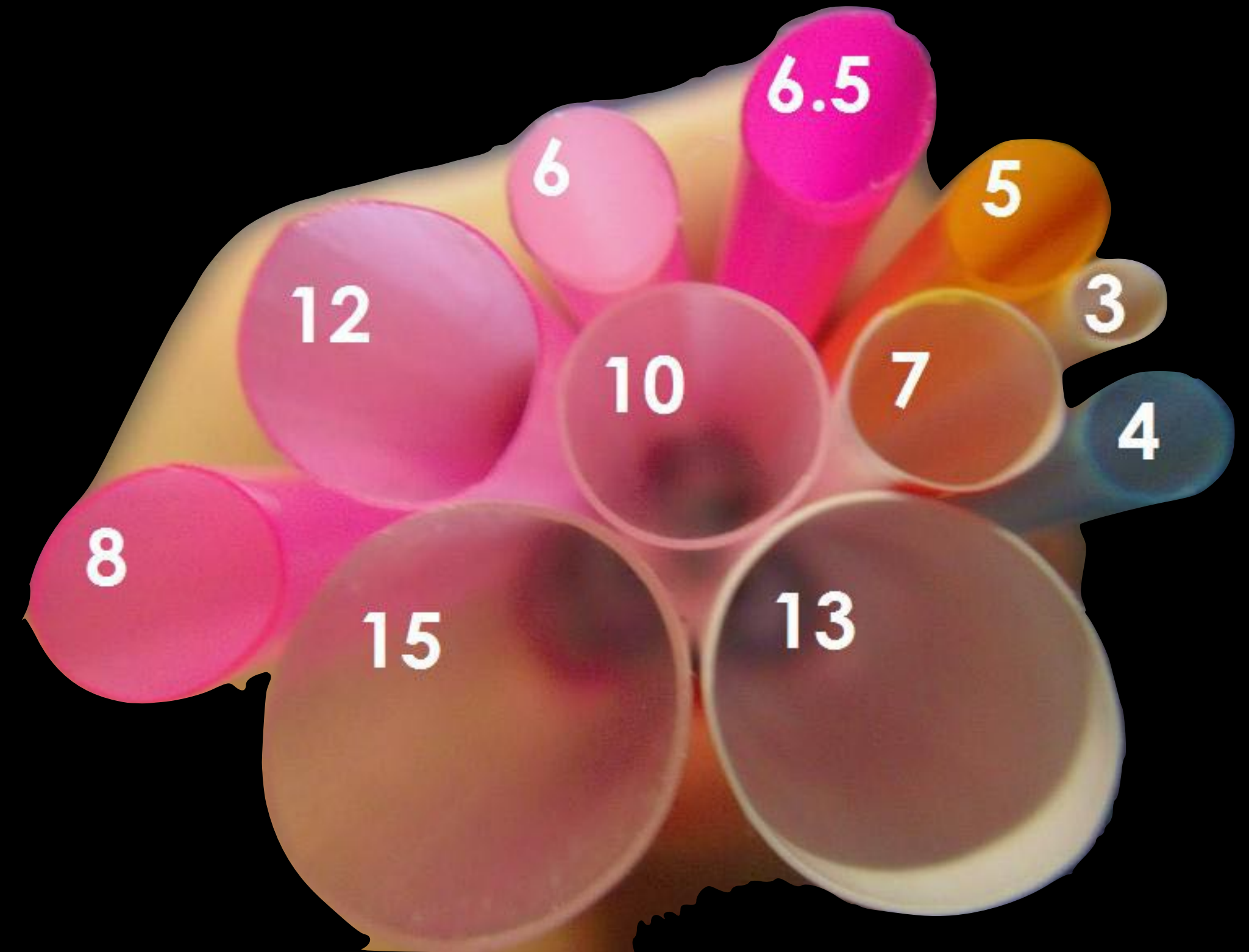
In his grace, God has given us **different gifts** for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to **prophecy**, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is **serving** others, serve them well. If you are a **teacher**, teach well. If your gift is to **encourage** others, be encouraging. If it is **giving**, give generously. If God has given you **leadership** ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing **kindness** to others, do it gladly. **Romans 12:6-8**

Gifts of the Spirit

Spiritual gifts are **need** oriented. They manifest when encountered by **two parts**, a **willing** participant (straw) and a **need** the Holy Spirit **wants** to meet

You can NOT take a **test** to determine your spiritual gifts. Those tests determine **affinities** (interests) and not the working of the Holy Spirit.

