

# 1 CORINTHIANS

The Gospel  
in Community

WHEN FAITH AND LIFE COLLIDE

## Study 15

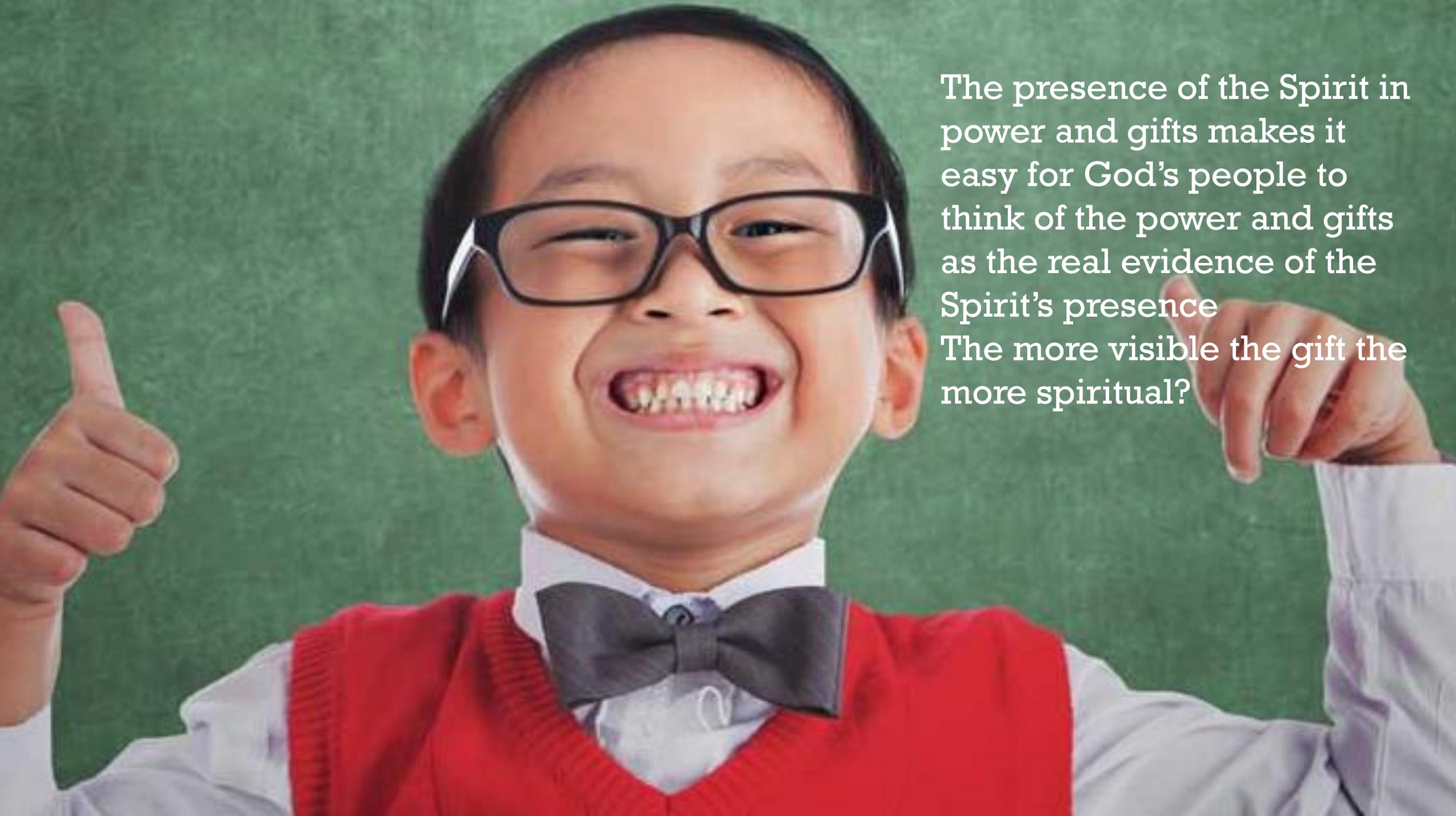
### THE GOSPEL AND SPIRITUAL GIFTS PART 1

I Corinthians 12a

Spiritual things or spiritual manifestations

Pneumatikon

1 Corinthians 12:1-3 (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.



The presence of the Spirit in power and gifts makes it easy for God's people to think of the power and gifts as the real evidence of the Spirit's presence  
The more visible the gift the more spiritual?

