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**We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling and empowerment the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life and through whom the gifts of the Holy Spirit are operational in the Church today.**

John 7:37-39

*On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.*

John 14:15-18

*"If you love me, keep my commands. (16) And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever-- (17) the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. (18) I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.*



### **Indwelling of the Holy Spirit**

In Acts 2:1-12 we read when the Holy Spirit comes and rests upon and fills man.

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit empowers us.

### **Empowerment of the Holy Spirit**

When we are empowered, we have authority to do something.

In John 16:7-15 we read that the Holy Spirit empowers us to know the mind of God and apply it to daily situations.

### **Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

Joel 2:28-29 "And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

In Romans 12:6-8 we see a list of gifts of the Holy Spirit who comes to indwell and empower us.

Are these gifts only for a man or a woman, or a young or an old person? \_\_\_\_\_

Each of us is unique, and each of us receives a gift from the Holy Spirit just as unique as we are.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What do you think your gift from the Holy Spirit is?
2. How can you use this gift to serve others?
3. Identify an opportunity or two where you can use your gift.