THE POWER OF THE SEVENFOLD SPIRIT OF GOD

Jesus commissioned the Church in Jerusalem to (1) make disciples, (2) baptize them by the authority of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and to (3) teach them all things that He had taught them.

I would like to share information about a gift that is available to us from God to enable us to accomplish this work. This gift is so important to God’s scriptural Churches that Jesus instructed the Church in Jerusalem to wait until they received it and then they would be witnesses for Him in Jerusalem, Judaea, Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth (Acts 1).

“1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: 3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: 4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.” Acts 1:1-4 (King James Version)

“7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is
come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:7-9 (King James Version)

"And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven." Luke 24:44-51 (King James Version)

In order for us to better understand the power that Jesus Christ promised to His disciples (the local church in Jerusalem) it will be helpful for us to read what Christ told His disciples in Matthew 20:20-23.

"Then came to him the mother of Zebedee’s children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him. And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able. And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father." Matthew 20:20-23 (King James Version)
Christ told His disciples that they would be immersed (baptized) in the same agent He was immersed (baptized) in. He could not have been speaking of water baptism since the disciples had already been immersed in water. He promised they were to be baptized or immersed into the same agent into which He had been baptized or immersed. Isaiah tells us about the agent into which Christ was immersed.

"1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of His roots. (1) 2 The Spirit of the LORD (Jehovah) shall rest upon Him, (2) The Spirit of Wisdom and (3) (the Spirit of) Understanding, (4) the Spirit of Counsel and (5) (the Spirit of) Might, (6) the Spirit of Knowledge and (7) the Spirit of the Fear (Reverence) of the Lord." Isaiah 11:1-2 (New King James Version)

This passage in Isaiah 11:1-2 lists the sevenfold work of the Holy Spirit of God. Please note that not one of the seven refers to "charismatic" gifts. This is the sevenfold work of the Holy Spirit of God described in Revelation 1:4 and Revelation 5:6.

"John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne..." Revelation 1:4 (New International Version)

“Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.” Revelation 5:6 (New International Version)

Please Note:

According to my Greek textbooks, there is no indefinite article in the Greek New Testament text. To help explain that statement, I quote from “Essentials of New Testament Greek”, Broadman Press, and page 16. The portions in parenthesis and the quoted words that are underlined are my contribution in order to help better understand this portion of the textbook without us having to get too technical.
“There is no indefinite article in Greek. Thus we see that ἀνθρωπός (pronounced "anth'-ro-pos") means “man” or “a man.” It does not, however, mean “the man” because Greek does have a definite article (and if the writer had meant to say “the man” he would have used the definite article). The definite article for the masculine singular is an "ο" with a rough breathing mark over it (ὁ). It is pronounced “ ho”. This Greek definite article may also be found to be written differently and to be pronounced differently depending upon the three systems of inflecting Greek nouns. Thus ὁ ἀνθρωπός (pronounced " ho anth'-ro-pos") means “the man.” For the purpose of the exercises the student should observe this carefully. Do not insert an English “the” in the translation unless the Greek article appears; do not insert a Greek “ὁ” unless the English “the” appears (when you translate the practice exercises at the end of this chapter from Greek into English)."

The bottom line is this. When we find the Greek definite article immediately preceding the Greek words that are translated “Holy Spirit” (ὁ πνεῦμα ἅγιος), it is referring to the person of the Holy Spirit. On the other hand, the Greek text may not have the definite article and will read simply "πνεῦμα ἅγιος". In that case, "πνεῦμα ἅγιος" (without the definite article) refers to the quality, the characteristics or the power of the Holy Spirit. Do you recall when Jesus Christ told the church in Jerusalem to tarry in Jerusalem until they were endued with power in Acts 1:8? We find in Acts 2:4 the Greek text relates that the local church in Jerusalem was filled with HOLY SPIRIT POWER. The Greek text says that they were filled with πνεῦμα ἅγιος, not ὁ πνεῦμα ἅγιος. The Greek text relates that they received the power of the Sevenfold Spirit of God, not the person of the Holy Spirit. They had already received the person of the Holy Spirit when they were saved. If the person of the Holy Spirit of God was not on this earth prior to the day of Pentecost, who was convicting of sin and calling people to salvation? “I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the LORD has done for us— yes, the many good things he has done for Israel, according to his compassion and many kindnesses.” He said, “Surely they are my people, children who will be true to me”; and so he became their Savior. In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his
presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. 10 Yet they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit. So he turned and became their enemy and he himself fought against them. 11 Then his people recalled the days of old, the days of Moses and his people—where is he who brought them through the sea, with the shepherd of his flock? Where is he who set His Holy Spirit among them, 12 who sent his glorious arm of power to be at Moses’ right hand, who divided the waters before them, to gain for himself everlasting renown, 13 who led them through the depths? Like a horse in open country, they did not stumble; 14 like cattle that go down to the plain, they were given rest by the Spirit of the LORD. This is how you guided your people to make for yourself a glorious name."

