## Introduction

- 1. Acts 10:45
- 2. Understanding of the gifts of the Holy Ghost is important when dealing with other religious groups.
- 3. Today, speaking in tongues, miraculous healings, and God speaking directly to individuals, is part of why we need to understand these gifts.
- 4. These gifts did exist and these gifts were miraculous.
- 5. Are they for today?
- 6. To answer this question four points need to be discussed
  - a. What these gifts were
  - b. How were these gifts conveyed
  - c. The purpose of these gifts
  - d. The duration of these gifts.

## **II Discussion**

- 1. What these gifts were.
  - a. They were wonders bestowed upon the recipients 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
  - b. Listed in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 are nine different gifts
  - c. One of these gifts is knowledge verse 9 Cf. 1 Corinthians 13:8
    - i. Knowledge has not passed away
    - ii. We, today gain knowledge by study and observation
    - iii. The same is true of these other gifts
    - iv. We have wisdom today James 3:13
    - v. We have knowledge today, but through study
    - vi. We have faith but it to is through hearing Romans 10:17
    - vii. We have healing today but it is through a study in the medical field
    - viii. We have preaching today Romans 10:13-17
    - ix. We have discerning of spirits today 1 John 4:1
    - x. We have languages but they too must be studied Acts 2:4, 6, 8
- 2. How were these gifts were conveyed
  - a. Some were baptized in the Holy Ghost Acts 1:5, 8; 2:1-4
  - b. Some had the Holy Ghost fall upon them Acts 10:44-45 This was for a specific purpose!
  - c. Some had the apostles hands laid upon them Acts 8:9- (17-18 Key)
  - d. Philip had gifts but could not convey them to others.
- 3. The purpose of these gifts
  - a. So that we might believe (they were written and are written so that we might believe also). John 20:30-32
  - b. To confirm the word Mark 16:20
    - i. We confirm the word today by proving from the Bible
  - c. To confirm the word Hebrews 2:3-4
  - d. They were given to individuals at the God desired 1 Corinthians 12:7, 11
  - e. Yet remember some were not healed because they believed already Philippians 2:25-27
- 4. The duration of these gifts
  - a. The word of God has been confirmed by the miracles that have been performed and recorded for us. These miracles are still doing the same thing now that they were designed to do in the first century.

- b. The part shall be done away 1 Corinthians 13:8-13
- c. The "perfect" means complete, 2 Timothy 3:16-17; James 1:25
- d. Childish things shall be done away 1 Corinthians 13:11
- e. Therefore the miraculous has been done away

## III Conclusion

- 1. Many are confused by the devil 2 Thessalonians 2:9
- 2. We do not need to be ignorant of his devices 2 Corinthians 2:11
- 3. Satan will do all within his power to keep you from seeing the light of God's Word
- 4. Do not be blinded by the god of this world 2 Corinthians 4:4
- 5. Come to Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light 1 Peter 2:9
- 6. God is calling Romans 10:13 will you answer Revelation 3:20

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