

THE PERSON AND MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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CHAPTER 1 - THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE TRINITY

1.1 Explanation of the Trinity

The Godhead ¹ is made up of three persons, the Father - Jehovah, the Son - Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. We are sent out in all the world in their name:

Matthew 28:19

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²

You will notice that it says a single *name*, because God is a singular Godhead, in complete unity and oneness with Himself, yet in three persons. This has been revealed ever since the beginning of scripture:

Genesis 1:1-3

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

We see all three persons at the beginning, the Father speaking, the Word (Jesus) ³ being spoken, and the Holy Spirit moving upon the waters. The word *spirit* means literally *forced breath*; we see God willfully forcing His breath out, which carries His Word and power, to accomplish His purpose in the earth ⁴.

The word *God* in Gen 1:1 is *Elohim*. It is a singular word implying multiple units acting as one entity. An example would be the word *troop*. When we say here comes a troop, we know that there is more than one person in the whole unit, but we understand from the word that they are acting as one unit. If we said *troops*, then we would understand that they were not acting in unity with each other.

One way to understand the Trinity is to look at H₂O, which we normally think of as water ⁵. However, it also comes as steam with much power and force for

¹Acts 17:29, Rm 1:20, Col 2:9

²2 Cor 13:14, 1 John 5:7

³John 1:1-3, 1 John 1:1-3, Heb 1:1-3

⁴See Job 33:4, Ps 104:30, Lk 1:35

⁵water is a giver of life, John 4:10

performing work ⁶, and it comes as ice with the ability to refresh and to keep ⁷. But while the form changes, the molecule of H₂O never changes.

So is God. Each of the Trinity has a spirit, a soul, and a body. However, what makes them one God is that their Spirit is one Spiritual essence. As H₂O is always H₂O, no matter the form, so is the Trinity. You call that essence *Elohim*, with traits of *agape* love, *zoe* life, and *dunamis* power.

What makes man unique in all creation is that we were created in Elohim's image ⁸ and of the same spiritual essence ⁹.

The Trinity always works in total agreement. God is a covenant speaking God ¹⁰, even among Himself.

⁶God's power delivers you and transforms you

⁷God's Spirit refreshes you and keeps you

⁸Gen 1:26

⁹Gen 2:7

¹⁰friendship covenant verse blood covenant

1.2 The Working of the Trinity

There is a specific order ¹¹ of authority and work in the Trinity. The Father is the greatest ¹², Jesus sat down in His throne and was given dominion, and the Holy Spirit is performing the transformation work with you. While each member of the Trinity is equal with each other ¹³, God is not the author of confusion. Without a level of authority and system of work responsibilities, there is always confusion.

1 Cor 12:4-6

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.

The Trinity works much like a cooperation:

- ✍ The Father (God-v6) is the Chief Executive Officer, who decides what the company's line of business is, and generally how it is going to accomplish it.
- ✍ Jesus (Lord-v5) works as the administrator or mediator and head over all things. His job is to see that the actual goals are accomplished.
- ✍ The Holy Spirit acts as a first line supervisor, or your immediate boss. He recruits for the company, trains you, equips you with the necessary tools (gifts), and supervises and directs your activities.

You will notice that the *Motivational gifts* in Romans 12:3-8 are given by God - the Father to motivate you to work in the company to help accomplish the overall plan.

The *Five Fold Ministry gifts* in Eph 4:8-16 are given by Jesus. The five fold perform the administration work of equipping and training the Body to go forth with the gospel.

The *Charismatic gifts* in 1 Cor 12:7-11 are given by the Holy Spirit to equip the believer with the necessary tools to do the actual work.

¹¹Mt 28:19, 1 Cor 13:13

¹²John 8:42, 14:28

¹³Phil 2:5

1.3 Plan of the Ages

God formed a plan, the Plan of the Ages, before anything was created. God the Father formed a plan and presented it to the Son and Spirit, because what ever They do, they do in total agreement and covenant. Proof of plan:

Rev 4:11 all things created for His pleasure
1 Pt 1:18-20 Jesus crucified before foundations of the world
Prov 16:4 God has made all things for Himself

A plan that was hidden in the old testament, that even the angels did not know about:

1 Pt 1:9-12 ~ prophets trying to tell time, angels desire to see
Eph 3:9-11 ~ hid, according to the eternal purpose, in Christ

For what purpose:

Eph 1:4-6
According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Eph 1:11-12
In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

There several purposes. For God's pleasure thru His good purpose. For God's glory.

