# STEP 3: WHAT ARE SPIRITUAL GIFTS

## TWO REALITIES OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

- 1. SPIRITUAL GIFTS ARE GIVEN BY GOD (Ephesians 3:7)
- Key word in our verse is: GRACE

Grace is God providing what we could never provide, which is a relationship with Himself through Jesus. God provides in that relationship a grace gift. (1 Peter 4:10)

## **BIBLICAL TRUTH**

Spiritual gifts are God given skills and abilities that are given to believers at salvation conversion or during the spiritual development of sanctification that allows each believer to advance the gospel through the church both locally and globally. (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

#### LIFE APPLICATION

Spiritual gifts are given to advance the gospel.

#### THREE MISSCONCEPTIONS ABOUT SPIRITUAL GIFTS

**Legalism:** Focuses on legal obligation rather then the freedom we have in Christ. **Mysticism:** Focuses on an emotional high and experience, rather then Truth.

**Asceticism:** Focuses on the external, rather then the eternal.

- 2. SPIRITUAL GIFTS ARE GIVEN FOR GOD'S GLORY (I Cor 10:31)
- Key phrase in our verse is: The glory of God

## LIFE APPLICATION

Spiritual gifts elevates Jesus!

#### TWO WAYS TO OPERATE IN YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS:

- 1. Inside the church (1 Cor 12:27-28)
- 2. Outside the church (Romans 15:20-21)

#### **ACTION STEP:**

Take Lifeway Spiritual Gifts Survey.

