

FELLOWSHIP OF THE SPIRIT

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Understanding the Person of the Holy Spirit

I. Theological Definition of God the Holy Spirit

A. The Holy Trinity - *II Corinthians 13:14*

1. The existence of one Eternal God who has revealed Himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit
2. Three equal but distinct Persons mysteriously united in the Godhead

B. The Holy Spirit

1. The third person of the Holy Trinity active from the beginning in creation, revelation and redemption
 - a. Latin - spiritus
 - b. Greek - pneuma breath, wind, force
 - c. Hebrew - ruach
2. The Spirit's presence and power were measured in the Old Testament by anointing the prophets, priests and kings to receive the Word of God and to intercede and rule over the people
3. The Spirit's presence and power were found without measure in Jesus of Nazareth, the Anointed One
4. The Spirit convicts and woos the lost
5. The Spirit gives new birth to the penitent
6. The Spirit abides in the believer, perfecting holiness
7. The Spirit empowers the church to carry out Christ's mission in the world
 - a. He speaks - *Revelation 2:7*
 - b. He intercedes - *Romans 8:26*
 - c. He leads - *Acts 8:29*
 - d. He commands - *Acts 16:6-7*
 - e. He guides - *John 16:13*
 - f. He appoints - *Acts 20:28*
 - g. He can be lied to - *Acts 5:3-4*
 - h. He can be insulted - *Hebrews 10:29*
 - i. He can be blasphemed - *Matt. 12:31-32*
 - j. He can be grieved - *Ephesians 4:30*
8. He inspired the Holy Scriptures, God's written word, and continues to illumine His people concerning His will and truth

II. Introduction to the Holy Spirit

A. The Giver of Life

1. Creates in us a living faith
2. Opens our hearts to the grace of God
3. Conforms our lives to the image of Jesus Christ
4. Confirms to us the Word of God
5. Gives to us a willing heart to do the will of God

B. God in Action - *Acts 2:1-4*

1. The Holy Spirit moving **in** people...*filled with the Holy spirit*
2. The Holy Spirit moving **through** people...*they began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them*

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C. Names of the Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit - *Luke 11:13* - shows the gift of God
2. The Spirit of God - *I Corinthians 3:16* - shows the indwelling of God in us
3. The Spirit - *John 3:6* - shows the need to be born again
4. The Spirit of Jehovah - *Isaiah 11:1-2* - shows the prophetic coming of Christ
5. The Spirit of the Living God - *II Corinthians 3:3* - shows life - zoe in addition to bios
6. The Spirit of Christ - *Romans 8:9* - shows belonging to the Christ
7. The Spirit of His Son - *Galatians 4:6* - shows relationship to the Father
8. The Spirit of Jesus Christ - *Philippians 1:9* - shows the mission of the believer
9. The Spirit of Holiness - *Romans 1:4* - shows the holiness of God
10. The Spirit of Fire - *Isaiah 4:4* - shows the purging power of God
11. The Spirit of Truth - *John 14:17* - shows the revelation of God
12. The Spirit of Life - *Romans 8:2* - shows the righteousness of life
13. The Spirit of Glory - *I Peter 4:14* - shows the suffering of God
14. The Spirit of Grace - *Hebrews 10:29* - shows the mercy of God
15. The Eternal Spirit - *Hebrews 9:14* - shows the eternal nature of God
16. The Holy Spirit of Promise - *Ephesians 1:13* - shows the fulfillment of the promise
17. The Comforter - *John 16:7* - shows the concern of God
 - a. Parakletos (Greek) - one called alongside to help
 - b. Advocate, helper, counselor
 - c. Old English - strengthener

D. Symbols of the Holy Spirit

1. Wind - *John 3:8* - emphasizes the invisible, omnipresent, omnipotent and life-giving force of the Spirit
2. Oil - *Isaiah 61:1* - emphasizes the empowerment and anointing of the Spirit
3. Dove - *Matthew 3:16* - emphasizes the qualities of gentleness, purity, innocence and beauty
4. Water - *John 4:14* - emphasizes the Holy Spirit's refreshing and cleaning
5. Fire - *Isaiah 4:4* - emphasizes the purging and purifying work of the Spirit
6. Wine - *Ephesians 5:18* - emphasizes the joy giver characteristic of the Spirit

