

# HELLO, MY NAME IS THE HOLY SPIRIT!

Week 12

Where Do I Fit In?

Today we come to the last Sermon in our series entitled, “*Hello, My Name Is The Holy Spirit*” with a Sermon entitled, “*Where Do I Fit In?*”.

In Church Research they tell us that when a First Time Guest comes through the doors of a Church, they are looking for the answer to 2 questions:

- Will I be welcomed here?
- Where do I fit in here?

We have preached about 8 benefits of the Holy Spirit that lives in the life of the believer of Jesus Christ:

- Guides
- Empowers
- Sanctifies
- Bears witness
- Gives comforts
- Gives joy
- Gives discernment
- Bears fruit

Today we see that this same Holy Spirit gives us gifts that are to be used for 2 purposes.

- To bring honor and glory to God.
- To edify (build up) His church.

How important is it that each of us use the gifts that God has given us through the Holy Spirit?

***"No local congregation will be what it should be, what Jesus prayed that it would be, what the Holy Spirit gifted it and empowered it to be, until it understands spiritual gifts. Godly, Biblical church growth results from every member of the body fully using his spiritual gift, in submission to the Holy Spirit. - John MacArthur***

Gifts of the Holy Spirit – *All abilities that are empowered by the Holy Spirit and used in any ministry of the Church.*

We see spiritual gifts listed in 2 places:

- Romans 12:3-8
- I Corinthians 12:4-30

*Paul was writing to Christians who were members of local Churches in Rome. He described their relationship to each other in terms of members of the body. The basic idea is that each believer is a living part of Christ's body, and each has a spiritual function to perform. Each believer has a gift (gifts) to be used for the building up of the body and perfecting of the other members of the body. In short, we belong to each other, we minister to each other, and we need each other. – Warren Wiersbe*

Where did these gifts come from? – James 1:17

How do I get what I got? – I Corinthians 12:28

How can I be sure of my gift? – Ephesians 4: 11-12

What about those that misuse their gift?

*Pride takes many forms, but spiritual pride is the most grievous. To become proud of spiritual gifts or leadership position is to forget that all we have is from God, all the position we occupy is God's appointment. - J. Oswald Sanders*

**9 Spiritual Gifts we look at in New Member's Class (insert picture for each gift)**

- Administration – Ability to plan and direct details to accomplish goals.
- Exhortation / Encouragement – Encourages the downhearted.
- Evangelist – Shares the Gospel clearly and effectively.
- Giving – Tries to be in control of their finances in order to give freely.
- Service / Helps – Recognize the practical needs of the body and joyfully give assistance in meeting those needs.
- Mercy – Tries to ease the pain or discomfort of others.
- Prophecy - Is proclaiming God's Word boldly in timely fashion.
- Shepherding – Looks out for the spiritual welfare of others.

- Teaching – Communicates Biblical truths for understanding.

*As God's children, we are not to be observers; we're to participate actively in the Lord's work. Spectators sit and watch, but we are called to use our spiritual gifts and serve continually. - Charles Stanley*