

Varieties, But the Same

Verse 1: “Brothers, I Do Not Want You to Be Uninformed...”

Spiritual gifts(*pneumatikos*): spiritual matters, subjects related to the holy spirit

What Should be Doctrinally Emphasized in the Church Today?

What Should be Considered Non-Essential? Or Heretical?

- Let’s make sure we’re taking our doctrinal queues from the apostles

Ephesians 2:19 – 21

19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,

21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

1st Corinthians 14:37 – 38

37 If anyone thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, he should acknowledge that the things I am writing to you are a command of the Lord.

38 If anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized.

Verses 2 -3: Idols Don’t Speak, But The True God Does By The Holy Spirit

John 15:26 “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.

John 16:13- 15

13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

15 All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Verse 4: Varieties of Gifts, But the Same Spirit

Gifts (*charisma*): grace-given entitlements to serve and edify the body of Christ

Romans 12:6 – 8

6 Having gifts (*charisma*) that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;

7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching;

8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

1st Peter 4:10 - 11

10 As each has received a gift (*charisma*), use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.



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Verse 5: Varieties of Service, But the Same Lord

Service (*diakonia*): positions of service or ministry

Ephesians 4:11 - 13

11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,
12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry (*diakonia*), for building up the body of Christ,
13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

Verse 6: Varieties of Activities, But the Same God

Activities (*energēma*): miraculous effects or power

1st Corinthians 12:10 to another the working (*energēma*) of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

Verses 7 – 11: Varieties of Manifestation, But the Same Spirit

Manifestation (*phanerosis*): to exhibit or demonstrate or show openly

2nd Corinthians 4:2 But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement (*phanerosis*) of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

John 3:2, 7–8

2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.”

7 Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’

8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

“To each,” “for to one,” “to another” – What? (or Who?)

- Both the context, and **verse 11** clearly tell us:
 - The context has been these spiritual varieties among *individuals*
 - **Verse 11** says, “to each one *individually* as he wills”

“as he wills” – As Who Will?

- **Verse 6** already told us, so did **verse 11**, and so also does **Hebrews 2:4**
 - **Verse 6** said, “it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.”
 - **Verse 11** says, All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills

Hebrews 2:3 – 4

3 how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard,

4 while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

