

# ***Meeting the Holy Spirit***

## ***Who Is He, and Why Don't We Know Him So Well?***



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- *The Spirit Before Pentecost*
- *The Explosion at Pentecost*
- *New Life in the Spirit*
- *The Spirit and the Flesh*
- *Where the Rubber Hits the Road*
- *The Gifts of the Spirit (part 1)*



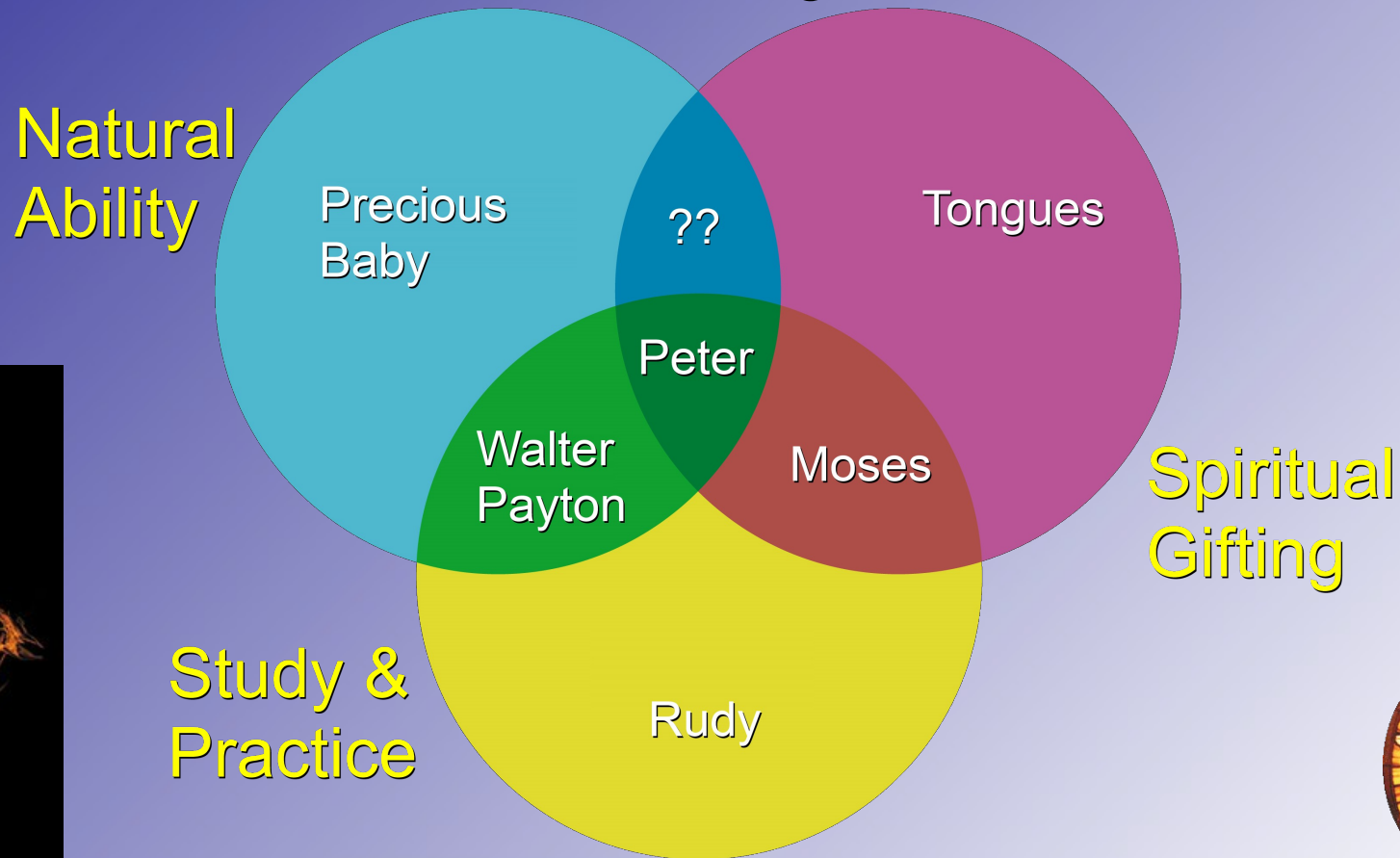
# ***The Gifts of the Holy Spirit***

- What's the difference between a spiritual gift and a natural ability?
  - Here's an interesting (and common) answer to that—  
*Spiritual Gift*—When I use it, I feel refreshed  
*Natural Ability*—When I use it, I feel drained
  - Do you agree with this as the proper distinction to be made between the two? Why or why not?



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  - Think of this like a Venn diagram...



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  - Does anyone know what the Greek word used in the New Testament for “gift” is?
    - “*χάρισμα*” (“*charisma*”) —from “*χάρις*” (“*charis*”), or “grace,” because any gift itself was perceived as a grace given by the gods



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    - “*χάρισμα*” (“*charisma*”)
    - This is where we get our English word, “charismatic”
      - Meaning #1—describing someone who has charisma, or is clearly a “gifted” person
      - Meaning #2—describing someone who believes that the Spiritual Gifts are alive and active in the Church today  
(often used interchangeably with the term “Pentecostal” by everyone *other* than Charismatics and Pentecostals)



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  - Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-3
    - Do you agree with Paul here?
