

# Ecclesiology

## Session 25



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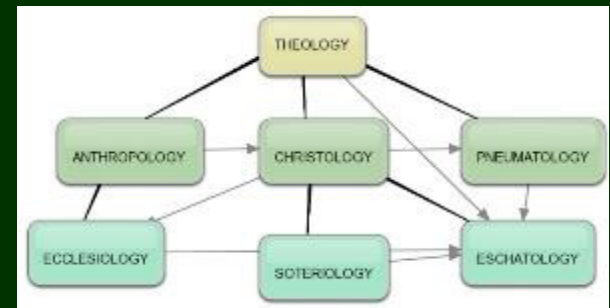
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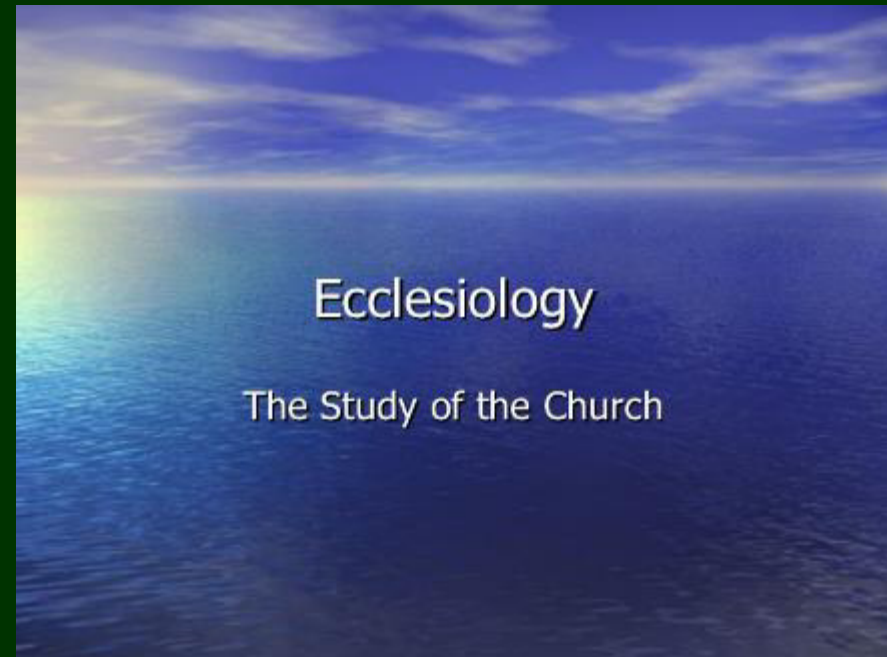
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# Ecclesiology Overview

- I. Definition
- II. Universal vs. local
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- IV. Origin
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- VI. Intercalation
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## 2 Timothy 3:16-17

“<sup>16</sup> **All Scripture** is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; <sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be **adequate, equipped for every good work.**”

