Every believer needs, or will need, the baptism with the Holy Spirit!

And baptism with the Holy Spirit is more than an experience with *one* evidence!

And the Holy Spirit comes along with gifts!

Foursquare Doctrine…

- **We believe that the Holy Spirit has the following gifts to bestow on the believing Church of the Lord Jesus Christ: wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing miracles, prophecy, discernment, tongues, interpretation; that according to the degree of grace and faith**

Foursquare Doctrine…

- **possessed by the recipient, these gifts are divided to every man severally as He, the Holy Spirit wills; that they are to be earnestly desired and coveted, in the order and proportion wherein they prove to be the most edifying and beneficial to the Church…”**

The background of the gifts is covered in Jesus promise to us…

“Wait for the promise of the Father; power from on high!”

That promise was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost!

The Holy Spirit and His gifts!

- **“I don’t want you to be uniformed about spiritual gifts: When you were pagans you were led astray to many mute idols. Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit… 1Corinthians 12.1-3**

Asides…

- **Of all the historical abuse that took place in the places of idol worship…**
- **The main point for NT believers is simple:**
  - **We who once were blind followers of ‘dumb’ idols are now the transformed servants of a living, breathing, speaking, God who guides us with His words!**

The Holy Spirit and His gifts!

- **"There are different gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different ministries, but the same Lord. And there are different ways of working, but it is the same God who works in all things in all men. *Now, to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good…"***
  1Corinthians 12.4-7

The vocabulary of the Gifts…

- **Spiritual gifts: Pnuematika**
  - **Lit: spirituals. Things of the Spirit**
- **Different gifts: Charismata**
  - **Base word: Charis (grace-gift): an enablement, an endowment, blessings bestowed by the Holy Spirit**
  - **Gifts, not earned, and not ‘held’**

The vocabulary of the Gifts…

- **Different Ministries: Diakoniai**
  - **Ministries operating for the spiritual profit and edification of the body!**
- **Diversities of operations: Energemata**
  - **Energies and resonations given by God, empowered, activated by the Spirit!**
  - **Activities that by the Spirit produce the best spiritual effects for all people!**

The vocabulary of the Gifts…

- **Manifestation: phanerosis**
  - **Outward evidences of the Spirit *given to each* for the profit of all…**
  - **Every believer is given some capacity for the manifestation of the Spirit!**
- **Different: diairesis**
  - **Idea is distribution; Holy Spirit distributes as many gifts and functions as needed through as many believers as allow!**

But always for the same purpose: for the building up and profit of the Church!

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- **Edification: a building term: the act of building a structure!**
- **Exhortation: to encourage: it's a word relating to Paraclete: Helper, Comforter, used by Jesus for the Holy Spirit!**
  - **"And Joses, who the apostles called Barnabas, (is interpreted: The son of consolation: paraklesis) was a Levite, of Cyprus…" Acts 4:36**

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- **Comfort: to sooth, console: a gift given to people in the midst of sorrow, trials, persecution!**
  - **This is the gift above others that requires maturity/senses exercised to danger!**
  - **Soul ties most often develop here!**
  - **Dealing with people in tender, dire, emotional, situations, easy to bond.**

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  - **"Do not be children in understanding; in taking advantage of a situation be innocent as children, but in understanding be mature!" 1Cor 14.20**
  - **These gifts; edification, exhortation and comfort, are for building the church!**

Gifts to build up the Church…

- Then there are nine gifts that Paul speaks about in 1Corinthians 12.8-10
  - Traditional "Nine gifts of the Spirit" is not the final number...
    - Gifts of healings, 'relief,' 'pilotage,' diverse (kindred) tongues v28
    - Gifs of "prophecy, ministries, teaching, exhorting, giving, ruling, showing mercy." Romans 12.6-8

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  - Often defined as an inspired speaking gift (rhema), could easily be 'speaking from the word' at an opportune time for practical action!

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  - "We speak not with words of man's wisdom but the wisdom that the Holy Spirit teaches, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words!" 1Corinthians 2.13

Gifts to build up the Church…

- **Word of knowledge: logos gnosis: bringing to light a spiritual truth that requires response or action.**
  - **A word of knowledge: "In the last days some will depart from the faith…"**
  - **Word of wisdom: "Take heed to yourself and to your doctrine, for in doing this you will save yourself and those that hear!"**

Gifts to build up the Church…

- **Special Faith: different from saving faith or daily faith by which we are saved or matured.**
  - **An instantly present ability to believe God to overcome the impossible!**
  - **"Rise up and walk…" Acts 3.6**
  - **"Have the faith of God [lit]… say to the mountain be removed…" Mark 11.22,23**