

Holy Spirit Teaching Lesson 5

Spiritual Gifts

Special Note: This Study is loosely based upon the book: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT by Hal Donaldson, Ken Horn, and Ann Floyd

TEXT: Hebrews 6:1-3 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the *doctrine of baptisms*, and of *laying on of hands*, and of resurrection of the dead, and of *eternal judgment*. **And this will we do, if God permit.**

I Corinthians 12:27-30 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. 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. Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

I Corinthians 12:4-7 Now there are diversities of gifts, **but the same Spirit**. And there are differences of administrations, **but the same Lord**. And there are diversities of operations, **but it is the same God which worketh all in all**. *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.*

*****Hebrews 6:1-3 (New King James Version)** Therefore, **leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ**, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ² of the doctrine of baptisms (*Water & Holy Spirit*), of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead (*physical & spiritual*), and of eternal judgment (*effecting eternal judgement*).
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Introduction: This is the 5th & final lesson in our Holy Spirit Teaching Series: THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT.

In keeping with past practices in our teaching series, I want us to spend a lot of time around the altar at the end of the lesson, Remember, as I said in earlier lessons, our goal is to focus on a “hands-on” experience with God rather than an intelligential (class-room) study of facts and scripture proclamations.

I Corinthians 2:4-5 (Apostle Paul) And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: **That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.**

I. The Gifts of the Spirit are a part of the promise of Pentecost but they are greater than Pentecost. They are greater than religious organizations or denominations. They are greater than the boundaries of time or church dispensational periods. They are greater than the opinions of learned professors in religious institutions. They are greater than our personal opinions. They are greater than our church experiences whether past or future. They are greater than what we think or how we feel:

The Gifts of the Spirit is the Hand of God at work using individual Church Members as instruments:

- *God is the author – they originated in his mind*
- *God is the director – he directs each gift and uses it for a special purpose*
- *God gives the gifts to us as our sovereign God - according to his own personal will*
- *God is the source of power -- each gift is totally dependent on God's presence to work!*
- *God has a purpose - to include all his people in his work – not just apostles, prophets, preachers, teachers - but every Christian!*
- *The Gifts of the Spirit is the Hand of God – God Himself - His Presence – His Power- His Person - therefore the Gifts of the Spirit is greater than Pentecost!*

II. Spiritual Gifts are only for the Spirit-filled Christians who hunger for the “Deeper Things” of God
NOT EVERYONE IS INTERESTED IN ADVANCING BEYOND THE 1ST LEVEL OF CHRISITANITY!

I Corinthians 12:1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. – *MOST CHRISTIANS ARE IGNORANT, UNINTERESTED, & MANY WISH TO STAY SPIRITUAL IMMATURE!*

I Corinthians 14:38 But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

Hebrews 6:1-3 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. **And this will we do, if God permit.** -----FROM THIS SCRIPTURE WE DENOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- *We must **go beyond** (leave) the principles of the doctrine of Christ if we wish to advance—not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and faith toward God*
- ***Let us** (personal pursuit)- **go on** (advance) unto perfection (maturity)*
- ***The deeper things of God:** doctrine of baptisms, laying on of hands, resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment*

The Gifts of the Spirit are part of the DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS – and – LAYING ON OF HANDS.

THEY ARE A FULFILLMENT OF BIBLE PROPHECY!

Mark 16:15-20 And he (*Jesus*) said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. *And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.* So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, **the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.**

IV. Let us take a brief look at the Gifts of the Spirit:

I Corinthians 12:8-10 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit. To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 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:

Also, look at Jesus and his work on earth as an example to help us better understand the Gifts of the Spirit -- according to Scripture, JESUS did not use his own power as the Son of God in his work on earth. He used the power of the Holy Spirit – the same power we have available to use today as Christians!

Hebrews 2:16-18 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Luke 4:18-21 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

Gifts of the Spirit:

❖ **Word of Wisdom** – NOTICE - the WORD of Wisdom – **NOT Wisdom itself**

Example of Jesus using the WORD OF WISDOM - NEVER A MAN SPAKE LIKE THIS MAN!

