

FIRST SAMUEL STUDY

CHAPTER 16:13

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THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN TODAY’S CHURCH

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

I Samuel 16:13

The Gift of Faith (special faith) ...

1 Cor 12:1-9

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: 2 You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. 3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. 4 There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: 8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another **faith** by the same Spirit...

“Salvation faith,”

**The believing in Jesus Christ so as to put your faith in Him,
is the faith required for salvation.**

Heb 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

The Believers Faith is an Increasing Faith

Rom 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Luke 17:5

And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

Mark 9:24

Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

1.) What is the gift of Special Faith?

The gift of special faith

Is a divine ability that prompts the believer to take unnatural action that otherwise would not be taken. It is supernatural 'push' that causes a Christian to act upon something in a miraculous way.

Special Faith manifests a Special Boldness

Acts 3:1-6

Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. 2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; 3 who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. 4 And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." 5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. 6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

Old Testament Example

Eligah and the Prophets of Baal

1 Kings 18

A Special Boldness

To trust God for Impossible Things

Acts 21:10-15

And as we stayed many days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. 11 When he had come to us, he took Paul's belt, bound his own hands and feet, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'" 12 Now when we heard these things, both we and those from that place pleaded with him not to go up to Jerusalem. 13 Then Paul answered, "What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." 14 So when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, "The will of the Lord be done." 15 So we packed and went to Jerusalem.

2.) *Why is there a Special Gift of faith?*

"Special Faith"

is the Delivery System for the gifts of
Miracles and Healing(s)

"...This gift of special faith apparently comes to a believer who is in a situation of Crisis or an unusual ministry opportunity. Those in their Missionary call often experience this gift as well as a Christian who is urgent about advancing the Kingdom of God. – A divine certainty is put within their souls to believe that triumph and victory Is impending." - Donald Gee

Special Faith

Not only accomplishes a task, it serves as an undeniable source of encouragement and itself promotes faith in others near by.

Acts 13:9-12

Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him 10 and said, "O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord? 11 "And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time." And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand. 12 Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had been done, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

THIS (SPECIAL) FAITH WILL "ENCOURAGE" THE BODY
IN THEIR (COMMON) FAITH

3.) How does the Gift work?

By An Awareness, or a Prompting to Act

Upon a Situation that is Impossible in the Flesh

The Purpose is to Bring God Glory

You Will Become Aware of a Situation

#1

It is a Manifestation from God
For the moment

#2

You must be filled with the Holy Spirit

#3

It is not a gift that is used at will

#4

It is a firm confirmation of God's will in that thing for which the situation demands

4.) *How can I know if I have it?*

Respond and Act

Place yourself in the path
of being used by god

See the need / Get involved

While I am Waiting Yielded and Still

Being Available

5.) *Where do I get it?*

The Holy Spirit Has Reserved for You a Gift
Taylor-Made for the Ministry that He has for You

1 Cor 14:1
Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts...

Luke 11:11-13

ASK HIM