

Called To be
Saints

STUDIES IN FIRST CORINTHIANS

God's Gifts to His Body, the Church

1 Corinthians 12:27-31

- 1. The church is one body comprised of a rich diversity of members, each one instrumental to God's plan.**
- 2. God gifts believers for the edification of the body and for the benefit of all.**

Categories of Gifts Given to the Church ...

(1) Gifted Men in Leadership Roles

Ephesians 2:19-20

“Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone.”

Acts 2:42

“And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.”

Categories of Gifts Given to the Church ...

(1) Gifted Men in Leadership Roles

(2) Permanent Edifying Gifts

(3) Temporary Sign Gifts

Matthew 10:1

“And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.”

Four Reasons for believing that sign gifts were only normative for the apostolic age:

(1) The Uniqueness of the Apostles' Ministry

(2) 2 Corinthians 12:12

2 Corinthians 12:12

“Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.”

Four Reasons for believing that sign gifts were only normative for the apostolic age:

(1) The Uniqueness of the Apostles' Ministry

(2) 2 Corinthians 12:12

(3) Hebrews 2:3-4

Hebrews 2:3-4

“How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; 4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?”

Four Reasons for believing that sign gifts were only normative for the apostolic age:

- (1) The Uniqueness of the Apostles' Ministry**
- (2) 2 Corinthians 12:12**
- (3) Hebrews 2:3-4**
- (4) The Uniqueness of Jesus' Ministry**

- 1. The church is one body comprised of a rich diversity of members, each one instrumental to God's plan.**
- 2. God gifts believers for the edification of the body and for the benefit of all.**
- 3. The manner in which we exercise our spiritual gifts is more important than which gifts we have.**