

## **THE GIFTS AND POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (Student Ed.)**

We take a break from our passage through the Bible to study an important topic that is misunderstood in the body of Christ. As we see in a simple reading of 1 Corinthians, we are \_\_\_\_\_ to earnestly desire spiritual gifts; that is, we are to pursue (and in the Greek text of 1 Corinthians 14:1 there is \_\_\_\_\_ emphasis) **both** the gifts of the Spirit and the spirit in which the gifts should be used, which is love. The backdrop of this study is the understanding that Paul's instruction to the Corinthians was not \_\_\_\_\_ the move of the Spirit, but rather to \_\_\_\_\_ their lack \_\_\_\_\_ as they pursued being used in ways God grants every believer to be used. Paul was offering wonderful guidelines that every believer or gathering could look to to discern if they were in obedience to God's intentions in the outpouring of His Spirit.

Without a doubt, the pouring out of God's Spirit, known as the \_\_\_\_\_, of the early 1900s, and the \_\_\_\_\_, which had its beginnings in the early 1950s, together constitute one of the most powerful and impacting spiritual renovations in world history. Indeed, at the beginning of 1900 only \_\_\_\_\_ people on earth were Christian of any sort. With the church's renewed vision to obey the command of Jesus in Luke 24:49 to wait on Him until power came \_\_\_\_\_, and with the outpouring of the Spirit (and with Him all His supernatural gifts), we began the new millennium with \_\_\_\_\_ on earth claiming some form of allegiance to Christ! That is why many have named this past century The Pentecostal Century.

To clarify what has become confusing to this rationalistic, Christian generation in America, we will begin our study of the Holy Spirit's power and gifts by asking two questions: 1) Why the outpouring, and 2) How can Spiritual integrity be maintained?

To answer the first question, we must realize that the Church needed, and in a regular sense still needs, a regular \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. We must all (corporately and individually) seek to go back to authentic Christianity as we see it lived out in the Book of Acts. This Christianity obeyed the command of Jesus to make disciples of the nations to the degree that they were accused of turning the world upside down!

In view of this need for renewal, there has been a definite move on the part of sincere believers to recover \_\_\_\_\_ that is demonstrated in Acts. In this pursuit to be empowered and transformed by the Spirit in order to make Jesus known to the world, a movement began through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, accompanied by \_\_\_\_\_, among believers in every \_\_\_\_\_. This demonstrated that the baptism in the Holy Spirit is not a denominational thing, fringe movement, or emotional experience, but rather an \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.

**This Pentecostal/Charismatic movement is a manifestation of the person of the Holy Spirit at work. It is also the byproduct of accounts in Acts being \_\_\_\_\_ by God's Church.**

The Book of Acts provides five accounts of people receiving the fullness or infilling or baptism in the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4; 8:14-25; 9:17-20; 10:44-48; 19:1-7). In all these accounts, there are \_\_\_\_\_:

1. There was an enormous inbreaking of God's presence experienced \_\_\_\_\_.
2. There was an \_\_\_\_\_ in the lives and witness of the disciples who were filled.
3. What they experienced in the baptism of the Spirit became the impetus for \_\_\_\_\_ as they \_\_\_\_\_ every day, everywhere, with \_\_\_\_\_ confirming their message.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ evidence of their filling was \_\_\_\_\_, either seen directly in all these texts, or in the people after their experience.
5. The ultimate purpose of this experience was \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 1:8) and a \_\_\_\_\_ **of Christian commitment** for the achievement of happiness (Ephesians 5:18, 19), gratitude (Ephesians 5:20), humility (Ephesians 5:21), and \_\_\_\_\_ (Galatians 5:22-23).

Together the above facts demonstrate what the present Pentecostal/Charismatic renewal is experiencing through the Holy Spirit at work in the church. The problems that exist regarding this move of the Spirit arise from a lack of biblical knowledge on the part of many believers regarding the role of "tongues" and the other gifts of the Spirit. We need, in our pursuit of Christian maturity, to develop a common bond of unity in the practice of "speaking with tongues" in prayer and worship, together with an acceptance and welcoming of the operation of the Holy Spirit's gifts in our midst.

### **How can spiritual integrity be maintained?**

In other words, how can we flow with God's Spirit and honor His Word without excess or abuse? First let's offer some perspective.

The baptism in the Spirit is an experience

\_\_\_\_\_ : one that comes about through a process of \_\_\_\_\_ into the guidance and indwelling of the Holy Spirit. We agree that the Holy Spirit is operative in \_\_\_\_\_ and in the varied ministries of the church. Still, every believer must answer the question of \_\_\_\_\_ : "Did you receive the Holy Spirit since you believed?"

We must qualify two statements. By "baptism in the Spirit" we do not mean the baptism of the Spirit into the Body of Christ upon conversion (1 Corinthians

12:13). The baptism in/with the Holy Spirit (John 1:33; Acts 1:5, Mark 1:8) was and is \_\_\_\_\_ to be received (John 20:22; Acts 1:8) as a gift given following His ascension (John 7:39; Acts 2:38,39). To baptize means, “\_\_\_\_\_”.

