



And Also With You

MARCH 2014

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MARCH

SUNDAYS

9:00 am
Redemptive Gifts Class
10:00 am
Worship
(nursery provided)
&
Children's Chapel

MONDAYS

6:30pm-Graham
Cooke Group-
Information 455-5940

WEDNESDAYS

10:30 am
Women's Bible
Study-
Information 990-2973

12:00 noon
Holy Communion

FRIDAYS

8:15 am
Men's Group-
Information 422-3169

CHALICE BEARERS

March 2
Susan Jones
Maggie Rockett

March 9
Becky Johnson
Jan Bogue

March 16
Janic Terry
Kitty Barksdale

March 23
Jane and Bob
Grafe

March 30
Maggie Rockett
Susan Jones

Would You Like More?



Russell Grigsby

Over the past few months I have been meditating on how I can go deeper in my spiritual life. I do not want my theology to be limited to my experience. Instead, I want my experience to expand to what the Bible teaches. For most of my Christian life, I have not seen others healed, so my theology became, "God no longer heals," because I have not personally seen a person healed.

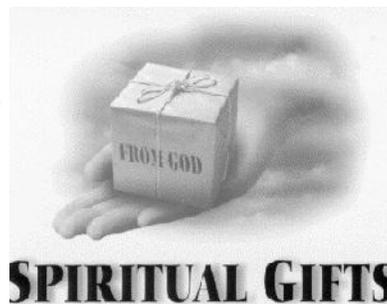
The problem, however, is that Jesus heals and instructs His followers to do the same. Another problem is that my *limited* theology does not line up with Scripture. Matthew 10:8 says, "*Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.*"

Jesus teaches His disciples to heal the sick, among other things, and then instructs them to teach other followers of Jesus to do the same. He mentions that we are to do even greater works than these. How do we reconcile this? Some are falsely led to believe that the spiritual gifts mentioned in Scripture arbitrarily ended after the Apostles died. I certainly had to rethink my theology when I began hearing about people being healed today in places all around the world.

Maybe God still heals today, and maybe He can do the same through me?

So how is the healing gift developed? The question can be asked about other spiritual gifts as well such as prophecy and words of knowledge. When a person is baptized in the Holy Spirit, all of the gifts of the Spirit listed in Scripture are available to them. There is no time qualification. The same promise made to New Testament Christians is still available today.

For years I have prayed for the gifts of healing and words of knowledge. I have been actively longing for more of God's work in my life. As I recently asked the Lord for these particular spiritual gifts, I heard the Holy Spirit ask, "*Why are you praying for something that you already have?*" I pondered this for a while and received a picture:



SPIRITUAL GIFTS

As a child, if you want to learn to play the piano, you tell your parents that you want to learn how to play. What would your parents think if you kept asking to play the piano after they had already bought you a piano to practice on and paid for lessons? It is now up to you to practice. I think that this is how the gifts of the Spirit operate. I kept asking for a spiritual gift long after the gift had already been imparted. Now it is up to me, under the Holy Spirit's tutelage, to develop the gift He has given. I began to change the way I prayed. Instead of asking for the gift of healing and the gift of words of knowledge, I began to ask the Lord to teach me how to operate in

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these gifts. Jesus has given us the Holy Spirit to lead us, now all we need is to be trained. The more I practice, the more proficient I become, just like playing the piano.



James 4:2 says that you “have not because you ask not.” What gifts of the Holy Spirit do you want? They are all available if you have the Spirit living within you. Begin to ask the Lord to train you. You will be amazed at how quickly it comes once you begin to practice. You already have it, so begin practicing. Practice involves risk taking, and for that reason you may want to spend time with others who are more experienced than you in these areas. You will be amazed, however, when you look back at the end of a year at how much you have experienced. There is more. All you have to do ask. All you have to do is pursue it. Jesus ends the Sermon on the Mount with, “Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you.”

Russell Grigsby is a Christian business man from Austin, Texas and serves as an elder at Hope In The City Church. He is married to Judy Cunod Grigsby and they have four adult children. He and Father Scott have been friends and prayer partners since 1986.

“Any fool can count the seeds in an apple, but only God can count the apples in a seed.” Robert Schuler

March 9, 2014
Daylight Savings Time

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 John Jordan
- 2 Aleda Midgarden
- 7 Stella Martin
- 11 Diana Parker
- 13 Bill Patton
- 21 Kathy Patton
- 22 Nancy Proctor
- 24 Rebecca Hastings
- 26 Patty Edhegard
- 28 Marie Parker
- 28 Mary Whittington

Our love and prayers are with Elizabeth Bonner and her family on the death of her cousin, February 16, 2014

Redemptive Gifts

What is your redemptive gift? How are you wired? Which characteristic of God is closest to your personality?

Come find out each Sunday morning at 9:am during Lent as Father Scott teaches on the Redemptive gifts.

Ash Wednesday

March Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes
12noon and 6pm

“Dust you are and to dust you shall return.”