Isaiah 63:7-14 (New International Version)

Both of my Greek texts state that the translators should not have inserted an English “the” in the translation unless the Greek article appears. At the end of this paper, we have listed the scriptures that speak of sevenfold Holy Spirit power (without the definite article) and scriptures that speak of the Holy Spirit as a Person with the definite article.

Perhaps, before we continue in our study of who receives the illumination of the sevenfold power of the Holy Spirit, we should examine the Lord’s Divine Word in order to see who
was promised that illumination. Do you recall the lamp holder in the tabernacle that held seven lamps? It was the only source of light within the tabernacle. It was the only source of illumination for the priests as they carried out their assigned duties inside the tabernacle. Please note that only the priests (designated members of the tribe of Levi) entered the Holy Place in the tabernacle. 

1 Then the LORD said to Moses: 2 “Set up the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, on the first day of the first month. 3 Place the ark of the covenant law in it and shield the ark with the curtain. 4 Bring in the table and set out what belongs on it. Then bring in the lampstand and set up its lamps. 5 Place the gold altar of incense in front of the ark of the covenant law and put the curtain at the entrance to the tabernacle. 6 “Place the altar of burnt offering in front of the entrance to the tabernacle, the tent of meeting; 7 place the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar and put water in it. 8 Set up the courtyard around it and put the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard. 9 “Take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and everything in it; consecrate it and all its furnishings, and it will be holy. 10 Then anoint the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils; consecrate the altar, and it will be most holy. 11 Anoint the basin and its stand and consecrate them. 12 “Bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance to the tent of meeting and wash them with water. 13 Then dress Aaron in the sacred garments, anoint him and consecrate him so he may serve me as priest. 14 Bring his sons and dress them in tunics. 15 Anoint them just as you anointed their father, so they may serve me as priests. Their anointing will be to a priesthood that will continue throughout their generations.” 16 Moses did everything just as the LORD commanded him. 17 So the tabernacle was set up on the first day of the first month in the second year.” Exodus 40:1-17 (New International Version)

Probably over a million and a half people left Egyptian captivity together. Only the sons of Aaron were chosen by the Living God to be His priests (please see Exodus 40:15 printed above). The rest of the members of the Jewish Theocracy (1) entered the animal skin fence that enclose the entire courtyard, (2) offered their sacrifices on the Brazen Altar with the aid of the priests and (3) went back outside the courtyard again. They never went to the laver nor did they ever enter the Tabernacle. Only the priests were allowed to wash at the laver (a type or picture of scriptural baptism) outside the entrance to the Tabernacle (a type or picture of a local, scriptural church). The priests then entered the Holy Place to perform their duties. This
tells us that there were TWO groups of saved people who were members of the Jewish Theocracy. There were (1) those who the Living God recognized and who served Him as His priests and (2) those who were just as saved but who did not serve Him as His priests just as today, you have a special group among the saved who the Living God recognizes and who serve Him as His priests through one of Christ's local, scriptural churches. "1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, 2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: 3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. 4 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, 5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. 6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. 7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, 8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. 9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: 10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. 11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; 12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation." 1 Peter 2:1-12 (King James Version)

We know that Peter was writing to members of local, scriptural churches because those to whom he wrote his first recorded letter served in a flock that had elders and under shepherds who were accountable to Jesus Christ. "1 So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: 2 shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; 3
not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.  

4 And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.  

5 Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”.  

1 Peter 5:1-5 (English Standard Version)

We know that Peter was writing to members of local, scriptural churches because those to whom he wrote his first recorded letter had been baptized.  

"21 There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,  

22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him."  

