

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Putting the Spirit back in spiritual

The Triumph of Christ

Ephesians 4:7-11. The giving of gifts is the external manifestation of the triumph and enthronement of Christ.

Psalms 68:18 is a Pentecost psalm that envisioned the king returning in victory. At Pentecost, Christ is proven victorious through the sending of the Holy Spirit.

The promise of the Spirit

John 16:7-25. It is to the advantage of Jesus's disciples that he go away so that the Holy Spirit could come.

John 14:16-17. The disciples already knew the Holy Spirit.

John 14:25-26. The Helper will teach and remind.

The Necessity of the Spirit

Acts 1:4-8. The disciples were not to attempt to obey Christ's commands without the filling of the Holy Spirit.

The Neglect of the Spirit

- A misunderstanding of the person of the Holy Spirit.
- A misunderstanding of the purpose of the Holy Spirit.
- A perceived connection with false teaching.
- A lack of belief in the miraculous.
- An over-reliance upon the intellect or a fear of anti-intellectualism.
- A connection with the charismatic movement/speaking in tongues.