

TITLE AND NUMBER: 134. The Holy Spirit



REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S): 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7

Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, 'Jesus be cursed,' and no one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

LOOKING FURTHER: Acts 2: 1-41, John 14: 15-27, Galatians 5:16-26,

What does this Bible passage tell us?

This week, we celebrate Pentecost, remembering when the Holy Spirit was poured out on Jesus' disciples, and asking God to pour out His Holy Spirit afresh on us so that we can bring God's love to the world.

Paul wrote these words of advice to the Church at Corinth and the advice is helpful for us today. Paul warns us against taking the Name of Jesus lightly, using Jesus' Name as an exclamation or as a curse.

Instead, the Holy Spirit helps us to praise God, to show reverence and awe, to recognise that God has raised Jesus from the dead and has set Him above all things. Jesus is Lord.

The Holy Spirit is given to all of us as Jesus promised. The Spirit guides and builds us up in fellowship with one another and enables us to grow in our faith.

Each of us is given different gifts by the same Holy Spirit. Through acts of service, we are serving Jesus. Similarly, we work in different ways and in different places. But, it is the same God who is working through all of us. Let us encourage each other in serving and using the gifts we have been given.

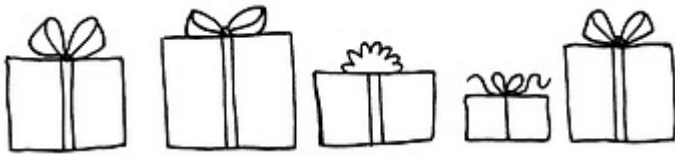
A prayer:

Loving God, we rejoice and give thanks for the many gifts You have given us. Pour upon us Your life-creating and sustaining Spirit so that we may serve and work to Your praise and glory and build up the fellowship of the church. Amen.

Reflections:

- Spend some time quietly asking God to fill you with the gift of His Holy Spirit.
- Give thanks for the gifts that God has given you. How can you use them more to encourage other people?
- Thinking about others in your life, give thanks for their gifts and the way they help you.

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

