



Live the Charismatic Life!

Various Verses
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The Greek word for spiritual gifts is *charismata*. We are all called to live in our *charismata*, so this means that we all are charismatics!

Every true Christian is a charismatic.

American Charismatic Waves

Wave 1: 1906 - The Pentecostal Movement

Wave 2: 1960 - The Charismatic Movement

Wave 3: 1970s - The Third Wave

Charismatic Chaos

- The Issue of Theology: Excess over Orthodoxy (1 Cor. 14:33, 40; Tit. 1:9)
- The Issue of Authority: Experience over Scripture (Acts 17:11; 2 Tim. 4:2; Tit. 1:9; 1 Thess. 5:21; 1 John 4:1)
- The Issue of Spirituality: One Spirit Baptism over Daily Spirit Fullness (Mk. 1:8; Matt. 3:11; Lk. 3:16; John 1:33; Acts 1:5; 11:16; 1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 5:18)
- The Issue of Revelation: Continuing over Closed (Jude 1:3; Rev. 22:18)
- The Issue of Sign Gifts: Normative for All Believers over Selective for Some Believers (1 Cor. 12:8-11, 29-30)
- The Issue of Motivation: For the Individual over for the Church and World (1 Cor. 12:7; 14:1-26; Acts 2:1-41)

Charismatic Contributions

- Vitality in Worship: We are to have a living love relationship with God instead of dead religion. (John 4:23-24)

- Maturity in Faith: We are to daily be filled with and surrender to the Holy Spirit as he leads us and grows fruit in us. (2 Cor. 3:18; Eph. 4:7-16; 5:18; Rom. 8:14; Gal. 5:16, 25)
- Ability in Mission: We are to live in the power of the Holy Spirit and his gifts instead of only living in our own inadequate human efforts. (Zech. 4:6; 2 Tim. 1:7)
- Generosity in Giving: We are to give generously as the Holy Spirit inspires and leads us. (Acts 4:31-37)
- Inclusivity in Community: We are to love and welcome all people. (Acts 2:1-4; 8:5-17; 10:1-48; 11:15; 19:1-7; 1 Cor. 12:31-13:2; Gal. 5:22)
- Unity in the Church: We are to make every effort to live in the peace and unity of the Holy Spirit. (Eph. 4:3-4; 1 Cor. 12:4, 11)
- Multiplicity in Evangelism: We are to actively share the Good News of Jesus Christ and cooperate with the Spirit to multiply believers to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8; 2:41, 47; 4:4; 6:7; Rom. 10:18; Col. 1:6)

OT: Tower of Babel – community lost (Gen. 11:1-9)

NT: Day of Pentecost – community restored (Acts 2:1-11)

Psalms 104:29 When...you take away their breath (*ruach*), they die and return to the dust. 30 When you send your Spirit (*ruach*), they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. (NIV)

Romans 8:2 ...the Spirit of life... (ESV)

Matthew 12:31 And so I tell you, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. 32 Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come. (NIV)

The unpardonable sin is not an action; it is an attitude. It is the ongoing, conscious, and willful rejection of the salvation of God.

Acts 2:38 ...the gift of the Holy Spirit. (NIV)

Will I open my gift and live the Charismatic Life?