

Charisma — The Gifts of the Spirit

Mt 7:11 — We need understanding on this. Lk 11:13 — “Ask” means a continual asking — it means “keep on asking” in the Greek. Why does it say “the Holy Spirit” in one place and “good gifts” in another place? We know the Holy Spirit is a gift.

Acts 2:37 — “What must I do...” Verse 38 — “You’ll receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” This is speaking of the Holy Spirit here, the very life, eternal life, our Master’s Spirit coming into us. We are sealed *with*, not *by* the Spirit (Eph 1:13). He’ll never leave us or forsake us. The Holy Spirit is our down payment until we are like our Master in every way.

Why would one writer say “Holy Spirit” and the other “good gifts” when it obviously says the same thing? Is that the *person* of the Holy Spirit in Lk 11:13 or the *gift* of the Holy Spirit? Is there a time we’re sealed with the Holy Spirit in baptism? We don’t have to keep on asking for the person of the Holy Spirit to live in us. We already have received eternal salvation.^b

The stars were out last night, but as I walked over for aerobics before dawn this morning, they were gone. But they were not really gone. I just couldn’t see them anymore. The clouds had gotten in the way. The stars were still there, but a cloud had gotten in between me and the stars. That’s why I couldn’t see them. Our Father is still there, too; so is Yahshua. He’ll never leave us or forsake us, just like the stars. “Oh, the stars are gone! Where are they?”

Mt 7:11; Lk 11:13 — What is the difference? What is the Holy Spirit, and what are the gifts there? When it talks about the Holy Spirit is it always talking about the *personality* of the Holy Spirit? If the Holy Spirit is upon a person, His grace, joy, and power is upon that person. It has to do with *charisma*.

We ask for grace? What is grace? In the epistles it kind of explains it. We’re to ask for grace — that His Holy Spirit would be upon us.

Of course, the greatest “good gift” is salvation. That comes by what? Who is salvation? — Yahshua. That’s His name — YHWH’s salvation. We receive the Holy Spirit when we repent and are baptized in Yahshua’s death and resurrection. When we did that we received the gift of the Holy Spirit, which is Yahshua in us.

Jn 14:18 — “I will not leave you as orphans. I will come to you.” This is talking about the Holy Spirit and not about His body. His body has ascended, but His Spirit is living in us.

Is there any difference between Mt 7:11 and Lk 11:13? One says *gift*, the other one says *Holy Spirit*. Look up both words. If the Holy Spirit is in us and upon us, then we have those good gifts. Then we have all the gifts we need. When you look it up, mainly it’s joy, outspokenness, peace, openness, not being cloudy. You know when there is a cloud in a person and when it’s gone.

What are we supposed to ask for in our time of need? When is our time of need? Before we run out of gas or after? Do we always ask after we run out of gas or have a flat tire? Ask for it in a time of need... You are supposed to get gas *before* you run out. You are supposed to get gas especially when the red light comes on. When that light is on you regret that you didn’t get gas in your last filling station. You should have gotten it before. Now you are afraid you won’t make it to the next.

You can hardly separate grace from the Holy Spirit. We are to ask for the working of the Holy Spirit. If you are a believer, you ask for it. If you don’t ask, you are not ready for *Bar Mitzvah*. We have to ask before we run out. We have to ask in our time of need, before that cloud comes. You can feel it coming.

“Don’t do anything until the Holy Spirit comes upon you.” That’s what Yahshua told His disciples. We can’t do anything without the Holy Spirit in us and without Him upon us. We can’t do anything unless we’re open, have joy, and unless the cloud is gone.

The fruit of the Spirit, the manifestation of the Spirit is joy.

So Lk 11:13 emphasizes the work of the Holy Spirit, which is everything we need. It is wonderful to have the Spirit. The Laodiceans had the Spirit, but the work of the Spirit wasn’t manifested in their life. The people in Sardis also had the Spirit, and they all stained their garment.

We have to know what we’re asking for. Heb 4:16 — We have to know what we’re asking for when we ask for grace. Verse 15 — Why didn’t our Master sin? He knew the work of the Spirit in His life.

There are a lot of people here in the Body, even leaders, who don't believe that they can do all things through Messiah who strengthens us, like Paul said. We know they have the gift and potential, but they don't have the faith and grace to believe this. You bury your talent saying that it's because of weakness that you are not doing what you are supposed to be doing, and then in judgment you find out that it's not weakness, it's rebellion. Our Father doesn't tolerate rebellion. The weaker we are, the more we need to go to the throne of grace. Our Master didn't sin because He knew the activity of the Spirit in His life. He wouldn't have asked us to follow Him if it was not possible to do so (Heb 4:15-16). The Holy Spirit is the talent.

We're born with a gift. This is not necessarily a *spiritual* gift. Without His Spirit upon you, you may as well just stay in your bed, because we can't do anything apart from Him. You can't fool anybody as to whether or not His Spirit is upon you, because if His Spirit isn't upon you, you get dry and walk around like a zombie. Apart from Him we can do nothing. We have to ask for that all the time, continually.

If we don't do what He tells us we're just weak, right? No, we're *rebellious*. We're rebels. We rebel against His grace. The only reason you don't ask for wisdom is because you think you don't need any. We misdirect each other through our natural wisdom. You can go to counselors in the world and find out how to invest your money.

What do we operate on? On what we see or hear? Isa 11:3 — Spiritual people don't. We see or hear something and then we react. It's hard not to. We're spiritual people, not natural. If we're natural we'd judge by what we hear and see.

Isa 11:3 says that the Body of Messiah would get along wonderfully if they don't judge by what they see and hear. If they judge by what they see and hear they'll divide pretty soon. Our Master said, "Be careful hearers." We have to have an ear and a mouth of a disciple. We don't judge anymore by what we see and hear. In the world we did. Not now. Probably in 98 % of our judgments we judge by what we see and hear. Then the Body is divided. Our Father's mercy is upon us until we come to the knowledge of the truth.

When we speak to someone we have to really have wisdom. When you ask for wisdom you ask for the Holy Spirit.

Jn 15:5 — If you think you can, this makes you like a person our Master can't deal with, like someone who is not even *with* Him. If we can't do anything without Him, we have to ask for His gifts.

Mt 7:11; Lk 11:13 — We have to *keep on asking* in order to not be a divisive element in the Body. We have to keep on asking for the rest of our life. We have to keep on asking to be connected to the head.

There have been many divisive elements in the Body. There can be no uncoordinated element in the Body. Like when we exercise, for example — our steps are together. There is no uncoordinated movement. We don't go there to do our own thing.

Sometimes we don't ask for the Holy Spirit for days. What have I been doing? We'd be better looking at our trail, at the people we hurt. No wonder I haven't been loving and only reacting and not giving myself.

How *much* more will our Father give good gifts? He is really trying to emphasize something. That's what you call the good news. That is a secret. Our Father gives us secrets. Charisma is everything — the gifts of the Spirit.