

Sunday, December 18, 2022

## Gift

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### 1 Corinthians 13

- It all started August 28th.

#### Why? What? How?

#### Why?

-Why this sermon series? **Fear surrounding spiritual gifts**

-Gifts are **misunderstood**→ **Fear**

-The gifts have also been **<-abused**

-Leads to **division**

-Churches divide, people leave

#### **-Word Focused VS. Spirit-Filled**

-With all that, Why this series?

-I want to get rid of that **fear. Gifts should not scare us. It's a gift.**

-Clean Slate, open the scriptures and take a new look about what the Bible says about this seemingly obscure subject –**Biblical**, to replace our misunderstanding.

-As we do, I'm praying that we replace abuse with **healing**

-That we may replace fear and be **bold!**

That we may replace **Division** with **Unity**

**All of it Working TOGETHER (Note arrows going both directions)**

**Why this series?** Because the gifts are a MAJOR cause of disunity in the church, yet the context of the verses that speak to gifts are unity which is a part of our spiritual maturity.

Replace *Word-focused* **VS.** *Spirit-filled* with *Word Focused* **AND** *Spirit-Filled*

**Why? Word focused AND Spirit-filled**

**What? We each have a gift, use it!**

**How? Start with a Clean slate and a desire for them**

**And now, I would like to give you a gift.**

**-Ebenezer: A Hebrew word meaning** Stone of help. A commemoration of God's grace. A stone set up for the people of God to remember God's salvation. In this light we made a gift for you as a commemoration of the gift God has given you. We DO NOT want to simply move on to the next sermon series... We want real transformation!

Inside is a piece of paper. This is between you and Jesus. A renewed commitment to serve the Lord with the gifts he has given.

If you are not sure of your gift, pray that TODAY God would reveal it to you. If you are, commit to using this gift to the glory of God and your joy.

Pick your gift, and allow Dana or I to pray for you to receive the gift God has for you.

Leave room or your paper... God may add to your gifts.

***PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER as people receive their gifts***

**Read 1 Corinthians 13**

**ADVENT (Light candles)** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. John 13:34

Instead of a time of testimony, Let's use the gifts God has given us to love one another! Please stand. Pray, give a word of wisdom, knowledge, discernment, encouragement, or prophetic to one another.

## **COMMUNION**

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**Take communion as a Family.**

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## **Announcements**

**Christmas EVE, 6pm, Moving our Sunday Service to Saturday NIGHT.**

**Hope Refuge.**

**-VIDEO**

**HOPE FOR CHRISTMAS.**