

THE HOLY SPIRIT

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I. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A REAL PERSON.

A. KEY VERSE:

I Corinthians 3:16 “Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”

B. Key Truth:

Every Christian needs to know, understand, appreciate, and experience the Person and work of the Holy Spirit in his life.

C. The Holy Spirit is not an abstract influence or just a powerful force.

He is a Divine Person and we need to reverence, honor and treat Him as one.

D. The Bible opens and closes with the Person and work of the Holy Spirit. Gen 1:2; Rev 22:17

E. One of the greatest needs of the church today is to understand

and possess a personal relationship with the THIRD PERSON of the trinity – God, the Holy Spirit. Paul’s Prayer Eph 1:17-23

F. It is not enough just to talk about Him, or to learn more information about Him, but we must become acquainted with the Holy Spirit and really know Him.

G. The Holy Spirit is God, and He is a real living Person.

He is pictured in scripture as a Person separate and distinct from both the Father and the Son. **Acts 5:3,4; I Cor 3:16, 17; I Cor 12:4-6**

II. THE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. The Responsibility of the Holy Spirit:

1. taking the place of Jesus on the earth.
2. Revealing and showing Jesus to the world.
3. Demonstrating and doing the works that Jesus did (i.e., the continuation of His ministry).

B. Key Verse:

John 14:16 “And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever.”

C. Key Truth:

When Jesus said, “He will send another comforter,” making reference to the Person of the Holy Spirit, that means that Jesus Himself was a comforter, helper, paraklete (Strong’s #3874-3875)

Jesus was saying, “I will send someone to you, ‘another comforter’, someone just like Me.”

D. The “Parakletos”

- 1) John Chapters 14, 15 and 16.**
- 2) John 14:16-17,** “And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another comforter, that He may abide with you forever.” V17 “the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”
- 3) Concordance and Dictionary – another – Allos – Another of the same kind.** This word shows similarities in personality, yet diversities of operation. Jesus’ use of this word indicates the Holy Spirit will do in His absence what Jesus would have done if He were physically present.

- COMFORTER
- STANDBY
- ADVOCATE
- INTERCESSOR
- TEACHER
- FRIEND
- GUIDE
- COUNSELOR
- STRENGTHENER
- LEADER
- HELPER
- PARTNER

- 4) The Promise of the Spirit’s coming assures us of the ministry of Jesus continuing.**

REMEMBER: The Holy Spirit could not have taken the place of the Person of Jesus and relate personally to the disciples unless He was a Living Person.

III. THE PERSONALITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. The Holy Spirit has the qualities (characteristics or attributes) of a Person.

1. He has a mind. **Romans 8:27**
2. He has a will. **I Corinthians 12:11**
3. He has emotions. **Romans 15:30**
4. He speaks. **Acts 13:2**
5. He bears witness and testifies. **John 14:26** (testifies); **Romans 8:16** (witness)
 - Testifieth - MARTUREO – To bear witness concerning a person or thing.
 - Witness – SUMMARTUREO – To witness with another, together.
6. He instructs. **Nehemiah 9:20**
7. He prays and makes intercession. **Romans 8:26**

B. The Holy Spirit has the feelings of a Person.

1. He can be grieved. **Ephesians 4:30**
2. He can be insulted (KJ – despite). **Hebrews 10:29**
 - Despite – ENUBRIZO – To speak profanely. To spitefully use with the intent to harm.
3. He can be lied to. **Acts 5:3**
4. He can be blasphemed. **Matthew 12:31-32**

- Blasphemed – BLASPHEMIA – Verbal abuse against someone’s reputation by evil reports, evil speaking. Unbelief, insult, hurt, defamation.
5. He can be resisted. **Acts 7:51**
 6. He can be vexed (irritate). **Isaiah 63:10**
 7. He can be quenched. **I Thessalonians 5:19** (The fire brings purity, enlightenment; it consumes) (quenched – the idea of dampening the flame of the Holy Spirit fire).

C. Word Definitions

Feelings

- Grieved – lupeo – to cause grief, offend.
- Despite – enubrizo – to speak impure, to spitefully use, treat with revenge and malice.
- Lied – pseudomai – to speak falsely or deceitfully.
- Blasphemed – blasphemia – verbal abuse against someone’s reputation by evil reports, evil speaking, unbelief.
- Resisted – antipto – to come against in a hostile manner, assault; resist by force or violence.

IV. BLASPHEMY AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Vexed – atsab (awtsab) – irritated, displeased, pain or anger.
- Quenched – sbennumi – figuratively to dampen, hinder, and repress as in preventing the Holy Spirit from exerting His full influence.
Idea of dampening the flame of the Holy Spirit fire.

A. Scripture text:

1. Matthew 12:30-32

Matthew 12:31 “Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men.”

2. **Matthew 12:22-32** – Religious leaders came to see/hear Him.
 - a. They opposed virtually everything He said and did.

- b. Attributed the work of the Holy Spirit to Satan.
- c. Rejected the work of the Holy Spirit in their own lives.
- d. They called good, evil and evil, good.

B. Blasphemy (BLASPHEMEO) means:

1. to speak evil of Him.
2. To rail and abuse Him.
3. To revile and speak profanely against Him.
4. To speak words that will insult and injure Him.
5. To slander and accuse Him falsely.

C. Commentary from the “Word Studies in the Greek New Testament” by Wuest.

Here in **Matthew** as well as **Mark 3:28**, it speaks of the action of the scribes who, knowing that our Lord was performing miracles in the power of the Holy Spirit, deliberately and knowingly attributed them to Satan, and did this in an attempt to break the attesting power of the miracles our Lord was performing.

D. The Father and the Son have decided that the Holy Spirit is so special and important that BLASPHEMY against the Person of the Holy Spirit HAS NO FORGIVENESS.

E. Blasphemy is INSULTING God and the work of the Holy Spirit willfully –

1. In **Matthew 12**, the Pharisees attributed the work of the Holy Spirit to the devil.
2. **Acts 16:16-18** The slave girl, Paul/Silas.

V. NAMES AND TITLES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

He is referred to in scripture 97 times as “the Holy Spirit,” and the following names and titles are given to Him. NOTE: Places in your Bible that refer to the Spirit of God. Same color pen or same symbol.

1. **The Spirit of God: Genesis 1:2, I Corinthians 3:16** - (Elohiym) – deity - (theos) - deity – exceeding God – Supreme.
2. **The Spirit of the Lord: Luke 4:18** - (Kurios) - koo-ree-os – supreme in authority - controller.
3. **The Spirit of the Living God: 2 Corinthians 3:3** - (zao) – life, to revive, to spend one’s life – (Theos) – self-existent, the One being, true God.
4. **The Spirit of Christ: Romans 8:9; I Peter 1:11** – (Christos) – Anointed.
5. **The Spirit of the Father: Matthew 10:16-20** – (pater) – Father – mentor or model in an ancestor form.
6. **The Holy Spirit of God: Ephesians 4:30** – God – (Theos) – self-existent, the one being true God.
7. **The Spirit of Jesus Christ: Philippians 1:19** – (Iesous) – translated from the Hebrew Yeshua. Jesus means savior. Christos – Anointed.
8. **The Eternal Spirit: Hebrews 9:14** – (aionios) – When it is referring to eternal life, it means the life which is God’s and hence it is not affected by the limitations of time. No beginning or end.
9. **The Spirit of Wisdom & Revelation: Ephesians 1:17** – (sophia) – divine wisdom, the ability to regulate one’s relationship with God. (apokalupsis) – uncovering – unveiling, the removal of ignorance and darkness by the communication of light and knowledge.
10. **The Spirit of Wisdom: Isaiah 11:2** – wisdom – (sophia) – refers to the deep things of God.
11. **The Spirit of Knowledge: Isaiah 11:2** – (daath) – from (yada) – knowing.
12. **The Spirit of Counsel and Might: Isaiah 11:2** – (etah) - to advise, purpose. (gbuwrah) – force, valor, victory.
13. **The *spirit* of Grace & Supplication (*likely reference to the HS*):** (Prayer) **Zechariah 12:10** – (chen) – kindness, favor, favoured – (tachanuwn) – earnest prayer, entreaty.
14. **The Spirit or *spirit* of Judgment: Isaiah 4:4** – (mishpat) – verdict – pronounce judgment.
15. **The Spirit or *spirit* of Burning: Isaiah 4:4** – (baar) – kindle, consume.
16. **The Breath *inspiration, soul, spirit* of the Almighty: Job 32:8, 33:4** – (nshamah) – spirit – (shadday) – powerful, the Almighty.

17. **The Power of the Highest: Luke 1:35** – (dunamis) – achieving power – (hupsistos) – the loftiest.
18. **The Spirit *or spirit* of Holiness: Romans 1:4** – (hagiosune) – it refers to the holiness of God pervading and molding the scheme of redemption and finally being made manifest in and by Christ. This does not refer to something that Christ achieved, but what Christ was in Himself, holy. In His flesh, the Lord Jesus did not achieve holiness, but manifested the holiness that was His forever.
19. **The “Comforter” (Paraklete) “Helper”: John 14:16, 26, John 15:26** – (parakletos) – see previous notes from outline II.
20. **The Spirit of Truth: John 15:26, 16:13** – (aletheia) – truth, the reality; the unveiled reality lying at the basis of and agreeing with an appearance. The Spirit of Truth means one who declares or reveals divine truth.
21. **The Spirit of Life: Romans 8:2** – (zoe) – is eternal life. Spirit life.
22. **The Spirit of Grace: Hebrews 10:29** – (charis) – which is the gift and earnest of divine favor. Specifically of the divine grace and favor as exercised in conferring gifts, graces, and benefits on man.
23. **The Unction & Anointing which teaches us: I John 2:20, 27** –
 Following quote is from the Preachers Outline Sermon Bible: “God gives an unction to the believer. The word “unction” (χρητισμα) means anointing. Note who it is that anoints us: the Holy One, that is, God Himself. What is the anointing, the unction that He gives? The Holy Spirit. This is exactly what Scripture declares: 2Cor. 1:21-22 see also: John 14:26”
24. **The Spirit of Glory: I Peter 4:14** – (doxa) – spoken of Christ – including the idea of His royal majesty.

These names and titles of the Holy Spirit not only reveal HIS DIVINITY (i.e., that He is God), but also clearly show His characteristics, His attributes, and His ministry in our lives today.

All that God is, and all that God can do, is brought to us by the Person of the Holy Spirit – the Christian’s comforter, teacher, and guide.

VI. SYMBOLS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. The scriptures picture the Person and work of the Holy Spirit using different symbols.

1. WATER John 7:38-39, Isaiah 44:3, John 4:14

The spirit symbolized as water speaks of the LIFE-GIVING flow which refreshes, renews, and satisfies. It also speaks of washing, cleansing, purifying and fruitfulness.

2. FIRE Matthew 3:11, *Isaiah 4:4 [spirit]*, Acts 2:1-3, 1:8, This symbolizes the Holiness of God and the work of the Holy Spirit burning out all the wood, hay, and stubble of sin and compromise from our lives.

3. WIND OR BREATH Acts 2:2, John 3:8, Job 32:8, 33:4, Genesis 2:7

This reveals the life-giving breath of God bringing NEW LIFE, REVIVAL, RENEWAL, and INSPIRATION. It speaks of the Holy Spirit who is invisible as a Person, yet the powerful effects of His work are evident.

4. ANOINTING Luke 4:18, Acts 10:38,

This speaks of the anointing abilities of the Holy Spirit who calls, equips, gifts, and enables believers to function in their ministry in the Church.

5. THE DOVE Matthew 3:16, Luke 3:22

a. The symbol of the dove speaks of the Holy Spirit's nature of purity, peace, beauty, and gentleness. Like a dove, the Holy Spirit is very sensitive and can be easily hurt.

b. Lev 12 – dove was a sacrifice, innocent, gentle. Jesus would be the sacrifice for sin.

