

Gift of Faith & Gifts of Healings

Faith in the Bible

1. Trusting-in, relying-upon, believing-in, depending-upon...
 - Jesus as the only way to be saved (justification)
 - God as the only way to live successfully (sanctification)
2. A unique gift of the Spirit

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God”

“But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, ‘If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?’”

“And they said, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.’”

“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Characteristics of the Gift of Faith

- Supernaturally-induced assurance/confidence that God will act
- Not being forced to believe the unbelievable
- Not the overturning of doubt
- (Often) associated with answered prayer

“...Have faith in God. (23) Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him.

(24) Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.”

And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."

Conditions for answered prayer, aside from faith:

- Asking with impure/sinful motives (James 4:3)
- Husbands being honorable toward their wives (1 Pet. 3:7)
- Unhindered relationships with others (Mark 11:25)
- Alignment with God's will (1 John 5:14)

“You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly,
to spend it on your passions.”

“Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.”

“And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”

“And this is the confidence that we have toward Him,
that if we ask anything according to His will He hears
us.”

Characteristics of the Gifts of Healings

- Believer(s) used by God through whom He supernaturally heals those who suffer
- Related to differing illness/disease, OR each occurrence
- Not a resident gift
- In the Bible, often related to faith

“to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit”

“And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. (29) Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? (30) Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?”

“No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.”

“Erastus remained at Corinth, and I left Trophimus, who was ill, at Miletus.”

“And he could do no mighty work there, except that He laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them.”

“And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.”

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."

“Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. (18) Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.”

“Then Jesus answered her, ‘O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.’ And her daughter was healed instantly.”

“And Jesus said to him, ‘If you can!’ All things are possible for one who believes.’ (24) Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, ‘I believe; help my unbelief!’“

“And He said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.’”

The need for faith

FAITH:

- Glorifies God
- Redirects (from *us* to HIM)
- Humbly expresses our weakness, and need for Him
- Isn't about the ability to believe, but in God's ability to do what's otherwise impossible

“Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His steadfast love, (19) that He may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine. (20) Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. (21) For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name. (22) Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.”

“If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”