## Charisma

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (ESV) 4  
Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5  
and there are varieties of  
service,

Pneumatikon

Spiritual things or manifestations

1 Corinthians 12:1-3 (ESV)  
Now concerning spiritual  
gifts, brothers, I do not want  
you to be uninformed.

## BOTH WORDS SYNONYMOUS

- Romans 1:11 (ESV) For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—



Pneumatikon



Charisma.

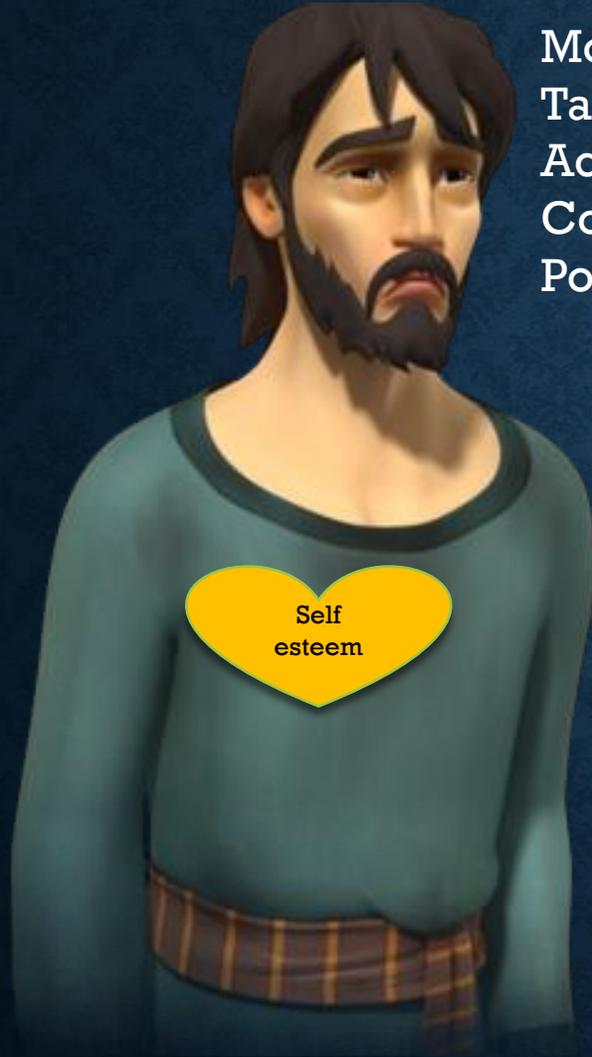
# Charis

- Freely given
- Not earned
- No basis for pride or self esteem
- No measure of spirituality

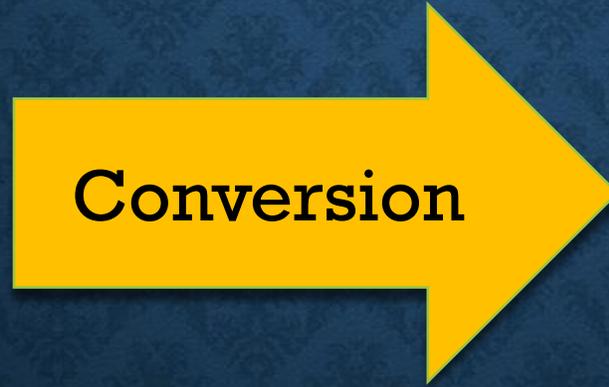
# UNITY IN DIVERSITY

## 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6 (ESV)

- 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.

