## THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit & Scripture: Miraculous Spiritual Gifts

# Per Jesus' Promise, the Holy Spirit Would Serve Several Purposes:

- Comfort and guide the apostles (John 14:26)
- Convict the world of sin (John 15:26-27)
- Build upon the work of Christ (John 16:14)

#### What is a miracle?

A miracle is an event which the forces of nature—including the natural powers of man—cannot of themselves produce, and which must, therefore, be referred to a supernatural agency (George P. Fisher, Manual of Christian Evidences, 9).

They were public (John 20:30-31; Acts 2:22; 3:16).

They were instant (Acts 3:6-8; Mark 2:12).

They were thorough (Acts 3:16; John 7:23).

They were validating (Heb. 2:1-4).

#### Two Examples:

The Samaritans – Acts 8:1-19
The Twelve in Ephesus – Acts 19:1-7

1 Corinthians 12

#### 1 Corinthians 12:9-11:

Word of wisdom

Word of knowledge

Faith

Gifts of healings

Working of miracles

Prophecy

Discerning of spirits

Different kinds of tongues

The interpretation of tongues

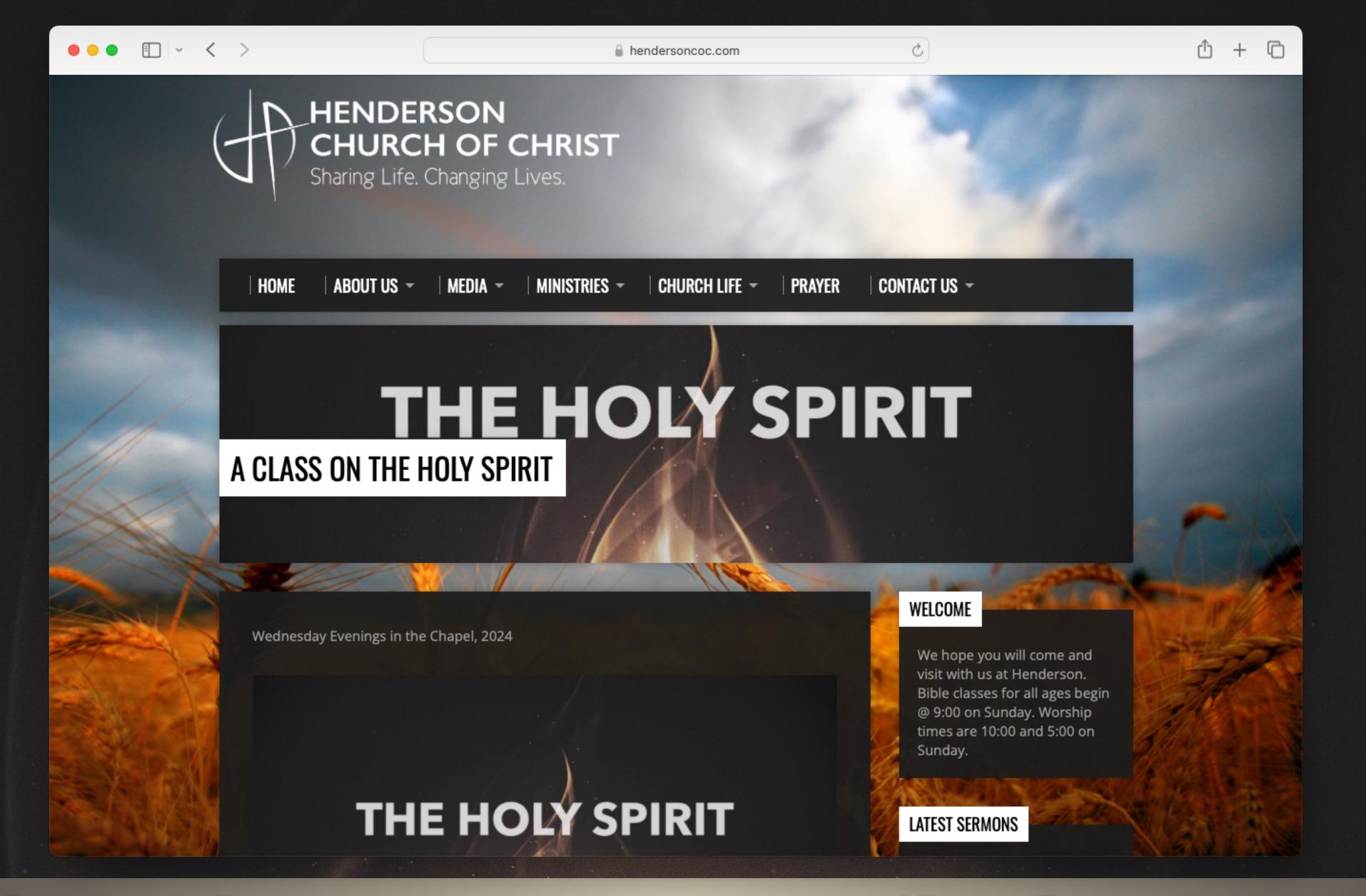
Conferred by the Holy Spirit, through the laying on of the apostles' hands

(Acts 8:12-22; Romans. 1:11; 2 Tim. 1:6)

Temporary by design

(cf. 1 Cor. 13:8-12)

Therefore, miraculous spiritual gifts do not exist today.



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