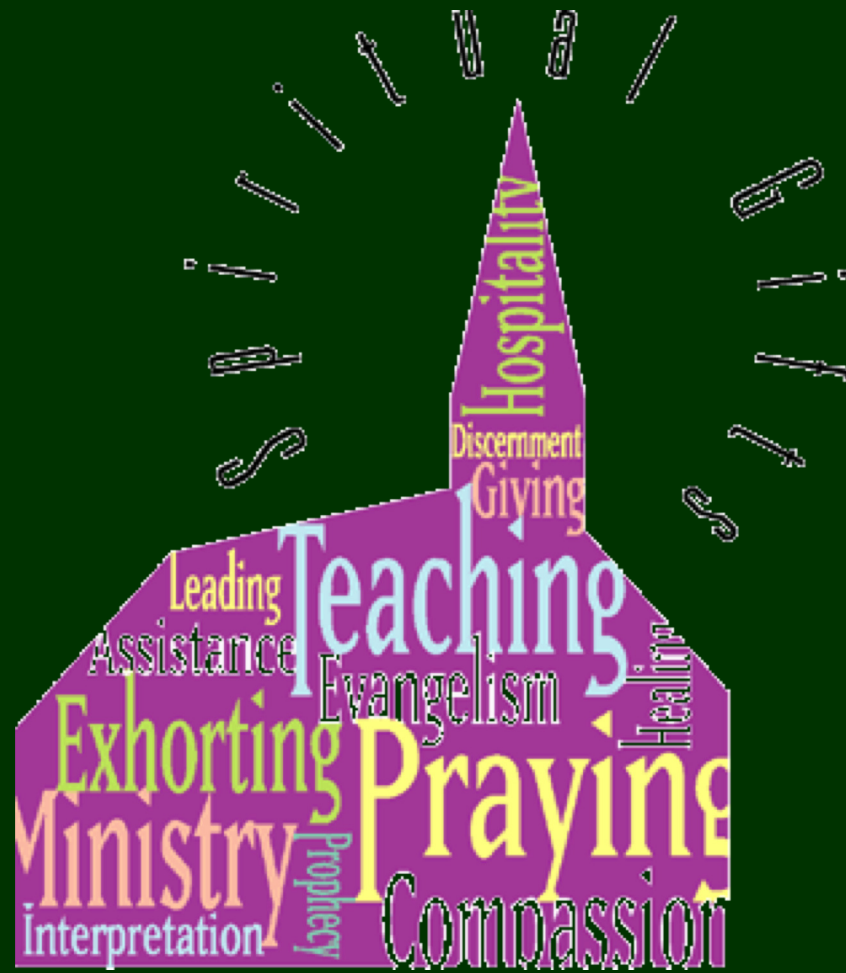


## Ephesians 4:11-16

“<sup>11</sup> And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;”



# Spiritual Gifts

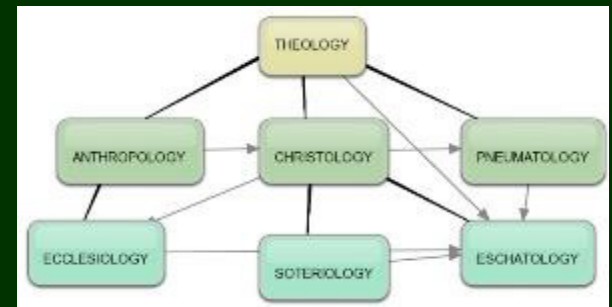




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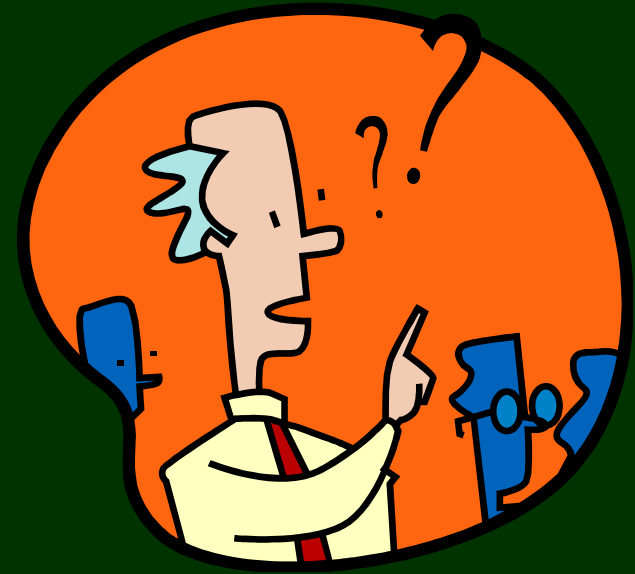
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# Two Camps

- Charismatics – All the spiritual gifts are in operation today
- Cessationists – Most of the spiritual gifts are in operation today

# Preamble to Position Statements of SLBC Constitution

“Although agreement with the **POSITION STATEMENTS** is not required for membership, they are taught in this church. The **POSITION STATEMENTS** are not meant to **prohibit** honest and healthy discussions concerning what the Bible teaches about these issues; however, we believe that such discussions must be conducted under the guiding principle that believers are to strive to maintain unity.”

## SLBC Position Statement No. 7

**“TEMPORARY SPIRITUAL GIFTS** – This church teaches that the miraculous sign gifts, including the gift of tongues, (always the ability to speak in a previously unlearned, known language) along with the gift of healings were temporal gifts, given by the Holy Spirit solely to authenticate both the apostles and their message before the close of the canon of Scripture (1 Cor. 13:8-10). We do not believe that these are active as gifts today. However, we affirm that God is sovereign and may heal and/or give someone the ability to speak in a tongue (foreign language) today. We believe that the majority of what is termed ‘miraculous’ within the contemporary charismatic movement is something other than the Biblical gifts of tongues or healing.”

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## Acts 1:21-25

“<sup>21</sup> Therefore it is necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us—<sup>22</sup> beginning with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up from us—one of these *must* become a witness with us of His resurrection.”<sup>23</sup> So they put forward two men, Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus), and Matthias.<sup>24</sup> And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all men, show which one of these two You have chosen<sup>25</sup> to occupy this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.”<sup>26</sup> And they drew lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.”



# 1 Corinthians 9:1

“Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord?”



# 1 Corinthians 15:8-9

“<sup>8</sup> and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.”



