

Born with Identity
Part 13: Spirit Filled Pt. 2, The Spirit of the Gifts!
Slide Notations

Calling Statement... We are *Word* people living the *Spirit* quickened truth that we are here to *serve* men as we *yield to God's ownership*. We are *forgivers* of men's sins against us, *refusing offenses* so that as *soldiers* we can maintain focus in the battlefields of life! Our mission is to save lives, fill needs and *heal hurts* where we find them, even *participating in miracles* when the answer is only supernatural! As *all in* members of Christ's Army we avidly seek *Spirit fullness!*

Last Week... Left off talking about being Spirit Filled! And being a Spirit filled Church! Not just a place of verve! Not a place where weirdness happens! *"As a Spirit filled church we demonstrate a daily lifestyle of being where, and doing the things that, the Holy Spirit is directing... and we do the same when we're together!"*

The whole conversation that revolves around being a Spirit-filled Church or not generally has to do with "speaking in tongues" and specifically with abuses!

Of the Bible based churches that acknowledge the gifts of the Spirit many still get choked up on the issue of tongues, specifically the abuses of them!

So maybe a quick study of the issue of xeno-glossalalia (A2), "tongues and interpretation" (1Co12), and prayer language (1C14) would be beneficial!

Bible "tongues:" Xenoglossalalia: supernaturally speaking in a strange, but known tongue! "How is it we hear these men in our own language?" **A2.6,8,11** International ministry gift! **Geno-glosson:** Tongues and interpretation, equal to prophecy! **1C12.10** Public speaking/revelation gift! **Lalon-glosse-:** he that speaks in an unknown tongue speaks not unto men but unto God. Though no man knows what he is saying – in the spirit he is speaking mysteries! **1C14.2** If I pray in an unknown tongue my spirit prays but my mind is disengaged! **v14** Personal, not private, prayer language... Don't have to hide it, guard it... Develop it, extend it... **Love the intimate interaction w/Father!**

Next in line would be a quick sketch of the nine gifts that the Holy Spirit brings to the table: gifts of revelation, power and speaking!

Word of Wisdom: a fragment of God's infinite wisdom! Supernatural guide for a given situation: "it seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things!" **A15.28**

Word of Knowledge: a fragment of His all-knowing! What's not known, now perceived! Something God known, now shared! "You have not lied to men but H.S.!" **A5**

Gift of Faith: An injection of faith beyond our ability to believe! "there stood by me this night an angel and I believe it will be as he said!" **A27.21-25** "I believe, help my unbelief!" **Mk9.27** NOT: "hey it can't get much worse, let me give God a try!" Gift of faith meeting your faith where it is!

Healings: Supernatural gifts from the Cross! Not natural healing process of the body! Not doctors aiding the healing process of the body! "He healed all that were sick..." **Mt8.16** "God anointed Jesus w/the Holy Spirit and power and He went around doing good, healing all that were sick..." **A10.38ff** "Jesus was manifested to destroy the works of the devil!" **1J3.8**

Working of Miracles: the energizing of God's powers! Signs and wonders that transcend laws of nature! 35 recorded ones! Water to wine **J2**, Fishes and loaves and a walk on the water **Mt14**, suicidal fish Lk5, Resurrections **Lk7,8, J11**, angel escort out of prison, past 3 guarded gates **A12**, Paul bit by poisonous snake, doesn't die **A28**, seas parting **X14**, rivers standing up **Josh3**

Tongues/Interpretation & Prophecy! A sharing of a Word from God! Tongues/interpretation = to prophecy **14.5** So why do we mess with it? **v19** H.S. instituted sign for unbelievers! **v22** *But people who prophesy are not equal to the office of a prophet!* *Charisma v. doma* NT prophecy: Speaking gifts that edify, exhort, comfort... **1C14.3,4,31** Forth-telling, not fore-telling (prophet). NT prophecy is not a gift for

personal guidance... personal prophecies must be judged in accordance with scripture: build up, encourage, comfort... not sending you, directing you, selling you!

Discerning of Spirits! A view of the world of men and spirits from God's perspective! View of Holy/human/hellish origins... In world of look-alike faith? **Mt24.5,11** Phillip, Simon the Sorcerer, Peter!
A8 How important in sickness? Sin/spirit/natural? Want to know which source for: goals, wills, offers/provision, problems?

ALL the gifts of the Holy Spirit are supernatural and we aren't allowed to dumb God down to our level by interpreting them in natural ways!

Wisdom is not common sense! Knowledge is not information/intelligence! Faith is not religion! Healing is not medicine! Miracles are not serendipities! Prophecy/tongues/interpretations are not foreign languages and forecasting! Discerning of spirits not keen insights!

While it's very important for every believer to believe the gifts are for ministry today and understand what they are and how they work... it's more important to understand the Spirit of the gifts!

The Spirit of the Gifts! 1st, The manifestation of the Spirit of God is for every believer! Though gifts diverse v4, diarsis *charisma*, there is *One Spirit!* And the manifestation v7, phanerosis, is given to every man with... Phanerosis: the *exhibition* is for every believer! God wants to be openly seen-known/you! God is not a freak, not freaky, spooky!

Absolutely nothing about the Spirit of God is weird! Must allow for personalities! WEIRD! But the presence and manifestation of the Spirit is sound, refreshing, healthy, clean! Like Jesus presence among the people! Many Christians have turned aside from any thought of allowing Him to be exhibited because of the abuses! Abusers and rejecters are wrong!

Too much of what is called the manifestation of the Spirit leaves *inferior* image of God in the world!

And too much of what is called the manifestation of the Spirit of God makes some people feel *superior* to others in the church!

When you consider we are talking about what God does for us and gives to us for the work of ministry, neither "inferior" or "superior" is an acceptable "position!"

The Spirit of the Gifts! 2nd, The manifestation of the Spirit for every believer... to profit with!

Unfortunately, there has been a lot of the wrong kind of profiting going on/Spirit! Most of the TV hawking done by "spirit filled" ministries/ministers! Over the weirdness edge! "God says one year of favor for \$1,000!" People support them because equally weird on Word/spiritual issues!

The manifestation of the Spirit for every believer... to profit with! Sumphero: to carry together, to bring together, to gain advantage... Not to give us an advantage over "non spirit-filled" groups... Not to bring us together in "Spirit-filled" rooms/degrees of smug, imaginary superiority based on increasing demonstrations of weirdness...

Sumphero: bringing us as the body of Christ together... pulling parts together from out of the world!

A gift given to attract a heart to the kingdom of God and the body is made bigger and stronger! That is the profit we enjoy from the gifts!

Sumphero: giving us the advantage we need, not over others, but over the devil who seeks to hold them captive!

A gift given to break someone's bondage, bring light into their darkness, that's how we profit by having the edge over the devil's works!

The Spirit who desires to exhibit Himself thru every believer distributes His gifts as He wills to bring together the Body of Christ and to defeat the enemy of our salvation