

## ***Pastor's Pen...***

Have you understood your place in the body of Christ? If you are a believer, you have been placed into the body of Christ and have been gifted by the Holy Spirit. This spiritual dynamic is called the “baptism of the Spirit.” Paul writes to the Corinthian believers and gives them the truth concerning their place and purpose within the body of Christ as revealed in **1 Corinthians 12**.

As a believer, the Holy Spirit places us into the body of Christ. Not only is the believer placed into the body of Christ, but the believer is also gifted with a spiritual gift or gifts that gives each believer a purpose within the body of Christ. Once one becomes a believer, the goal is to discover, develop, and then deploy the gift or gifts given by the Holy Spirit.

The subject of spiritual gifts brings to the believer a sense of belonging. As a believer we begin to understand that we are a part of Christ’s body, the Church, and have been given an opportunity to serve our Lord within the scope of our spiritual gift.

Let one ask, ***“Do I know the spiritual gift that has been given to me?”*** If you can say that you know what God has gifted you with, are you using your gift to bring glory to his name? Your purpose in ministry will come together with the spiritual gift God has given to you.

May we as the people of God become that which God has desired us to be. God has prepared you for service but are you serving Him? Yes, the fields are white unto harvest, but the laborers are few. May God find more of his people in the work he has called us to.

***“Therefore seeing we have this ministry as we have received mercy, we faint not.”***

**(2 Corinthians 4:1)**

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