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# Miracle Clusters In Scripture

<b>NUM.</b>	<b>ERA</b>	<b>AUTHENTICATION</b>
1.	<b>Moses</b>	<b>Law</b>
2.	<b>Joshua</b>	<b>Conquest</b>
3.	<b>Elijah-Elisha</b>	<b>Prophet</b>
4.	<b>Christ</b>	<b>Kingdom offer</b>
5.	<b>Apostles</b>	<b>Church</b>
6.	<b>Tribulation &amp; Millennium</b>	<b>Kingdom establishment</b>



## Luke 4:25-27

“<sup>25</sup> But I say to you in truth, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land; <sup>26</sup> and yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but only to Zarephath, *in the land* of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. <sup>27</sup> And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”



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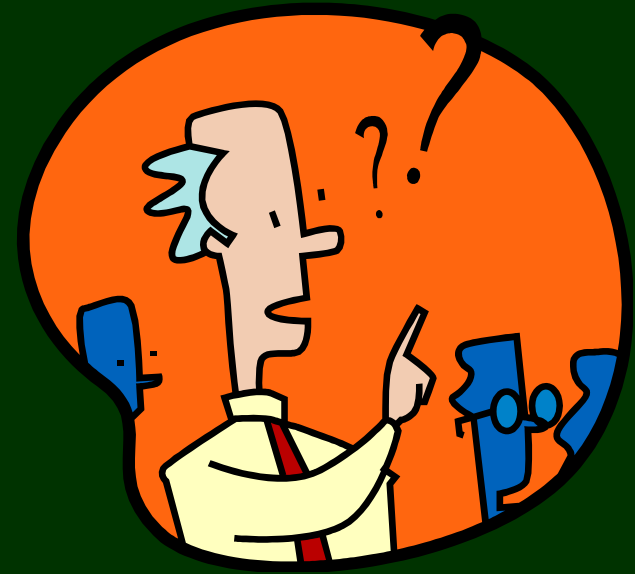
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“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father.”



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## 2 Corinthians 12:12

“The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.”



## Acts 2:43

“Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.”





## Acts 4:30

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## Acts 5:12

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“<sup>3</sup> Therefore they spent a long time *there* speaking boldly *with reliance* upon the Lord, who was testifying to the word of His grace, granting that signs and wonders be done by their hands. <sup>4</sup> But the people of the city were divided; and some sided with the Jews, and some with the apostles.”



## Romans 15:18-20

“<sup>18</sup> For I will not presume to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me, resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed, <sup>19</sup> in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit; so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. <sup>20</sup> And thus I aspired to preach the gospel, not where Christ was *already* named, so that I would not build on another man’s foundation.”





## Acts 20:7-10

“<sup>7</sup> On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul *began* talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight. <sup>8</sup> There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered together. <sup>9</sup> And there was a young man named Eutychus sitting on the window sill, sinking into a deep sleep; and as Paul kept on talking, he was overcome by sleep and fell down from the third floor and was picked up dead. <sup>10</sup> But Paul went down and fell upon him, and after embracing him, he said, “Do not be troubled, for his life is in him.”



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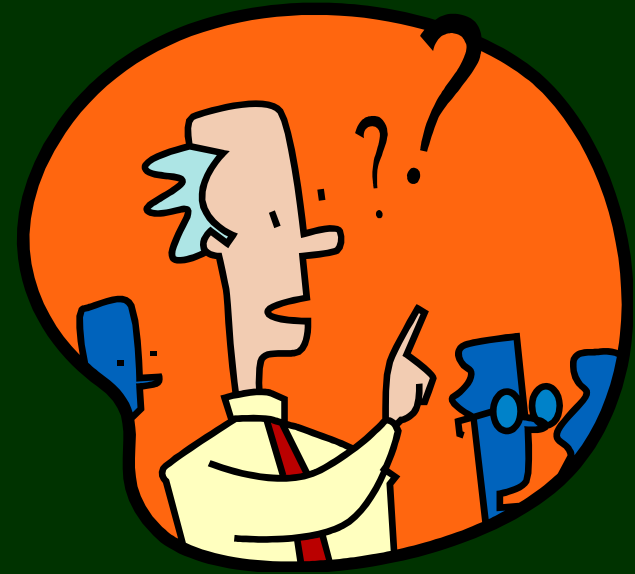
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## Revelation 9:11

“And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.” (KJV)



## 1 Corinthians 12:10

“To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues [*glōssa*]; to another the interpretation of tongues [*glōssa*].”