**6. THE FINGER OF GOD Luke 11:20, Matthew 12:28,
(Spirit of God)**

This represents the power of the Holy Spirit to pinpoint, touch, and minister to the needs of people in the specific areas where they have problems. The finger of God in action expels demons, sets the captives free, and brings conviction of sin to the lost.

7. WINE Ephesians 5:18

- a. Wine was a disinfectant – **Luke 10:34.**
- b. Medicine – **I Timothy 5:23.**
- c. A Christian was not to drink wine if it caused his brother to stumble – **Romans 14:21.**
- d. The Bible gives more space to the danger than to the benefit of wine.

8. SEAL Ephesians 1:13, II Corinthians 1:21-22

- a. The purpose of a seal is to ratify and confirm, to give guarantee and assurance of certain claims.
- b. It speaks of God's stamp on us as His possession, His very own property.
- c. The scriptural seal of promise represents the security of the believer and the guarantee that God's promise of eternal life is real.

9. OIL I John 2:27 [anointing]

Anointing chrisma, Greek 5545, Strong's chrisma, *khris'-mah*; from Greek 5548 (*chrío*); an *unguent* or *smearing*, i.e. (figurative) the special *endowment* ("chrisma") of the Holy Spirit :- anointing, unction.

- a. In Bible times, oil was the chief source of illumination.
- b. It speaks of the indwelling zeal of the Holy Spirit to produce light through the vessel.
- c. Without the oil of the Spirit being plentiful in our lives, we will not be ready when the Bridegroom comes.

VII. KNOWING THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. As we learn of the Holy Spirit, we learn of God.

- 1. As previously indicated, the Holy Spirit is a **Comforter** who feels. **John 14:26**
- 2. He is a **Teacher** to listen to. **Luke 12:12, I Cor 2:10-14**
- 3. He is a Faithful **Guide** to follow. **Romans 8:14, John 16:13**
God has not left any of His children helpless, but has provided a guide who knows the way ahead and the right path for us to take.
- 4. The Holy Spirit has soulish qualities (i.e., mind, will, and emotions). **I Corinthians 12:11, Romans 8:27, Eph 4:30**
- 5. The Holy Spirit **speaks** to local churches. **Rev 2:29, 3:13**

In Revelation Chapters 2 and 3, Jesus keeps emphasizing to the churches, "LISTEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT."

- 6. The Holy Spirit makes us bold. **Acts 1:8, 4:7-13, 4:31**
- 7. The Holy Spirit **counsels, communes, and fellowships** with God's people. **2 Cor 13:14**
- 8. The Holy Spirit is the **giver of spiritual gifts** to the Church. **I Corinthians 12:7-11**
- 9. The Holy Spirit makes people the overseers of the Church. **Acts 20:28**

10. The Holy Spirit is the Christian's Comforter, **Companion**, and Helper. **John 14:16-17, 26, 15:26, 16:16:13-15**
11. The Holy Spirit is the **power of the Godhead** on the earth. **Acts 10:38**
12. The Holy Spirit is the great **teacher of the Church**. **John 14:26, I John 2:27**
13. The Holy Spirit is the author, inspirer, and **producer of the Bible**. Godly men anointed and directed by the Spirit wrote the scriptures. **2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:21**
14. The Holy Spirit **confirms the gospel** of Christ with miraculous signs following. **Mark 16:20, Hebrews 2:4**
15. The Holy Spirit is **Omnipotent** (All Powerful). **Luke 1:35**
16. The Holy Spirit is **Omniscient** (All Knowing). **I Cor 2:10-13**
17. The Holy Spirit is **Omnipresent** (Present everywhere at the same time). **Psalms 139:7-10**
18. The Holy Spirit is the great standard bearer who goes against the enemies of the Lord and His people. **Isaiah 59:19**
19. The Holy Spirit **convicts** men and women of sin, enabling them to see that they need a SAVIOR. It is the convicting power of the Spirit that touches and turns the hearts of people toward Jesus. **John 16:8, 9**
20. The Holy Spirit **attracts people to Jesus** and illuminates the reality of the gospel to their hearts. **John 15:26, Acts 26:18**
21. The Holy Spirit **produces spiritual growth** in our lives. **Galatians 5:22-25**

22. The Holy Spirit will help you to know God, to know Jesus, to know the Word of God, and to know the things of God. You cannot understand the Word of God apart from the ministry of the Holy Spirit. **I Corinthians 2:9-14**
23. The Holy Spirit is here to aid the work of God and **spread the gospel** of Christ in the earth. **Acts 4:33, 11:21, 14:3**
24. The Holy Spirit directs and communicates the will of God. **Acts 15:28**
25. His special ministry is to **exalt and glorify Jesus**. He forever points us toward Jesus. **John 15:26, 16:14,15**
26. The Holy Spirit is **the Christian's helper**.
 - a. The Holy Spirit will help you to **"KNOW"**. **I Cor 2:9-13**
He will manifest revelation knowledge to you.
 - b. The Holy Spirit will help you to **"ASK"**. **Romans 8:26-27**
He will supernaturally assist your prayer life.
 - c. The Holy Spirit will empower and help you **"TO DO"**.
John 14:12 He will help you demonstrate the works of Jesus.

VIII. THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. Nine Points of the Ministry of the Holy Spirit

1. The work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the unsaved. **John 16:7-11, 14**
Convicts of:
 - a. Sin – because they don't believe in Me.
 - b. Righteousness – because I go to My Father.
 - c. Judgment – because the ruler of this world is judged.
2. Regeneration is the work of the Holy Spirit. **Titus 3:5, John 3:3-5** Regeneration – again + new = renovation, restoration, transformation; a change of both heart and life. Stresses the work of the Holy Spirit in transforming the life. (Repent – change of mind and action. **Acts 2**)

3. The Holy Spirit dwells within every believer. **I Cor 6:19, Romans 8:9**

4. As previously mentioned: the Holy Spirit seals the believer. **Ephesians 1:13-14, 4:30** A seal is an insignia of possession – security. Therefore, the believer is possessed by the Holy Spirit.

5. The Spirit infills the believer. **Ephesians 5:18** (explained in later study of the Holy Spirit) **Acts 2:4**

6. As previously mentioned: Believers are guided by the Holy Spirit. **Rom 8:14, Gal 5:16** “walk” – progressively putting to death independent decisions. Our walk in the Spirit should demonstrate our reliance on the Holy Spirit and not our own decision making.

7. Be reminded that the Holy Spirit empowers the believer. **Acts 1:8**

8. Remember that the Holy Spirit is The Spirit of Truth and will guide us into all truth.

John 16:13 “However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on his own authority, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.”

 - a. Notice: “HE” – the Holy Spirit is THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, not error.
 - b. Error starts with a seed within our heart.

James 1:14-16 Tempted when:

 - 1) Drawn away by his own desires and enticed.
 - 2) Desire gives birth to sin.
 - 3) Sin when full grown brings forth death.
 - 4) Do not be deceived.

9. The Holy Spirit is placed within you, will come upon you, and will manifest Himself through you, to meet the needs of people. We need to walk in the discernment and under the

anointing of the Holy Spirit every day! **Micah 3:8** “But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord.”

IX. THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF JESUS

A. In every aspect of His life and ministry, the Lord Jesus Christ constantly depended upon the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, how much more should the believer today rely upon and continually look to the Holy Spirit for strength, wisdom, power, guidance, and victory. (Jesus was without sin. He depended 100% on the Holy Spirit.)

1. Jesus was born of the Spirit. **Matthew 1:18-20**
2. He was filled with the fullness of the Spirit. **John 3:34**
3. He was led by the Spirit. **Luke 4:1**
4. He was empowered by the Spirit. **Luke 4:14**
5. He was anointed by the Spirit. **Luke 4:18, Acts 10:38**
6. He preached and taught God’s Word by the Spirit. **Luke 4:18**
7. He healed the sick by the Spirit. **Acts 10:38**
8. He cast out demons by the power of the Spirit. **Matthew 12:28**
9. He went to the Cross and was offered up on Calvary through the Spirit. **Hebrews 9:14**
10. He was resurrected by the Spirit. **Romans 8:11**
11. He gave commandments to His disciples by the Spirit. **Acts 1:2**
12. He baptized & endued the Church with power by the Spirit. **Acts 1:5, 8**
13. He continues His ministry and mission on earth today by the Spirit. **John 14:16**
14. He governs and directs the affairs of the Church by the Spirit. **Revelation 2:7, 11**

X. THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE CHURCH

A. The Holy Spirit *gave birth to the Church* on the day of Pentecost and began building the Church that Jesus said He would build. **Matthew 16:18-19, Acts 2:1-4, 17-18**

Matthew 16:18-19 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gate of hell shall not prevail against it. 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Acts 2:1-4 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:17-18 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. 2:18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

B. The Lord Jesus Christ is the head of the Church, and through the Holy Spirit He *directs, governs, and guides the affairs of His Church.* Acts 20:28

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

C. The Holy Spirit *calls, equips, and energizes the various ministries in the Church and every member of the body of Christ, according to their particular place and function.* Ephesians 4:11-12, Romans 12:3-8

Romans 12:3-8 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. 12:4 For as we have many members

in one body, and all members have not the same office. 12:5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. 12:6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith. 12:7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching; 12:8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation; he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness.

Ephesians 4:11-12 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

D. The Holy Spirit *brings anointing and power, and He imparts spiritual gifts to members of the Church.* Romans 12:6-8, I Corinthians 12:4-11

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I Corinthians 12:4-11 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 12:5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. 12:6 And there are diversities of operations, but is the same God which worketh all in all. 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 12:8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 12:9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 12:10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues; 12:11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

E. The New Testament COMMANDS us to...

Note: This would be a good place to define the word “spirit”. In the Greek, the word “spirit” is used for the human spirit and the Spirit of God and a spirit creature IE angel, demon. pneuma, Greek 4151, Strong’s pneuma, *pn̄oo'-mah*; from Greek 4154 (pneo); a *current of air*, i.e. *breath (blast)* or a *breeze*; by analogy or figurative a *spirit*, i.e. (human) the rational *soul*, (by implication) *vital principle*, mental *disposition*, etc., or (superhuman) an *angel*, *dæmon*, or (divine) *God*, Christ's *spirit*, the *Holy Spirit* :- ghost, life, spirit (-ual, -ually), mind. Compare Greek 5590 (psuche).

The human spirit: Acts 7:59

The Holy Spirit: Matthew 4:1

Demon spirit: Luke 8:29

We must depend upon the translators of the Word of God to accurately define for us whether the Holy Spirit or human spirit is best interpreted to fit the context of the verse. Many times a footnote will be used if the word is in question.

1. WALK in the Spirit. **Galatians 5:16**
2. BE FILLED with the Spirit. **Ephesians 5:18**
3. LIVE in the Spirit – ZAO. **Galatians 5:25**
4. BE LED and guided by the Spirit. **Romans 8:14** (AGO – to lead, induce, entice, guide)
5. PRAY in the Spirit. **Jude 20**
6. Operate in the GIFTS of the Spirit. **I Corinthians 12:1, I Corinthians 12:31**

7. Manifest the FRUIT of the Spirit. **Galatians 5:22-23**
8. Living or Walking in the Spirit. **Galatians 5:16,**
9. Empowered by the Holy Spirit to be Witnesses. **Acts 1:8**

F. The COMMUNION of the Holy Spirit. What does this mean?

1. If Jesus needed the Holy Spirit, HOW MUCH MORE do we need the Holy Spirit in our lives today? We need to allow Him to take charge of our lives, and we need to become

acquainted with Him. We need to study and meditate on the relevance and importance of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

2. **II Corinthians 13:14** (Amplified Version) “The grace (favor and spiritual blessing) of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the presence of fellowship (the communion and sharing together, and participation) in the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

II Corinthians 13:14 (KJV) “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.”

