

15. How are you praying for ABC this week?

#### Quotes to Ponder

*Paul is saying that it is right for us and we should all, indeed, have within us a desire to be of value and of service in the body of Christ. That is right and good, as long as it is always within the terms of the doctrine of the church as the body of Christ, with its unity, its one-ness, and the principle of love.*

D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

*God's grace is not only seen in Him giving us righteousness; it is also seen in Him giving us abilities; and these are given not for our own self-service, but to be used for the good of the body to which we belong.*

Timothy Keller

*The true ministry of the Holy Spirit ... is not chaotic, flashy, and flamboyant (like a circus). It's usually concealed and inconspicuous (the way fruit develops). We cannot be reminded too often that the Holy Spirit's primary role is to exalt Christ, especially to elicit praise for Christ from His people. The Spirit does this in a uniquely personal way, first of all by reproof and convicting us—showing us our own sin, opening our eyes to what true righteousness is, and making us sense deeply our accountability to God, the rightful Judge of all. The Holy Spirit indwells believers, empowering us to serve and glorify Christ. He leads us and gives us assurance of our salvation. He prays for us with groaning too deep for words. He seals us, keeping us secure in Christ. The Spirit's daily presence is the source and the secret of our sanctification as He conforms us to the image of Christ.*

John MacArthur

*Paul is then not just listing gifts; he is exhorting each member of the community to use his or her own gift diligently and faithfully to strengthen the body's unity and help it to flourish.*

Douglas Moo

*In those early times, when the gift of doing miracles was bestowed, it was not given to all, only to some; and now there are none that are possessed of it.*

John Gill

*Whenever you hear anyone boast that he has something by inspiration of the Holy Spirit and it has no basis in God's Word, no matter what it may be, tell him that this is the work of the devil.*

Martin Luther



Message #91: Spiritual Gifts — Cessationism

September 4, 2016

*Sermon*  
*Notes*

1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Confused you?
2. How does this text/sermon apply to your everyday Christian life?
3. How does the beginning of *Romans 12:6*, since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, relate to *Romans 12:3*?
4. Knowing that God has gifted you, how are you using that gift in the church?
5. How does it make you feel to know that God has gifted you to function uniquely in His body, the church?
6. What is your view of the miraculous “sign gifts”? What Scriptures support your view? Which seem to support the other view?
7. Is being a *cessationist* or a *continuationist* a requirement for salvation? In other words, do we have brothers and sisters in Christ from both sides of the debate?
8. What is to be our attitude toward those who may disagree with us on this issue?

9. What must be our authority, at all times, especially when trying to find truth in difficult issues?

10. What was the purpose of the miraculous sign gifts according to these verses?

*Mark 16:17-20* —

*2 Corinthians 12:12* —

*Hebrews 2:2-4* —

11. Why was it necessary to authenticate the apostles and their message?

12. What is the church built upon according to *Ephesians 2:20*?

Do we still have *apostles and prophets* today? Explain.

13. If the miraculous sign gifts didn't fade out with the apostolic age, why did Paul leave people sick instead of healing them (*Philippians 2:26-27*; *1 Timothy 5:23*; *2 Timothy 4:20*)?

14. Does being a cessationist mean we are grieving & quenching the Holy Spirit (*Ephesians 4:29-32*; *1 Thessalonians 5:16-22*)? Explain.