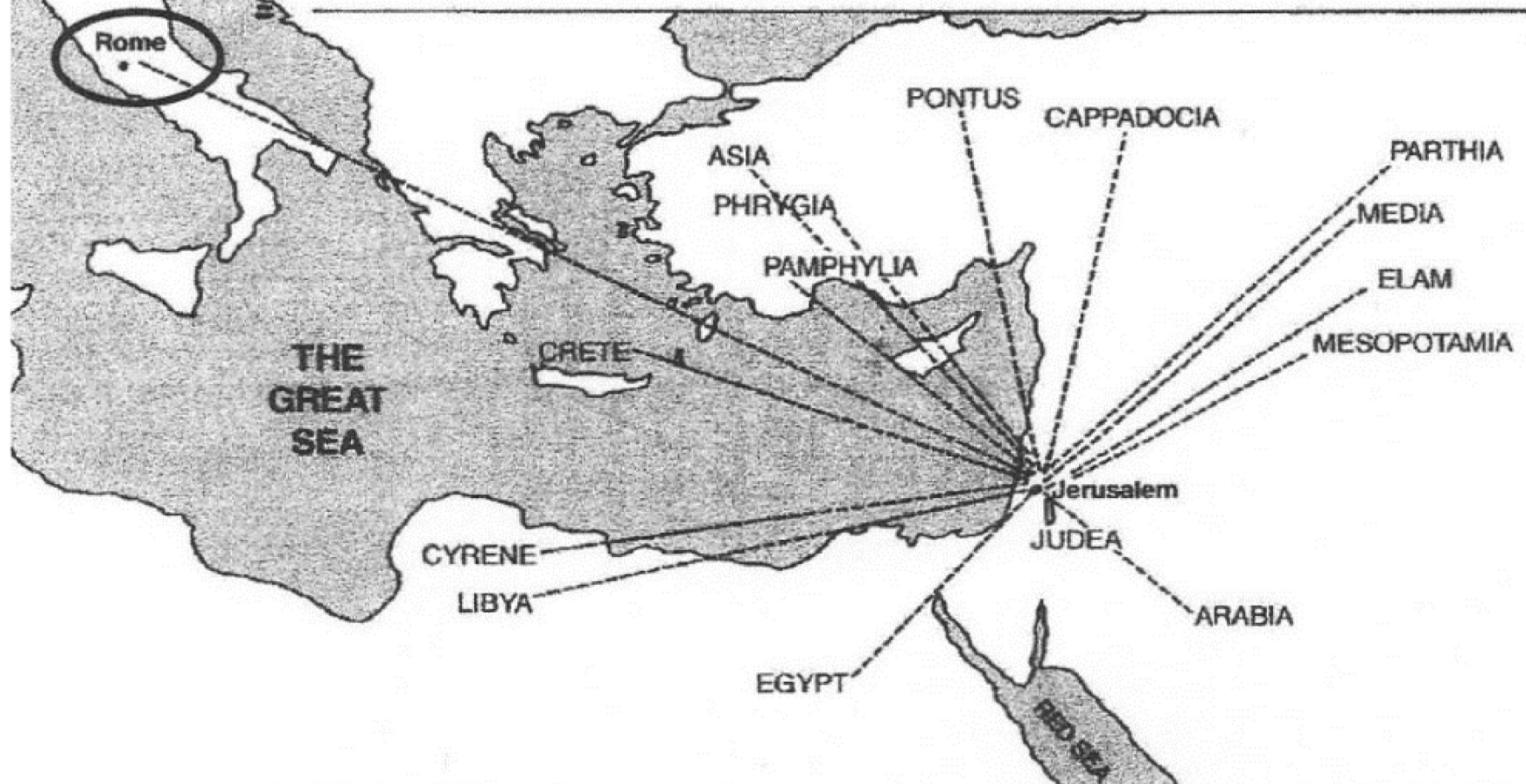
## Acts 2:6

“Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language [*dialektos*].”



# The Nations of Pentecost

Pentecost, a Jewish feast also known as the Feast of Weeks, marked the completion of the barley harvest. On this annual holiday about 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus, Jewish people from throughout the Roman Empire were gathered in the city of Jerusalem to observe this great religious holiday. When the Holy Spirit was poured out on the apostles, they began to speak with "other tongues," and these people from other nations understood them perfectly (Acts 2:5-13). This map shows the different regions of the Roman Empire represented in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost.



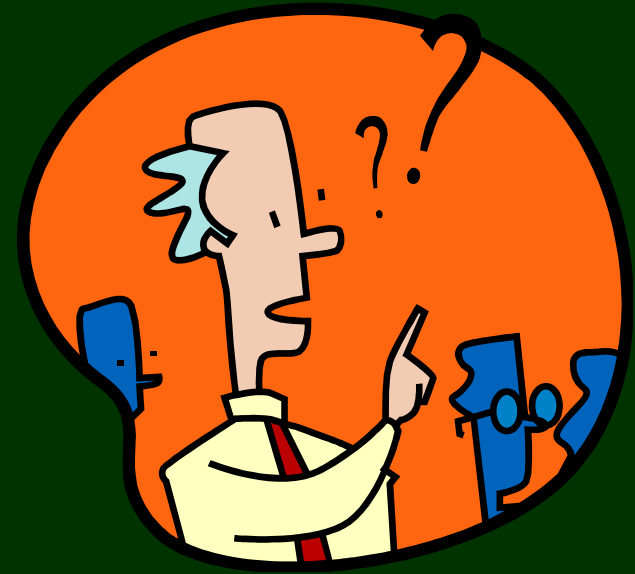
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“<sup>21</sup> In the Law it is written, ‘BY MEN OF STRANGE TONGUES AND BY THE LIPS OF STRANGERS I WILL SPEAK TO THIS PEOPLE, AND EVEN SO THEY WILL NOT LISTEN TO ME,’ says the Lord. <sup>22</sup> So then tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophecy *is for a sign, not to unbelievers but to those who believe.*”