1 Peter 3:21-22 (New King James Version)

Again, the book of Exodus tells us that there were TWO groups of saved people who were members of the Jewish Theocracy. There were (1) those who the Living God recognized and who served Him as His priests and (2) those who were just as saved but who did not serve Him as His priests just as today, you have a special group among the saved who the Living God recognizes and who serve Him as His priests through one of Christ’s local, scriptural churches. That special group is authorized and sent out just as Epaphroditus was sent out.

Please note that in Philippians 2:14-30, Paul recognized Epaphroditus as an apostle (one sent).  

"14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:  

15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;  

16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.  

17 Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.  

18 For the same cause also do ye joy, and rejoice with me.  

19 But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state.  

20 For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state.  

21 For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ’s.  

22 But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel.  

23 Him therefore I hope to send presently, so soon as I shall see
how it will go with me.  But I trust in the Lord that I also myself shall come shortly.  Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger (ἀπόστολος - translated apostle in other passages), and he that ministered to my wants.  For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick.  For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.  I sent him therefore the more carefully, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful.  Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold such in reputation: Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me.” Philippians 2:14-30 (King James Version)

Peter referred to those he wrote to in 1 Peter 5:1-5 (printed earlier in this paper) as sheep who were members of a fold or a flock.  Please remember that Jesus Christ had told His disciples, the first local, scriptural church, that there were saved people who were not members of their fold, the local church in Jerusalem, who would one day in the future all be caught up together.  They also would, one day, all be a part of one fold in Heaven.  “I am the good shepherd; and I know mine own, and mine own know me, even as the Father knoweth me, and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.  And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice: and they shall become one flock, one shepherd.” John 10:14-16 (American Standard Version)

We believe that when Jesus Christ said that He had other sheep who were not members of the fold He was establishing in Jerusalem (the first church that was ever established), He was referring to members of two other groups of saved people, members of the Family of God, who were on this earth at the time.  One group were the disciples of John the Baptist who did not come to Him when He called them to be part of His called out assembly.  The second group were those who had come to Him when He called them to be part of His called out assembly but later abandoned him.  Even though they were not His disciples and members of the church in Jerusalem, it is important to remember they did not lose their salvation.  They were just not in the place Christ authorized in order to give Him the greatest service.  “At this point many
of his disciples turned away and deserted him. 67 Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, "Are you going too?" 68 Simon Peter replied, "Master, to whom shall we go? You alone have the words that give eternal life, 69 and we believe them and know you are the holy Son of God." John 6:66-69 (The Living Bible)

Those who remained disciples (the recognized members of the local church in Jerusalem) needed the illumination and the sevenfold Holy Spirit power in order to do the work Jesus Christ commissioned them to do in Matthew 28:18-20.  16 The eleven disciples went into Galilee to the hillside to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him they worshiped him, though some had doubts. 18 Then Jesus came up and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore, as you go, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you every day until the end of the age."  Matthew 28:16-20 (International Standard Version)

Jesus Christ had more than eleven disciples when He ascended back to Heaven. Matthew 28:16 simply says that the first eleven disciples were present in Galilee. We see however, that some of those present had doubts. Each of the first eleven apostles had seen Jesus Christ at least once during the forty days between His resurrection and His ascension to the Throne Room of the Living God, so none of them would have had doubts.

Paul wrote in his first letter to the local church in Corinth, "1 Now, brothers and sisters, I want you to remember the Good News I brought to you. You received this Good News and continue strong in it. 2 And you are being saved by it if you continue believing what I told you. If you do not, then you believed for nothing. 3 I passed on to you what I received, of which this was most important: that Christ died for our sins, as the Scriptures say; 4 that he was buried and was raised to life on the third day as the Scriptures say; 5 and that he was seen by Peter and then by the twelve apostles. 6 After that, Jesus was seen by more than five hundred of the believers at the same time. Most of them are still living today, but some have died. 7 Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. 8 Last of all he was seen by me—as by a person not born at the normal time. 9 All the other apostles are greater than I am. I am not even good
enough to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But God’s grace has made me what I am, and his grace to me was not wasted. I worked harder than all the other apostles. (But it was not I really; it was God’s grace that was with me.) 11 So if I preached to you or the other apostles preached to you, we all preach the same thing, and this is what you believed." 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (New Century Version)

So, just as the priests who served in the Hebrew Theocracy needed illumination as they carried out their assigned duties inside the tabernacle, the priests who serve Christ in one of His local, scriptural churches need the sevenfold power and illumination of the Holy Spirit today in order to fulfill the commission that they received in Matthew 28:16-20 (printed above).

