

Romans #161

“Spiritual Gifts” Part 3

Romans 12:4-8

Today, no one has the gift of miracles, since the completion of the New Testament Scriptures and the greatest miracle in all history is the power of biblical truth in the life of the positive believer who makes the Word of God his #1 priority.

The easiest thing God can do for a human being is perform a miracle because it does not require any cooperation from a person; only a decision from the sovereignty of God and use of His omnipotence.

Miracles were designed to focus attention on the power of God and the Word of God and on the Messiah or His designate with His message.

The greatest thing in life is not a miracle but the written Word of God living in our souls.

Healing is not a question of God’s power summoned by someone’s faith, it’s the wisdom of God’s sovereign will in individual situations.

1st Corinthians 13:8-10 explains the temporary function of certain spiritual gifts:

“Love (virtue) never fails (is phased out). But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge (the spiritual gift), it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part (the gift of prophesy) but when completeness comes (of the canon of Scripture), what is in part (the temporary spiritual gifts) disappears (is cancelled, abolished, phased out or withdrawn).”

No pastor should ever have anything to do with money in the church nor with the building and how it functions.

While the gift of pastor-teacher communicates the whole realm of biblical truth inside the local church, the evangelist communicates the Gospel outside.

When listening to something he deems religious, the unbeliever has a tendency to be guarded, even resentful but this is overcome by the spiritual gift of evangelism, communicating the Gospel.

The gifted evangelist has the ability to teach the Gospel so unbelievers will listen and have a clear understanding of salvation; that faith alone in Christ alone means eternal life and rejection of Christ means eternal condemnation.