3. Six meanings of this word “COMMUNION”:

- a. It means **PRESENCE** – we are to experience and carry the presence of God upon our lives.
- b. It means **FELLOWSHIP** – this means spending time together. “Come Holy Spirit, walk with me. Go with me. Talk to me. What do you think about this?”
- c. It means **SHARING TOGETHER** – talking things over.
- d. It means **INTIMACY** – getting close to God. **James 4:8**
- e. It means **FRIENDSHIP** – He is your loyal friend, sticking closer than a brother.
- f. It means **COMRADESHIP** – (governor, commander, captain, ruler) in the sense that He rules, directs, and governs your life.

XI. THE INDWELLING SPIRIT

A. Man – a three part whole.

I Thess 5:23-24 “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole **spirit, soul, and body** be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.”

1. **pneuma:** phyoo-mah – spirit. The spirit is man’s immaterial nature, which enables him to communicate with God, who is Spirit. This is man’s human spirit, which is not the Holy Spirit. The human spirit is made alive to God when man receives Christ as his savior.
2. **psuche:** psyoo-kay – soul. The soul is that immaterial part of man held in common with animals. It is the seat or control center of the senses, desires, affections, appetites, and passions.
3. **Soma:** so-man – body. The body is the material body of a human and is different from “Sarx” which is flesh.

Gen 2:7 “And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”

B. Cultivating a relationship.

1. We must cultivate a relationship with Him where you walk, talk, and fellowship with Him, and where He is allowed to guide, teach, help, and strengthen us. Then our lives will change.

Zechariah 4:6 “Not by might nor by power, but by MY SPIRIT, says the Lord.”

2. Being Filled: Key verse: **Ephesians 5:18** “Do not get drunk on wine which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.”

- a. Debauchery – ASTIA, unsavedness. Having no hope of safety. Extravagant squandering. Lack of self-restraint, lust, pleasure.
- b. Filled – PLEROO. To fill – make full. To fill a vessel or hollow place. We need to ask the Holy Spirit to fill us afresh every day, perhaps many times a day.

C. **NINE TRUTHS ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT**

1. You can't love God or walk in love without the Holy Spirit helping you. Love – AGAPE – describes the unconditional love God has for the world. Agape love is God's loving the world through us. This can only be done by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 5:5 “Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God as been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”

2. You can't obey God without the Holy Spirit helping you.

I Peter 1:22 “Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart.”

3. You can't worship God without the Holy Spirit helping you.

Philippians 3:3 “For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.”

John 4:24 “God is a Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Invite the Holy Spirit into your worship, THEN your worship will be acceptable.

4. You can't pray effectively without the Holy Spirit helping you.

Romans 8:26 "Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us."

Jude 20 "But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit."

5. You can't preach God's Word without the Holy Spirit anointing you.

I Peter 1:12 "To them it was revealed that not to themselves but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven – things which angels desire to look into."

6. You can't witness for Jesus Christ and reach the lost without the Holy Spirit helping you.

Acts 1:8 "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."

7. You can't cast out demons without the Holy Spirit anointing you.

Matthew 12:28 "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you."

8. You can't have joy without the Holy Spirit working within you.

Romans 14:17 "For the kingdom of God is not food and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

Galatians 5:22 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”

9. You can't have victory over the flesh without the strength and help of the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 5:16 “I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”

D. THE SIX-FOLD MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THE BELIEVER

NOTE: Much of the following material has been already covered

1. The Holy Spirit **EQUIPS** us with power and boldness to be dynamic soul winners. **Acts 1:8**
2. The Holy Spirit **EDIFIES** our inward man with spiritual strength as we pray in tongues. **Jude 20**
3. The Holy Spirit **ENLIGHTENS** our spirit with wisdom, guidance, and revelation knowledge. **Rom 8:14, I John 2:27**
4. The Holy Spirit **ENABLES** us to pray supernatural prayers according to the will of God. **Romans 8:26-27**
5. The Holy Spirit **ENPOWERS** us with Divine ability to flow in spiritual gifts. **I Corinthians 12:1-11**
6. The Holy Spirit **ENDORSES** the teaching and preaching of God's Word with miraculous signs following. **Mark 16:20**

XII. THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

(I ask each teacher of the following material to share with our students prior to this teaching that this material is widely debated among

evangelical Christians. There are many strong Christians on both sides of the issue as to whether the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is meant for this day and age in which we live. Our school program is open to both Pentecostal and Non-Pentecostal students. It is not our desire to offend any student who does not accept this teaching as relevant for today. **The following presentation is bias toward its relevancy today.** However, no one should be thought less spiritual or less a Christian if they do not hold to this view. **A different view of this subject is presented in our class on 1 & 2 Corinthians (see 1 Cor. 12).** Our major concern should always be centered on our common belief that Jesus is the Christ, the only begotten Son of God, and our redeemer. The acceptance of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit teaching as presented here should be determined between each individual and the Lord Jesus.)

A. Key Verse:

Acts 2:4 “And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them *utterance*.”

B. Key Truth:

Salvation is God’s gift to the world, to sinners. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is God’s gift to His children, believers in Christ.

C. Prophetic Scripture

Joel 2:28-29, Acts 2:17-19, Zechariah 10:1
Prophecy that in the last days...

Joel 2:28-29 “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: 2:29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaidens in those days will I pour out my spirit.”

Zechariah 10:1 “Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to everyone grass in the field.”

Zech. 10:1 probably contains a veiled polemic against Baal and Baalism, as do **Jeremiah 14:22** and **Amos 5:8** (see further Barker, "Value of Ugaritic," pp. 120-23). Yahweh, not Baal, is the one who controls the weather and the rain, giving life and fertility to the land. Therefore the people of God are to pray to him and trust in him. Some scholars regard the spring rains as literal; others understand them as spiritual and typical. Perhaps both are in view, the literal rains being also typical of spiritual refreshment. Certainly in the grand consummation of the Messianic Era, both the physical and spiritual realms will flourish (cf. **Isa 55:10-12**; **Hos 6:3**; **Joel 2:21-32**).

Acts 2:17-19 “And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. 2:18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit, and they shall prophesy, 2:19 And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, vapour of smoke.”

1. The anointing of God will greatly increase.
2. The Spirit of God will be poured out upon all flesh (all nations, all people, all denominations).
3. The gifts of the Spirit will be in greater manifestation.
4. These will be the days when the people of God will receive visions and spiritual dreams – increased manifestations.
5. Signs, Wonders, and Miracles will increase.
6. These will be the days of “Greater Works” ministry.

D. THE PURPOSE OF THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT IS POWER

1. The purpose of receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit is to receive God’s supernatural power in our lives. **Acts 1:8**

Power to:

- a. Power to live an overcoming life.
- b. Power to witness for Jesus.
- c. Power to fulfill the Great Commission.
- d. Power to heal the sick and cast out demons.

2. FIVE SCRIPTURES ON POWER

I Corinthians 4:20 “For the kingdom of God is not in work, but in power.”

“**KINGDOM OF GOD**”: God’s present reign in Christ through the lives of believers is backed up by the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit which carries a moral authority that Paul can use if necessary.

Faith believes and focuses on proclaiming God’s Word without reservation. We must recognize that kingdom ministry involves signs, wonders, and miracles that demonstrate the power of God.

Ephesians 3:20 “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.”

I Corinthians 2:4-5 “And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.”

Paul didn’t preach to show off his oratorical skills and draw attention to himself; rather, he spoke with “fear and trembling.” A figure of speech denoting the opposite of self-confidence.

“Demonstration of the Spirit and of power” not only refer to the fact the miraculous accompanied Paul’s preaching (**II Cor 12:12**) but also to the Holy Spirit’s transforming power in the individual

lives of the Corinthians at the time of their conversion. It was just not an intellectual encounter; they encountered the Spirit Himself.

John 14:12 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.”

Because Jesus was crucified his earthly ministry was limited to a few years. After the resurrection and Pentecost, the spirit-empowered believer now continues Christ’s ministry. Our Works: Preaching the gospel resulting in justification, reconciliation, and the Holy Spirit coming to individuals.

The keyword in John’s gospel is “BELIEVE” faith unlocks our understanding of scripture and releases the Spirit’s activity in our lives. Faith, like love, evidences itself in obedience. Faith approaches God boldly to receive from Him the things it needs.

Acts 1:8 “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.**”

Acts 1:8 (Amp) “But You shall receive power – ability, efficiency, and might – when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the **ends – the very bounds – of the earth.**”

3. GREEK DEFINITIONS

a. Definition: POWER means... - DUNAMIS

- (I) power in action in performing miracles, achieving power.
- (II) Divine ability; mighty works; miracle-energy; supernatural force.
- (III) The Greek word is “dunamis”; the English word “dynamite” is derived from it.

b. Definition: WITNESS means... - MARTUS

- (I) to give or be evidence; one who furnishes proof
- (II) one who demonstrates, substantiates, or verifies his testimony with an exhibition of evidence.

E. SIX POINTS ABOUT THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a supernatural equipping with power from Heaven to empower the Christian for effective witness and service.
2. It is evidenced by the believer speaking in a language given by the Holy Spirit and is unknown to the one speaking.
3. The baptism in the Holy Spirit enables the Christian to build up his own spiritual life by direct communication with God, and is the doorway to the nine supernatural gifts of the Spirit.
4. In the New Testament Church, the experience of the baptism in the Holy Spirit was NORMAL for all believers IN CHRIST.

Luke 24:49 "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

Acts 1:8 "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."

5. The baptism in the Holy Spirit will give you the ENDUEMENT of power to do the work of Jesus on the earth.

John 14:12; Matthew 11:4-5, Luke 4:18

6. The baptism in the Holy Spirit will give you the anointing, and the spiritual provision to move in the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

F. FOUR REASONS WHY GOD WANTS YOU TO FLOW IN HIS POWER

1. To show forth His great love and compassion in meeting the needs of suffering humanity – the sick, the lost, the possessed, the oppressed, the afflicted, and the hopeless.
2. To evangelize the world and reach the unreached.
3. To destroy the works of the devil and set people free from bondage and demonic forces.
4. To supernaturally build up, strengthen, and edify the Church.

G. KEY STATEMENTS ABOUT THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is **usually** a separate and subsequent experience following salvation. **Acts 8:12-17**
2. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a free gift available for every Christian and is received by faith. **Luke 11:13, Acts 2:38-39**
3. The Lord Jesus Christ is the baptizer in the Holy Spirit. **Matthew 3:11**
4. **Receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit is accompanied by the believer speaking in tongues. Acts 10:44-46, Acts 19:6**

Acts 2:4 “And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

H. THE NEW TESTAMENT RECORD CLEARLY SHOWS THAT BEING BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT AND SPEAKING WITH TONGUES ARE CONNECTED TOGETHER.

1. On the day of Pentecost, 120 believers were filled with the Spirit and spoke with tongues.

Acts 2:4 “And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

Notice: They received the Holy Spirit and they spoke with tongues.

2. Eight years after Pentecost, the new converts in Samaria received the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues. **Acts 8:12-19**

The believers at Samaria received the baptism in the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands. Although “tongues” is not mentioned, we know that Simon “saw” supernatural evidence that the new converts had received the Holy Spirit.

3. At Damascus, three days after being born again, Paul received the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues. **Acts 9:17-18**

Paul received the baptism in the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands, and although tongues is not mentioned, we know clearly from scripture that he did speak in tongues. **I Corinthians 14:18**

4. Ten years after Pentecost, Cornelius and the gentiles received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues. **Acts 10:44-46**

Cornelius and his household received the Holy Spirit by hearing the preaching of the Word of God.

5. Twenty years after Pentecost, the believers at Ephesus received the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues. **Acts 19:1-6**

These disciples at Ephesus received the baptism in the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands, spoke in tongues, and prophesied.

Key Truth: Receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit always carries with it the evidence of speaking in tongues.

I. SIX BENEFITS OF SPEAKING IN TONGUES

1. Speaking in tongues is a supernatural means of direct communication with God. **I Corinthians 14:2**
2. Speaking in tongues enables us to intercede effectively for ourselves and for others, according to the will of God. **Romans 8:26-27**

Life Application Bible Notes on Romans 8:26-27

In the same way that our “hope” gives us fortitude, the **Holy Spirit helps us in our distress**. At times, our weakness is so intense that **we don’t even know what we should pray for, nor how we should pray**. At those times, the Spirit voices our requests for us. He intercedes by appealing to the only one who can help us, God himself. We may not know the right words to say, but the Holy Spirit does. His **groanings** to God become effective intercession on our behalf.