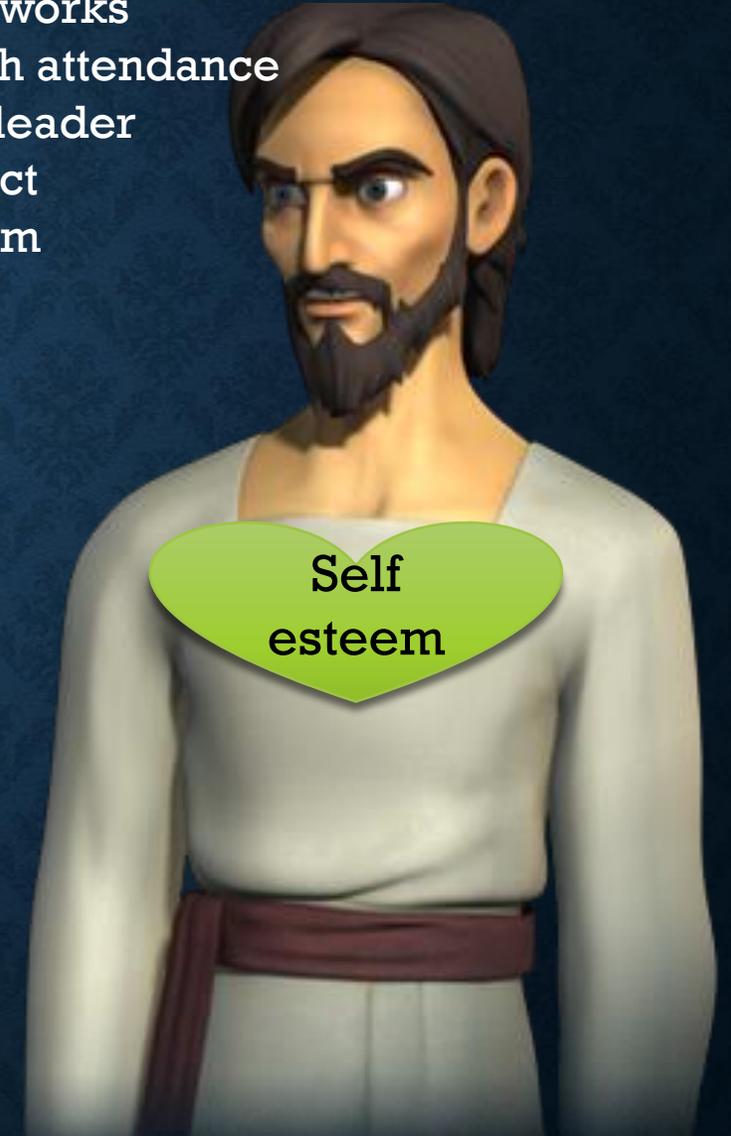


Money  
Talent  
Achievement  
Connections  
Possessions



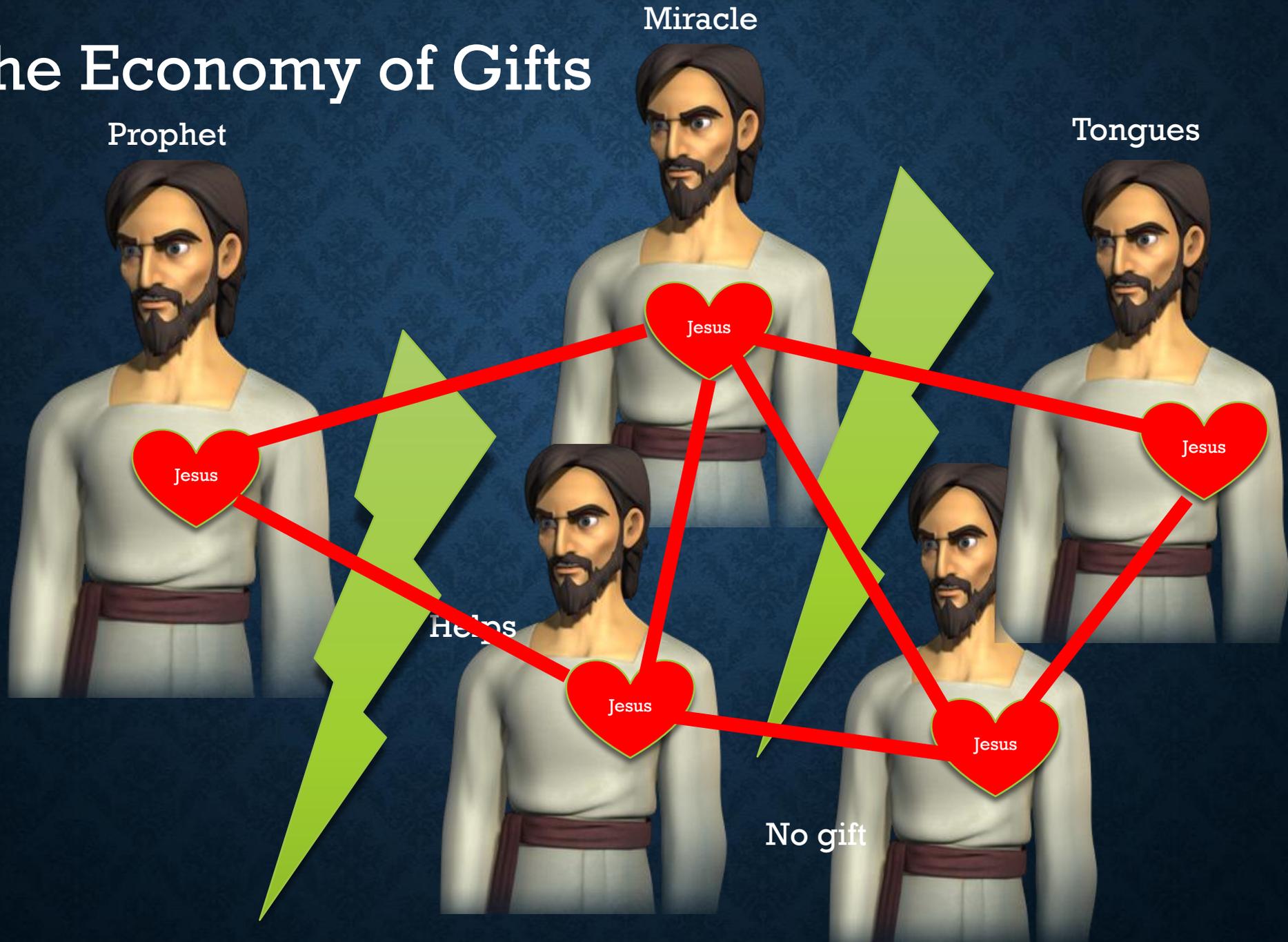
Division

Good works  
Church attendance  
Their leader  
Respect  
Acclaim  
Gifts

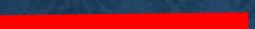


1 Corinthians 12:7-11 (ESV) To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit. 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing 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 Economy of Gifts



# BASIS OF UNITY

- **Common good** 
  - Not for self esteem or value
  - Toward glorifying Jesus
  - Extension of Kingdom
  - Reflecting God
- **Same source**  No merit because it was given not earned
- **Different gifts by sovereign design**



It is the working of the gifts in different ways that give glory to God. The beauty is in the variety

## **DIVISIVE PROBLEMS**

- 1 Baptism of HS separate second experience necessary for all Christians**
- 2 Speaking in tongues the external evidence of baptism and infilling of the Spirit**
- 3 Gifts like tongues and miracles must be present in every church ...like apostles**

## ACTS 2 NARRATIVE

**NARRATIVES ALONE ARE INSUFFICIENT  
FOR DEFINITIVE DOCTRINE**

filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

# LACK OF CORROBORATION ELSEWHERE IN SCRIPTURE

- Spirit baptism not in the character qualifications of deacons and elders if it was so important for Christian ministry (1 Tim. 3; Titus 1)?
- Epistles are universally silent on the subject of Spirit baptism, and it affirms that all believers have the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:27; Rom. 8:9).
- We cannot find a basis for Spirit baptism in the book of Acts—especially when these passages are not uniform and consistent.

1 Corinthians 12:12-13 (ESV) For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in one Spirit we were **all baptized into one body**—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit

Acts 1:5 (ESV) for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

# THERE ARE NO TWO BAPTISMS

Ephesians 4:4-7 (ESV) There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. 7

