



Session #11:
“Why Do We Need the Gifts of the Holy Spirit?”
Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Intro: The Body of Christ

1 Corinthians 12:12-20, *12 The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body— whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free— and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. 15 If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as He wanted them to be. 19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body.*

- What is your part in the body of Christ?

1 Corinthians 12:21-27, *21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” 22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, 24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, 25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ and each one of you is a part of it.*

- No one has all the spiritual gifts, so we need each other.
- None of the gifts are more important than others.
- Don’t look down on anyone in the church or their gifts.

One Body in Christ

Romans 12:3-5, *"For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."*

- We belong to each other.
- It takes effort to work together.
- Every member is a minister with a minister and a spiritual gift to carry out that ministry.

The Trinity and the Church

1 Corinthians 12:4-6, *"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men."*

- Different gifts, service and working.
- One Spirit, Lord and God.
- We serve together as the Trinity serves together.

Why we need spiritual gifts.

1 Peter 4:10-11, *"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ."*

- We need spiritual gifts to serve each other and lift each other up.
- We need spiritual gifts to bring glory to God.
- We use spiritual gifts by the power of the Holy Spirit to succeed as a church.

Questions:

- How would you describe your part (purpose) in the local body of Christ?
- What attitudes hinder members in a local church from discovering their ministry and using their spiritual gifts?
- How does the working of each member of the Holy Trinity of God help us to understand how each member of a church works together?
- What are the reasons why it is important for each member of a church to discover and use their spiritual gifts?

Pray for each other about what you have shared together to end your time.