ONCE, SPIRITUAL GIFTS ---NOW REACHED BY STUDY OF GOD'S WORD.

1 Cor.12,8 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. Eph.4,8-12--When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men. Verse 11 And He gave some, apostles; and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers. For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, and to the edifying of the body of Christ. Till we all come unto the unity of the faith, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of Christ.

These Spiritual gifts were necessary in the beginning of Christ's kingdom, The new testament scriptures were not written, until the apostles revealed, and wrote them outas Paul mentions in Eph.3,2-9. Verse 2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the Grace of God which is given me to you-ward, How that by revelation He made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words) Whereby when ye read ye may understand my knowledge in the mysteries of Christ, which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as is now revealed unto ~~us by~~ His Holy apostles by and prophets by the Spirit. 1 Tim.3,14 These things write I unto you, hoping to come unto thee shortly, But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the Pillar and Ground of the truth. Peter also declares, 2 Pe.3,1 This second epistle I now write unto you to stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance, That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandments of us the apostles of the Lord and saviour.

The apostles were given the keys of the kingdom, power to bind God's law and it be bound in heaven Mt.16.15-18. Also power to forgive or retain sins Jn.20,22,23 And He breathed on them and said; Receive ye the Holy ~~Gho~~ Ghost, Whose soever sins ye remit they are remitted unto them; and whosesoever sins ye retain they are retained.--They were to receive this power when the Holy Ghost came on them Jn.14,26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. The apostles began revealing the things Christ had taught them on the day of Pentecost as recorded in Ac.2 When the Holy Ghost came on them and they began to speak as the Spirit gave them utterance.

In 1 Cor.13,8-13 We learn that spiritual gifts were to cease when that which is perfect is come, and James 1,25 informs us, But who-so looketh into the perfect law of Liberty, and ~~He being not a for~~ continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deeds, Chapt.2,12 So walk and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty. Ps.19,7 The Law of the Lord os perfest, converting the soul.

Faith is mentioned as one of these Spiritual gifts, But after the apostles revealed the things necessary to salvation, we find that faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God Ro 10,17. And in He.11.6 we learn, Without faith it is impossible to please God, for He that cometh to God, must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. And John tells why he wrote his Gospel Jn.20,31 And many other signs truely did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of the living God, and that believeing, ye might have life ~~in~~ His name.--All things written by the apostles was and is given for our salvation, All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished, unto every good work. We are to study 2 Tim, 2,15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Knowledge.--1 Tim.3,15 These things write I unto you--that ye may know how to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the ground and pillar of the truth. 2 Tim.3,15 And that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation. Make thee wise. Wisdom was a Spiritual gift, but now the scripturesgives us knowledge, faith, wisdom, and we learn From Ro. 1,16 that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed. Also from Tit 2,11 For the Grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men, Teaching us that denying unGodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and Godly in this present world.

1 Cor.13,10 But when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away.--The perfect law of liberty has come--According as His divine power hath given us all things that pertain to life and ~~Go~~ Godliness, through a knowledge of Him that hath called us ~~out of darkness~~ to glory and virtue.--Therefore let us search the scriptures and learn for they will make us wise unto salvation.

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Jesus instructing His disciples, just before He ascended Lu24,44 He was instructing the apostles, and said unto them, these are the words I spake unto you while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms concerning me, 46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repepentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem, (as Isaiah 2 1-4) prophesied, "For out of Zion shall go forth the Law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." Now back to Lu. 24,49 And behold I send the promise of the Father upon you: But tarry in the city of Jerusalem, until you are endued with power from onhigh. He appeared unto them again Ac.1,4 And commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which saith He ye have heard of me, For John triely bqaptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.-Verse 8 But ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses of me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of all the earth.--THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY GHOST, TO GUID THEM, TELL THEM WHAT TO SAY, USE THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM. BIND ON EARTH AND IT BE BOUND IN HEAVEN, FORGIVE AND RETAIN SIN, Was begun to be fulfilled on the day of Pentecost Ac.2 When they were all ~~filled~~ with one accord in one place, and the Holy Ghost came on them and they all began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance, and they revealed to the Jews the things required of them to receive the remission of their sins. As all of the books of the Acts of the Apostles, revealing the conditions required to enter the Kingdom of Christ, and doing the things necessary to inherit eternal life. Also the things revealed in the epistles written by the Apostles, as Paul states in Eph.3,2 If ye have heard of the disposition of the Grace of God which is given to me to youward, 3 How that by revelation He made known to me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words), whereby when ye read ye may understand my knowledge in the mysteries of Christ, which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as is now made known unto us by His Holy apostles and prophets. (Revealed unto us by) And Paul again, statesin 1 Cor.14,37 If any man think himself to be a prophet or Spiritual; Let Him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of God. He also declares in 2 Cor.3,6 (Of Christ) Who hath made us (apostles) able ministers of the new testament. 2 Tim.3,16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto every good work. He also says, these things teach and exhprt, and forbids any one to teach otherwise. 2 Pe.1,3 According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain to life and Godliness, through the knowledge of Him who hath called us to glory and virtue.--When we have all things that pertain to Life and Godliness What else do we need?--NOTHING. What else do we need when we are thoroughly furnished unto every good work??NOTHING**. And are forbidden to add to or take from God's word.

John 20,30-31 Tells us that the things which He wrote of the things which Jesus did, were written, that ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, and that believeing ye might have Life through His name.

Heb.2,1 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip, for if the words spoken by angels, (the Old testament) was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation, which at the first was spoken by the Lord and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him (The apostles) God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and gifts of the Holy Ghost according to His own will.

Great miracles were wrought when Christ fulfilled the prophesies concerning Him. The greatest Miracle prophesied and fulfilled in Christ, was His resurrection from the dead. Ps.16,10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in Sheol. Neither wilt thou suffer thy Holy one to see corruption-Ac.2,31 He, David) seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that His soul was not left in Hell, neither did his flesh see corruption.

We are to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, by Christ and the apostles, and avoid contending for that not delivered by Christ and the apostles. That not revealed is not of faith, that which is revealed is of faith. Ro.10,17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of the Lord. Verse 8 But what saith it? the word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is the word of faith, which we preach.

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