# HOLY SPIRIT

## Distinguished believer from Non believer

1 Corinthians 2:12  
(ESV) Now we have

received the Spirit

of

wisdom

and

might understand  
the things freely  
given us by God.

## Beginning of Christian life

Galatians 3:3 (ESV) Are  
you so foolish? Having  
begun by the Spirit,

and are now trying

to be justified by

the law, you are

separated from Christ.

## Makes person child of God

Romans 8:14-16 (ESV) For  
all who are led by the  
Spirit of God are sons of

God. For those who

are led by the Spirit

of God, they are

children of God,

Father!” 16 The Spirit  
himself bears witness  
with our spirit that we are  
children of God,

**MOST NT PASSAGES TALK ABOUT FIRST  
INDWELLING OF THE SPRIT NOT THE SECOND**

# BODY METAPHOR



# BODY METAPHOR

1 Corinthians 12:14 (ESV)  
For the body does not  
consist of one member  
but of many.

All parts are essential and  
important



# BODY METAPHOR

1 Corinthians 12:23-24 (ESV) and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, 24 which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it,

Greater care for less honorable part



# BODY METAPHOR

1 Corinthians 12:25-26 (ESV) that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

**Total unity and care**



1 Corinthians 12:27-31 (ESV) Now you are the body of  
**God sovereignly gives the gifts**  
Christ and individually members of it. 28 And God has  
appointed in the church first apostles, second  
prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of  
healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of  
tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all  
teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all possess gifts  
of healing? **Do all speak with tongues?** Do all  
interpret? 31 But earnestly desire the higher gifts.  
**No ..not everyone has the same gifts**  
And I will show you a still more excellent way.

# IMPLICATIONS

More of Spirit  More or better Gifts

The Diversity of spiritual gifts is based on His sovereign purposes. . . .

The Giver, not the Gift, is what accomplishes anything.