The companionship of the Spirit in prayer is one of the themes of this chapter. Here, the Spirit literally “joins in to help” us, expressing for us what we can’t fully express for ourselves. How should we pray?

- Utilize all the forms prayer takes: adoration, confession, petition, thanksgiving, and meditation. As we pray, we should trust the Spirit to make perfect what is imperfect.
- Listen during prayer. We should ask the Spirit to search our hearts and minds, and then we should be silent.
- Practice prayer as a habit.
- Combine prayer with other regular spiritual disciplines (see Philippians 4:4-8).
- Confess sins that the Spirit points out.

8:27 The Father **knows all hearts** and he **knows what the Spirit is saying** (see 8:26). God can look deep, past our inarticulate groanings, to understand the need we face, our

hidden feelings. Even when we don't know the right words to pray, the Holy Spirit prays with and for us, always **in harmony with God's own will**. With God helping us pray, we don't need to be afraid to come before him.

8:28 Because the Spirit's efforts on our behalf are carried out in full agreement with God's will, everything that happens to us in this life is directed toward that goal. What happens may not itself be "good," but God will cause **everything to work together for the ultimate good** of his children, to meet his ultimate **purpose** for their maturity. The point is, God works all things for good, not "all things work out." Suffering will still bring pain, loss, and sorrow, and sin will bring shame. But under God's control, the eventual outcome will be for our good.

God works behind the scenes, ensuring that even in the middle of mistakes and tragedies, good will result for those who love him. At times this will happen quickly, often enough to help us trust the principle. But there will also be events whose results for good we will not know until eternity. Our ultimate destiny is to be like Christ. God's design is more than just an invitation; God summons us with a purpose in mind: we are to be like Christ and share his glory.

3. Speaking in tongues gives us the ability to worship the Lord.
John 4:24
4. Speaking in tongues is a supernatural means of edifying and building up ourselves spiritually. It keeps our spirit strong in God. **I Corinthians 14:4, Jude 20**
5. Speaking in tongues brings about spiritual refreshing, renewal, and rest for the weary. **Isaiah 28:11-12**
6. Speaking in tongues causes the gifts, power, and anointing of God to be released in your life. **John 7:38, I Corinthians 12:1-11**

Acts 19:6 "And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them and they spoke with tongues and prophesied."

- a. Notice there is a divine connection between speaking in tongues and operating in the gifts of the Spirit.
- b. Speaking in tongues is the gateway to all of the nine supernatural gifts of the Spirit.
- c. Speaking in tongues **UNLOCKS** and **UNLEASHES** the rivers of supernatural power in the life of the believer.
 - 1) Supernatural Communication with God
 - 2) Divine means of Spiritual Edification

- 3) Helps us to Overcome the Flesh
- 4) Gives us Spiritual Refreshing
- 5) Enables us to Pray God's Will
- 6) Releases Unlimited Flow of Worship to God
- 7) Opens the Door to Gifts of the Spirit

J. THREE LEVELS OF TONGUES

1. Initial Bible evidence of receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Acts 2:4
2. Prayer language – speaking in tongues for spiritual edification and talking in tongues directly to God. This is your prayer language for private devotion. **I Corinthians 14:2-4**
3. Congregational gifts of tongues – speaking a message in tongues, plus the interpretation in the local language for a public assembly to edify the church. **I Corinthians 14:26-27**

Acts 19:6 “And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.”

K. THE FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. There is a second experience following salvation, freely available as God's gift to His children, called the baptism in the Holy Spirit. **Matthew 7:11, Luke 11:13, Acts 2:38-39**
Note: This experience can happen simultaneously with salvation, even before water baptism: Acts 10:44-48.
2. The word “baptized” means...
 - Being immersed being clothed with, being filled up to overflowing, being fully covered with.
 - Being overwhelmed by, to be dipped in or dipped under.
3. **Ephesians 5:18** “Be filled with the Spirit.”

- a. This means to be filled (PLEROO) so full that there is no empty place in the vessel. It also means to be continually filled and controlled by the Holy Spirit.
- b. Since the day of Pentecost, God has been pouring out His Holy Spirit upon all flesh. **Acts 2:16-18, 32-33**
- c. The promise of the baptism in the Holy Spirit is for every born-again Christian.

Acts 2:38-39 “Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.’”

L. RESULTS OF THE FULLNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES INCLUDE:

- 1. We are supernaturally empowered to witness for Jesus. **Acts 1:8**
- 2. The presence of our God seems much nearer to us. **John 16:13-14, I Corinthians 2:12-13**
- 3. We are anointed with the “Divine Ability” to do the works of Jesus. **John 14:12, Luke 4:18**
- 4. Our prayer lives take on a new and deeper dimension. **Romans 8:26-27**
- 5. We are equipped to flow in the supernatural gifts of the Spirit to tear down the kingdom of satan and build the kingdom of God. **Mark 16:17-20**

M. HOW BELIEVERS RECEIVED IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

- 1. The 120 disciples received on the day of Pentecost. **Acts 2:1-4**

Notice: The disciples did the speaking in tongues; the Holy Spirit gave the utterance.

- 2. The new converts at Samaria received through Peter and John laying hands on them. **Acts 8:5-8, 12-17**

3. Cornelius and the gentiles received the baptism in the Holy Spirit through Peter speaking the Word. **Acts 10:44-46**
4. Paul laid hands on the Ephesian Christians and they received. **Acts 19:6**

Speaking in tongues is you praying and talking to God in the prayer language of the Spirit – you are talking from your spirit to God, who is a Spirit. It is spirit to Spirit communication.

N. JESUS IS THE BAPTIZER IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Jesus Christ is the Baptizer in the Holy Spirit. **Matthew 3:11, Mark 1:8, Luke 3:16, John 1:33**

Come to Jesus with childlike faith, and ask Him to baptize you in the Holy Spirit.

2. Following salvation, God's gift for all believers is the baptism in the Holy Spirit. **Luke 11:13, John 7:37-39, Acts 2:38-39**
 - Salvation is God's gift to the sinner, which involves being born of the Spirit. **John 3:3-5**
 - The Holy Spirit is God's gift to His children and involves being baptized in the Spirit. **Acts 1:5**
3. When we receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, we will receive the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues.

Acts 2:4 “And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

- a. Notice carefully: All believers were filled with the Holy Spirit and all believers spoke in other tongues.
- b. Speaking in tongues is you speaking out a language which you do not know. It is our spirit speaking in direct communication with God, bypassing the natural, carnal mind.

John 7:38 “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”

- c. Living water is the river of God flowing up out of your spirit.
- d. “Living water” is when the Holy Spirit wells up in us, rises up in us, comes onto our tongue, and gives us a language which we must speak out in faith.
- e. We must exercise speaking in tongues regularly! **I Corinthians 14:2, 4**

O. HOW TO MINISTER THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

These are guidelines in helping people to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit!

1. Make sure they are born again by receiving Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.
2. Pray in faith believing to receive what God has for you.
3. Receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit by asking Jesus to baptize you in the Holy Spirit like He did the disciples on the day of Pentecost.
4. Have believers who are filled with the Holy Spirit lay hands on those who wish to receive, and the power of the Holy Spirit will come upon them.
5. Encourage them to begin praising God in their natural language, and shortly thereafter begin to speak in sounds, syllables, and words that are not known to them.
 - a. It’s your voice, your mouth; you speak out the words and the sounds – you give voice to the utterance of the Holy Spirit. Let it pour out of you like rivers of living water. Be bold and fluent.

- b. Be reminded that the tongue is the most unruly member of our body thus we must yield it to the Holy Spirit.
- c. You must speak the syllables, the sounds from your spirit by faith.
- d. We must cooperate with the Holy Spirit.
- e. Encourage them not to stop speaking in tongues, but to continue to speak in tongues FREELY and fluently.

XIII. THE GIFTS

A. AN OVERVIEW OF THE THREE DIFFERENT SETS OF GIFTS: THE FATHER, THE SON, THE SPIRIT

1. **ROMANS 12:3-8, EPH 4:7-11, I COR 12:7-11**
2. **MOTIVATIONAL – OFFICE – MANIFESTATION**

B. THE FATHER

1. Romans 12:3-8

Rom 12:3-8 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according **as God hath dealt to every man** the measure of faith. 12:4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office; 12:5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. 12:6 **Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us**, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; 12:7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching; 12:8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation; he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness.

2. Gifts given by the Father – Verse 3 (God – THEOS – denotes “THE FATHER”)
3. More than one gift may function through you – Vs 6
4. Purpose: To draw the body together - Vs 5
5. Gifts – Vs 6 – CHARISMA, technical term is “GIFTS OF GRACE.” Grace is unmerited favor thus the gifts are not earned, but rather given by God for the building up of the body of Christ on earth.

- CHARISMA is the instantaneous enablement of the Holy Spirit in the life of any believer to exercise a gift for the edification of others.

C. THE SON

1. Ephesians 4:7-16

Eph 4:7-16 But unto every one of us is given **grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ**. 4:8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and **gave gifts unto men**. 4:9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? 4:10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things. 4:11 **And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;** 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; 4:13 Til we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ; 4:16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

2. Given by the Son – Vs 11
3. Gifts – DOMA/DOREA – these gifts are to equip individuals as apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers vs. 11
4. Office gifts: Vs. 11 Purpose – Vs. 12: For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, and for the edifying (building up) of the body of Christ (the church).

D. THE SPIRIT

1. I Corinthians 12:7-11, 28

I Cor 12:7-11 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 12:8 For to one is **given by the Spirit** the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 12:9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 12:10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues; 12:11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

I Cor 12:28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that, miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

2. **Spiritual gifts – PNEUMATIKA CHARISMA** “Gifts are given by the Spirit” Vs 7, 11
3. Purpose: Vs 7 – “Profit All” – SUMPHERO, To bring together, to benefit, to be advantageous. **The manifestation of the gifts is for the benefit of everyone.**

E. SUPERNATURAL EQUIPMENT

1. Key Verse:

Hebrews 2:4 “God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will.”

2. Key truth:

The ministry of Jesus and the early church was full of signs and wonders. Since the day of Pentecost, God has been pouring out His Holy Spirit upon all flesh, and in these last days it is God’s will for every believer to receive and experience the baptism, anointing, and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

F. THE GIFTS OF THE FATHER MOTIVATIONAL (7 GIFTS) **Romans 12:3-8**

- a. Prophecy
- b. Giving
- c. Ministry

- d. Leadership
- e. Teaching
- f. Mercy
- g. Exhortation

I Cor 12:7 “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.” In other words, the gifts are given for the betterment of everyone.

G. THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT (9 gifts – 3 categories)

Paul lists in I Corinthians 12, nine gifts or manifestations of the Spirit. These are the supernatural tools or equipment for Christian service which God has set in the church. Any Spirit-filled Christian can manifest any of these gifts as the Spirit directs.

1. **UTTERANCE – SAY SOMETHING.** These are the vehicles God uses to supernaturally build up, strengthen and encourage His church.
 - a. Prophecy
 - b. Divers kinds of tongues
 - c. Interpretation of tongues

2. **POWER – DO SOMETHING.** These are the vehicles God uses to channel His supernatural power through His church to destroy the works of the devil.
 - a. The gifts of faith
 - b. Working of miracles
 - c. Gifts of healing

3. **REVELATION – REVEAL SOMETHING.** These are the vehicles God uses to supernaturally reveal to His church, and His people, certain things they could not know about **in their natural strength.**
 - a. Word of wisdom
 - b. Word of knowledge

- c. Discerning of spirits

H. THE GIFTS ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL BELIEVERS

1. **SCRIPTURE - I Cor 12:8-11** For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 12:9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 12:10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues; 12:11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.
2. Notice carefully that these divine supernatural gifts of the Spirit are given for EVERY believer, not just the Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher – but they are for every Christian today.
3. “MANIFESTATION” means...A SHOWING FORTH - God wants to SHOW FORTH HIS GIFTS, His presence, through us so everybody can profit. The Holy Spirit is the giver of the gifts.