Eph 3:21
Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

But God the Father is not a selfish God. He seeks to bless. As a loving Father, He sought to leave His Son an inheritance. as a mature Father, He sought to have His Son grow up and subdue it Himself.

Colos 1:18 -19

And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

So the Plan of the Ages was for the Son's sake, to the glory of God. This included the fall of angels, of man, and the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. So that we might be brothers of Jesus Christ, going thru the cross with Him, unto His glory and reign. Praise God forever more!

1.4 Holy Spirit's Work

The Holy Spirit's work in the earth can be simplified as transforming a person unto the image of Jesus Christ. This includes rebirth, sanctification, grow, etc.... The unpardonable sin, against the Holy Spirit, is to totally stop once and for all this process of transformation. This includes never receiving the blood of Jesus (rebirth) and dying in that state, or being born again and coming to a point of either refusing to take the blood of Jesus because of hardness of heart to stay in a continual sin, or because of being deceived by Satan that God will not forgive you, thereby allowing continual unbelief to prevent you from receiving the blood of Jesus. In all cases, there is a continual sin ¹⁴ that is not covered by the blood of Jesus, and an act of the will of the person to not receive the blood.

Hebrews 10:29

Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

Without the blood, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins ¹⁵. ¹⁶
The Holy Spirit will always lift Jesus up and bear witness of Him.

John 16:13-14

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

You will notice that the *Fruit of the Spirit* in Gal 5:22-23 is singular, and the verb *is* is also singular. The Holy Spirit's Fruit is our spirit being transformed into Jesus' image, which character traits are listed as love, joy, peace,

¹⁴anything that is not of faith is sin

¹⁵Heb 10:26-31, Heb 6:4-6

¹⁶to the fact of falling from grace, see Gal 5:4, 2 Pt 1:10, 1 Jh 5:18, 2 Pt 3:17, Heb 4:11, Heb 12:15.

1.5 The Holy Spirit as a Person

The Holy Spirit sent Jesus:

Isaiah 48:16 ¹⁷

Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord God, and his Spirit, hath sent me.

The Holy Spirit speaks:

Acts 13:2

As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

He has a will: 1 Cor 12:11

He has feelings: Eph 4:30

¹⁷See Isa 48:12-17

CHAPTER 2 - THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

During the work of the Holy Spirit to transform us into the image of Jesus Christ, He had many tasks. Below I list some of them:

1. convinces men of need of salvation John 16:8-11
2. reveals the things of God 1 Cor 2:11
3. reveals the things of Jesus John 16:14
4. invites men to come unto Jesus Rev 22:11
5. confirms truth thru signs and wonders Rom 15:18-19
6. agent of rebirth 1 Cor 12:13
7. quickens (makes alive) Romans 8:11
8. Spirit of Adoption Romans 8:15
9. dwells in reborn men Romans 8:9
10. bears witness of sonship Romans 8:10
11. testify of Jesus John 15:26
12. sanctifies believers Rom 15:16
13. seals believer Eph 1:13
14. Spirit of Holiness Rom 1:4
15. leads believers Rom 8:14
16. comforts John 14:26,16:7
17. sheds God's love in our heart Rom 5:5
18. gives strength to believer Eph 3:16
19. can fill believer Eph 5:18-21
20. gives access to God Eph 2:5
21. gives fellowship Eph 2:1
22. teaches John 14:26
23. brings the word to remembrance John 14:26,
1 John 2:20-21
24. Spirit of Truth John 15:26
John 16:7
25. Spirit of wisdom, counsel, understanding,
knowledge, and might Isa 11:2
26. given to men by Father Lk 24:49
27. to empower them for service Act 2:33,39-40
28. to work miracles Rom 15:19
29. to casts out demons Mat 12:24
30. to heal the sick Act 10:38
31. is received by faith Gal 2:2
32. directs gospel work Act 11:12, 16:7
33. imparts gifts 1 Cor 12:7-11
34. helps us in prayer Rom 8:26-27

Let the Holy Spirit work in your life today. For today is the day of redemption, now is the hour of salvation. Receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior and He will deliver you from every evil and trouble.

Believers, if you are not experiencing total victory in an area of your life, have you really made Jesus *Lord* in that area? Jesus must be *Lord and Savior*, not savior and lord! Jesus cannot save\deliver you from that trouble until you are willing to allow Him to be Lord also over it.