III. Misconception about the Holy Spirit

- A. *The Source of Raw Power* - draws us to God and His will
- B. *The Moral Influence of Jesus* - transforms our lives to the image of God (God the Father, God the Son, God the Spirit)
- C. *The Conscience of a Christian* - works within our conscience as well as our minds, our bodies and our spirits. The Holy Spirit consumes us if we allow Him.
- D. *The Personal Touch of Jesus* - acts in individuals as well as groups; in pagans as well as Christian; in the world as well as in church

The unforgivable sin is the sin of rejecting forgiveness

Confession without change is just a game.

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Old and New Testament Views

I. The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

A. Creation - Three Distinctive Kingdoms

1. The Heavens and Earth - Spiritual Kingdom
 - a. The Spirit of God hovering over the waters - *Genesis 1:2*
 - b. The Breath of God in the skies - *Job 26:13*
 - c. The breath of Yahweh created the starry hosts - *Psalms 33:6*
2. The Human Kingdom - the Holy spirit made us and gave us life - *Job 33:4*
3. The Animal Kingdom - the creation of all living things by the Spirit - *Psalms 130:30*

B. Revelation - Connecting God to Humanity

1. Prophecy to God's people-proclaiming God's will and way through the Spirit-*Neh 9:30*
 - a. Teaching - what is right
 - b. Correcting - what is not right
 - c. Rebuking - how to get right
 - d. Training - how to stay right
2. Prophecy to All People - proclaiming the fear of the Lord, salvation, deliverance and judgment through the Spirit - *Isaiah 59:15-19*
3. Prophetic Promise of the Messiah - *Isaiah 11:2-3*
 - a. The Spirit of wisdom and of understanding - spiritual insight
 - b. The Spirit of counsel and of power - spiritual formation
 - c. The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord - spiritual growth

C. Empowerment

1. Leadership - discerning and ruling over God's people by the Spirit - *I Samuel 11:5-11*
2. Military Conquests - enabling God's people to defeat their enemies by the Spirit - *Judges 15:14-15*
3. Craftsmanship - equipping God's people with special gifts and skills for building the tabernacle - *Exodus 31:1-6*

II. The Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ

A. Pattern for Spirit-filled Living

1. The Holy Spirit descending upon Jesus - *Luke 3:22*
 - a. Followed the baptism by John - Jesus submitting unto John - **submission**
 - b. Came in the form of a dove - **gentleness**
 - c. Preceded the Father's affirmation - **love**
2. Jesus, Full of the Holy Spirit - *Luke 4:1*
 - a. Led by the Spirit into the desert - **obedience**
 - b. Faced temptations in the fullness of the Spirit - **victory**
3. Jesus returned in the Power of the Spirit
 - a. Began to teach in the synagogue - **ministry**
 - b. Fulfilled prophecy in Nazareth - **mission**

