***MIRACULOUS GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT***

PURPOSE: To inform individual of the role spiritual gifts had in the early days of the church and why  they are no longer available today.

I. TYPES OF MIRACULOUS GIFTS

A. 1 Corinthians 12:8-10

1. Wisdom

2. Knowledge

3. Faith

4. Healing

5. Miracles

6. Prophecy

7. Distinguishing of spirits

8. Tongues

9. Interpretation of tongues

B. Mark 16: 16-18

Some will be able to:

1. Drink poison and not die

2. Be bitten by snakes and not die (Acts 28:5).

II. TYPES OF "LAYING ON OF HANDS"

A. For the purpose of bestowing a blessing (Acts 13:3).

B. For the purpose of healing,

1. Ananias healed Paul's blindness (Acts 9:17-18).

2. Paul healed Publius' father on Malta (Acts 28:8).

C. For the purpose of passing on the gifts of the Spirit.

1. Only the apostles could pass the gifts of the Spirit on to others (Acts 8:9-19).

2. Those who received the gifts could not transfer that power to anyone else.

 Acts 6:1-8: The context is the choosing of "The Seven." This was the first  occasion that the gifts were passed on to others. Note: v.8 - Steven immediately started to perform miraculous signs among the people with God's power.

Acts 8:1-25: The context is after Stephen's martyrdom, Great persecution broke out. Many left, but apostles stayed in Jerusalem. Philip, one of the Seven who had received the gifts in Acts 6:1-8, went to Samaria. He performed many miraculous signs and healings to confirm his preaching was from God (v. 12) including Simon the Sorcerer, (v. 13) and they were  baptized. (They became Christians and thus received the forgiveness of  sins and the gift (indwelling) of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38)). When the apostles came to Samaria, Simon saw that the Spirit's gifts were only given by the apostles' laying on of hands and offered them money for the ability  (Acts 8:18). Note: Simon did not ask Philip for the gifts because Philip could not pass them on. Simon was rebuked for having the wrong  motivation.

Acts 19:1-6: Paul found disciples in Ephesus who did not know what the Holy Spirit was because they had only received John' s baptism of  repentance. Then they were baptized into the name of Jesus Christ to receive the forgiveness of their sins and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit  (v.5). Then in verse 6 they received the laying on of Paul's hands. Paul, of course, was an apostle.