## TOM SMAIL

Director of Fountain trust and vice principal St Johns  
Nottingham

*“There is no NT principle which states that the believer cannot be in full freedom of the Holy Spirit unless he has spoken in tongues. Experience shows that people do come to know the release of the Spirit in their lives and yet do not speak in tongues and to suggest to them that their experience is not real for that reason is biblically unjustified, possibly harmful and can create unnecessary doubt and bondages”.*

# LIST OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS NOT EXHAUSTIVE

1 Cor 12:8-10	Ephesians 4	1 Cor 12:28	Romans 12:6-8	1 Peter 4:11	1 Cor 7:7
Utterance wisdom	Apostle	Apostle	Leader	Speak	Marriage
Utterance knowledge	Prophet	Prophet	Prophecy	Service	Celibacy
Faith	Evangelist	Teacher	Teaching		
Gifts of Healing	Pastor	Miracles	Exhortation		
Miracles	Teacher	Healing	Giving		
Prophecy		Helping	Mercy		
Discernment					
Tongues		Administration	Service		
Interpretation		Tongues			

# SPIRITUAL GIFTS-ORDINARY

1 Cor 12:8-10	Ephesians 4	1 Cor 12:28	Romans 12:6-8	1 Peter 4:11	1 Cor 7:7
Utterance wisdom	Apostle	Apostle	Leader	Speak	Marriage
Utterance knowledge	Prophet	Prophet	Prophecy	Service	Celibacy
Faith	Evangelist	Teacher	Teaching		
Gifts of Healing	Pastor	Miracles	Exhortation		
Miracles	Teacher	Healing	Giving		
Prophecy		Helping	Mercy		
Discernment					
Tongues		Administration	Service		
Interpretation		Tongues			

# IS THERE A DIFFERENCE

## Talent

- Inherited or developed

## Gift

- Given by Spirit as rebirth

## IS THIS A SPIRITUAL GIFT?

Exodus 31:1-5 (ESV) he Lord said to Moses, 2 “See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, 3 and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, 4 to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, 5 in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft.