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- B. The Teaching of Jesus Christ about the Spirit
 - 1. The Great Commission - the Holy Spirit will speak through you - *-Luke 13:11*
 - 2. The Great Blasphemy - refusing God's forgiveness in Jesus Christ and rejecting the Holy Spirit - *Matthew 12:31-32*
 - 3. The Great Discourse - Last Teaching - *John 16:5-16*
 - a. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit
 - b. The Holy Spirit will convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment
 - c. The Holy Spirit will guide the Christian into all truth
 - d. The Holy Spirit will speak only what he hears from the Father and Son
 - e. The Holy Spirit will tell the Christian what will happen in the future
 - f. The Holy Spirit will bring glory to Jesus Christ by dwelling in us
 - g. The Holy Spirit will take what belongs to Jesus Christ and give it to the Christian
- III. The Holy Spirit in the New Testament
 - A. The Coming of the Spirit - *Acts 2:4*
 - 1. Every believer receiving the Holy Spirit - personal experience
 - 2. God fulfilling His promise to the church - prophetic event
 - B. Forgiveness and the Holy Spirit - *Acts 2:37-38*
 - 1. Order of Connection
 - a. Repent - turn away and leave alone
 - b. Be baptized - outward sign of an inward grace; set apart
 - c. Receive - open to the move God in and through you
 - 2. The Connector - Holy Spirit
 - a. Repentance - Spirit draws us towards God through conviction and revelation
 - b. Baptism - Spirit deposits the assurance of salvation in us
 - c. Reception - filled to overflowing with the presence of God
 - C. Demonstrations of the Spirit
 - 1. The household of Cornelius - Gentile Christians - *Acts 10:1-11:18*
 - a. Reception of the Spirit without adherence to the Mosaic Law
 - b. Baptism occurred after receiving the Spirit
 - 2. The Samaritans - Unwanted Christians - *Acts 8:4-15*
 - a. Believed and were baptized - received the Holy Spirit later on
 - b. Philip preached salvation; John and Peter imparted the gift of the Spirit
 - 3. The Ephesians - Undisciplined Christians *Acts 19:2*
 - a. Disciples of John who had not yet received Christian instruction, baptism or the Holy Spirit

**Perseverance is the hard work you do after you get
tired of doing the hard work you already did.**

The Fruit of the Spirit

I. The Character of God in Humanity

- A. Character cannot be packaged - it must grow - *Luke 6:43-45*
 - 1. No good tree grows bad fruit
 - 2. No bad tree grows good fruit
 - 3. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit
- B. Character cannot be manipulated - it must be pruned - *John 15:1-8*
 - 1. Fruitless branches are cut off
 - 2. fruitful branches are pruned for growth
 - 3. dead branches are picked up and burned
- C. Character cannot be purchased - it must be planted - *Psalm 1*
 - 1. Planted by streams of living water - Holy Spirit
 - 2. Rooted in good. Fertile soil - open heart
 - 3. Exposed to the light - Word of God

II. The Fruit of a Godly Character

- A. The foundation of all fruit - love
 - 1. Three types of love
 - a. Agape - unconditional love; divine affection
 - b. Eros - sensual, self-pleasing pleasure
 - *Agape says, "I love you because I love you."
 - *Eros says, "I love you because I need you."
 - 2. The expressions of God's love (agape) - *I Corinthians 13:4-8*

Positive Expressions	Negative Expressions
patient	no envy
kind	no boasting
rejoices in truth	no pride
always protects	not rude
always trusts	not self-seeking
always hopes	not easily angered
always perseveres	no record of wrong
always remains	no delight in evil
	never fails

B. The result of God's love in us

- 1. Joy - delight in God - *Psalm 16:11*
- 2. Peace - rest in God - *John 14:27*
- 3. Patience - being still before God - *Psalm 40*
- 4. Kindness - grace to others - *Romans 2:4*
- 5. Goodness - righteousness to others - *Matthew 5:13-16*
- 6. Faithfulness - becoming obedient - *Romans 3:3*
- 7. Gentleness - becoming meek - *Matthew 5:5*
- 8. Self-Control - becoming balanced - *Galatians 5:25-26*

The Gifts of Revelation

I. Word of Wisdom - *I Corinthians 12:8*

A. Definition - the ability to make concrete, practical and specific applications of divine knowledge received directly from God

1. Word of Wisdom - fragment or part of God's eternal wisdom
2. God is all wise - omniscience - His wisdom is like a mystery to humanity - *I Cor 2:7-8*

B. Impartation

1. By an angel - sharing a word of wisdom from the Lord - *Gideon*
2. In a vision - receiving a vision or dream that imparts a message of wisdom - *Daniel*
3. By an audible voice - hearing the voice of God directly - *Moses*
4. In a thought or impression - perceiving a message from the holy Spirit in your spirit or mind - *Agabus*

