

What We Teach

THE CHURCH

We teach the calling of all saints to the work of service ([1 Corinthians 15:58](#); [Ephesians 4:12](#); [Revelation 22:12](#)).

We teach the need of the church to cooperate with God as He accomplishes His purpose in the world. To that end, He gives the church spiritual gifts. He gives men chosen for the purpose of equipping the saints for the work of the ministry ([Ephesians 4:7-12](#)), and He also gives unique and special spiritual abilities to each member of the Body of Christ ([Romans 12:5-8](#); [1 Corinthians 12:4-31](#); [1 Peter 4:10-11](#)).

We teach that there were two kinds of gifts given the early church: miraculous gifts of divine revelation and healing, given temporarily in the apostolic era for the purpose of confirming the authenticity of the apostles' message ([Hebrews 2:3-4](#); [2 Corinthians 12:12](#)); and ministering gifts, given to equip believers for edifying one another. With the New Testament revelation now complete, Scripture becomes the sole test of the authenticity of a man's message, and confirming gifts of a miraculous nature are no longer necessary to validate a man or his message. Miraculous gifts can even be counterfeited by Satan so as to deceive even believers ([1 Corinthians 13:13-14:12](#); [Revelation 13:13-14](#)). The only gifts in operation today are those nonrevelatory equipping gifts given for edification ([Romans 12:6-8](#)).