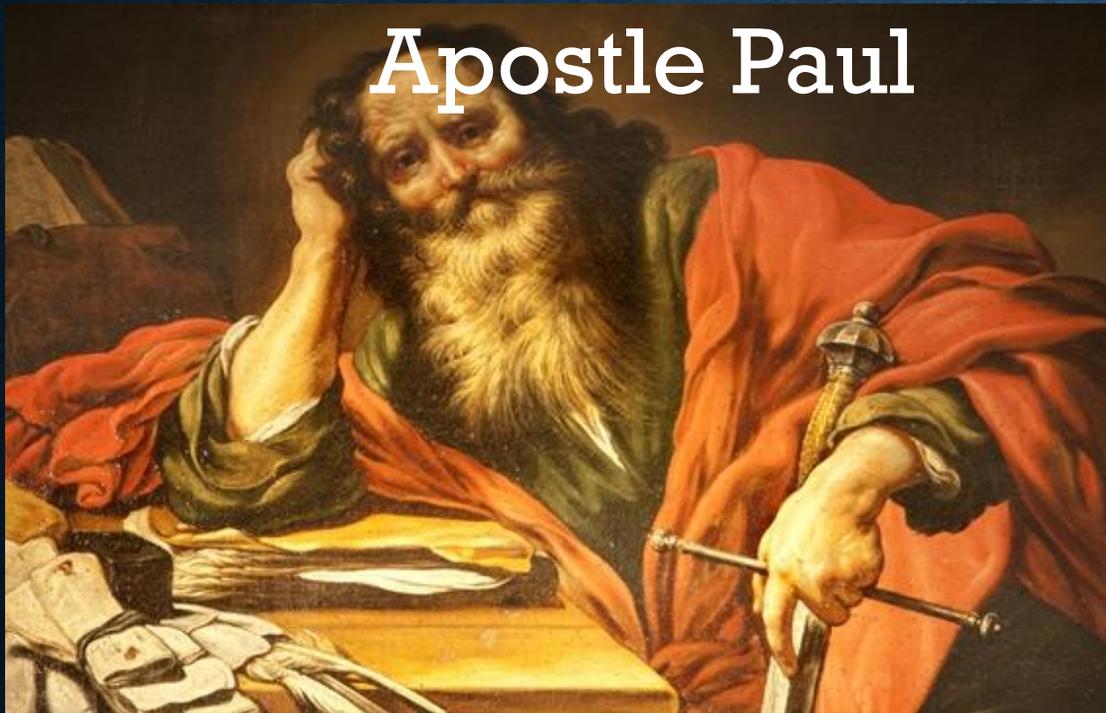
# OVERLAP



Natural  
Talent

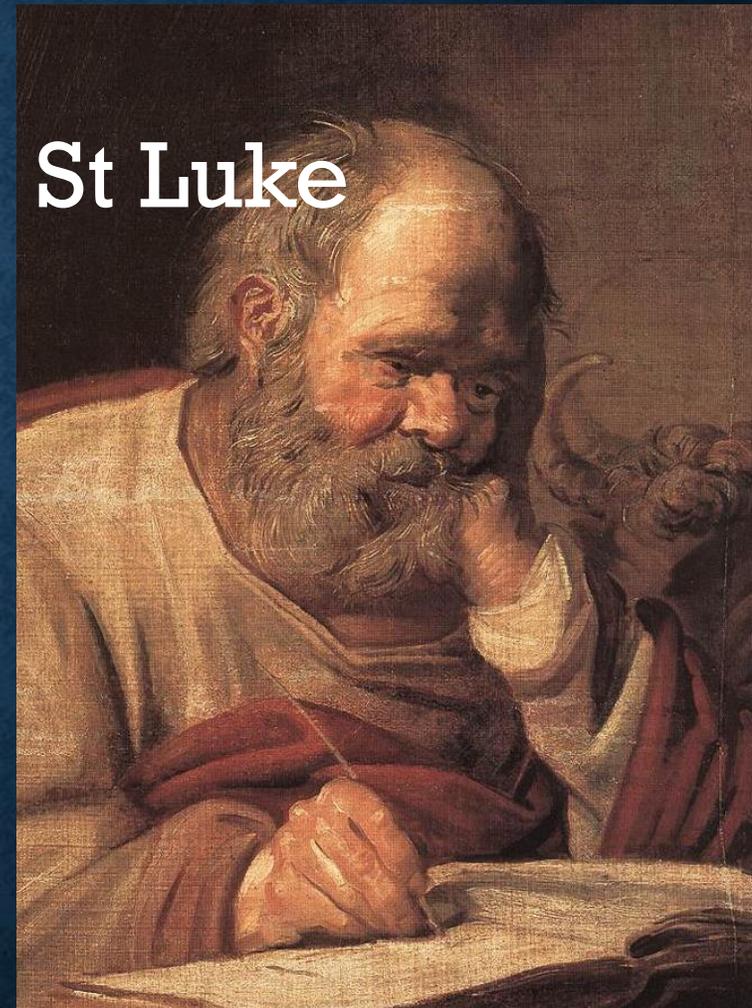
Spiritual  
Gift

# Apostle Paul



Theologian  
Pharisee  
Intellectual and Rhetorical Skill

# St Luke



Precision as eye witness

# 4 POSITIONS ON SPIRITUAL GIFTS

<b>Cessasionists</b>	<b>Open but cautious</b>	<b>Third Wave</b>	<b>Pentecostal</b>
Deny charismatic gifts are present in the church today	Believe charismatic gifts are present in the church today but should not be emphasized	Charismatic gifts are central for ministry today but deny Spirit Baptism	Charismatic gifts are central for ministry today. The second “ Spirit Baptism is necessary for ministry