CHAPTER 3 - THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is when the Lord Jesus Christ baptizes the believer into the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit. It is sequential to salvation and is evidenced by speaking in tongues.

3.1 Three Baptisms

There are three baptisms discussed in scripture ¹⁸. These are water baptism as a sign of repentance, blood baptism into the body of Christ, and spirit baptism into the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Water baptism, performed by John the Baptist, by his followers, by Jesus' disciples, and by ministers today is for a sign of turning from sin to God ¹⁹, And symbolizes the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ ²⁰. A physical minister baptizes the believer into water.

Blood baptism is when a person receives Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. It is a spiritual baptizing into the Body of Christ, becoming one with Him, and being cleansed from all sins ²¹. The Holy Spirit baptizes the believer into the Body of Christ.

Spirit baptism is when a person receives the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit ²². It is the promise of the Father ²³, that is for you and "all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" ²⁴. Jesus baptizes the believer into the Holy Spirit ²⁵.

Jesus did no miracles until He received the baptism of the Holy Spirit ²⁶. Jesus was just as much Jesus, just as much the Body of Christ, before He received the baptism as He was after. But He had no power, no anointing. This is also why Jesus commanded the disciples not to leave Jerusalem until they had received the

¹⁸Hebrews 6:1-2, 1 John 5:8

¹⁹Luke 3:3, Acts 1:5, Acts 19:4

²⁰Col 2:12-13, Rom 6:3-5

²¹1 Cor 12:13, Rom 6:3-5

²²Acts 1:8, Acts 10:38

²³Lk 24:49, Acts 1:4-5, Gal 3:14

²⁴Acts 10:38-39

²⁵Joel 2:28-29, Mat 3:11, Lk 3:16, Jh 1:33

²⁶Mt 3:16, Mk 1:10, Lk 3:22, Jh 1:32-33, Acts 10:38

baptism\power ²⁷. After receiving the baptism, the disciples went forth, preaching everywhere, with the Lord confirming thru signs and miracles ²⁸.

Notice several things. First, the baptism is for believers who are already saved; the amount of time between rebirth and baptism may be small, even a fraction of a second, but it happens in that order. Second, only a baptized believer has been endowed with power for signs and wonders; a non-baptized believer may be able to get similar results by calling the power from the throne of God, but God's plan calls for you to be endowed with it. Third, the baptism is *upon*; read all the scriptures on Jesus receiving it and on believers receiving it, and you will find it is always *upon*. Fourth, the baptism with evidence of speaking in tongues is an outward proof that Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father in glory ²⁹! Hallelujah!

3.2 Three Manifestations of the Holy Spirit:

There are three major types of manifestation of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life:

1. *with* - before salvation to convince, reveal, and call person to come to Jesus ³⁰
2. *in* - at the rebirth, to indwell the believer, crying "Abba, Father" ³¹
3. *upon* - at the baptism of power, evidenced by speaking in tongues ³².

3.3 Baptism into Holy Spirit evidenced by speaking in Tongues

There are five recorded cases, in the book of Acts, of people receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In all five cases, they spoke in tongues:

1. Acts 2:1-4 ~ at Pentecost all spoke in tongues.
2. Acts 8:14-19 ~ at Samaria Philip had gone down to Samaria, had preached the gospel, and had thousands saved and water baptized. But none of them had yet received the Holy Spirit. Several apostles were sent from Jerusalem to laying hands on the new believers, to receive the Holy Spirit. The ex-sorcerer Simon

²⁷Lk 24:49, Acts 1:8

²⁸Mk 16:15-20

²⁹Luke 24:49-52

³⁰Jh 14:17, Jh 16:8-11, Rom 15:18-19, Rev 22:11

³¹Jh 14:17, Gal 4:6, Rom 8:9,15

³²Acts 1:8, 2:1-4, 8:14-19, 9:17 with 1 Cor 14:18, Acts 10:44-48, 19:1-7

- saw (v.18). Something with his eyes when the people received the baptism. Something he could not fake. He wanted to purchase this ability. Now why would a money conscience man, who used to deceive people, want to pay for something, unless he saw something he could not fake? What did he see? Tongues!
3. Acts 9:17-18 with 1 Cor 14:18 ~ Paul received the baptism and spoke with other tongues. Note: that at the time of baptism, a person is filled to overflowing, and that the baptism only happens once. However, a person can be filled many times, not just at the baptism ³³.
 4. Acts 10:44-48 at Cornelius' house The Jews, including the apostles did not think the Gentiles would ever receive salvation or the baptism. That is why God had to give Peter the vision in chapter 10, and why Peter had to explain to the Jerusalem council in chapter 11. The Gentiles received salvation and the baptism in the Holy Spirit. How do we know? The same way Peter knew: "for they heard them speak with other tongues" (v.46).
 5. Acts 19:1-7 at Ephesus Paul traveling thru Ephesus found 12 men who were disciples of John the Baptist. They had not received Jesus as Lord or the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Paul lead them to salvation, water baptized them, and then laid hands on them to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. What happened? The Holy Spirit came *on* them and they spoke with other tongues!