There is another important point we would like to mention. The members of Christ's scriptural churches need to daily petition the Holy Spirit to keep them filled with the sevenfold power and illumination of the Holy Spirit so that they can excel in doing the work Christ commissioned them to do in Matthew 28:16-20 (printed earlier). This, of course, has nothing to do with salvation but is applicable to service.

In addition, may we call your attention to the fact that once the church in Jerusalem received the sevenfold power of the Holy Spirit, that was all they needed to be successful in fulfilling the commission they had been given. No wonder so few churches today experience success in fulfilling their commission. Instead of seeking and using the sevenfold power of the Holy Spirit, they are depending upon programs of one sort or the other to be successful in reaching the lost for Christ, baptizing them into their membership and teaching them the things Christ taught His disciples. Because of that, we find the membership has little success in reaching the lost and are experiencing a dwindling membership of literate teachers. Some have lost all their literate teachers and just keep repeating "fluff" in their literature and their classes instead of the meat of God's Divine Word. They reach the point where the attitude within that church is "we are rich and have need of nothing". When that happens that church forces Jesus Christ out and He will not even be present when they claim to be dining with Him (the Lord's Supper). 14 "To the angel of the church in Laodicea, write this: " 'The Amen, the faithful and true witness, the source of God's creation, says this: 15 "I know your works; I know that you are
neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either cold or hot. 16 So, because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. 17 For you say, 'I am rich and affluent and have no need of anything,' and yet do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. 18 I advise you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich, and white garments to put on so that your shameful nakedness may not be exposed, and buy ointment to smear on your eyes so that you may see. 19 Those whom I love, I reprove and chastise. Be earnest, therefore, and repent. 20 "'Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, (then) I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me. 21 I will give the victor the right to sit with me on my throne, as I myself first won the victory and sit with my Father on his throne." Revelation 3:14-21 (New American Bible - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Again, may we remind you that the members of Christ's scriptural churches need to daily petition the Holy Spirit to keep them filled with the sevenfold power and illumination of the Holy Spirit so that they can excel in doing the work Christ commissioned them to do in Matthew 28:16-20 (printed earlier). This, of course, has nothing to do with salvation but is applicable to service. But please note in the scriptures printed below that it is possible for a local, scriptural church to lose the sevenfold power and illumination of the Holy Spirit. When that happens, of course, the members would not lose their salvation because, again, this has nothing to do with salvation but is applicable to service.

"1 "Write to the angel of the church in Ephesus: “The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand and who walks among the seven gold lampstands says: 2 I know your works, your labor, and your endurance, and that you cannot tolerate evil. You have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and you have found them to be liars. 3 You also possess endurance and have tolerated /many things/ because of My name and have not grown weary. 4 But I have this against you: You have abandoned the love /you had/ at first. 5 Remember then how far you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. Otherwise, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent. 6 Yet you do have this: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 7 “Anyone who has an ear should listen to
what the Spirit says to the churches. I will give the victor the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in God's paradise." Revelation 2:1-7 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

"19 But Peter and John answering said to them, If it be righteous before God to listen to you rather than to God, judge ye; 20 for as for us we cannot refrain from speaking of the things which we have seen and heard. 21 But they, having further threatened them, let them go, finding no way how they might punish them, on account of the people, because all glorified God for what had taken place; 22 for the man on whom this sign of healing had taken place was above forty years old. 23 And having been let go, they came to their own [company], and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. 24 And they, having heard [it], lifted up [their] voice with one accord to God, and said, Lord, thou art the God who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them; 25 who hast said by the mouth of thy servant David, Why have [the] nations raged haughtily and [the] peoples meditated vain things? 26 The kings of the earth were there, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord and against his Christ. 27 For in truth against thy holy servant Jesus, whom thou hadst anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with [the] nations, and peoples of Israel, have been gathered together in this city to do whatever thy hand and thy counsel had determined before should come to pass. 28 And now, Lord, look upon their threatenings, and give to thy bondmen with all boldness to speak thy word, in that thou stretchest out thy hand to heal, and that signs and wonders take place through the name of thy holy servant Jesus. 29 And when they had prayed, the place in which they were assembled shook, and they were all filled with Holy Spirit power (There is no Greek definite article here), and spoke the word of God with boldness." Acts 4:19-31 (Darby)

The lamp holder in the tabernacle held seven lamps. It was the only source of light within the tabernacle. As we continue with this paper, please notice that the Spirit of Jehovah in Isaiah 11:2 was listed alone (like the center stem of the lamp holder) while the other six were listed in pairs.

