

## **Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

The Gift of Faith

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We will begin our study with the Power Gifts. This first study will cover the Gift of Faith. The Gift of Faith is a supernatural power that comes only from the God of the Bible. It is to protect and to provide during times of crisis or danger. The Gift of Faith is over and above what I call general faith.

When people accept Jesus as Lord, they do that by general faith. Once they are Born Again, God imparts to them the "measure of faith." As they grow in knowledge of God's Word, the measure of faith develops. They are now able to believe things they were unable to believe before. As the measure of faith grows, God is able to bless them more and more.

Then there is the Gift of Faith. This Gift is over and above general faith. This Gift brings into operation the powers of the world to come. By this Gift, God works FOR you and not just THROUGH you. Frequently when this Gift is operating, it is the result of Angels working for you.

This was the case for the Apostle Peter. He was in prison for preaching the Gospel. King Herod had decreed the removal of his head. This supernatural Gift of Faith came upon Peter. He simply fell asleep the night before his scheduled execution and God's Angel went to work for him.

"And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision."

"When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him. And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews." (Acts 12:6-11)

God sent His Angel to deliver Peter. Peter didn't have much to do with this either. He was sleeping. This was the Gift of Faith in operation. To see how this Gift operated in my life, read "The Albuquerque Fire Pit" and see how God sent His Angel to deliver me from my personal prison, as well.

This very same Gift that operated for Peter and for me can operate for you, as well. The Holy Spirit can be trusted to help you in your hour of need. If this is the Gift you will need at that time, this is the Gift that will manifest.

The Apostle Paul said, "But covet earnestly the best gifts." (1 Corinthians 12:31) What are the best Gifts? The best Gifts are the ones that are needed most at the moment.

Pray now that God's Gifts will operate in the Earth. When you need them, they'll be there.