# “We Need the Holy Spirit (Part 3): Introduction to Spiritual Gifts” – January 12, 2020

**1. Spiritual gifts are given to build up the church**

**2. Definition of Spiritual Gifts: “A spiritual gift is any ability that is empowered by the Holy Spirit and   
 used in any ministry of the church… until Christ returns.” – Wayne Grudem**

**3. Spiritual gifts are “spiritual” and not “natural” gifts, even if there may be overlap**

**4. All the spiritual gifts for the New Covenant Era are available for believers today except for   
 Apostleship**

**5. Every follower of Jesus is given at least one spiritual gift, but no one has all of the gifts**

**6. We should learn about our God-given spiritual gifts so that we can use them effectively to serve the   
 Body of Christ**

**7. It is God (the Holy Spirit) who decides which spiritual gift(s) is given to each believer**

**8. Spiritual gifts are relatively permanent, but we must be careful not to grieve the Holy Spirit by our   
 sinful choices**

**9. A lack of spiritual gifting does not excuse one’s participation in that particular ministry**

**10. We should cultivate a desire to ask God for more spiritual gifts in order to serve the church family**

*Scriptural References: 1 Cor. 12:7; 14:26; 12:1, 7, 8ff; 13:8-12; 1 Pet. 4:10; 1 Cor. 12:29-31a; 12:11; Eph. 4:30 (Cf. Isa. 63:10); 1 Cor. 12:31a; 14:1, 39a, 13*