"1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of His roots. (1) 2 The Spirit of the LORD (Jehovah) shall rest upon Him, (2) The Spirit of Wisdom
and (3) (the Spirit of) Understanding, (4) the Spirit of Counsel and (5) (the Spirit of) Might, (6) the Spirit of Knowledge and (7) the Spirit of the Fear (Reverence) of the Lord." (New King James Version)

There are numerous passages in the Bible that refer to one or more of the gifts of Holy Spirit Power being given to individuals after God gave them a job to do. In order to save time and in order to save space, I will list at least two passages that refer to each individual gift with information about each gift from Strong's Concordance. However, it is important to note that only the disciples of Jesus Christ (the local church in Jerusalem) were promised and were immersed in power on the day of Pentecost and received all seven of these gifts at once. If you know of any scripture that relates that the disciples of John the Baptist (who were just as saved as we are) were ever promised and were ever immersed in the sevenfold power of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, please consider it your duty to inform us. Our e-mail address is roberttanner@bayourouge.net. On the contrary, those twelve people mentioned in Acts 19:1-7 had to be baptized by the authority of the local church who had sent Paul out as a missionary before they received Holy Spirit power, spoke in tongues and prophesied. When they were baptized by the authority of the local church who had sent Paul out as a missionary, they also became a member of that local church and as such, a recipient of that power. "1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, 2 He said unto them, Have ye received Holy Spirit power (there is no Greek definite article in the Greek text) since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Spirit power (there is no Greek definite article in the Greek text). 3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. 4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus (they were baptized by the authority the Lord Jesus gave His local churches in Matthew 28:18-20). 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. 7 And all the men were about twelve." Acts 19:1-7 (King James Version)
#1 The Spirit of the Lord

H3068 יהוה (pronounced in English "yeh-ho-vaw"). From H1961; (the) self Existent or eternal; Jehovah, Jewish national name of God:—Jehovah, the Lord. Compare H3050, H3069.

The Spirit of Jehovah gives us the ability to do anything God calls us to do.

"33 Then all Midian and Amalek and the Kedemites mustered and crossed over into the valley of Jezreel, where they encamped. 34 The spirit of the LORD enveloped Gideon; he blew the horn that summoned Abiezer to follow him. Judges 6:33-34 (New American Bible - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

"5 So Samson went down to Timnah with his father and mother. As they were going through the vineyards there, he heard a young lion roaring. 6 Suddenly the power of the LORD made Samson strong, and he tore the lion apart with his bare hands, as if it were a young goat. But he did not tell his parents what he had done." Judges 14:5-6 (Today's English Version)

GOD WILL NEVER GIVE YOU A JOB TO DO WITHOUT MAKING AVAILABLE THE POWER TO GET IT DONE.

#2 The Spirit of Wisdom

H2451 חכמה (pronounced in English "khok-maw").
From H2449; wisdom (in a good sense):—skillful, wisdom, wisely, wit.

H2449 בָּהֵם (pronounced in English "khaw-kam"). A primitive root, to be wise (in mind, word or act):— X exceeding, teach wisdom, be (make self, shew self) wise, deal (never so) wisely, make wiser.

The Spirit of Wisdom gives us the ability to know our personal needs and our abilities. The Spirit of Wisdom also gives us the ability to understand our personal problems and to know how God wants them solved so that the solution will bring honor and glory to Him.

“5 See, I have taught you decrees and laws as the LORD my God commanded me, so that you may follow them in the land you are entering to take possession of it. 6 Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.” 7 What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? 8 And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?” Deuteronomy 4:5-8 (New International Version)

“3 And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise-hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they make Aaron’s garments to sanctify him, that he may minister unto me in the priest’s office. Exodus 28:3 (American Standard Version)