Praise God! He has not left us defenseless nor powerless against the wiles of our enemy, Satan, but has given us power thru the baptism of the Holy Spirit and has given us authority in Jesus' holy name, to pull down every stronghold of the enemy, and to let the captives go free! Hallelujah!

Here's an interesting thought:
Every writer of the New Testament was baptized in the Spirit and spoke with other tongues. Amen.

³³Acts 2:1-4, Acts 4:31

CHAPTER 4 - THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

4.1 Introduction

There are nine spiritual or charismatic gifts: word of wisdom, word of knowledge, discerning of spirits, (special) faith, working of miracles, gifts of healing, prophecy, divers kinds of tongues, and interpretation of tongues:

1 Cor 12:1-12

DEFINITION:

These gifts (charisma) are given by the Holy Spirit, to equip us to be able to perform the work of the Body of Christ in a supernatural way.

These gifts are "tools" for us to us in preaching the word of God to the unsaved world, confirming the truth with signs and wonders, thru the working of the Holy Spirit.

PURPOSES:

- A. Attracting attention to the truth.
- B. To proclaim Jesus as Lord (verses 2-3), which is also confirming the truth.
- C. To proclaim God's power and majesty to the world (demonstration).
- D. Ministering to the needs of the Body of Christ, that is God meeting needs in a supernatural way.

MANIFESTATION:

- A. The gifts are manifested as we move with the Holy Spirit, acting in faith. The gifts may also manifest at times we are not expecting them to because they function as the Holy Spirit wills. The balance is in that the Holy Spirit is moved by faith.
- B. All these gifts operated in and under the old testament, except tongues and interpretation. Tongues and interpretation are signs of and specific to the new testament. This is why you don't see tongues and interpretation until the baptism of the Holy Spirit upon

believers. All gifts, except tongues and interpretation, can be manifested to a lesser degree before the baptism of the holy spirit; however the baptism brings the anointing of the holy spirit without measure or limit, and allows the potential for the full manifestation of the gifts, as we grow and yield to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

DIVISION OF GIFTS:

We divide and isolate the individual gifts to define them only. Normally, two or more gifts will operate at the same time. They may function at the same time (e.g., prophecy and word of wisdom), or they may flow from one to another without an obvious breaking point (e.g., interpretation and prophecy).

The gifts are divided into three groups, defining their general type of operation:

- A. the revelation gifts (reveal something): word of wisdom word of knowledge discerning of spirits

- B. the power gifts (do something by supernatural power): (special) faith

working of miracles gifts of healing

- C. the spoken gifts (speak something): prophecy divers kinds of tongues interpretation of tongues.

4.2 Word of Wisdom

DEFINITION:

The word of wisdom is a supernatural revelation, given by the Holy Spirit, of the plans, purposes, and will of God concerning future things.

EXPLANATION:

- A. God is all knowing (omniscient). He not only knows all past and present things, but foreknows all things to happen in the future. This does not mean God has forced anyone to do something; merely, that God foreknows what a person will freely chose to do. The word (or message) of wisdom is a small portion of God's wisdom or foreknowledge in a certain area.
- B. Future things revealed could include conditional blessings, dependent upon obedience to God's word.
- C. Future things revealed could include cursings caused by man's disobedience, such as the babylonian captivity of the nation of Israel.
- D. If your car broke down and you did not know what the problem was, the word of wisdom could tell you what specifically to do to fix the car. You might not ever know what the problem was, nor why the *fix* worked.

MANIFESTATION:

- A. Usually is a voice inside of you, which you hear, but others around you cannot. It is similar to being on the phone, you can hear the other person on the phone, but those around you cannot hear him.
- B. May be manifested in dreams and visions.
- C. May be manifested thru the spoken gifts.