# EARLY CHURCH FATHERS



Chrysostom

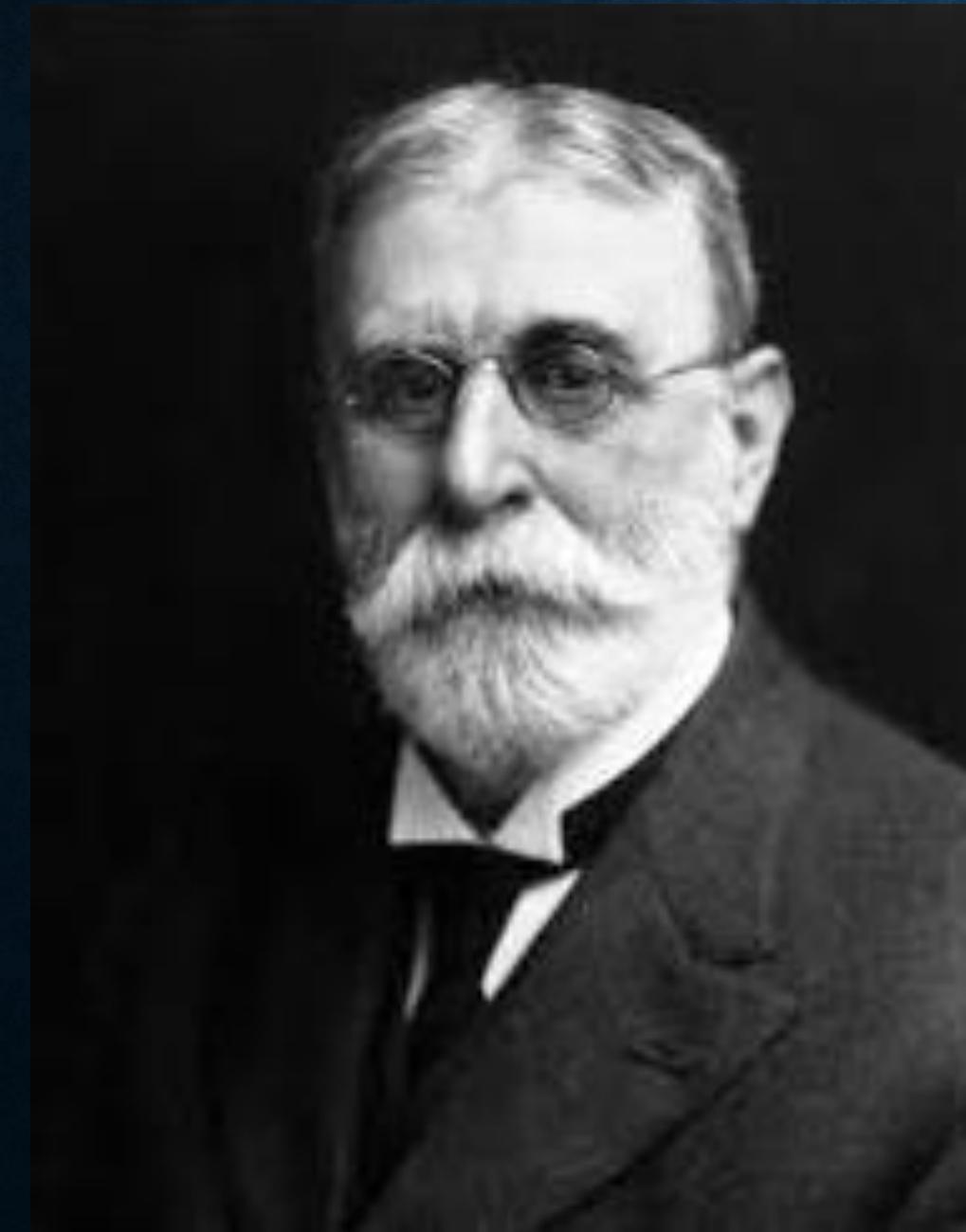


Augustine



Gregory the Great

Spiritual gifts –miraculous during early church – for accreditation



## D. B. WARFIELD OF PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

- Miracles are associated with periods of special revelation to process of writing scripture eg Exodus, Exile, Elijah time
- They attest to and accredit God's message to become Scripture
- Once Scripture formed no need for miraculous gifts

# PAUL'S ATTITUDE-CONTINUING NEED FOR GIFTS

- 1 Corinthians 12:7 (ESV) To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
- 1 Corinthians 12:31 (ESV) But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:20-21 (ESV) Do not despise prophecies, 21 but test everything; hold fast what is good.
- 1 Corinthians 14:1-2 (ESV) Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.

Ephesians 2:19-20 (ESV) So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,

# WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF THE HOUSE?



Miracles seen in other times to build up church and not exclusively by apostles so are not necessarily just to attest to the authenticity of apostles only, others also have miracles.

Thousands of extra-biblical revelations that happened *in the first century* not enscripturated and for edification of church yet actively discerned

# CONTINUATIONIST

<b>Cessasionists</b>	<b>Open but cautious</b>	<b>Third Wave</b>	<b>Pentecostal</b>
Deny charismatic gifts are present in the church today	Believe charismatic gifts are present in the church today but should not be emphasized	Charismatic gifts are central for ministry today but deny Spirit Baptism	Charismatic gifts are central for ministry today. The second " Spirit Baptism is necessary for ministry



