

## CONCERNING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

### 1 CORINTHIANS 12 (ESV)

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. 3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills

### .THE ISSUE IN CORINTH

#### 1. A SPECTRUM OF BELIEFS

**A. CESSATIONIST**

**B. CONTINUATIONIST**

**C. SENSATIONALIST**



#### 2. SENSATIONAL SHORTCOMINGS

- A. THEIR WORSHIP WAS CHARACTERIZED BY **CHAOS AND DISORDER**
- B. THEY HELD A FUNCTIONALLY **LOW VIEW OF SCRIPTURE**
- C. THEY WERE ELEVATING SENSATIONAL **DRAMATIC GIFTS** OVER "LESSER" SPIRITUAL GIFTS
- D. THEY WERE MORE CONCERNED WITH **PURSUING AN EXPERIENCE** THAN WITH PURSUING CHRIST

### THE INSTRUCTION FOR BELIEVERS

#### 1. WHO GIVES SPIRITUAL GIFTS? **GOD – FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT**

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)

#### 2. WHY ARE THESE GIFTS GIVEN? **FOR THE GOOD OF OTHERS AND THE GLORY OF GOD**

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:7)

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 4:10-11)

