

# Small Group Studies



*'Bringing God and people together'*

## The Gifts of the Holy Spirit - Part 2

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**Go over the various gifts as mentioned in the last study.**

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are for today. They are not for the super spiritual or the perfect person but are for every Christian for the benefit of all. We are not to seek them for ourselves but because of our love for others we want to be more effective for God. (see 1 Cor.13:1-3)

*Acts 2:39 "For the promise is to you, and your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." (see also 1 Cor.1:7)*

**Q The above verse says that the promise of the Spirit is for every person, so how can we move in His power in a greater way?**

*2Cor.5:9 "We make it our aim"..... to be well pleasing to Him."*

What is God looking for? Is it for you to be good or is it for you to be obedient? Many Christians live trying to be good but are never good enough. As a result they suffer from low self esteem and lack the peace of God. As far as goodness goes, none of us will ever arrive this side of eternity. We all need to rest in the goodness that God has provided for us in Christ who alone is good.

*1 Sam.15:22 "to obey is better than sacrifice"*

God is looking for obedience. This is very different and will take faith. The Spirit will bring sharpness to our witness. We are in tune with Him, no longer judging others by outward appearance, but seeking opportunity to make a difference. We are no longer on the defensive or trying to earn acceptance, but are living in relationship with God and learning to hear the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

**Q How may the Holy Spirit help us in our witness to those who do not know Christ?**

If evangelism was a program, then all unsaved would be treated the same. However, everyone IS different, and God is wanting to reach out to each one in a different way, a way that only He knows. If all our witness has to do with rational thinking and arguments, then at best we will only reach peoples minds.

*1 Cor.2:4-5 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God"*

**Q How will our lives take on a greater sense of adventure when we obey the promptings of the Spirit?**