## Spiritual Gifts

"brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed."

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans, some how or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. 3 Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:1-3

17 ... "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. Matthew 16:17

16 But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. 2 Corinthians 3:16

True peace and unity can only be achieved when all parties are <u>humbly submitted</u> to the spirit of God.

Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. Colossians 3:11

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 2 Corinthians 3:17

4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

<u>Natural abilities</u> are what we possess already, Spiritual gifts are <u>supernatural</u> and are given to us only after we come to know Jesus Christ as Savior and <u>employ</u> them for the benefit of the Kingdom.

Where each of us is personally and spiritually has a lot to do with if and where the Holy Spirit lands in our service.

7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 1 Corinthians 12:7

When The Spirit of God <u>infuses</u> our efforts he takes us far beyond ourselves and <u>supernaturally</u> equips us to minister to others in ways that are not <u>natural</u> to us.

13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13

Your spiritual gifts are not from you, and your spiritual gifts are not for you.