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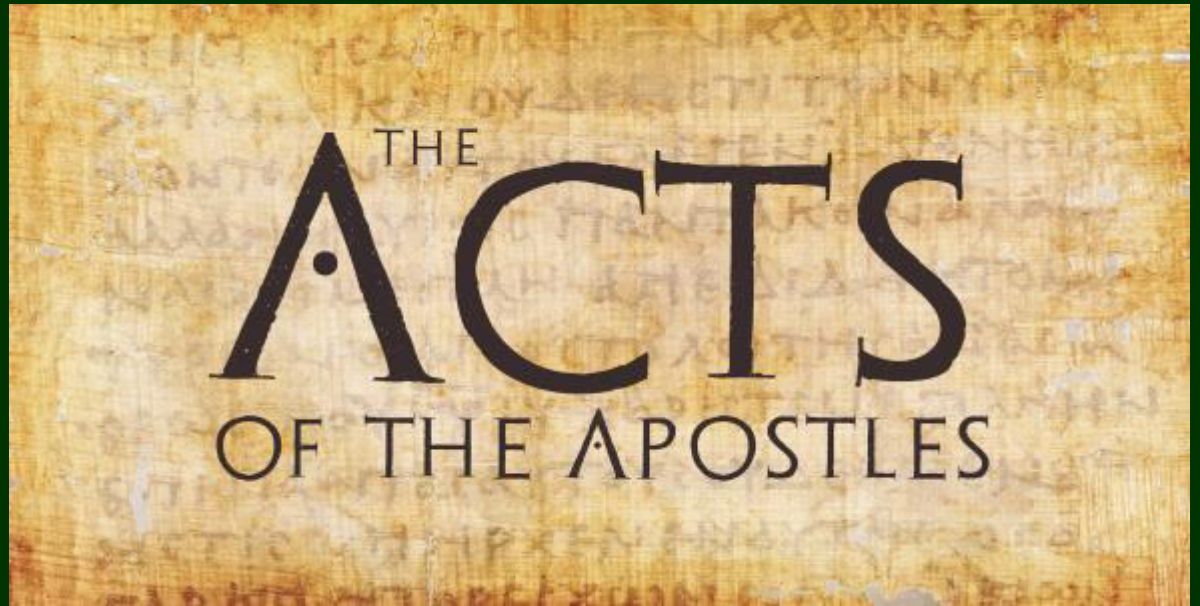
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# Acts 3:1-10

1. No prayer
2. No faith
3. Indirect
4. By an apostle
5. Instantaneous
6. Automatic
7. Undeniable
8. No geographical barriers
9. Spontaneous
10. Common
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## James 5:14-15

“<sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; <sup>15</sup> and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.”



# Apostolic Gift of Healing

# Healing Today

No prayer

Prayer

Indirect

Direct

Apostles

Physicians

Instantaneous

Gradual

Common

Less common

Automatic

Non-automatic

# Automatic Healing Today?

1. Scripture – Gal. 4:13; 2 Cor. 12:7-9; 1 Tim. 5:23; 2 Tim. 4:20
2. False guilt
3. False view of God
4. Sickness is sometimes caused by sin – John 5:14; 1 Cor. 11:30
5. Sickness is not always caused by sin – Job 1:1-2, 5; 2:7-8; Ps. 34:19
6. Theology of suffering
7. Healing is only guaranteed (Isa. 53:4; 1 Pet. 2:24-25) in the Eternal State – Rom. 8:22-23; Isa. 65:20; Rev. 21:4

# Theology of Suffering

1. Sympathy – 2 Cor. 1:3-4
2. Christ-like character – Jas. 1:2-4
3. Testimony to unbelievers – John 11:4;  
12:10-11
4. Dependence upon God – Deut. 6:10-12;  
8:3; 2 Cor. 12:6-9
5. Prayer – Acts 12:5



## Romans 8:19-23

<sup>19</sup> “For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.”