“1 The LORD also spoke to Moses: 2 “Look, I have appointed by name Bezalel son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. 3 I have filled him with God’s Spirit, with wisdom, understanding, and ability in every craft 4 to design artistic works in gold, silver, and bronze, 5 to cut gemstones for mounting, and to carve wood for work in every craft. 6 I have also selected
Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, to be with him. I have placed wisdom within every skilled craftsman in order to make all that I have commanded you: 7 the tent of meeting, the ark of the testimony, the mercy seat that is on top of it, and all the furnishings of the tent— 8 the table with its utensils, the pure lampstand with all its utensils, the altar of incense, 9 the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, the basin with its stand— 10 the specially woven garments, both the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments for his sons to serve as priests, 11 the anointing oil, and the fragrant incense for the sanctuary. They must make them according to all that I have commanded you.”  Exodus 31:1-11 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

"4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. 5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. 8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." James 1:4-8 (King James Version)

#3 The Spirit of Understanding

H998 יִנְחָה (pronounced in English "bee-naw"). From H995; understanding:—knowledge, meaning, X perfectly, understanding, wisdom.

H995 בֵּן (pronounced in English "bene"). A primitive root; to separate mentally (or distinguish).
The Spirit of Understanding gives us the ability to understand God’s Word, God’s will and God’s way.

David told his son Solomon, "11 Now, my son, the LORD be with you that you may be successful, and build the house of the LORD your God just as He has spoken concerning you. 12 "Only the LORD give you discretion and understanding, and give you charge over Israel, so that you may keep the law of the LORD your God. 13 "Then you will prosper, if you are careful to observe the statutes and the ordinances which the LORD commanded Moses concerning Israel. Be strong and courageous, do not fear nor be dismayed." 1 Chronicles 22:11-13 (New American Standard Bible)

Solomon in turn recorded in Proverbs, "1 My son, if thou receivest my words, and layest up my commandments with thee, 2 so that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom [and] thou apply thy heart to understanding; 3 yea, if thou criest after discernment [and] liftest up thy voice to understanding; 4 if thou seekest her as silver and searchest for her as for hidden treasures: 5 then shalt thou understand the fear of Jehovah, and find the knowledge of God. 6 For Jehovah giveth wisdom; out of his mouth [come] knowledge and understanding. 7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the upright; [he] is a shield to them that walk in integrity; 8 guarding the paths of just judgment and keeping the way of his godly ones. 9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness and judgment and equity: every good path. 10 When wisdom entereth into thy heart and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul, 11 discretion shall keep thee, understanding shall preserve thee: 12 To deliver thee from the way of evil, from the man that speaketh froward things; 13 [from those] who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness; 14 who rejoice to do evil, [and] delight in the frowardness of evil; 15 whose paths are crooked, and who are perverted in their course: 16 To deliver thee from the strange woman, from the stranger who flattereth with her words; 17 who forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God; 18 —for her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead; 19 none that go unto her return again, neither do they attain to the paths of life: 20 —that thou
mayest walk in the way of the good, and keep the paths of the righteous. 21 For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it; 22 but the wicked shall be cut off from the land, and the unfaithful shall be plucked up out of it."  Proverbs 2:1-22 (Darby)

"5 See, I have taught you decrees and laws as the LORD my God commanded me, so that you may follow them in the land you are entering to take possession of it. 6 Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.” 7 What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? 8 And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?” Deuteronomy 4:5-8 (New International Version)

#4 The Spirit of Council

H6098 נְפִלָו (pronounced in English "ay-tsoaw"). From H3289; advice; by implication plan; also prudence:—advice, advisement, counsel ([lor]), purpose.

H3289 יִנָּה (pronounced in English "yaw-tsoa"). A primitive root; to advise; reflexively to deliberate or resolve:— advertise, take advice, advise (well), consult, (give take) counsel (-lor), determine, devise, guide, purpose.

The Spirit of Council gives us the ability to understand another person’s problem and to know how God wants it solved so that the solution will bring honor and glory to Him.
The counsel that Ahithophel gave in those days was treated as if God himself had spoken. That was the reputation of Ahithophel's counsel to David; it was the same with Absalom. 2 Samuel 16:23 (The Message)

Then Nathan spake unto Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth it not? Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon. 1 Kings 1:11-12 (American Standard Version)

#5 The Spirit of Might

H1369 גֵּבְרָו (pronounced in English "gheb-oo-raw"). Feminine passive participle from the same as H1368; force (literally or figuratively); by implication valor, victory:—force, mastery, might, mighty (act, power), power, strength.

The Spirit of Might gives us a power over and above anything we are able to generate within ourselves to resist sin and to live for God.