**Sam Storm**

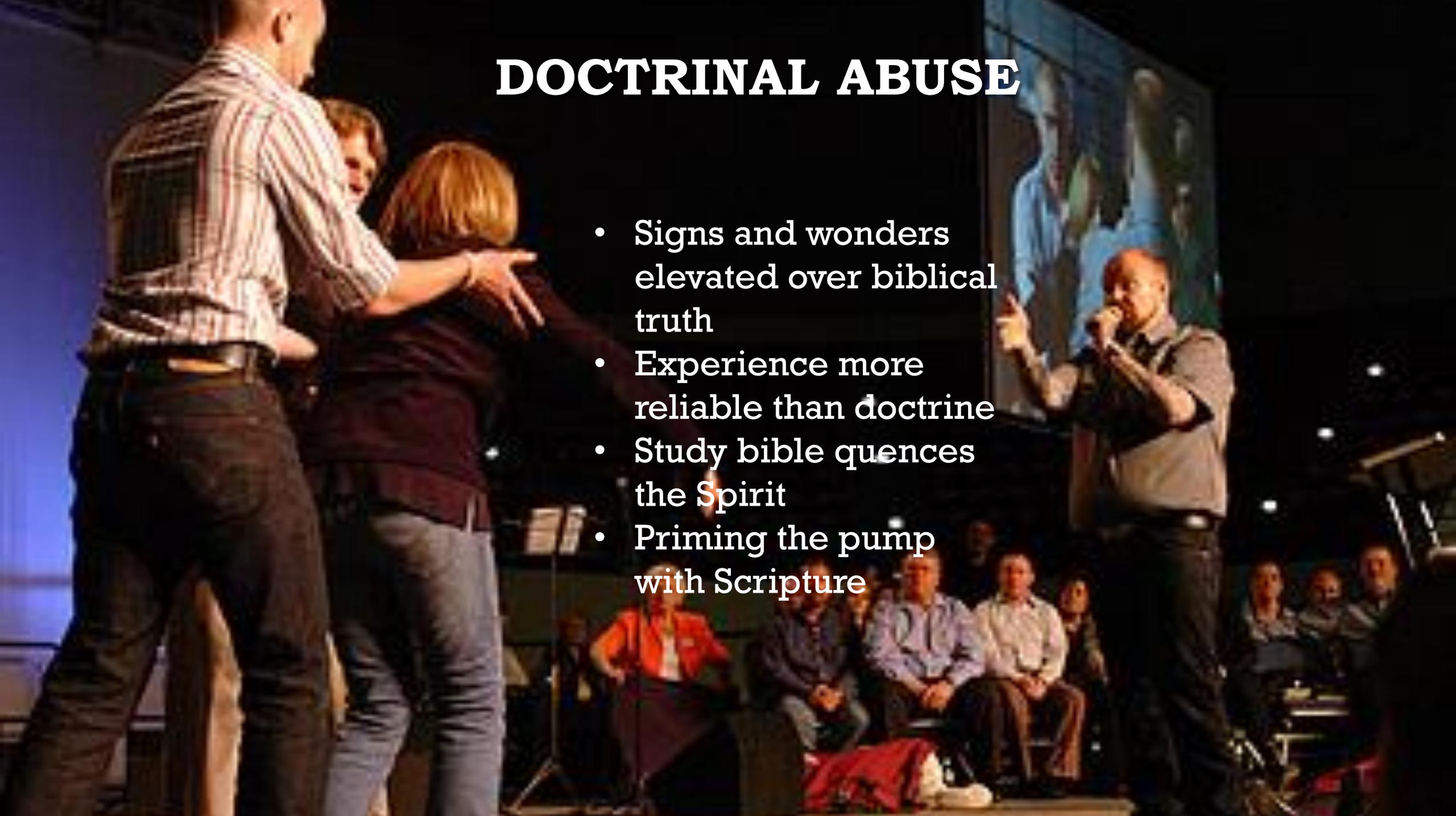
- Extensive NT evidence in Acts and Epistles of the gifts
- Acts 2:17-18 (ESV) And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; 18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

Ephesians 4:11-13 (ESV) And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for **building up the body of Christ**, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

# **ABUSES OF CHARISMATIC GIFTS**

# DOCTRINAL ABUSE

- Signs and wonders elevated over biblical truth
- Experience more reliable than doctrine
- Study bible quences the Spirit
- Priming the pump with Scripture



# DISCERNMENT ABUSE



Prophetic gifts used to  
manipulate rather than  
encourage

# FINANCIAL ABUSE



**EMOTIONAL ABUSE**



# **WE SHOULD NOT EXPECT OR DEMAND GOD TO WORK MIRACULOUSLY TODAY AS HE DID IN THE EARLY CHURCH**

- The miracles of Acts are highlights of over 30 yrs of ministry
- Israel wallowed in slavery for 400 years before miracles of Exodus
- John the Baptist demonstrate no miracles
- Esther had no miracles
- Writings of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> century showed very little miraculous activity and confined to largely gifts of prophecy and healing, which included exorcism.”

**SIGNS AND WONDERS HAPPENING, CHAINS OF  
ALCOHOLISM AND FEUDS BROKEN: 50 YRS ON  
IS THE MALAYSIAN CHURCH READY FOR  
ANOTHER REVIVAL?**

MICHELLE CHUN // AUGUST 14, 2023, 4:10 PM



*Tree leaves transformed into sources of light for missionaries lost in the jungle. Water and rice turned into oil and flour. Fireballs fell from the sky. Angels baked bread as food for people in the jungle and taught illiterate people how to read*