I. AN OUTLINE OF THE NINE GIFTS

1. A Word of Wisdom
 - a. It has nothing to do with being wise or the soulish power of man.
 - b. It is not natural wisdom – it has nothing to do with human academic ability. It is a divinely given supernatural understanding often used in a problem solving situation.
 - c. **DEFINITION:** A Word of Wisdom reveals from the mind of God a supernatural understanding concerning people, places, or things which most often pertains to the future or a specific situation. Through these supernatural gifts, God lets us know how He wants us to deal with a specific situation as it arises.

d. BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF A WORD OF WISDOM

- 1) God revealed to Noah the coming of the flood. **Genesis 6:12-13**
- 2) God revealed to Isaiah the crucifixion of Jesus. **Isaiah 53**
- 3) Joel prophesied that in the last days the Holy Spirit would be poured out upon all flesh. **Joel 2:28**
- 4) Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dream. **Genesis 41:14-40**
- 5) God gave Abraham a word of wisdom that He would make of him a great nation and bless him. **Gen 12:2-3**
- 6) The prophet Agabus received and prophesied a word of wisdom concerning Paul being arrested and bound in prison in Jerusalem. **Acts 21:10-11**
- 7) Jesus had a word of wisdom that Peter would deny Him 3 times. **Matthew 26:34**

2. A Word of Knowledge

- a. It is knowledge that surpasses the senses of man. Supernatural revelation of the divine will and plan. It is not natural knowledge that comes through study, reading, observation, or experience. It is not intellectual ability or education. This supernatural gift always relates to situations in the present or past, but NEVER in the future.
- b. DEFINITION: A Word of Knowledge is a revelation by the Holy Spirit giving a piece of God's knowledge or information concerning people and situations in the present. It is God's diagnosis of a problem, a sickness, or any other situation in the present, which is humanly impossible to know about.
- c. **BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF A WORD OF KNOWLEDGE**
 - 1) Joshua received a word of knowledge why the city of Ai was not taken. **Joshua 7:10-13**

- 2) Elijah was discouraged until God gave him a word of knowledge that there were 7,000 people of God who had not bowed their knees to Baal. **I Kings 19:18**
- 3) Elisha knew by miraculous revelation the location of the Syrian camp, thereby saving Israel from being attacked. **2 Kings 6:8-23**
- 4) Jesus knew by a word of knowledge the thoughts and motives of the Scribes and Pharisees. **Matthew 9:2-6, Matthew 12:24-25**
- 5) Jesus knew by miraculous revelation about the coin in the fish's mouth. **Matthew 17:27**
- 6) When Jesus met the Samaritan woman at the well, He supernaturally revealed her whole life to her. **Jn 4:7-19**
- 7) Peter, by the word of knowledge, exposed the lies of Ananias and Sapphira. **Acts 5:1-4**
- 8) John, on the Isle of Patmos, received words of knowledge about the condition and problems in the 7 churches in Asia. John, in the natural, had no way of knowing these facts. **Revelation 2 and 3**
- 9) A word of knowledge was given to Nathan revealing David's sin with Bathsheba. **2 Samuel 12:1-15**

3. Discerning of Spirits

- a. It is not the gift of suspicion or speculation. The supernatural gift of discerning of spirits has nothing to do with being suspicious, critical, or judging people. It is not the gift of faultfinding. It is not the gift of discernment. It is not the discerning of character. It is the supernatural power to detect the realm of the spirits and their activities.
- b. DEFINITION: The Discerning of Spirits is the supernatural ability to sense or see into the spirit world – by this insight the believer can see into the activities of angels and spirits.
THE GIFT OF DISCERNINGS OF SPIRITS –
 I Corinthians 12:10 – is the supernatural ability which enables us to recognize and distinguish between spirits that are operating, whether the source is human flesh, demonic, or Divine.

The word DISCERN means...to recognize and distinguish between, to perceive, to unveil, to uncover, to identify. Remember: Jesus has given us power over all devils. **Luke 10:19, Mark 16:17**

c. BIBILICAL EXAMPLES OF DISCERNINGS OF SPIRITS

- 1) Peter supernaturally discerned the evil in the heart of Simon the Sorcerer. **Acts 8:18-23**
- 2) Peter, through the discerning of spirits, exposed and identified the work of Satan in the hearts of Ananias and Sapphira. **Acts 5:1-10**
- 3) Paul “saw” and revealed the evil of Elymas. **Acts 13:9-12**
- 4) Jesus discerned a satanic spirit speaking through Peter. **Matthew 16:22-23**
- 5) Jesus exposed and cast out the spirit of infirmity that Satan had bound the crippled woman with for 18 years. **Luke 13:11-16**
- 6) Elisha and Gehazi saw into the spirit world and saw angels. **2 Kings 6**
- 7) Jesus discerned a foul, deaf, and dumb spirit and cast it out. **Mark 9:25**

Note: Most illness and sickness is demonic oppression.
Acts 10:38

One of the reasons why we don’t see more healings taking place is because we fail to discern, bind, and cast out demons.

d. Purpose of the gift of discerning of spirits.

I Timothy 4:1 “Now the Spirit expressly says that in the last days some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.”

I John 4:1 “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”

e. **Key Truth:** The church should never be caught unawares by Satan’s devices or **counterfeit**.

1) The operation of this supernatural gift can protect the church from false doctrines, false prophecies, and false teachers. It is a security against error and deception creeping into the church. It will expose the devil’s counterfeit operations.

2) It can enable the local church to select and appoint the right men and women for leadership and staff positions in their ministries.

3) It exposes the demonic so that we can effectively deal with it and bring deliverance to the victim.

4) Very often the discernings of spirits comes to us as “A WORD OF KNOWLEDGE,” revealing the spiritual forces influencing, harassing, and affecting a person.

4. The Gift of Special Faith

a. It is not natural human faith.

b. It is not the measure of faith or general faith that all believers possess. **Romans 12:3**

c. It is not the faith obtained by hearing God’s Word. **Romans 10:17**

d. It is not saving faith. **Ephesians 2:8-9**

e. Every Christian has faith, but every Christian does not have the gift of faith. **2 Corinthians 4:13**

f. **DEFINITION:** The Gift of Special Faith is a supernatural manifestation by the Holy Spirit supplying **UNLIMITED FAITH** in a specific situation to achieve supernatural results. When this “special” wonder working faith is manifested in your life, God supernaturally empties you of all doubt and unbelief.

g. **BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF THE GIFT OF FAITH**

- 1) The gift of faith operated when Abraham offered up Isaac as a sacrifice. **Hebrews 11:17-19**
- 2) The gift of faith operated to protect Daniel in the lion’s den. **Daniel 6:23**
- 3) The gift of faith operated when Paul shook off the snake into the fire after it had bitten him. **Acts 28:3-5**
- 4) The gift of faith operated when Elijah challenged the false prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. **I Kings 18**

h. The gift of miracles and gift of faith. **Matthew 14:25-26**

- 1) The gift of faith operated when Jesus called Lazarus out of the grave after he had been dead and decomposing for four days. **John 11:38-44**
- 2) Peter sleeps while in prison, patiently waiting for his release. **Acts 12:5-7**
- 3) Stephen the martyr. **Acts 7:54-60**

5. The Gifts of Healing

- a. It is not receiving your healing through faith in God’s Word.
- b. It is not receiving your healing through the communion elements.
- c. It is not receiving your healing through doctors and medicine.
- d. It is not faith healers or divine healers – **GOD IS THE ONLY DIVINE HEALER.**

- e. **DEFINITION:** The Gifts of Healing is the supernatural impartation of God's Divine healing power through you to cure disease and heal the sick and afflicted instantly
- f. **IMPORTANT:** There is a difference between healing and miracles.

- 1) **Healing** is the supernatural removal of sickness, disease, and pain.
- 2) **Miracles** go beyond healing into the area of "creating" missing body parts or lengthening limbs, (e.g. growths disappearing, arms and legs growing out, blind eyes opening, creative miracles that supply missing parts of the body due to deformities or accidents, recreating damaged or missing eardrums, etc.)

g. **BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF GIFTS OF HEALING**

- 1) Jesus touched and cured the leper. **Matthew 8:1-3**
- 2) Jesus was moved with compassion and healed the multitude. **Matthew 14:14**
- 3) Paul spoke the word and the crippled man walked. **Acts 14:10**
- 4) Gifts of healing flowed through Peter and healed the cripple at the temple gate. **Acts 3:6-7**
- 5) Gifts of healing and miracles flowed through the hands of Paul. **Acts 19:11-12**

h. **I John 3:8** "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil."

- 1) To destroy means to UNDO, LOOSEN, and to set the afflicted FREE.
- 2) This is our commission, this is the healing ministry, to destroy the works of the devil and set the afflicted free.
- 3) Lester Summerall: "It seems the more we have compassion for the sick and the more we minister to the

sick, the Lord bestows and releases gifts of healing **as we pray for people.**”

i. PURPOSE OF GIFTS OF HEALINGS

- 1) To reveal God’s great love, compassion, and mercy for people. **Matthew 14:14**
- 2) To destroy the works of the devil. **I John 3:8, Acts 10:38**
- 3) To confirm the preaching of God’s Word. **Mark 16:18-20**
- 4) To bear witness to the reality that Jesus is alive and still heals today. **Hebrews 13:8**
- 5) To bring glory to God. **Luke 13:11-13**

The devil and demons can be the source of sickness, and it is God’s nature and God’s will for people to be set free, made whole, and to live in health. We live in a fallen world that is under a curse thus – we may get sick.– colds, flu, this is not demonic activity nor are the foolish things we do to our bodies such as smoking, over eating, and other such desires of the flesh. **3 John 2**

3 John 2 “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.”

6. The Working of Miracles

- a.** A true miracle must involve the suspension of natural laws in the ordinary course of nature.
- b.** The Greek word for “miracle” means...
 - 1) An explosion of mighty power.
 - 2) A release of Divine energy.
 - 3) The performance of something which is contrary to the laws of nature.

- c. DEFINITION: The Working of Miracles is a special, momentary gift of authority which enables us, by the anointing of God, to intervene in the ordinary course of nature to do something that could not be done naturally.
- d. BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF THE WORKINGS OF MIRACLES
 - 1) The supernatural dividing of the Red Sea. **Exodus 14:13-31**
 - 2) The miracle of the floating ax head. (Temporarily suspending the law of gravity.) **2 Kings 6:1-7**
 - 3) Jesus walking on the water. **Matthew 14:25-27**
 - 4) Jesus feeding the five thousand. **Mark 6:39-44**
 - 5) Jesus turning the water into wine. **John 2:1-11**
 - 6) Jesus raising Jairus' daughter from the dead. **Mark 5:38-42**
 - 7) Jesus opening the eyes of blind Bartimaeus. **Mark 10:46-52**
 - 8) Philip being supernaturally transported a distance of 25 miles. **Acts 8:39-40**
 - 9) Jesus multiplying the loaves and fishes to feed the 4,000. **Matthew 15:32-38**
 - 10) Paul raising Eutychus from the dead. **Acts 20:9-12**

7. The Gift of Prophecy

- a. It is not the preaching of the gospel.
- b. It is not for guidance.
- c. It is not foretelling the future.
- d. God never uses prophecy to guide a person's life. He may use the gift of prophecy to confirm what He has already told someone – but NEVER to guide that person.
- e. The purpose of prophecy is always to build up, encourage, and bring comfort.
- f. Prophecy is not a message of confusion, criticism, or condemnation.
- g. Prophecy is a CONFIRMATION to your spirit, not REVELATION.
- h. Prophecy must always be in agreement with God's Word.

- i. The Greek word for Prophecy, “PROPHETEIA” means speaking forth the mind and counsel of God.

To prophesy means...to flow forth, to spring forth like a river, to speak forth refreshing, inspiring words anointed by the Holy Spirit.