My mouth recounteth Thy righteousness, All the day Thy salvation, For I have not known the numbers. I come in the might of the Lord Jehovah, I mention Thy righteousness—Thine only. God, Thou hast taught me from my youth, And hitherto I declare Thy wonders. And also unto old age and grey hairs, O God, forsake me not, Till I declare Thy strength to a generation, To every one that cometh Thy might. And Thy righteousness, O God, is unto the
heights, Because Thou hast done great things, O God, who is like Thee?" Psalm 71:15-19 (Youngs Literal Translation)

"20 Daniel said: "Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever; to whom belong wisdom and might. 21 He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; 22 he reveals deep and mysterious things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him. 23 To thee, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, for thou hast given me wisdom and strength (might), and hast now made known to me what we asked of thee, for thou hast made known to us the king's matter." Daniel 2:20-23 (Revised Standard Version)

"8 But as for me, I am filled with power, with the Spirit of the LORD, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin." Micah 3:8 (English Standard Version)

#6 The Spirit of Knowledge

H1847 דַּעַת (pronounced in English "dah'-ath"). From H3045; knowledge:—cunning, [ig-] norantly, know(-ledge), [un-] awares (wittingly).

H3045 ידָעַ (pronounced in English "yaw-dah"). A primitive root; to know (properly to ascertain by seeing); used in a great variety of senses, figuratively, literally, euphemistically and inferentially (including observation, care, recognition; and causatively instruction, designation, punishment, etc.):—acknowledge, acquaintance (ted with), advise, answer, appoint, assuredly, be aware, [un-] awares, can [not], certainly, for a certainty, comprehend, consider, X could they, cunning, declare, be diligent, (can, cause to) discern, discover, endued with, familiar friend, famous, feel, can have, be [ig-] norant, instruct, kinsfolk, kinsman, (cause to, let, make)
The Spirit of the Knowledge of the Lord gives us the ability to have the mind of Christ - the ability to know how God thinks about a particular situation.

And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor saith, and the man of opened eye saith,

He saith, who heareth the words of God, who knoweth the knowledge of the Most High: Who seeth the vision of the Almighty, who falleth down, and who hath his eyes open: I shall see him, but not now; I shall behold him, but not nigh: There cometh a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and he shall cut in pieces the corners of Moab, and destroy all the sons of tumult." Numbers 24:15-17 (Darby)

My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and wilt hide my commandments with thee,

That thy ear may hearken to wisdom: Incline thy heart to know prudence:

For if thou shalt call for wisdom, and incline thy heart to prudence: If thou shalt seek her as money, and shalt dig for her as for a treasure: Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and shalt find the knowledge of God." Proverbs 2:1-5 (Douay-Rheims Version, New Catholic Edition)

#7 The Spirit of the Reverence of the Lord
The Spirit of the Reverence of the Lord gives us the ability to see ourselves for the great sinners that we are and to see God as the great and graceful Almighty God that He is.
seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." 9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven." 12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey. 13 And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. 14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. 15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said, 16 "Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus; 17 for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry." 18 (Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out. 19 And it became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, Akel Dama, that is, Field of Blood.) 20 "For it is written in the book of Psalms: 'Let his dwelling place be desolate, And let no one live in it'; and, 'Let another take his office.' 21 "Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection." 23 And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. 24 And they prayed and said, "You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place." 25 And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles. 1 When the Day of
Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with Holy Spirit Power, (please note there is no Greek definite article in the Greek text) and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 1:1 through Acts 2:4 (New King James Version)

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Scriptures That Speak of Sevenfold Holy Spirit Power (without the Definite Article)

Matthew 1:18; 1:20; 3:11
Mark 1:8
John 1:33; 7:39 (Last Reference); 20:22
Romans 9:1; 14:17; 15:13; 15:16
1st Corinthians 2:13; 12:3 (both references)
2nd Corinthians 6:6
1st Thessalonians 1:5; 1:6
2nd Timothy 1:14
Titus 3:5
Hebrews 2:4; 6:4
1st Peter 1:12
2nd Peter 1:21
Jude 20

Scriptures That Speak of the Holy Spirit as a Person with the Definite Article

Matthew 3:16; 4:1; 10:20; 12:32; 28:19
Mark 3:29; 12:36; 13:11
John 7:39 (First reference); 14:26
Romans 5:5
1st Corinthians 6:19
2nd Corinthians 13:13; 13:14
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Hebrews 3:7; 9:8; 10:15
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