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“THE CROSS AND CHRISTIAN GIFTS: THE SPIRIT”
1 Corinthians 12:1-13

The truth about spiritual gifts...

- They are easily misunderstood and misappropriated.
(1 Corinthians 12:1)
- They often cause disunity and division in the church.
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- They should be desired, discovered, and developed. (1 Corinthians 12:1, 31; cf. 1 Corinthians 14:1, 12, 39; 1 Peter 4:10)

The theology of spiritual gifts...

- Believers are immersed in and indwelt by God's Spirit.
(1 Corinthians 12:13)
- God's Spirit joins believers together to form Jesus' body. (1 Corinthians 12:12-13)
- Believers receive grace from God's Spirit to make Jesus' body work right. (1 Corinthians 12:2-31)

***Spiritual gifts are the supernatural ways
God's Spirit works through God's children
to make God's Son look right.***

The test for spiritual gifts...

- God's Spirit works through believers to proclaim Jesus' glory. (1 Corinthians 12:3; cf. John 16:14; 1 Peter 4:10-11)
- God's Spirit works through all believers in many different ways. (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)
- God's Spirit works primarily to benefit the body, not the believer. (1 Corinthians 12:7-10; cf. Romans 1:11-12; 1 Corinthians 14:4-5, 12, 17, 26; Ephesians 4:1-16; 1 Peter 4:10)
- God's Spirit works through believers according to His sovereign plan. (1 Corinthians 12:11; cf. 1 Corinthians 12:18, 28; Romans 12:3-8; Ephesians 4:7)