

The Ultimate “Extreme Makeover”

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

- Who you used to be Ephesians 2:1-3
- Who you are now Ephesians 2:4-6
- Why God does “Extreme Makeovers” Ephesians 2:7-9

You are a Masterpiece in the Making

¹⁰For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

Where does God do His “Extreme Makeovers?”

- In a special _____ Ephesians 2: 18-22
- In your _____ Ephesians 3:14-19

How does God do "Extreme Makeovers?"

Ephesians 4:7-16

- He Gave _____ ...

By the ascended Christ, To every believer,

*For the profit of others, Through the **Holy Spirit** sovereignly;*

At the time of salvation, On the basis of grace,

To produce the life of Christ (the "Ultimate Makeover")

In every believer.

Ten Principles to Understand Spiritual Gifts:

1. Every Christian has one or more spiritual gifts.
2. Many believers have received more than one spiritual gift.
3. Spiritual gifts may be given at the moment of regeneration, but they may lie undiscovered and dormant for a long period of time.
4. Spiritual gifts can be abused and neglected, but if they are received at regeneration, it would appear that they cannot be lost.
5. Spiritual gifts are not the same as the gift of the Holy Spirit.
6. Spiritual gifts are not the same as the fruit of the Spirit.
7. Spiritual gifts are not the same as natural talents.
8. Some spiritual gifts are more useful in local churches than others because they result in greater edification of the body.

9. Charismata *literally means "grace gifts."* These gifts are sovereignly and undeservedly given by the Holy Spirit.
10. Gifts are God's spiritual equipment for effective service and edification of the body.

Conclusion: How discovering and developing my spiritual gifts caused an "Extreme Makeover" in my life.

Discussion Questions:

1. In what area of your life would you like an extreme makeover?
2. What is the difference between God's "extreme makeover" and the makeovers we do on our own?
3. On a scale of 1 to 10 how much do you know about spiritual gifts?
4. What is your primary spiritual gift? Why are spiritual gifts so important to God's work in us?
5. What practical difference does knowing and developing your spiritual gift make?