C. Application

1. Remember God's gifts are to promote God's redemption, righteousness and justice
2. Messages from God may be spoken, acted out, painted, sculpted, woven, molded, carved, sung or played on an instrument
3. Words of Wisdom help us:
 - a. To transform talents - *God's purpose*
 - b. To develop skills - *God's way*
 - c. To apply grace to each area of our lives - *God's will*

II. Word of Knowledge - *I Corinthians 12:8*

A. Definition - The ability to ascertain and to understand a supernatural revelation of existence, or nature, of a person or a thing, or an event.

1. Knowledge of the scripture comes through study
2. The Word of Knowledge comes through revelation
3. The Word of Knowledge is a participation in the omniscience of God

B. Four Kinds of Knowledge

1. Natural Human Knowledge - *Daniel 12:4*
2. This Fallen World's Supernatural Knowledge - *I Samuel 28:1-25*
3. True Spiritual Knowledge - *John 17:3*
4. Word of Knowledge - *II Kings 12:10*

III. Discerning of Spirits - *I Corinthians 12:10*

A. Definition - the ability to differentiate between good and evil, right and wrong, and what is of God, human nature, or evil, and to use this knowledge for the protection and health of the body of Christ

1. Discerning what spirit motivates a person - truth or falsehood - *I John 4:6*
2. Determining if something is clean or unclean - *Acts 16:16-18*
3. Deciding if it is a work of Satan - *Acts 13:6-12*

B. The Gift of Discerning Spirits - brings glory to God and builds up the body of Christ

1. Spiritual Warfare - struggle against evil - *Ephesians 6:12*
2. Spiritual Freedom - liberty from the flesh - *Galatians 5:1*

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The Holy Spirit and Baptism

I. God Works in Humanity by Grace

A. Definitions of Grace - *Luke 2:40; John 1:16; Acts 4:33*

1. Bestowing pleasure, delight or favor
2. Loving kindness or goodwill; unmerited favor
3. Redemptive mercy and aggressive forgiveness
4. Highly favored benefit, bounty or liberty
5. **God's Riches At Christ's Expense - GRACE**

B. Cheap Grace

1. Justification of sin, not the sinner
2. Absence of obedience - no cross, no Christ
3. Forgiveness without repentance
4. Communion without confession
5. Consolation and comfort instead of confrontation and comfort

C. Costly Grace

1. Costly because it calls us to follow
2. Grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ
3. Costly because the price was Christ on a cross
4. Grace because God did it for His creation

D. The Work of God

1. Prevenient Grace - before salvation - *Romans 3:22-25*
 - a. The Holy Spirit wooing us and drawing us to Jesus Christ
 - b. The Holy Spirit revealing Jesus Christ to us
2. Justifying Grace - point of salvation - *Romans 5:1-5*
 - a. The Holy Spirit convicting us of sin, righteousness and judgment
 - b. The Holy Spirit awakening our spirits to life in Christ - born again
 - c. The Holy Spirit turning us towards the redemptive work of Christ - salvation
3. Sanctifying Grace - after salvation - *Romans 8:1-17*
 - a. The Holy Spirit setting us free from the old life
 - b. The Holy Spirit moving us to grow in Christ-*ie* fruit of the Spirit - *Galatians 5:22-23*
 - c. The Holy Spirit changing us from glory to glory
 - d. The Holy Spirit connecting us with the purpose of God for our lives

II. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

A. Definition of Baptism

1. *baptisma* (GK noun) - the processes of immersion, submersion and emergence (in, under, out)
 - a. John's Baptism - in water for repentance - *Matthew 3:11*
 - b. Christian Baptism - in water for repentance and new life - *1 Peter 3:21-22*
 - c. Baptism of Affliction - suffering of Christ on the cross - *Luke 12:50*
 - d. Baptism of Suffering - experience of those in fellowship with Christ - *Mark 10:38-39*

2. *baptizo* (GK verb) - to dip or to dye (like a garment from one color to another); drawing out water from one vessel to another; washing

B. Baptism in the Spirit - definite experience, subsequent to salvation, whereby the Third Person of the Godhead comes upon the believer to anoint and energize for special service; also called "falling upon"; "coming upon"; "poured out" and "being filled."