## Millennium Rev.20

## Eternal State Rev.21-22

**Sin restrained**

**Sin removed**

**Curse restrained**

**Curse removed**

**Death**

**No death**

**Mortals / resurrected**

**Resurrected only**

**Destinies undecided**

**Destinies sealed**

**Renovation**

**Recreation**

**Temporary**

**Eternal**

**Transitional**

**Non-transitional**

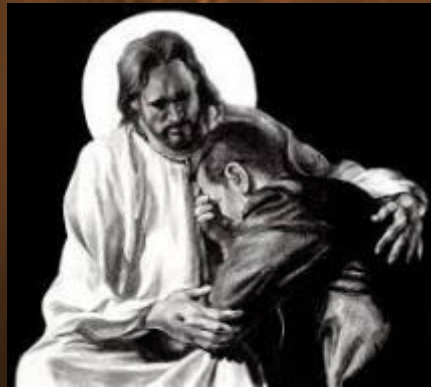
# Millennium and Eternal State

	<b>Rev 20:1-10</b>	<b>Rev 21–22</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>20:4</b>	<b>22:5</b>
<b>Luminaries</b>	<b>Isa 30:26</b>	<b>21:23; 22:5</b>
<b>Temple</b>	<b>Ezek 40–48</b>	<b>21:22</b>
<b>Death</b>	<b>Isa 65:20</b>	<b>21:4</b>
<b>Satanic activity</b>	<b>20:7</b>	<b>20:10</b>
<b>Rebellion</b>	<b>20:8-9</b>	<b>21:27</b>



## Revelation 21:4

“and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”



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# Spiritual Gifts: #1

- Prophecy: the ability to proclaim God's truth without compromise



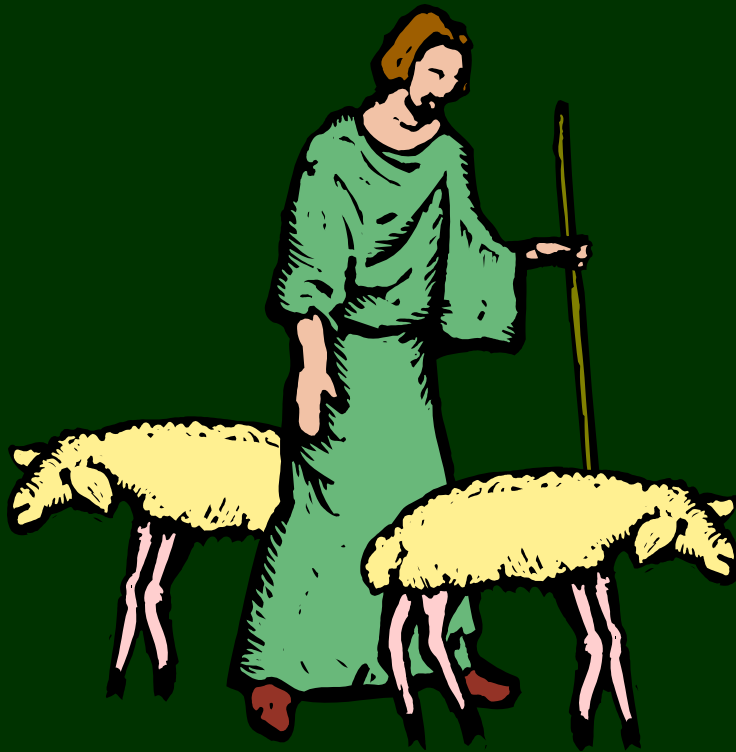
## Spiritual Gifts: #2

- **Teaching**: the ability to explain clearly what God has already revealed (1 Cor 12:28)



# Spiritual Gifts: #3

- Pastor-teacher: the ability to equip and mature the body of Christ (Eph 4:11-16)



# Pastor-Teacher (Eph 4:11)

- “*pastors and teachers*. The two ministries are linked together here, though separated elsewhere (Rom 12:7; 1 Pet 5:2).”



# Shepherd/Pastor

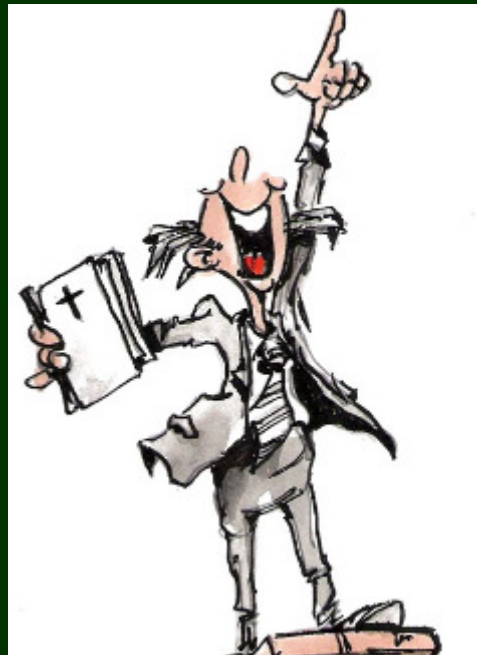
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# Spiritual Gifts: #4