EXAMPLES:

- A. John 1:32-34 ~ God foretells John of the Christ
- B. Luke 2:25-26 ~ God foretells Simeon of the Christ

- C. Moses receiving the law of the old testament.
- D. 1 Sam 3:11-14 (word of knowledge in verse 13)
- E. 2 King 20:1-7 conditional to Hezekiah
- F. Jonah's message of destruction to Nineveh (conditional)
- G. Luke 1:13-17, 1:26-35, 1:67-79
- H. Acts 8:26-29 instruction received
- I. Acts 9:15-16 Paul's future
- J. Acts 10:9-16 Peter's vision concerning Gentiles
- K. Acts 11:28-30 foretells church of coming drought, time to prepare
- L. Acts 21:10-11 conditional bondage
- M. Acts 27:10,24-26,31 foretell of danger and of protection

4.3 Word of Knowledge

DEFINITION:

The word of knowledge is a supernatural revelation, given by the Holy Spirit, of certain facts in the mind of God. Facts are things of the past or present.

EXPLANATION:

- A. God is all knowing (omniscient). He knows all facts (past and present). The word (or message) of knowledge is God revealing a small portion of His knowledge in a certain area.
- B. If your car broke down, the word of knowledge could tell you what the problem is (fact), without telling you how to fix it (wisdom).

MANIFESTATION:

- A. Usually is a voice inside of you, which you hear, but others around you cannot. It is similar to being on the phone, you can hear the other person on the phone, but those around you cannot hear him.
- B. May be manifested in dreams and visions.
- C. May be manifested thru the spoken gifts.

EXAMPLES:

- A. John 4:16-18 ~ Samaritan woman at well
Note that this occurrence proclaimed Jesus as the Messiah to the woman, and attracted other unsaved Samaritans to Jesus.
- B. Luke 2:10-12 ~ angels to shepherds
- C. 1 Sam 3:13 (word of wisdom in verses 11-14)
- D. 1 Sam 9:3-4,6,19-20 property recovered
- E. 1 Sam 10:21-23 revealed man hiding
- F. 1 King 19:4,14,18 encouraged servant
- G. 2 King 5:25-26 exposes hypocrite
- H. 2 King 6:9-12 reveals enemy's plans
- I. Luke 1:36-37 confirmed truth to Mary
- J. Acts 5:3-4 Ananias's lie
- K. Acts 9:10-12,15-16 (word of wisdom in verse 16)

- L. Acts 10:17-20
- M. 1 Cor 11:23, Gal 1:11-12 Paul's revelation of last supper

4.4 Discerning of Spirits

DEFINITION:

The gift of discerning of spirits gives insight into the spirit world.

EXPLANATION:

- A. This gift allows you to "see" into the spiritual realm. You may see good or evil spirits and their operation, or you may see the good or evil nature of a man's spirit.
- B. This gift may manifest as an "insight" or "perception" in your spirit as to the true nature of a spirit which is operating (good or evil in operation). This is much like an inner witness manifestation; however, the inner witness of the Holy Spirit includes broader applications, such as inner "peace" witnessing to you that you are in right relationship and fellowship with God.
- C. If you were ministering to a person who had an evil spirit, the gift of discerning of spirits would either give you an inner witness, like your spirit man drawing up inside you, or it might show you the evil spirit. The spirit might look like a black blob or cloud. Note that discerning of spirits would not tell you that a person had an evil spirit or what kind it was, that would be a word of knowledge.
- D. This is not a gift of "spirit of discernment", that is a "spirit of criticism" and is evil. nor is it a gift of "discernment", that is wisdom. Note we all, saved and unsaved, have some capacity of spiritual discernment, that is to say our spirits can sense when other spirits are around and as to what operation they are of. This is not the gift of "discerning of spirits", because it is functioning by our human spirit and not by the Holy Spirit.

MANIFESTATION:

- A. Mainly manifested in dreams and visions. Dreams are when you are asleep. Visions are when you are awake. There are three types of visions:
 - 1. closed vision - when you see in a vision in your spirit. You may see spirits operating where you are at or other location, but you see it in your spirit and not in conjunction with your natural eyes. Whatever you

are doing physically at the time is not affected or hindered. For example, you might be ministering to someone, and in your spirit you see the person and a demon clinging to their back, but with the natural eyes you saw nothing.