- j. DEFINITION: The Gift of Prophecy (**I Cor 12:10**) is a supernatural utterance in a known tongue (not conceived by human thought or reasoning) spoken under the anointing of God to edify, encourage, strengthen, and comfort the church.

- k. The Gift of Tongues plus Interpretation of Tongues is equal to Prophecy.

- l. **KINDS OF TONGUES – I Corinthians 12:10** – speaking out a Holy Spirit inspired message in an unknown tongue (a language unlearned by the speaker) to a gathering of believers and is accompanied with the gift of interpretation of tongues.

- m. **THE GIFT OF INTERPRETATION (not translation) OF TONGUES – I Corinthians 12:10** – is the God-given ability to speak in the language of the listeners **the meaning** of a message spoken in tongues so the church can be edified.

- n. **I Corinthians 14:5** “I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.”

- o. REMEMBER, the three-fold purpose of the vocal gifts:

1) **EDIFICATION** means to build up, to strengthen, to reinforce, to edify, and to improve spiritually.

2) **EXHORTATION** means to minister encouragement and to motivate believers to do the will of God in their lives.

3) **COMFORT** means to soothe in a time of sorrow, to heal one's distress, to remove hurt, sadness, and depression.

p. **IMPORTANT:** If the nine gifts of the Spirit have passed away and are not for the church today, as religious theology and tradition teaches, then why does the Holy Spirit tell us and instruct us to desire spiritual gifts today? **I Cor 13:31, 14:1, 12**

8. The Gift of Tongues

- a. It has nothing to do with the mind or intellect of man.
- b. It is not languages learned in school or college.
- c. It is not the sign of speaking in tongues as New Testament evidence that a believer has been baptized in the Holy Spirit.
- d. It is not the tongues used in private prayer or in intercession – it is not the prayer language of the spirit.
- e. **DEFINITION:** The Gift of Tongues is a supernatural utterance given by any Spirit-filled Christian proclaiming in a public meeting (church service, prayer meeting) a message from God in a language unknown and not understood by the person giving the message. It is always used in conjunction with the gift of interpretation of tongues.

9. The Gift of Interpretation of Tongues

- a. It is not **TRANSLATION** of tongues, so the tongues may be shorter or longer than the interpretation.
- b. A translation is usually word for word, whereas interpretation of tongues is the sense and meaning of the message of tongues delivered to a congregation.
- c. The gift of tongues plus interpretation of tongues are together equal to the gift of prophecy. **I Cor 14:5**

- d. **DEFINITION:** The Gift of Interpretation of Tongues is the supernatural unfolding by the Holy Spirit through the believer the meaning of a message in tongues delivered in a public assembly so that the church can be encouraged and built up.
- e. If a person senses they have a Gift of Tongues to share in a meeting, it must be done in order, and in subjection to the local leadership. We shall discuss this further later in our study. However, they must also be aware of the interpretation of the message or know that someone with that gift is present in the meeting, otherwise they are out of order if there is no interpretation.

I Corinthians 12 – defines and describes the NINE GIFTS of the Spirit.

I Corinthians 13 – reveals that the FOUNDATION for moving in Spiritual GIFTS is LOVE.

I Corinthians 14 – teaches how the GIFTS are to operate.

- f. With divine strategy, the Holy Spirit “SANDWICHED” God’s love chapter in between I Corinthians 12 and I Corinthians 14, because the love of God is the BASIS FOR MOVING IN THE GIFTS.

J. CORRECTING MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT THE GIFTS

1. The gifts of the Spirit have not ceased – they are for us today.
I Corinthians 14:1
2. The gifts of the Spirit are not just for a privileged few in the body of Christ, but they are for every believer. **I Cor 12:7, 11**
3. The gifts of the Spirit are not mysterious or mystical, and can be exercised by all Spirit-filled Christians.
I Corinthians 14:26

4. The gifts of the Spirit are not difficult to understand as the Bible says we are to have clear knowledge about the gifts. **I Cor 12:1**
5. The gifts of the Spirit are not to be feared – this can sometimes be the biggest obstacle for us moving in the gifts. **2 Tim 1:6-7**
 - The fear of man, the fear of missing God, the fear of making mistakes, and fear of rejection are all barriers to flowing in the gifts.

K. FIVE HINDRANCES TO MOVING IN THE GIFTS

1. LACK OF KNOWLEDGE about the gifts. **I Cor 12:1**
2. LACK OF DESIRE – Unwilling to be a vessel through which the gifts can be manifested. **I Corinthians 14:1**
3. LACK OF FAITH – Doubt and unbelief will be a blockage. **Romans 12:6**
4. THE SPIRIT OF FEAR – Especially the fear of man. **I Tim 1:6-7**
5. FEELINGS OF UNWORTHINESS and disbelief that God would use you. **Ephesians 2:10, I Corinthians 1:5-7**

L. OUR PART IN MOVING IN THE GIFTS

1. We are to covet (desire with eagerness) the gifts. (Desire: ZELOO – to be zealous for, to burn with desire. **I Corinthians 14:1, I Corinthians 12:31**, King James Bible, states that we are to “COVET” the gifts. “Covet” means a burning desire, an intense longing, an intense craving for, an extreme eagerness.
2. We are to have clear knowledge and understanding about the gifts. (Ignorant: AGNOEO – not to know through the lack of information or intelligence, not understood). **I Corinthians 12:1** Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

3. We are to stir ourselves up in the Holy Spirit. (Stir: ANAZOPUERO – to keep constantly blazing lightning).
2 Timothy 1:6

ALL 9 GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT should be operating through the church continually in full demonstration. (NOT 2 OR 3 functioning now and again). We can't get the job done or fulfill the Great Commission without the power, anointing, and gifts (tools) of the Spirit.

4. We must exercise our faith and expect to be used in the gifts. Vs 6 -: "let us", our choice. **Romans 12:6**
5. We must be yielded vessels to the Holy Spirit, and put ourselves in the position to be used in the gifts. (We are not to quench the Spirit: SBENNUMI, to extinguish, to go out).
I Thess 5:19-20
6. We must walk and minister in the love of God with the motive of blessing people. The basis of all gifts is love. **I Cor 13:1-8**
7. We must pray and ask the Lord to ANOINT us, to lead us, to inspire us, and to enable us to move in the full expression of His gifts. (Opposite of self-motivation, self-centeredness, or self-exaltation. The motivation is for the benefit of others and glorification of God). **I Corinthians 14:12**

M. GOD'S DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT BELIEVER

1. Key Verse: **I Corinthians 12:7** "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all."
2. Key Truth: God has gifted every one of His children with gifts and abilities, powerful workings of His Spirit, and effective skills for service. But for the most part, these gifts and abilities lie dormant within Christians because either they aren't aware of them, or others don't recognize and encourage them.

3. New Testament Believer: **Mark 16:15-20**

- a. ONE WHO CASTS OUT DEMONS
- b. ONE WHO SPEAKS IN TONGUES (operates in the GIFTS)
- c. ONE WHO OVERCOMES SATAN
- d. ONE WHO LIVES IN DIVINE PROTECTION
- e. ONE WHO HEALS THE SICK
- f. If you are a believer, then you should be DOING all of these Kingdom activities.
- g. The Gospel of the Kingdom is more than sufficient to minister to every human need:
 - Fear
 - Sickness
 - Inner hurts
 - Emotional scars
 - Demonization and demonic influence
 - Mental oppression
 - Bondage – alcohol, drugs, pornography
 - Poverty
 - Marriage conflict
 - Spiritual needs
 - Broken relationships
- h. Have faith in the power of the gospel to meet every need of mankind. **Romans 1:16**
- i. God's supernatural power is for every Christian. **John 14:12, Acts 1:8**

John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Acts 1:8 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.

N. FOUR-FOLD PURPOSE OF THE GIFTS

1. To show and demonstrate God's love, mercy, and compassion for people.
2. To supernaturally build up and strengthen the church.
3. To destroy the works of the devil and set the captives free.
4. To evangelize the world and reach the unreached by meeting the needs of people supernaturally, confirming the preaching of the gospel.

O. WHAT THE BIBLE ACTUALLY TEACHES

1. The Bible teaches us that we are not to be ignorant of spiritual gifts. **I Corinthians 12:1**
2. The Bible teaches that every single believer is to have at least one manifestation of the Spirit operating in his life. **I Cor 12:7**
3. The Bible teaches that we are to ask God for, and strongly desire to have spiritual gifts. **Matthew 7:11, I Corinthians 14:1, Luke 11:13**
4. The Holy Spirit is the source of the gifts, and He selects, decides, and distributes which gifts are given to each believer. **Hebrews 2:4, I Corinthians 12:11**
5. The Bible teaches us that we are not to neglect the gifts in our lives, but we are to stir up the gifts of God. **I Timothy 4:14, 2 Timothy 1:6**
6. The Bible teaches us that the motive for moving in the gifts is love. **I Corinthians 13:1-8**
7. The Bible teaches that the gifts of the Spirit are freely given in an instant by the Holy Spirit – we don't deserve them, earn them, or do good works for them – they come on the basis of grace alone. **I Corinthians 12:7, 11**
8. The Bible teaches the gifts of the Spirit are for "the whole body" of Christ to function supernaturally to speak, see, and act as God's voice, God's eyes, and God's hands on the earth. **I Corinthians 12:7-11**

P. HOW TO ACTIVATE THE GIFTS

The GIFTS can be given and released in your life sovereignly by God. **I Corinthians 12:11**

By the Holy Spirit's choosing, He can distribute and release any of His gifts to you and through you as He sovereignly decides.

The GIFTS can be imparted and activated by the LAYING on of HANDS BY ANOINTED MINISTRY GIFTS. **Romans 1:11, 2 Timothy 1:6**

The GIFTS can be received by desiring them and ASKING for them in faith. **Matthew 7:11, 21:22**

I John 5:14-15 “Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions, that we have asked of Him.”

- a. It is God's will that every Christian receives and operates in the GIFTS of the Spirit. By PRAYING FOR THEM, you are asking in accordance with God's will – therefore you do receive them.
- b. PRAY FOR the GIFTS of the Spirit and believe you receive them IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

The GIFTS operate as we boldly step out IN FAITH, “believing” God to use us.

Romans 12:6 “Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith.”

The more we “PRACTICE” operating in the GIFTS – prophecy, gifts of healing, words of knowledge, etc. THEN the more we will grow in the GIFTS. By being available to the Holy Spirit as a YIELDED VESSEL, the GIFTS will flow more consistently. By CONSTANT USE and EXERCISE we can develop our faith to believe for the Holy Spirit to use us. Minister to people, pray for the sick, help people in need, and the GIFTS will operate through you. **Read 1 Timothy 4:13-16 Amplified Bible.**

Q. RELEASING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

- 1.** Spiritual gifts are the tools of the trade – “Divine Equipment” – They are the manifestations of the Holy Spirit.
- 2.** All believers can receive and operate in the gifts of the Spirit – we can grow and develop in the gifts.
- 3.** Something is wrong with the church today, because most of us have been trained to believe that healing the sick, casting out demons, and operating in the nine gifts of the Spirit are not for us, but for the five-fold ministries.
- 4.** We must eradicate that negative thinking out of our minds. We have been trained and educated to believe that we are just ORDINARY BELIEVERS – INADEQUATE and INCAPABLE of doing the works of God. We have become the AUDIENCE of God and not the army of God.
- 5. Key Truth:** You must realize and begin to believe that God wants to use you in the GIFTS of the Spirit and to demonstrate the reality of the gospel.
- 6.** All of us, every one of us in ourselves, are INADEQUATE. That is why we need and have the Holy Spirit to empower us and to live His life through us.

7. We are to operate and minister in the authority Jesus gave us. It is not in our talent or our authority. It is the power of Christ through the Holy Spirit and His authority.

8. REMIND YOURSELF

- a. "I have been called to pray for people."
- b. "I have been commissioned to cast out devils."
- c. "I have been anointed to proclaim the kingdom of God in word and in power."
- d. "I have been called to win souls."
- e. "I have been called to operate in the gifts."
- f. "I have been called to heal the sick in Jesus' Name!"