- **Evangelism**: the ability to share the good news of Jesus Christ with unbelievers



# Spiritual Gifts: #5

- **Exhortation**: the ability to encourage others in the body of Christ



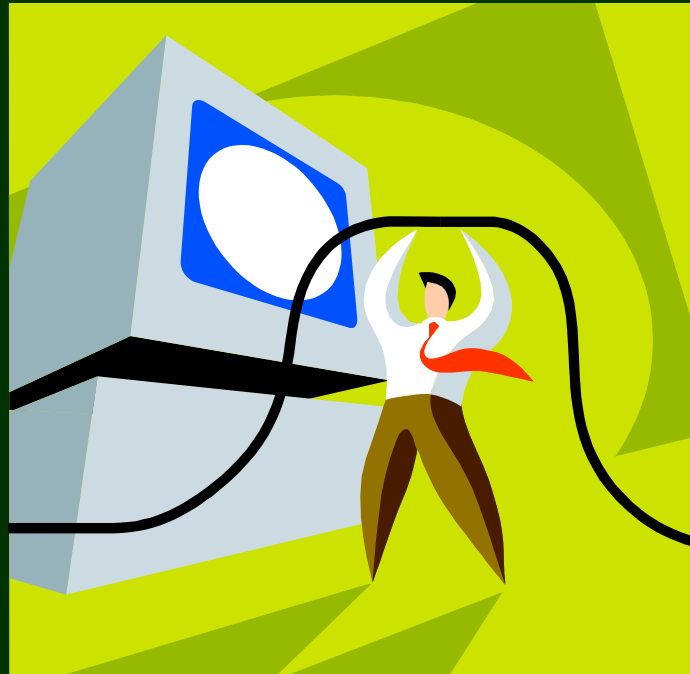
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- **Discernment**: the ability to detect moral or doctrinal error (Rev 2:2)



# Spiritual Gifts: #7

- **Administration**: the ability to effectively run or manage a church program



# Spiritual Gifts: #8

- **Leadership**: the ability to cast an organizational vision and motivate others toward the fulfillment of that vision



# Spiritual Gifts: #9

- **Knowledge**: the ability to understand complex biblical truths (1 Cor 8:1)



# Spiritual Gifts: #10

- Wisdom: the ability to find knowledge from the Scriptures and apply it to daily life (1 Cor 2:6-7)



# Spiritual Gifts: #11

- Service: the ability to minister to others





# Spiritual Gifts: #12

- **Giving**: the ability to give material goods and financial resources with joy so that the needs of the Lord's work are met



# Spiritual Gifts: #13

- **Hospitality**: the ability to make guests feel comfortable and at home (Rom 12:13)



# Spiritual Gifts: #14

- **Mercy**: the ability to devote energy toward helping those in pitiable conditions



# Spiritual Gifts: #15

- **Helps**: the ability to free up others from certain responsibilities so that they can exercise their gifts more effectively (Acts 6:1-4)



# Spiritual Gifts: #16

- Faith: the ability to trust God in the midst of life's difficulties



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4. **How do we discover our own unique area of gifting?**



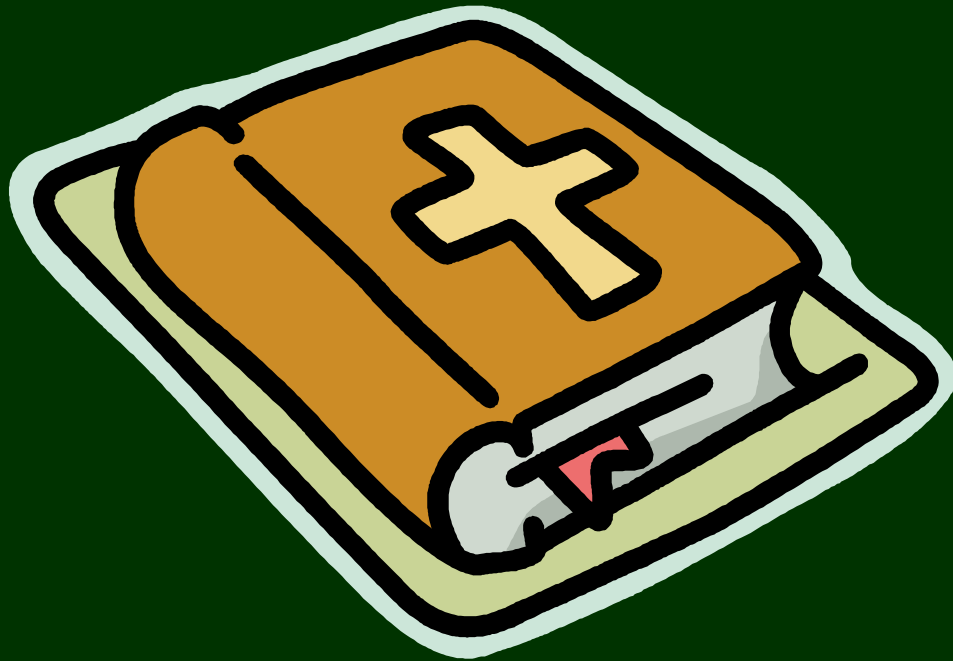
# How Do We Discover Our Gifts?

