

investigating | the reality of the Spirit
GHOST STORIES

WEEK 1: *POWER & PERSONHOOD*

WEEK 2: *PLUNGING INTO GOD*

WEEK 3: GIFTS OF GRACE

WEEK 4: *BEING FILLED WITH GOD*

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.

~ *The Apostle Paul*

One cannot experience the Spirit other than this: The Spirit bears the character of Christ and impresses that character on those who submit to it.

~ *James Dunn*

The baptism of the Spirit is not a second and subsequent experience to be enjoyed by some Christians, but the initial experience enjoyed by all.

~ *John Stott*

Baptism in the Spirit is the act in which the Spirit initiates individuals into the fellowship of the Body of Christ.

~ *Clark H. Pinnock*

Every Christian has a gift, and therefore, a responsibility.

~ *John Stott*

When we minister to others through our gifts, we are tapping in to the inexhaustible energy and motivation of God. When we exercise our gifts, the Holy Spirit flows through us like at no other time.

~ *Charles Stanley*

The Holy Spirit chooses who gets which gifts, and He dispenses them at His good pleasure. While we are held accountable for the use of any gifts He gives us, we have no responsibility for gifts we have not been given. Nor are we to covet what someone else has.

~ *Billy Graham*

The Holy Spirit dispenses his gifts to the church as He chooses. Possession or lack of a particular gift is no cause for pride or regret. His gifts are not rewards to those who seek or qualify for them.

~ *Millard J. Erickson*

It is hard to justify the self-directed use of any spiritual gift since the Bible is clear that they are given for the benefit of others.

~ *John Stott*

It is not the gift of tongues, nor animosity toward the gift of tongues, that should unite Christians. The greatest evidence that heaven has invaded our sphere, that the Spirit has been poured out upon us, that we are citizens of a kingdom not yet consummated, is Christian love.

~ *D. A. Carson*

Each one should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

~ *The Apostle Peter*