2. trance - when you see a vision in your spirit, but your physical facilities are suspended. you are literally "frozen" in place; you could be frozen standing or you could fall under the power and remain frozen there.
3. open vision - when you see both in the spiritual realm and in the physical realm at the same time. your physical facilities are operating as normal and are part of the manifestation. For example, you might be ministering to someone, and your spiritual eyes are opened so that you see a demon clinging to the person's back. It appears that you are seeing it with your natural eyes, because your natural eyes are working in conjunction with your spiritual eyes.

- B. May be manifested as an "insight" or "inner witness perception".
- C. May operate with other revelation gifts.

EXAMPLES:

- A. Isaiah 6:1-5 ~ Isaiah sees God's glory and angels
- B. Acts 7:55 ~ Stephen sees Jesus at throne
- C. Acts 8:18-23 ~ Simon's heart not right
- D. Jacob's ladder - seeing angels ascending\descending
- E. Exodus 33:18-34:7 Moses sees the back side of god
- F. Daniel's dreams and visions
- G. Ezekiel's visions of God's glory and angels
- H. Mt 1:18-20 angel appears to Joseph
- I. Luke 1:11-12 angel appears to Zacharias
- J. Luke 1:26-29 angel appears to Mary
- K. Luke 2:8-15 angels appear to shepherds
- L. Acts 16:16-18 Paul's spirit grieved (perceived)

4.5 (Special) Faith

DEFINITION:

The gift of "special faith" (amplified bible) is a supernatural endowment of believing God for something, above and beyond the normal measure of faith given to every Christian.

EXPLANATION:

- A. The gift of faith allows one to believe so strongly, that he cannot doubt, but has complete and total assurance in god. An example would be Daniel receiving his deliverance in the loin's den. Another is Jesus going to and thru the cross, fully persuaded of His resurrection.
- B. This gift is used in receiving something from God (provision, protection, etc...).
- C. It may work with other gifts, particularly other power gifts, to accomplish something. An example would be Jesus' confidence in God's protection, going into Judea to raise Lazarus, after near stoning on last trip. (John 11:7-8,16)

MANIFESTATION:

- A. Maybe manifested separately, by itself.
- B. Or with other gifts, particularly other power gifts.

EXAMPLES:

- A. Heb 11:17-19 Abraham believing for Isaac's resurrect.
- B. Moses/Israel crossing Red Sea. Working of miracles to part sea, but faith to keep it parted while crossing.
- C. Dan 6:16-17,19-23 Daniel in loin's den
- D. Mark 4:38 Jesus asleep during a storm
- E. John 11:7-8,16 Jesus returning to Judea
- F. John 11:41-42 Jesus receives Lazarus back
- G. Mat 12:39-40 Jesus believing for His resurrection
- H. Acts 27: Paul receiving all men's lives on ship
- I. Wigglesworth's example of raising dead woman.

4.6 Working of Miracles

DEFINITION:

The gift of "working of miracles" is a supernatural endowment of power from the Holy Spirit to intervene in the ordinary course of nature. That is, to cause a temporary or permanent change in natural events or order contrary to the normal operation of natural laws.

EXPLANATION:

- A. A "miracle" in the general use of the word is any work of God; however, a "miracle" in the specific use of the word is to intervene or supersede natural laws or occurrences by the power of God.

MANIFESTATION:

- A. It is always a manifestation in the natural realm, by the supernatural power of God.
- B. It may work with other gifts, particularly the power gifts.

EXAMPLES:

- A. John 2:1-3,7-11 Jesus turns water into wine
- B. Mark 4:39 Jesus rebukes the storm
- C. Exo 7: - 14: Moses performs miracles in Egypt
- D. Exo Moses parts the Red Sea
- E. John 6:5-14 Jesus feeds 5000 with boy's lunch
- F. Acts 5:1-5 Ananias and wife die
- G. Acts 13:4-12 sorcerer struck blind
- H. Acts 28:3-6 serpent bite Paul (could be special faith also)

4.7 Gifts of Healing

DEFINITION:

The "gifts of healing" is a supernatural endowment of power to deliver the physically oppressed from Satan (Acts 10:38), thereby destroying the works of the devil (1 Jh 3:8).

