

The gifts of the Holy Spirit – part 4: Q&A

Q1. What does James 5:14-16 mean?

What's going on here?

“Prayer of faith”?

“The Lord will raise him up”?

Q2: How should we think about “healers” today?

Bible basics:

Observations:

Q3: Can we hold different opinions about things like prophecy? If so, how do we do it well?

Q4: How do you know if the Holy Spirit is at work?

“We are to expect great and amazing things from the Holy Spirit in the worship of the church and in the means of grace. The Spirit has given us his Word. The Spirit empowers the preaching of the gospel and the faithful exposition of his Word. The Spirit enables us to commune with the ascended Christ, to feed on him by faith. The Spirit sustains us in our human weakness. The Spirit helps us our inability to pray. Every time the church meets to worship or to pray, the Spirit is at work, sometimes dramatically, most often quietly and unobtrusively, in keeping with his ministry of speaking to us of Christ. We are, in the words of William Carey, to expect great things; that is the basis for attempting great things.”

Quotation and headings from:

Robert Letham, “Discerning the Spirit’s redemptive work”, in *The Holy Spirit*, pages 255-262

Where Christ is glorified

E.g. John 16:12-15

Where the Biblical gospel is preached, taught, believed and confessed

E.g. 2 Timothy 3:16

Where the fruit of the Spirit is evident

Galatians 5:22-33

Where there is love, demonstrated in the service of others

E.g. Philippians 2:1-4, James 1:27

Where there is hard work

E.g. 1 Corinthians 15:10, Ephesians 2:10

Other questions???