

The Nine Supernatural Gifts of the Holy Spirit



“God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the Gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His Wrath? Indeed; I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that his justice cannot sleep forever.”

— Thomas Jefferson, inscription on the Jefferson Memorial

“And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.”

— Matthew 21:22 RSV

“Freedom is not a gift bestowed upon us by other men, but a right that belongs to us by the laws of God.”

— Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790) Statesman, Scientist, Inventor, Printer and Philosopher

“No people ought to feel greater obligations to celebrate the goodness of the Great Disposer of Events and of [the] destiny of nations than the people of the United States ... And to the same Divine Author of every good and perfect gift we are indebted for all those privileges and advantages, religious as well as civil, which are so richly enjoyed this favored land.”

— James Madison (1751-1836) Fourth President of the United States

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- Wisdom
- Knowledge
- Faith
- Healing
- Working of miracles
- Prophecy
- Discernment of spirits

— Speaking in various tongues

— Interpretation of tongues

“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 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. All these are inspired by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills. 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.”

— 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 RSV

“Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Sama'ria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit; for it had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, saying, "Give me also this power, that any one on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.”

— Acts 8:14-19 RSV

Endnote:

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