That is the baptism in/with the Spirit!

The second statement to clarify is what we mean by, “*A process of yielding one’s complete self into the guidance and indwelling of the Holy Spirit*”. We do not mean \_\_\_\_\_ or getting into \_\_\_\_\_. We simply refer to an assertive, prayerful heartfelt quest for God! The \_\_\_\_\_ is active in worship, the \_\_\_\_\_ are warmed by God’s love, and the \_\_\_\_\_ participates cognitively as worship is expressed with an upraised voice.

Before we get into a study of tongues, to complete our backdrop and maintain our biblical integrity, we must offer the following:

Often, people make the comment that not everyone will have gifts or speak or pray in tongues. The problem arises from attempting to

\_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit from \_\_\_\_\_. In 1 Corinthians 12, the Apostle Paul states that **everyone** is given

\_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit. The gifts, ministries and effects of the Spirit are merely an expression of \_\_\_\_\_ who is already in the believer who \_\_\_\_\_ the infilling! If you have the Spirit and He has you, how can you not have all that comes with Him? The believer filled with the Spirit has resident within him incredible power and gifts, and has the responsibility to do what we have already stated earlier from 1 Corinthians 14:1- desire the \_\_\_\_\_ in the gifts for the benefit of the Body.

Now let’s look at the gifts themselves, beginning with the most misunderstood: tongues.

### **The twofold function of the gift of tongues**

The bible describes two basic functions of “tongues”: it is for

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. [We must also note, though, that the early church clearly saw the ability to pray in tongues as \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said it would be a sign (Mark 16:17), as did Paul (1 Corinthians 14:22), and Peter (see Acts 10:44-46 with 11:16-17 & 15:7-9). Thus, speaking in tongues is a properly expected \_\_\_\_\_.]

**Tongues for personal edification.** “Speaking in tongues” is a \_\_\_\_\_ to the believer who is “weak and does not know how to pray as He should” (\_\_\_\_\_). When praying \_\_\_\_\_ this devotional use of tongues need not be interpreted. This is also true when the church gathers. At times of corporate worship and intercession, when all speech is directed \_\_\_\_\_, it is appropriate to address God in this Holy Spirit given form of expression. In line with this, here are the Biblical reasons for speaking in tongues:

- 1) **It is a unique gift associated with the Body of Christ.** All the other gifts, miracles and manifestations were in evidence prior to Pentecost during OT times. God uniquely ordains this gift for the church. (1 Corinthians 12:28; 14:21)
- 2) **It is a specific fulfillment of prophecies by Isaiah and Jesus.** See Isaiah 28:11 with 1 Corinthians 14:21, Mark 16:17 with Acts 2:4; 10:46; 19:6; 1 Corinthians 14:5, 14-18, 39.
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ . John 16:7; Acts 2:26-33.
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ . See above paragraph.
- 5) **It is a spiritual gift for necessary** \_\_\_\_\_ . 1 Corinthians 14:4; Jude 20.
- 6) **When directed as speech to others, and accompanied by interpretation, it spiritually edifies the church.** 1 Corinthians 14:5
- 7) \_\_\_\_\_ . 1 Corinthians 14: 15; Ephesians 5:18-19.
- 8) **It is one confirmation of the Word when it is preached.** Mark 16: 17, 20; 1 Corinthians 14:22.

**Tongues for public exhortation.** Considering our discussion above, we need not take long for this. Public “tongues” denotes when the person who is speaking in other tongues is doing it in such a way as to be \_\_\_\_\_, not God. For example, this occurs during corporate gatherings when there is a general quiet in the congregation and one person begins to raise their voice and speak in the Spirit and no one else does. It is clearly designed as a \_\_\_\_\_ . To maintain spiritual integrity and honor the Word, this \_\_\_\_\_ . It is only through interpretation that “public tongues” can be edifying and not out of order. It is of utmost importance to note that “the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets” (1 Corinthians 14:32). In other words, each Spirit-filled believer can exercise \_\_\_\_\_ and not \_\_\_\_\_ because they just couldn’t stop themselves. Everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way (\_\_\_\_\_).

### **AND NOW, THE OTHER GIFTS!**

“Tongues” is not the end of the gifts; it is \_\_\_\_\_ ! Believers need to get past this gift and yield themselves to God to be used in every way He desires to use them! To understand all the gifts mentioned in the NT, some clarification of the distinct role the Trinity plays in giving gifts would be helpful. Our existence is given by \_\_\_\_\_ who also gave \_\_\_\_\_ who Himself is the Redeemer, the giver of eternal life. The \_\_\_\_\_ together have jointly sent the \_\_\_\_\_ as the \_\_\_\_\_ of

the Kingdom of God on earth in order to advance the work of redemption. He does this through the church's ministry of \_\_\_\_\_.