EXPLANATION:

- A. Note it is "gifts", not gift! That is, there are different gifts or mixtures of healing power given. One minister may have a special gift against different types of cancer (i.e., great success in healing manifestations), but limited success against deaf\dumb. Another minister could be the exact opposite. But all ministers can pray for healing thru other channels of faith!
- B. If a body, or part of a body, is still physically present and has some life in it, then the gifts of healing could operate to restore health. However if the part is completely dead, or missing (as a missing arm), then working of miracles would be operate (creative miracle).
- C. We must recognize:
 - 1. All sickness and disease is a curse (Dt 28:58-61), a work of Satan (Acts 10:38, 1 Jh 3:8).
 - 2. We are redeemed from the curse of the law (Gal 3:13), Jesus purchasing not only our holiness (sinlessness), but also our healing on the cross (Isa 53:4-5, Mt 8:16-17, 1 Pt 2:24), delivering us from the power of darkness (Col 1:13).
- D. We can receive healing thru several channels or methods:
 - 1. prayer (that is to receive directly from God) (maybe special faith)
 - 2. laying on of hands (Mark 16:18-21, Jam 5:13-15) (regular faith, prayer of agreement or intercession) (*note laying on of hands could be used with gifts of healing, but is not limited to this gift.)

3. gifts of healing (God's power endowed or placed in a man as a channel).

MANIFESTATION:

- A. Maybe manifested by itself
- B. Or with other gifts: revelation, power, or spoken.

EXAMPLES:

- A. Acts 10:38 Jesus healing all (that believed)
- B. Luke 6:17-19 "Came to hear" and "to be healed" compared to Mark 6:1-6 (Jesus went)
- C. Luke 8:44-48 Endowed power flowed out by faith
- D. Luke 9:1-6 Disciples receive power and authority over demons and sicknesses.
- E. Acts 28:8-10 Paul heals on island of Melita

4.8 Prophecy

DEFINITION:

Prophecy is a divine utterance (word for word) in a known language of the speaker, given by the Holy Spirit, to edification, exhortation, and comfort (1 Cor 14:3).

EXPLANATION:

- A. The gift of prophecy in and of itself has no revelation. But it may combine with one or more of the revelation gifts to reveal something.
- B. It may not combine with other gifts, but merely exhort in and of itself.
- C. It is a word for word supernatural utterance by the Holy Spirit thru a person. It is not preaching (which means to proclaim), but it may come forth during and/or in preaching.
- D. Can be used both in public (in the congregation) and private (personal prayer life) ministry.
- E. Prophecy alone does not make a "prophet". A prophet is a different gift or anointing, which is combined with some of the revelation gifts and the prophecy gift.
- F. We are not to be led by prophecy given to us thru other persons, but led by the Holy Spirit. Prophecy can be one of the 2-3 witnesses we use to confirm things (2 Cor 13:1). God normally talks to us first before it is given thru another person, and if not, then He will confirm it normally thru inner witness or other manifestations (word of knowledge, etc...).
- G. We are to judge prophecy (1 Cor 2:15, 14:29).

MANIFESTATION:

- A. It may manifest alone
- B. Or with other gifts (revelation or power gifts).

- C. It is a spoken gift, though you may hear it first in your spirit, before you yield to the Holy Spirit to speak it. You may not have the whole message in your soul before going forth to give it.
1. You may only have a perception in your spirit that it (prophecy) is there. I call this "something in the mail slot". You know it is there, but you don't know the content until you open your mouth.
 2. You may have only the first several words (heard from your spirit into your soul), like "thus saith the Lord". In both cases, you will have to move forward in faith and open your mouth.
- D. All believers should desire, ask, and have the gift of prophecy working in their personal (prayer life) ministry. That is praying by divine utterance. You can pray in prophecy and/or in tongues with/without interpretation in your own prayer life. (Acts 19:6, Acts 2:17-18, 1 Cor 14:39, 1 Thes 5:20).

EXAMPLES:

- A. Prov 30:1 OR 31:1 Edification, exhortation, comfort
- B. Numbers 11:25-26 Example of "upon" in old testament
- C. Acts 21:8-11 Difference between prophecy and prophet
- D. Luke 1:67-79 Zacharias prophesied
- E. John 11:49-51 high priest (Caiaphas) prophesied
- F. Acts 19:6 received Holy Spirit and prophesied
- G. 1 Cor 14 discussing use of prophecy and tongues in comparison to each other and to use in public verse private ministry!

4.9 Divers Kinds of Tongues

DEFINITION:

The gift of "divers kinds of tongues" is a divine utterance (word for word) in an unknown tongue of the speaker, given by the Holy Spirit.

