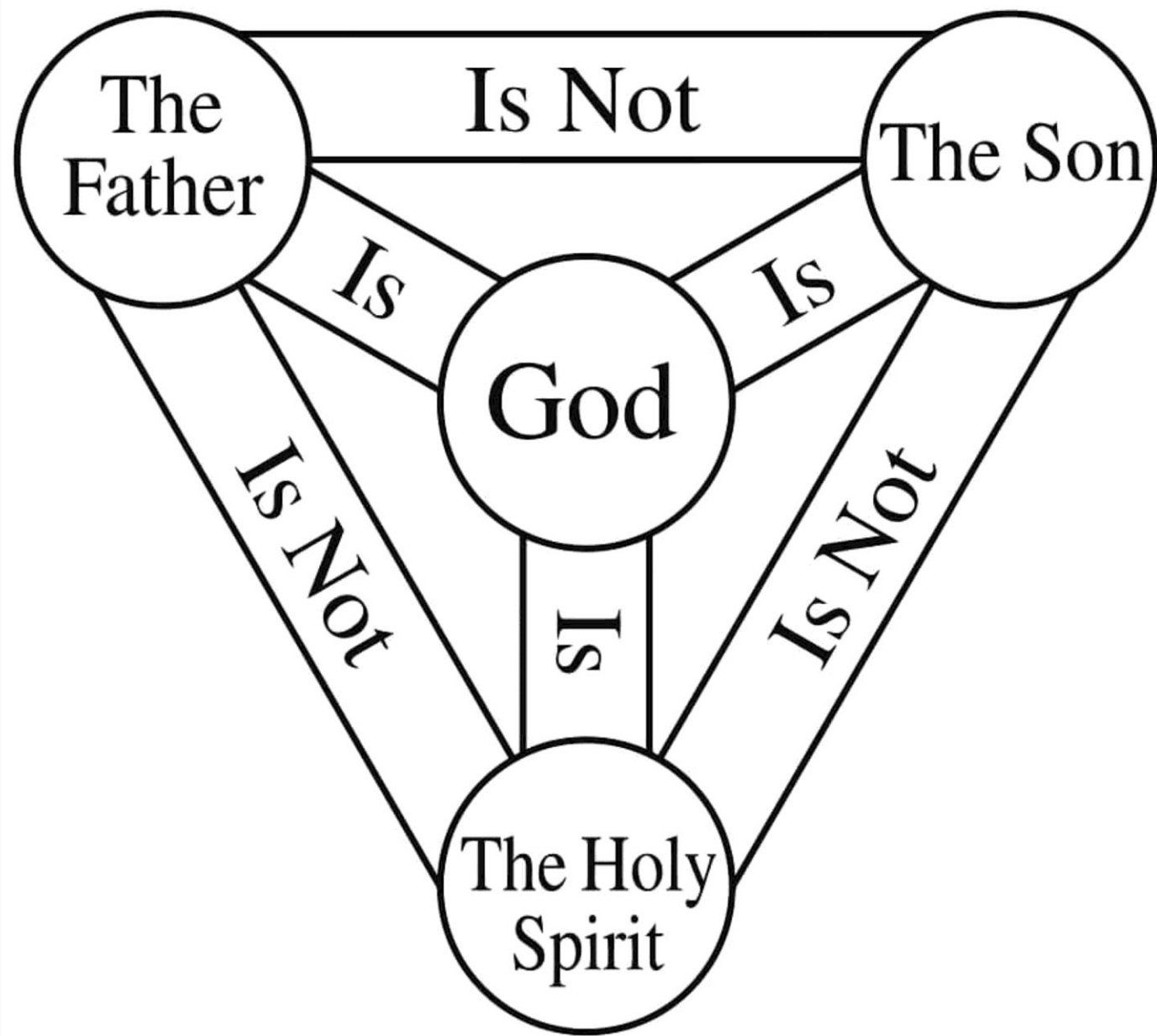




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IN US



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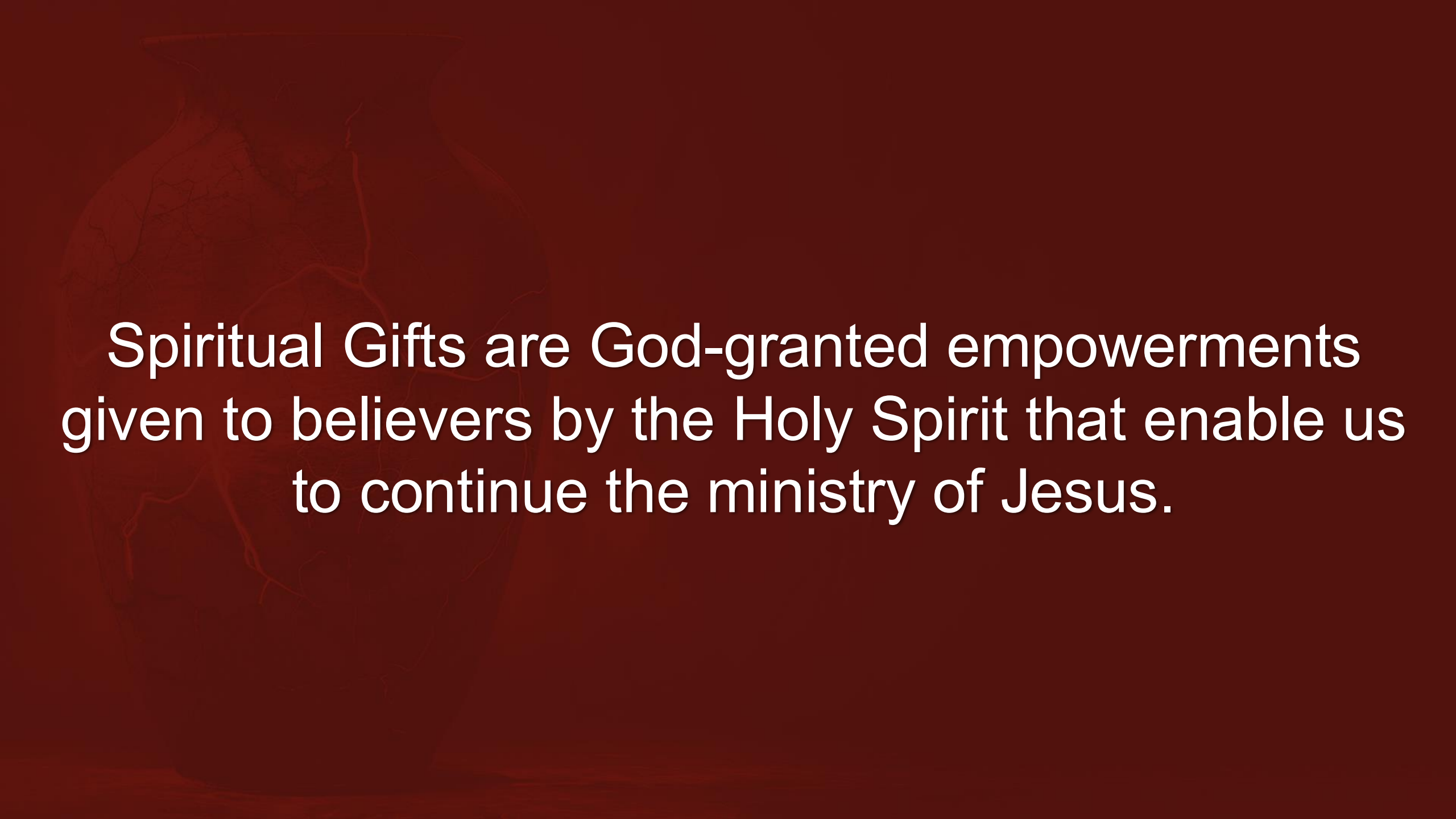
To keep the Church focused on Jesus as Lord.

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*“I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.”
(John 14:12 NLT)*

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8 NLT)



Spiritual Gifts are God-granted empowerments given to believers by the Holy Spirit that enable us to continue the ministry of Jesus.

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The Cessationist View

“...some of the more miraculous gifts (such as prophecy, tongues plus interpretation, and perhaps healing and casting out demons) were given only during the time of the apostles, as “signs” to authenticate the apostles during the early preaching of the gospel. They state that these gifts are no longer needed as signs today, and that they ceased at the end of the apostolic age, probably at the end of the first century or beginning of the second century A.D.” (Wayne Grudem)

⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

(1 Corinthians 13:8-9 ESV)

¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face [a phrase used for personally encountering God]. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.(1 Corinthians 13:11-12 ESV)

The Continuationist View

The Bible indicates that the Spirit will never change the way he ministers in and through the Church, until Christ returns. The Holy Spirit was given to us that we might continue the ministry that Jesus began while on earth and all the gifts that were present in the first century Church are still available to the Church today.

The same Spirit that rose Jesus Christ from the dead, the same Spirit that filled the disciples on Pentecost, the same Spirit that empowered the early church to know Christ and make Him known, is the very same Spirit that lives in every single believer today, distributing to each of us a spiritual Gift.

To Glorify God

¹⁰ God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. ¹¹ Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.” (1 Peter 4:10-11 NLT)

To Build Up the Church

⁴ There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. ⁶ God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. ⁷ A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

(1 Corinthians 12:4-7 NLT)

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To Convince the Lost

³ So what makes us think we can escape if we ignore this great salvation that was first announced by the Lord Jesus himself and then delivered to us by those who heard him speak? ⁴ And God confirmed the message by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever he chose. (Hebrews 2:2-4 NLT)

To Convince the Lost

⁴ We know, dear brothers and sisters, that God loves you and has chosen you to be his own people. ⁵ For when we brought you the Good News, it was not only with words but also with power, for the Holy Spirit gave you full assurance that what we said was true. (1 Thessalonians 1:4-5a NLT)

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