

## DISCIPLESHIP UNIVERSITY AT FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

CHLV 2500: SPIRITUAL GIFTS – SURVEY AND ANALYSIS

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

Part 1: What Spiritual Gifts Are and Whether All Are for Today

Part 2: "Whoever Speaks" - Gifts of Speech

Part 3: "Whoever Serves" - Gifts of Service

Part 4: Being "Good Stewards of God's Varied Grace" – Putting Your Gifts to Work in the Church for the Glory of God

## GUIDING SCRIPTURE - 1 PETER 4:10-11

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 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."

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS DEFINED

What are spiritual gifts?

Why do we have spiritual gifts?	
0	_ of the Gospel of Jesus Christ
0	ministries
0	
o Gifts are a	of things to come
ATTRIBUTES OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS	
Spiritual gifts	in strength

0	Gifts can be	_ in one person tha	an in another
0	Gifts may grow!) over time	(or	
0	This variance is due in part toand in part due to		_ influence
• Are g	ifts temporary or permanent?		
0	The normal condition is that they areunless something unusual was to happen to		<b>,</b>
0	Some are, by nature, not		

o All gifts will eventually	
•and	
spiritual gifts	_
<ul> <li>Scripture seems to assume that believers already</li> <li>what their gifts are</li> </ul>	
<ul><li>But what if he or she doesn't?</li></ul>	
o But what if he or she doesn't?	
o Can we seek gifts that we do not already	?
ARE ALL GIFTS FOR ALL TIMES?	
This question is a point of  Evangelicals today.	for many
Evangencais today.	

C	Are these gifts?	_ or
<b>"</b>	s question centers around the "") gifts (e.g., prophecy, tongues, nons)	" (or healing, casting out
• The	two positions: continuationism and cessationism  Continuationism is the belief that the miraculous (or significant poured out on the Church today	gn) gifts are still
C	Cessationism is the belief that the miraculous (or sign) Apostolic age, and once that age came to an end, so did	•

•	Ques	tions
	0	Is the gift of prophecy as listed in the NT the same as prophecy in the OT? Does the continued use of prophecy undermine the sufficiency of Scripture?
	0	Were the miraculous gifts only accompanying the giving of new Scripture?
	0	Does history demonstrate that the miraculous gifts ceased at the end of the Apostolic age?
	0	Are the miraculous gifts today the same as the ones in Scripture?

Areas of agreement between faithful continuationists and cessationists
<ul> <li>Scripture is the final and ultimate authority because it is the complete and perfect revelation of God</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>All spiritual gifts are only by the power of the Holy Spirit working within us</li> </ul>
o There have always been those who would abuse these gifts for personal gain
<ul> <li>All decisions should be made on the authority of the Word of God, not a word from a person claiming to speak new revelation</li> </ul>