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Most people today claim to possess the “*spiritual gifts*” but they fail to understand that it was purposed to some people especially the apostles. Most of my friends claim to possess the “*spiritual gifts*” and when I tell them to go and heal people in the hospitals they fail to do that because they know that what they are doing is faking people to get money from them. We read about the “*spiritual gifts*” that the Holy Spirit gave the apostles on the day of Pentecost in (Acts 2). *“Now concerning the spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led. Wherefore I give you understanding, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God called Jesus accursed: and no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administration, but the same Lord. There are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit. To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit. To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another diverse kinds of tongue; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.”* (1 Cor. 12:1-11). In other words, these Gifts; wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, tongues, interpretation of tongues; could be passed to other people by the **laying on of the apostles hands**, *“Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles’ hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,”* (Acts 8:17-18). Question to those who claim to have the gifts of the Holy Spirit today; where do you get that power? Because we see that apostles laid their hands on people and they received the Holy Ghost. However, in order for a person to possess these Gifts, an apostle must lay his hands on him.

Let us see those that were baptized and what happened to them. *“When they heard this they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.”* (Acts 19:5-6). One of the qualifications for someone to possess these gifts, an apostle must lay his hands on him. For those who claim today that they have these power who have laid the hands on them? We

see Simon convincing the apostles with money so that he may have that power and that is what those in denominations do. They trick people and the same people believe that they really have the power. (Acts 28:8; 1 Tim. 4:14; 2 Tim.1:6). The people who received these spiritual gifts from the apostles could NOT pass them on to others (Acts 8:5-17). When the apostles died, the only people that had the gifts were those to whom the Apostles had given them. And when those people died the Spiritual Gifts ceased to exist. Where are they today? They are gone. And those who claim to have them today are liars and sorcerers. The laying on of the apostle's hands was the only way these gifts were transferred to others. That is what the Bible says about it. Like I said above, we have "so called" faith healers, miracle workers, tongue speakers, and prophet predicting the end of the world, or other calamities as well as those eagerly seeking some sign, miracle, or wonder. Where do you suppose all this mischief and nonsense comes from? And I call it so because it ceased long time ago.

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the viles of the devil. For we wrestle not against the flesh and blood, but against principalities, against power, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Eph. 6:10-12).

Note: the Holy Spirit was also given to the household of Cornelius to show that the gospel was also for the Gentiles, but unlike the Apostles, there is no record of their passing Spiritual Gifts to others or their ability to do so. *"While Peter yet spake these words the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days."* (Acts 10:44-48). These are the ONLY two Bible examples of the miraculous manifestation of the Holy Spirit; once to begin the Church and to take the gospel to the Gentiles.

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