9. Operating in the nine gifts of the Spirit involves a process of time - it is growing in knowing God, the Holy Spirit, and trusting Him to use us.

10. The Holy Spirit chooses and releases specific GIFTS to operate through you to meet specific needs at a specific time. Realize what the NEED the situation calls for, and match it with the gift you need to ask God to minister through you.

I Peter 4:10 "As each one has received a gift, minister it to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

XIV. THE PROPHET AND THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

Key Verse:

Acts 2:17-18 "And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy."

A. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PROPHET AND PROPHECY

1. There is a difference between the GIFT of Prophecy (**I Cor 12:10**) and the MINISTRY of the PROPHET (**Acts 13:1**).
2. The gift of prophecy is one of the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit, whereas the PROPHET is one of the five-fold ministry gifts.
3. In the Ministry of the prophet, he will not only prophesy, but regularly operate in the three revelation gifts – the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, and the discerning of spirits.
4. The gift of prophecy is different than the ministry of a prophet, and just because you flow in prophecy does not make you a prophet. All Spirit-filled believers **have the capacity to** prophesy, but not all are prophets. **I Corinthians 12:10, 14:31, Ephesians 4:11**

B. GUIDELINES FOR JUDGING PROPHECY

In **I Corinthians 13:9**, we are told we prophesy in part (this indicates a mixture of Human and the Divine).

In **I Thessalonians 5:19-21**, we are told to test prophecies and hold fast to that which is good. In **I Corinthians 14:29**, the Bible says all prophecies are to be judged. **I John 4:1** “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”

All prophecy is not from God and that is why prophetic utterances should be judged by those in spiritual authority! All believers should be willing to have their prophecies tested and judged because human error and false ministries are always “potentially present” in the church. Paul exhorted the elders of the church to guard and protect the flock of God.

C. HOW TO JUDGE PROPHECY

1. DOES THE PROPHECY AGREE WITH THE WRITTEN WORD OF God?

- a. Any utterance that contradicts, or does not line up with scripture, is a false prophecy – the Holy Spirit will not disagree with Himself. **2 Corinthians 13:8**
- b. Any “NEW THING” or “NEW REVELATION” that is not in agreement with what the Bible says is demonic and will lead you into DECEPTION.
- c. God’s Word is always the final authority! **Proverbs 30:5-6, Titus 1:9, 2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20-21**

2. DOES THE PROPHECY EXALT AND GLORIFY JESUS? **John 16:13-14, Revelation 19:10**

Beware of prophecies that exalt a man, an organization, or a doctrine. The Holy Spirit will always bring glory, honor, and praise to Jesus and His ministry.

Any prophetic word that draws attention to a person other than Jesus is to be REJECTED.

True prophecy will always draw the attention of the people towards God. Any prophecy, dream, or revelation should point us towards Jesus and His Lordship.

3. DOES THE PROPHECY EDIFY, ENCOURAGE, AND COMFORT YOU? **I Corinthians 14:3**

- a. When anyone speaks a message into your life that leaves you confused, condemned, or fearful – forget that prophecy. It was not from God.
- b. New Testament prophecy will always build you up and never criticize you, rebuke you, or tear you down.
- c. The five-fold ministry is there to FEED the SHEEP and BUILD UP GOD’S SHEEP, not beat them.
- d. True prophecy will leave you uplifted, edified, and comforted.

4. DOES THE PROPHECY BEAR WITNESS WITH YOUR SPIRIT? Romans 8:16, I John 2:20, 27

- a. The INWARD WITNESS or ANOINTING of the Holy Spirit should bare witness to our human spirit in a way to protect us from error and deception, providing we seek His help.
- b. It is a big mistake to let just anyone get up and prophesy in your church, and an even bigger mistake to let someone you don't know lay hands on you and give you a prophecy.
- c. The Bible clearly says in **I Thessalonians 5:12** "KNOW THOSE WHO LABOR AMONG YOU."
- d. That is why pastors and ministers in the church need to exercise their God-given authority in church services.

5. DOES THE PROPHECY PRODUCE FREEDOM OR BONDAGE? Romans 8:15, John 8:32, 2 Corinthians 3:17

When a true prophecy goes forth, it will always "INJECT" fresh life into the gathering of believers – it will edify and release a spirit of joy and celebration. If the prophecy kills the meeting, then God did not speak.

6. DOES THE LIFESTYLE OF THE BELIEVER WHO IS PROPHECYING AGREE WITH THE CHARACTER OF JESUS? Matthew 7:16-18

We are told "to know" those who labor amongst us and that is one reason why we should be extra careful if we allow visitors or strangers to prophesy in the local church meeting!

D. KEYS TO RELEASING THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

1. Develop your relationship with the Lord. **James 4:8**
2. Earnestly desire to prophesy. **I Corinthians 14:1**
3. Walk in love and maintain pure motives. **I Corinthians 13:1-8**

4. Seek the guidance and direction of your pastor as you sense the desire for this gift to function through you. Everything we do should be done decently and in order. It should not cause confusion or disruption to the flow of the service.
5. Be sensitive and respond to the anointing (in your life and in church services). **I John 2:20, 27**
6. Keep yourself filled with and stirred up in the Holy Spirit. **Ephesians 5:18**
7. Reject all fears and release your faith to prophesy. **Romans 12:6**
8. Be bold, and at the right time ([preferably a time that is set aside by the person leading the service](#)) in the meeting move out and prophesy – boldly step out as you sense the anointing, and clearly speak the word of the Lord “quickened” to your heart. Boldness is developed in your life as you spend time with Jesus, and as you are filled with the fear of the Lord. **Acts 4:13**
9. CONSTANT use and exercising the gift of prophecy will enable you to develop in the prophetic realm. **Hebrews 5:14**

Hebrews 5:14 states that... “BY CONSTANT USE WE HAVE TRAINED OUR SPIRITUAL SENSES AND HAVE LEARNED TO DISCERN BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL.”

E. PRACTICAL POINTERS ABOUT PROPHECY AND PROPHECYING

1. The Gifts of the Spirit, including prophetic utterances, are to be subject to the pastoral leadership and oversight of the local church. [As mentioned before](#), God is not the author of confusion, and neither should we be. Your gift should be in subjection to the local pastor-shepherd. Human error and false ministries are always “potentially present” and God has

established the Pastor in the local church to guard the flock of God.

- a. All believers should be willing to have their prophecies tested.
 - b. It is questionable as to whether visitors, unknown persons, and strangers in the church should not be permitted to prophesy.
2. The Vocal Gifts must be exercised in the local church at the RIGHT TIME in the RIGHT WAY. **I Cor 14:26-33, 40**
- a. The Holy Spirit will never pressure or force anyone to get up and prophesy – “GOD MADE ME DO IT” is a deception.
 - b. Each believer has the ability to control the timing and operation of the prophecy. **I Corinthians 14:32, Ecclesiastes 5:2**
3. **OTHER THINGS TO AVOID...**
- a. Avoid lecturing or beating the sheep through prophecy – prophecy is for edifying, NOT giving out a rebuke.
 - b. Avoid screaming or shouting or making physical gestures like shaking or jerking while prophesying. Stay humble and don't draw attention to yourself.
 - c. Avoid getting all emotional and continuing to prophesy in the flesh **after** the anointing of God has lifted.
 - d. Avoid prophesying your “pet” doctrines, personal opinions, or favorite Bible themes – stick to what the Spirit of God gives you. Don't start preaching while prophesying.
 - e. Avoid repetition in your prophecies – don't repeat the same phrases over and over such as: “**THUS SAITH THE LORD**” or “**MY CHILDREN.**”
 - f. Avoid using the improper grammatical format. Often we hear people bring a prophecy in 3rd person, “Thus saith the Lord” as if it is the Lord who is speaking when actually it is the person speaking what God has impressed on their human spirit. Prophecy that is forthtelling (not predictive) should be done in 1st person, “I believe the Lord has impressed on

my spirit.....” or “I believe the Lord is saying to me that ...”. Often people use “Thus saith the Lord” to add importance to what they are about to say and then speak using poor grammar, or unconnected thoughts that surely would not be indicative of the Lord speaking. Also if it is truly, “Thus saith the Lord” there is no room for judgment or question.

- g. Also, there is no point in getting up and prophesying the same message someone else has just delivered.
- h. Avoid speaking so softly or so quickly that nobody can hear or understand the utterance.
- i. Avoid clapping or shouting or praising the Lord while a prophecy is being given in the church, as this grieves the Holy Spirit.

Revelation 2:29 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

If God is speaking, then let us be quiet and listen to what He is saying. There is a time to listen!

Psalms 46:10 “Be still and know that I am God.”

XV. SUPERNATURAL GIFTS, SIGNS AND WONDERS

A. THE PURPOSE OF SIGNS AND WONDERS

1. Signs and wonders give infallible proof of the reality of Jesus Christ and His resurrection. **Acts 4:33**
2. Signs and wonders confirm the power and integrity of God’s Word by supernaturally meeting people’s needs. **Acts 14:3, Mark 16:20**
3. Signs and wonders are one of God’s ways to reach the lost, opening their hearts to Jesus, and bringing them to salvation. **Acts 9:34-35, 41-42**

4. Signs and wonders, when manifested, cause the fear of God to come upon people's hearts. **Acts 5:1-11**
5. Signs and wonders demonstrate that Jesus conquered Satan, and that he supernaturally delivers people out of Satan's hands. **Acts 13:6-12**

Mark 16:20 "And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen"

B. Key Truth:

The Church was not born powerless, weak, impotent, or anemic – it was born in a demonstration of power, totally dependent upon the Holy Spirit.

Read: **Isaiah 8:18-20**

Isaiah 8:18-20"Behold, I and **the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders** in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in Mount Zion. 8"19 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter; should not a people seek unto their God? For the living to the dead? 8:20 To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."

1. **Isaiah 8:18** states that God's people, the children of God, are for signs and wonders.
2. We are for signs and wonders – God wants every single one of His children supernaturally equipped and endowed, moving in New Testament power.
3. There is a desire in every human being to touch and experience the supernatural. That is the reason why multiplied millions who reject Christ and the Bible get mixed up in the occult.
4. They forsake the reality of God and go after Satan's counterfeit – fortunetellers, witches, and spiritualistic

mediums. They dabble in ouija boards, witchcraft, and satanic worship.

5. One of the distinctive features that should mark and separate the body of Christ from the world, is the flow of God's supernatural power in our lives.

C. FIVE SUPERNATURAL SIGNS

1. **Mark 16:17-18** "And these signs will follow those who believe: In my name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."
2. Jesus said that five supernatural signs should follow every believer (not just preachers). They are:
 - a. Sign #1 – Believers will cast out demons in the Name of Jesus Christ.
 - b. Sign #2 – Believers will speak with new tongues.
 - c. Sign #3 – Believers will take up serpents, possibly meaning we will overcome Satan's attacks.
 - d. Sign #4 – Believers will have divine protection from danger and harm.
 - e. Sign #5 – Believers will lay hands on the sick, and sick will be healed.
3. Religious tradition has strangled the true gospel and stopped the anointing of God flowing in many churches.

Mark 7:13"Making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do."

Notice the TRADITIONS of men are more powerful than God's Word. Religious tradition is responsible for making the

Word of God, the true Gospel, impotent! God does not violate our will; He is waiting for us to desire earnestly the spiritual power that will destroy the works of the Devil.

D. SUPERNATURAL NEW TESTAMENT MINISTRY

1. The ministry of Jesus was a supernatural ministry.

Luke 4:18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.”

Acts 10:38 “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.”

2. The ministry of Paul was a supernatural ministry.

I Corinthians 2:4-5 “And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.”

Acts 19:11-12 “Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.”

Hebrews 2:4 “God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will.”

3. The ministry of Peter was a supernatural ministry.

I Peter 4:11 “If anyone speaks let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.”