In sequence, then, we find in Romans 12:3-8 \_\_\_\_\_.  
 These gifts characterize basic "\_\_\_\_\_"; that is, inherent tendencies that characterize a person's initial ministry as the result of their initial gifting. What is important to understand is that there are only seven giftings mentioned and \_\_\_\_\_ of them \_\_\_\_\_ any one person. The reason for this is that as time passes and we mature, God uses each of us in a \_\_\_\_\_ - sometimes in several of them in one day! Certainly each of us may have a \_\_\_\_\_ but we must be ready at all times to be used in different ways.

In 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, \_\_\_\_\_ are listed. Their purpose is specific: to "profit" the church. The word means,

"\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_",  
 all of which is experienced by the church through fellowship and evangelism.

These gifts are to be actively welcomed, pursued and expected.

Finally we see in Ephesians 4:7-16 \_\_\_\_\_. These are given to assure that the first two groupings are applied in the church. Jesus has set these "\_\_\_\_\_" in the church to equip the body by assisting each person to perceive \_\_\_\_\_ the Father has made Him to fill, and to \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit and respond to His gifts in order to expand each believer's capabilities beyond the natural. Soul winning is, after all, a miracle business.

In order to understand all these we conclude our study with a great outline from the Hayford Bible Handbook:

### **Romans 12:3-8: Gifts of the Father (Life Purpose & Motivation)**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) To speak with \_\_\_\_\_, especially when enabled by the Spirit.
  - b) To demonstrate moral boldness and uncompromising commitment to holiness and worthy values.
  - c) To influence others in one's sphere with a positive spirit of social or spiritual righteousness.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) To minister and render loving care to meet the needs of others.
  - b) It is illustrated in the work and office of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) The supernatural ability to explain and apply the truths received from God for the church.
  - b) It assumes \_\_\_\_\_ illumination in providing the ability to make divine truth clear.
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Literally means to call aside for the purpose of making an appeal
  - b) Also means to entreat, comfort, or instruct.
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_
- a) It essential means to give out of a spirit of generosity.
  - b) It also speaks to those with resources aiding those without them.
  - c) This gift must be used without outward \_\_\_\_\_ and with liberality.
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_
- a) Refers to the one “standing in front.”
  - b) Involves the exercise of the Spirit in modeling, superintending, and developing the Body of Christ. This must be \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7) \_\_\_\_\_
- a) To feel sympathy with the misery of another.
  - b) To relate to others in empathy, respect, and honesty.
  - c) To be effective, this gift is ministered with kindness and cheerfulness- not as a matter of duty.

### **1 Corinthians 12:8-10, 28: Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- a) Supernatural perspective to ascertain the divine means for \_\_\_\_\_ in given situations.
  - b) Divinely given power to appropriate spiritual intuition in problem solving.
  - c) Receiving divine direction regarding divine input- Holy Spirit leading in a given set of circumstances.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- a) Supernatural knowledge of the divine will and plan.
  - b) Supernatural insight of circumstances or \_\_\_\_\_. This is without the assistance of any \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- a) Supernatural ability to believe God without doubt. I.e., \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b) Supernatural ability to meet adverse circumstances with total trust in God’s messages and words.
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- a) Refers to supernatural healing without human aid. Plural because each healing of a different disease is considered a different gift.
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_
- a) Supernatural power to intervene and counteract earthly and evil forces.
  - b) A display of power giving the ability to suspend the laws of nature.
  - c) Operates closely with the gifts of faith and healings to bring authority over sin, Satan, sickness, and the binding forces of this age.
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_
- a) Divinely inspired and anointed utterance.

- b) Supernatural proclamation in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c) It is not \_\_\_\_\_ although intellect, faith and will are in operation. It is calling forth words from the Spirit of God.
- 7) \_\_\_\_\_
- a) Supernatural power to detect the realm of the spirits and their operation.
  - b) Also implies supernatural revelation \_\_\_\_\_ of the enemy and his forces.
- 8) \_\_\_\_\_
- a) Supernatural utterance in languages not known to the speaker.
  - b) Serve as an evidence and sign of the indwelling and working of the Holy Spirit.
- 9) \_\_\_\_\_
- a) Supernatural power to reveal the meaning of tongues.
  - b) Functions not as an operation of the mind of man but the mind of God.
  - c) It is not a \_\_\_\_\_ but an \_\_\_\_\_: a declaration of meaning.

#### **EPHESIANS 4:11: Gifts of the Son (To facilitate and equip the Church)**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- a) Originally referred to the original 12.
  - b) Refers to those who can remarkably extend the work of the church, opening fields to the gospel, and planting churches, and overseeing larger sections of the Body.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- a) A spiritual mature spokesman/proclaimer with a special, divinely focused message to the church or world. This person can be gifted at times with insight into future events.
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- a) Refers primarily to a special gift of preaching or witnessing in a way that brings unbelievers into the experience of salvation.
  - b) This gift operates for the \_\_\_\_\_ while pastors and teachers follow up to organize and sustain them.
- 4) **PASTOR/TEACHER**
- a) The word "pastor" comes from a root meaning "\_\_\_\_\_" from which we get the word \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b) Implies the function of a shepherd/leader to \_\_\_\_\_ the spiritual needs of the body.