Mark 12:13-17 And they send unto him certain of the Pharisees and of the Herodians, to catch him in his words. And when they were come, they say unto him, Master, we know that thou art true, and carest for no man: for thou regardest not the person of men, but teachest the way of God in truth: Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not? Shall we give, or shall we not give? But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said unto them, Why tempt ye me? bring me a penny, that I may see it. And they brought it. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? And they said unto him, Caesar's. And Jesus answering said unto them, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. **And they marvelled at him.**

Luke 21:13-15 But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. And it shall turn to you for a testimony. Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: **For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.**

- ❖ **Word of Knowledge** - NOTICE - the WORD of Knowledge – **NOT human intellectual Knowledge**
Example of Jesus using the WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

John 1:48-50 Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel. Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.

- ❖ **Faith by the Spirit** – NOT our OWN personal faith – **A SPECIAL HOLY SPIRIT IMPARTED FAITH** *An unshakeable trust in God to deliver on what He has promised -- NO MATTER WHAT!*
The Gift of Faith inspires others who may be tempted to give up - to hold on!

The faith of Jesus was unshakable – Even on the Cross – Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit are ONE!
Psalms 22:1-5 My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring? O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent. *But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel. Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them. They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.*

Psalms 22:22-25 I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee. Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel. For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard. My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

Example of Paul – Gift of Imparted Faith – Since the faith of Christ was unshakable – we must use Apostle Paul as our example for the Gift of Faith!

Acts 27:21-25 But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss. And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship. *For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee. Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.*

- ❖ **Gifts of Healings** – this gift is self-explanatory
Example of Jesus using the GIFT OF HEALINGS

John 5:5-9 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into

the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked...

❖ **Working of Miracles** – this gift is self-explanatory

Example of Jesus using the GIFT OF MIRACLES

Luke 5:3-6 And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

❖ **Prophecy** – GIFT TO ENCOURAGE US OR WARN US OF COMING FUTURE EVENTS –

Example of Jesus using the GIFT OF PROPHECY

Matthew 24:1-3 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to show him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? Verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

❖ **Discerning of spirits** – NOTICE the LITTLE “s” in the word “spirits” –

I John 4 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

Example of Jesus using the GIFT OF DISCERNMENT

John 8:41-44 **Ye do the deeds of your father.** Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech? Even because ye cannot hear my word. **Ye are of your father the devil,** and the lusts of **your father** ye will do...

❖ **Tongues** – HOLY SPIRIT STUDY LESSON 4 DEALT WITH THIS GIFT IN GREATER DETAILS! *PERSONAL EDIFICATION – or – TO BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES*

Words of Jesus on the Gift of Tongues

Mark 16:15-20 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; **they shall speak with new tongues**; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.

❖ **Interpretation of Tongues** – HOLY SPIRIT STUDY LESSON 4 DEALT WITH THIS GIFT IN GREATER DETAILS!

I Corinthians 14 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church. **I would that ye all spake with tongues,** but rather that ye prophesied: for *greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues*, **except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.**

I Corinthians 14:27-28 If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. But **if there be no interpreter**, let him keep silence in the church; and **let him speak to himself, and to God.**

I Corinthians 14:39-40 Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and **forbid not to speak with tongues. Let all things be done decently and in order.**

V. Now, let us consider the PROPER SETTING for THE OPERATION of the Holy Spirit's Gifts – they are used for the work of God operating in the Christian Church – God's Family on Earth!

I Corinthians 12:27-30 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. 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.* Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles God? Have all the gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

The Gifts of the Spirit are Authorized and Approved by God as a:

- powerful tool and accompaniment (supplement) to the ministry of the *apostles*
- powerful tool and accompaniment (supplement) to the ministry of the *prophets*
- powerful tool and accompaniment (supplement) to the ministry of the *teacher(s)*
- powerful tool and accompaniment (supplement) to the ministry of *helps* (workers of various activities)
- powerful tool and accompaniment (supplement) to the ministry of *government* (administration)
- ***Designed by God to WORK in every office of ministry and in every activity of the Church on Earth!***

VI. CLOSING: I must conclude my study with a biblical admonishment concerning Spiritual Gifts – COVET EARNESTLY THE BEST GIFTS BUT ALWAYS REMEMBER, WE MUST BE MOTIVATED BY LOVE AND COMPASSION!

Jesus was moved by compassion in all of his work on earth – we must be motivated by compassion and love as his disciples!

Matthew 9:35-38 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

I Corinthians 12:31 & 13:1-3 31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet show I unto you a more excellent way. *Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.*