Acts 9:34 “And Peter said to him. ‘Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed.’ Then he arose immediately.”

Acts 5:15-16 “So that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.”

4. The ministry of the New Testament disciples was a supernatural ministry.

Matthew 10:1 “And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.”

Mark 3:14-15 “Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach. And to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons.”

Mark 6:13 “And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.”

Luke 9:1-2, 6 “Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.”

XVI. MAINTAINING THE SPIRIT FILLED LIFE

A. The REAL REASONS for our lack of POWER...

1. SPIRITUAL LAZINESS AND LUKEWARMNESS

- a. lack of commitment to God and His Word.
 - b. Lack of commitment to God’s New Testament pattern that Christ, the apostles and disciples set for us to follow.
- 2. DOUBT AND UNBELIEF** – lack of faith – Without faith it is impossible to please God. Why should we expect God to respond when we have no faith? He responds to faith!

3. THE SIN OF PRAYERLESSNESS, and not paying the price to seek the face of God and see His power move in our midst.

B. HOW TO WORK THE WORKS OF GOD

John 14:12 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.”

1. Get honest with the Lord and admit your need of His power, strength, and anointing in your life.

Hosea 10:12 “Sow for yourselves righteousness; Reap in mercy; Break up your fallow ground, For it is time to seek the Lord, Till He comes and rains righteousness on you.”

This will involve personal repentance and turning away from the sins of lukewarmness, prayerlessness, doubt, and unbelief. Personal repentance brings spiritual renewal. Whatever is not of faith is sin. **Acts 3:19, Psalm 92:10**

2. Read through the four Gospels and the Book of Acts, and let it stir us to make a new commitment to God that you are going to practice and start doing what the New Testament says to do. **Matthew 10:1, 7-8, Luke 9:1-2, 6**
3. Have FAITH IN THE NAME OF JESUS and believe that God has given you the same power and authority to do the works of Jesus that the believers had in the Book of Acts. Remember these believers were laying down a pattern for us to walk in. **Mark 9:23**
4. PRAY FOR BOLDNESS, and trust the Holy Spirit to manifest HIS ANOINTING and HIS GIFTS through you as you seek to MINISTER to people’s needs. Remember God wants to meet people’s needs, and He wants to use us to do it! **Acts 4:29-31**

C. FIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE EARLY CHURCH

As we closely examine the Book of Acts, there are a number of characteristics the early church had that we need to have today in order to get the same results they had. The Book of Acts' church is God's blueprint for today's church – what was the secret of their power and the reasons for their success?

1. They were full of, **submitted to**, and totally dependent upon the Holy Spirit. **Acts 1:8, 2:1-4, 4:31, 9:31**

They REMAINED “FULL” of the Holy Spirit – **and** received FRESH DAILY FILLINGS! (See **Ephesians 5:18**). This is done by releasing the presence of the Holy Spirit within you. You who are born again have received the Holy Spirit, all of Him, not part. But He will not force Himself upon you. You must release His presence to fill you each day, perhaps several times each day. He is there, release Him and be filled!

2. The early church had a strong PRAYER LIFE. **Acts 1:14, 3:1, 6:4, 13:2-3**
 - a. They majored on prayer, it was the foundation for their success – everything they did was saturated with prayer and intercession.
 - b. Before making major decisions, they FASTED and PRAYED until they received God's plans and purposes.

Acts 2:42 “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayers.”

3. The early church was bonded together with LOVE and UNITY. **John 13:35, Acts 1:14, 2:1, 2:46, 4:32, 5:12**
 - a. Love is the true mark of New Testament believers. **Unity was a very basic element of the early church. Eleven times in the book of Acts alone it repeatedly states “With ONE ACCORD”.**

- b. The church today will not see the same power of the early church until we lay aside our differences and put a stop to strife, gossip, division, competition, and critical attitudes. This applies to every MINISTER of God as well as every believer and church member.
 - c. The Love of God releases the Power of God.
- 4. The early church walked in supernatural boldness. **Acts 4:13, Acts 4:29-31, 9:29, 14:3, 19:8**
 - a. Boldness is a key to supernatural ministry. The first century Christians in the face of great persecution:
 - 1) **Boldly** preached the uncompromised Word of God.
 - 2) **Boldly** used the Name of Jesus.
 - 3) **Boldly** exercised their authority IN CHRIST.
 - 4) **Boldly** laid hands upon the sick and cast out devils.
 - 5) **Boldly** stood against the spirit of religion and all kinds of persecution.
 - b. We must have the spirit of boldness today – the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Might, Power, and Boldness. **Acts 4:13, 20**
 - 1) Boldness is tangible; it is a supernatural force that can be seen.
 - 2) Boldness is developed in your life as you spend time with Jesus and release the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.
 - 3) We must not operate in fear today, but with the same holy boldness of the early church. God has NOT given us the spirit of fear....
- 5. The early church ministered supernaturally to the needs of people. **Acts 3:6, 16, Acts 4:29-30, Acts 5:12, 15-16, Acts 8:5-8, Acts 9:32-35, Acts 16:16-18.** The church in the Book of Acts was a supernatural church.

Daniel 11:32 “But the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.”

Acts 6:7-8 “And the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith. And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.”

D. UNDERSTANDING THE LAW OF CONTACT AND TRANSMISSION

Matthew 9:35 “And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.” Notice:

1. Teaching the Word.
2. Preaching the Gospel.
3. Healing the Sick.

The purpose of miracles is to show God’s love to people, to set them free, and to lift up Jesus. The power of God is for a purpose – to destroy the works of the evil one. **I John 3:8**

We need to teach people the GOOD NEWS of JESUS, and LAY HANDS upon the sick. As you do, God’s healing power will flow out of your HANDS into the sick person, destroying the disease, removing the pain, undoing the works of the devil, and affecting a cure in their body.

E. EVERY CHRISTIAN IS A MINISTER

Ephesians 4:12 says that “the saints” should do the work of the ministry.

Why are we here? What is our goal as Christians? To be conformed to the image of Jesus – **Romans 8:29**, and to serve the purpose of God in our generation – **Acts 13:36**.

Every believer is a minister, and is to do the work of the ministry.
What is our ministry and responsibility?

1. NUMBER ONE: Ministering to the lost.

This involves **THE MINISTRY OF PERSONAL EVANGELISM**, the ministry of reconciliation.
2 Corinthians 5:17-21

2. NUMBER TWO: Ministering to the oppressed.

This is **THE MINISTRY OF CASTING OUT DEMONS** – binding, loosing, and setting the captives free. **Mark 16:17**
This involves rescuing people from demonic powers and oppression.

3. NUMBER THREE: Ministering to the sick.

This involves **THE MINISTRY OF HEALING THE SICK** through the laying on of hands in obedience to the Great Commission. **Mark 16:18**

4. NUMBER FOUR: Ministering to the family of God. This practically means **THE MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT**. The Bible says to watch over each other, guard each other, pray for one another, care for one another. This means **THE MINISTRY OF CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER** – watching over, looking for, protecting one another.

Hebrews 10:24-25 (Amp) “And let us consider and give attentive, continuous care to watching over one another, studying how we may stir up (stimulate and incite) to love and helpful deeds and noble activities; Not forsaking or neglecting to assemble together [as believers], as is the habit of some people, but admonishing – warning, urging, and encouraging – one another, and all the more faithfully as you see the day approaching.”

THE END

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IV. E. 1. (was removed)

V. Numbers 13., 14., 15., 16., 18., (words in italics were added)

V. 20. The Spirit of Love (was removed for wrong context)

V. 22. The Spirit of Faith (was removed for wrong context)

V. 24. The Spirit of Power & 25. The Spirit of Prophecy (were removed because of wrong context)

V. 26. Unction and Anointing was re-defined and renumbered to become number 23.

V. 28 The breathe of life (was removed because of wrong context)

VI. A. 1. WATER some references were deleted due to wrong context

VI. A. 2. FIRE some statements were removed and italics added

VI. A. 3. WIND OR BREATH reference of Gen. 7:15-16 deleted

VI. A. 4. ANOINTING some references deleted

VI. A. 6. THE FINGER OF GOD Ps. 8:3 reference removed

VI. A. 7. RAIN removed this point for out of context

VI. A. 10. OIL references deleted, definition added, and renumbered to number 9.

VII. A. 3. removed Isa. 58:11 reference

VII. A. 9., 18., 24., & 25. reworded

VIII. A. 1. deleted first sentence

VIII. A. numbers 4., 6., 7., 8. reworded slightly.

X. E. "Note:...." was added

X. E. 1., & 5. scripture reference replaced; #6 #8 & #11 were deleted; # 10 was reworded and became #8; #12 was reworded and renumbered as 9.

X. F. 3. the title was changed from "Seven" to "Six" and point d. was deleted

- XI. B. “Nine truths about the Holy Spirit” should have been “C.” and was corrected.
- XI. C. “The seven fold ministry of the Holy Spirit to the believer” should have been numbered as “D” and #4. was deleted so the title should read “The six-fold...” and was corrected. Also a “Note:...” was added after the heading and before 1.

- XII. C. Hosea 6:3 scripture reference deleted; commentary in box after Zech. 10:1 reference was added;
- XII. I. 2. Commentary in box was added; #3. was reworded; #5. was deleted and therefore the heading “Seven benefits...” needed to be changed to “Six benefits...”; point b. under number 7. concerning the comment by Kenneth Hagin was deleted and point #7 becomes point #6 due to the deletion of point #5.
- XII. K. 1. comment beginning “Note: This experience....” was added.
- XII. L. Heading reworded; point #2. reworded.
- XII. M. point #4. the last sentence should read: “It is spirit to Spirit communication.”
- XII. O. point #5. b. deleted last sentence.

- XIII. B. points #3. & #5. were reworded.
- XIII. C. points #3 & #4 were reworded
- XIII. D. #2 reworded and #3 deleted; #4 became number 3 and was reworded
- XIII. F. scripture reference of Romans 12:3-8 was added
- XIII. G. 3. reworded
- XIII. I. 1. b. & c. were reworded
- XIII. I. 5. e. reworded; and 5. i. 5). Reworded
- XIII. K. 2. reworded
- XIII. L. 2. added scripture reference; L. 5. reworded; L. 7. reworded
- XIII. M. 3. i. Added scripture text
- XIII. O. 4. deleted statement concerning Ananias & Sapphira; O. 8. sub-points a., b., c., d. were deleted as repetitious
- XIII. P. 3. deleted scripture references that repeated
- XIII. Q. Activating the gifts—5 keys was deleted as repetitious
- XIII. Q. Releasing Spiritual Gifts #8. was reworded and sub-points renumbered; #10. & 11. were deleted making number 12. now 10.

- XIV. C. 1. reworded and added to XIV. B. as point 4.; then all of XIV. C. was deleted as repetitious
- XIV. D. “How to judge prophecy” the title was partially deleted; #3. d. was deleted; then the new e. (last sub-point) was deleted; 4. a. was reworded; 4. e., f., g., and h. were deleted as repetitious
- XIV. D. 5. b. was deleted as repetitious; number 6 was deleted, and number 7 reworded, sub-points deleted, and renumbered as 6.

- XIV. E. a new number 4. was added; number 8. a statement was added; sub-points to 9. from b. on were deleted as repetitious.
- XIV. F. 1. brief statement added; 1.b. reworded; 2. a. deleted as repetitious; 3. title reworded; 3. b. & d. deleted as repetitious; the new e. was reworded and a new f. sub-point was added and others were renumbered due to the deletions.
- XV. A. 3. reworded; B. 1. e. was deleted.; C. 2. c. reworded;
- XVI. B. 1. removed scripture reference to Zech.; C. 1. reworded; C. 1. a. deleted; the new C. 1. a. reworded; new C. 1. b. deleted; C. 2. c. & d. were deleted; 3.a. reworded; C. 5. all sub-points were deleted; D. partially reworded;

SOME ADDITIONAL CORRECTIONS TO THE OUTLINE WERE MADE ON 5-13 BUT NO CHANGES WERE MADE TO THE CONTENT OF THE MATERIAL.