EXPLANATION:

- A. Tongues (and interpretation) is the only gift not in operation in the old covenant. It is the initial sign of the outpouring or the baptism of the Holy Spirit, both to the church and to every believer. (Joel 2:28-29, Acts 2:17-18, Acts 19:6).
- B. Tongues may or may not be understood naturally by the listener(s).
- C. Tongues may be in the language of men or angels (1 Cor 13:1).
- D. Tongues can be applied by the Holy Spirit in two directions of communication, in either public or private ministry, and must be recognized which direction is being manifested for the proper rules of service to apply. These two directions of communication are:
 - 1. Man's spirit speaking to God, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, in prayer or worship (1 Cor 14:2, Rm 8:26-27). This type of communication can be manifested in all persons in a congregation at once and does not have to be interpreted.
 - 2. God's spirit speaking to man, with the aid of the Holy Spirit thru a man (1 Cor 14:27-28). This type of communication should manifest only thru one person at a time, though several persons may have an utterance in their spirit, in an orderly way, and must be interpreted. Tongues with interpretation is equal to prophecy in importance (1 Cor 14:5).

MANIFESTATION:

- A. Tongues may manifest by itself. Particularly at baptism in Holy Spirit and in personal prayer life. (1 Cor 14:2,14:28, 14:18-19)
- B. Tongues may combine with other gifts.

- C. You must speak what you hear or yield your mouth to the Holy Spirit to speak the tongues (in faith). The Holy Spirit will not force you nor take control without you freely yielding.
- D. We are instructed to ask for the baptism of the Holy Spirit (evidenced by tongues), and cannot receive an evil spirit (demon) in place of (Luke 11:11-13), no more than you can ask Jesus to come into your life and get Satan instead.
- E. Ten reasons for speaking in tongues:
 1. sign to unbelievers that Jesus is exalted and seated at the Father's right hand (1 Cor 14:21-22, Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4, 2:33, Mk 16:16-18).
 2. initial sign of baptism of Holy Spirit (upon a believer) (Acts 2:4, 10:46).
 3. provides spiritual refreshing and rest (Isa 28:11-12).
 4. allows divine praise and thanksgiving (1 Cor 14:15-17, Eph 5:18-19, Acts 10:46, Acts 2:6,11).
 5. edification (building up) of your spirit (1 Cor 14:2, 14:4).
 6. edification (building up) of your faith (Jude 20).
 7. allows us to pray god's divine will, when we know not "what" to pray (Rm 8:26-27).
 8. allows us to pray for persons or causes unknown to us, or for persons/causes known to us but at times not designated by us, as the Holy Spirit moves upon us with burden of prayer, or as tongues rise up in your spirit to come forth. (1 Tim 2:1-3, 1 Cor 14:14-15).
 9. reminder of Holy Spirit's indwelling presence, and God's continual presence with us (never leave nor forsake you) (John 14:16-17).
 10. brings natural tongue under subjection (Jam 3:8-12, Rm 6:12-14).

EXAMPLES:

- A. 1 Cor 14 clarifies public use of tongues
- B. Acts 2:3-4 Holy Spirit appeared as tongues and initial church baptism with tongues
- C. Acts 8:15-17 ~ Samaritans received tongues

- D. Acts 10:44-46 ~ Gentiles received tongues
- E. Acts 19:1-7 ~ Ephesus disciples received tongues
- F. 1 Cor 14:18 ~ Paul spoke with tongues
- G. 1 Cor 14:39 ~ Forbid not to speak in tongues

4.10 Interpretation of Tongues

DEFINITION:

The gift of "interpretation of tongues" is a divine utterance of explanation in a known language of the speaker, given by the Holy Spirit, of what was just uttered in tongues.

EXPLANATION:

- A. This is an "interpretation", not a "translation". Therefore the interpretation should be long or short in comparison to the utterance in tongues. But it will be sufficient to give the meaning of the tongues.
- B. Interpretation is dependent on tongues; that is, tongues must come first.

MANIFESTATION:

- A. Interpretation is a spoken gift, which could be heard in the spirit first (similar to prophecy manifestation).
- B. Interpretation works only with tongues and is dependent on the tongues coming first.
- C. Interpretation must accompany tongues when used in public (congregational) ministry.
- D. Interpretation may be asked for, received, and manifested in private (prayer) ministry (1 Cor 14:13-15).
- E. Interpretation may manifest with other gifts, particularly the revelation gifts.
- F. Interpretation may come thru the same person as the tongues came thru, or another person.

EXAMPLES:

- A. 1 Cor 14:2,4,13-15,27-28,40 In private ministry (personal prayer life)
- B. 1 Cor 14:5,26-28,39-40 ~ In public ministry (congregational)