    - What about people who used Christ's name and "lordship" as a magical incantation (such as in verses like Acts 19:13-16), or people who call Him their "lord" but don't live like they should (such as in verses like Matthew 7:21-23)?
    - So what point *is* Paul trying to make here? (i.e.; why start off like this?)





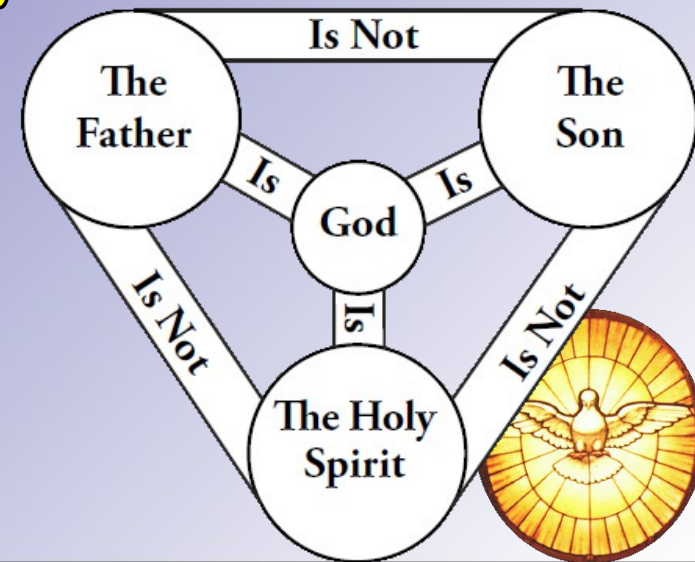
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      - Different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit
      - Different kinds of service, but the same Lord
      - Different kinds of effects, but the same God  
(in Greek, that word, “working,” is “ἐνεργημάτων” or “*energēmatōn*”—literally, “effects of power or energy being made use of”)



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    - Before we go any further, what important bits of information can you glean from this?
      - Why connect God's Spirit with our gifts?
      - Why connect God's lordship with our service?
      - Why connect God's "energy" with all of the effects that we see?



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  - Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-3
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  - Read 1 Corinthians 12:7
    - Stop and look at this verse bit by bit, and let's discuss what concept Paul is pointing to here—
      - “to each one”
      - “the manifestation of the Spirit”
      - “is given”
      - “for the common good”
    - So how would you sum up verse 7 in your own words?
      - How might really stopping and thinking about verse 7 prevent a lot of the abuses of spiritual gifts that we see in the Church today?





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    - So *why* have these gifts been given?  
(*HINT*: remember verse 7)