The reason the various **gift lists** do not align is because the authors were referencing their experience. But their experience is based on what they have witnessed the Spirit do. They are not meant to be definitive



A straw is an **empty** container that merely **directs** the contents **when** they are **available**

Internal Change
(Christ-likeness)



Fruit of the Spirit



External Working
(Christ-likeness)



Gifts of the Spirit



Transformation
(Jesus)

The most Spirit **filled** people **resemble** Jesus
(The most Spirit filled behaviour happens **outside** of church)

“If it’s true that the Spirit of God dwells in us and that our bodies are the Holy Spirit’s temple, then shouldn’t there be a **huge difference** between the person who has the Spirit of God living inside of him or her and the person who does not?” [Francis Chan, Forgotten God](#)

If you love me, **obey** my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate [John 14:15-15](#)

For apart from me you can do **nothing**. Anyone who **does not** remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned [15:5b-6](#)

He will bring me **glory** by telling you whatever he receives from me. [16:14](#)



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
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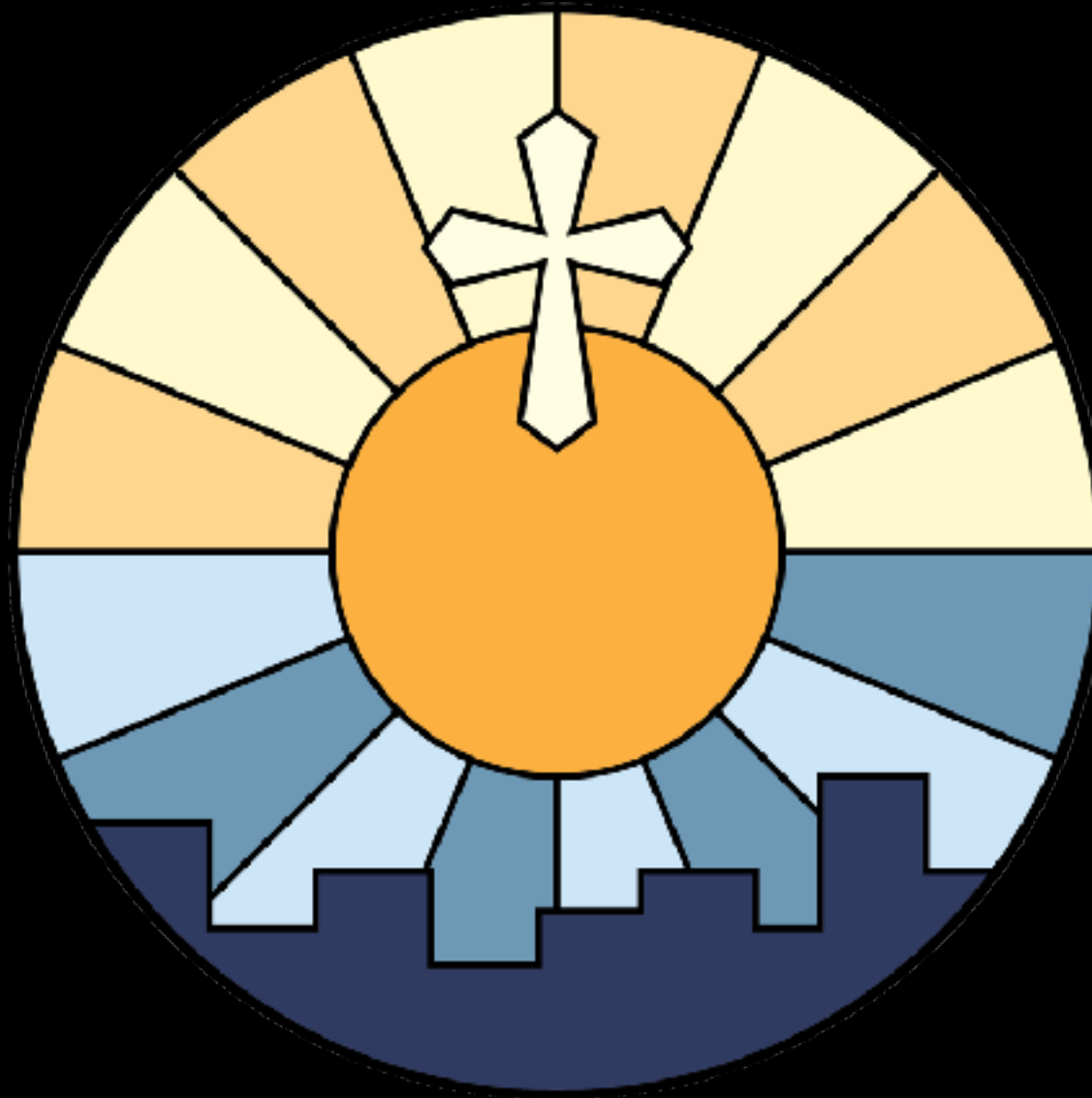
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