#### making a difference in your world



"I know [there's] always a reason for God to give me a special body and talent. My dream is to be a tool of God...so in the end, I can hand in a beautiful [report] to my Lord in heaven with honor. And the most important thing is--I will never regret this journey on earth."

Anson Hui

1. <u>God shows his goodness by working this gift of</u> <u>grace into individuals.</u>

"... no one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit."

1 Corinthians 12:3

"But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment."

John 16:7,8

"To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men--robbers, evildoers, adulterers--or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 18:9-14

"I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me...

Ephesians 3:7,8

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:8-10

## ". . . no one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit."

1 Corinthians 12:3

### 2. <u>God shows his goodness by working his gift of</u> grace into others through you.

"... now to each one manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good."

1 Corinthians 12:7

"A spiritual gift is an enablement to meet the needs of people; it is given by the Holy Spirit on the basis of God's free grace in such a way that people are brought more under the lordship of Christ with the result that the body of Christ is built up in quality and quantity."

A spiritual gift is the ability you have to bring somebody more under the lordship and kingship of Christ so there's a restoration in that person's life. "There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the Creator, made known through Jesus."

**Blaise Pascal** 

#### "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of *all.*"

1 Corinthians 12:7

# \*God spreads his gifts to you and through you so all may experience his goodness.