- Know what the gifts are and their purpose



# How Do We Discover Our Gifts?

- Obey the known or revealed will of God to all believers (Luke 16:10; Rom 12:1)





# How Do We Discover Our Gifts?

- What do you naturally gravitate toward?



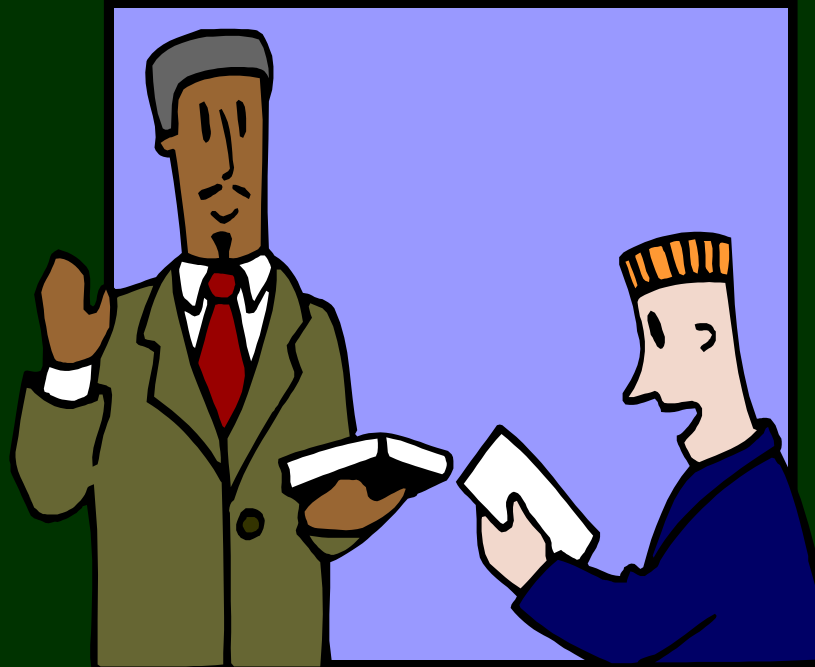
# How Do We Discover Our Gifts?

- What ministry or ministries do you enjoy doing?



# How Do We Discover Our Gifts?

- Does anyone get especially blessed when you serve God in a particular way?



# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #6

- Spiritual gifts are given in order to edify the church (1 Cor 12:7; 14:12, 26; Eph 4:11-12; 1 Pet 4:10)



# How Do We Discover Our Gifts?

- What are you most critical of?



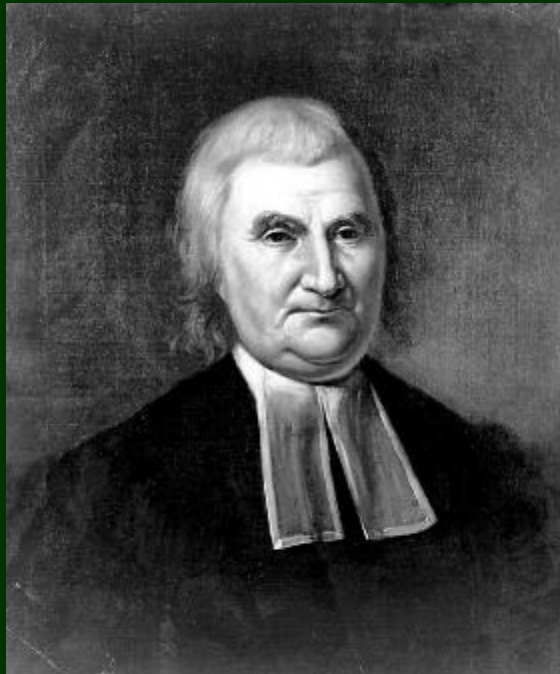
# How Do We Discover Our Gifts?

- Step out in faith (Rom 12:6)



# How Do We Discover Our Gifts?

- Do not despise the day of small beginnings (Zech 4:10)



Conclusion



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