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1. Promise of the Father - *Luke 24:49*
 - a. Originates with God the Father - not humanity
 - b. God's word is true and His promises are yes and amen in Christ
2. Gift from God - *Acts 2:38*
 - a. Free to all who believe, repent and receive
 - b. Cannot be earned, worked for or coerced
3. Command of the Lord - *Acts 1:4*
 - a. Power for service - *Acts 1:8*
 - b. Power for spiritual warfare - *Ephesians 6:12*
 - c. Power for blessing - *John 7:37-39*
 - d. Power for ability - *Matthew 10:1*
- C. Jesus Christ Baptizes with the Holy Spirit
 1. Conditions for a Holy Spirit Outpouring
 - a. Repentance from sin - Holy Spirit/ Holy People - the Holy Spirit cannot operate where sin holds sway - *Acts 17:30*
 - b. Experience of salvation - faith and trust in Jesus Christ - *Galatians 4:6*
 - c. Water baptism - obedience to the word of God; an outward sign of an inward grace - *Acts 2:37-38*
 - d. Conviction of need - a hunger and thirst for God and the things of God - *Matthew 5:6*
 - e. Faith - not a matter of intellect, feelings, signs or evidence, but of faith - *Galatians 3:14*
 2. Results of a Holy Spirit Outpouring - *Ephesians 5:15-21*
 - a. Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs
 - b. Singing and making music in you heart to the Lord
 - c. Giving thanks to God the Father for everything
 - d. Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ
- D. New Testament Interaction with the Holy Spirit
 1. Mary overcome - sang a song - *Luke 1:35:56*
 2. Elizabeth filled - pronounced a blessing - *Luke 1:42*
 3. Zechariah filled - prophesied - *Luke 1:67-79*
 4. Simeon - Holy Spirit upon him - praise God - *Luke 2:25-32*
 5. Jesus - Holy Spirit descended - started ministry - *Luke 3:21-23*
 6. 120 in the Upper room - filled - spoke in tongues - *Acts 2:4*
 7. Peter filled - preached - *Acts 4:87*
 8. People praying - spoke the word - *Acts 4:31*
 9. Stephen being full - received a vision - *Acts 7:55-56*
 10. Samaritans - received the Holy Spirit - not recorded reaction - *Acts 8:15*
 11. Saul filled—could see again and preached - *Acts 9:17-19*
 12. Church strengthened and encouraged - growth in numbers - *Acts 9:31*
 13. Cornelius - Holy Spirit came upon - spoke in tongues and praised God - *Acts 10:44-46*
 14. Paul filled - Word of Knowledge - *Acts 13:6-11*
 15. Disciples at Iconium filled - joy - *Acts 13:52*
 16. Disciples at Ephesus - Holy Spirit came upon - spoke in tongues and prophesied - *Acts 19:1-7*

Ability has nothing to do with opportunity.

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Sin Against the Holy Spirit

I. The Unforgivable Sin - *Matthew 12:31-32*

A. Blasphemy Against the Holy Spirit

1. Continual rejection of God's grace in Jesus Christ
2. Continual resistance to the wooing of the Holy Spirit bringing God's grace

B. Grace for All People - *Joel 2:28-32*

1. Holy Spirit poured out on all people - the gift of God
2. Holy Spirit directing all people to Jesus Christ
3. Resisting the Holy Spirit produces unbelief - *Acts 7:51-53*
 - a. Stiff-necked people - rebellious, proud, arrogant
 - b. Uncircumcised hearts - hard, cold unchangeable, disobedient
 - c. Uncircumcised ears - no faith, no truth, no repentance
 - d. Disobedient - lawless, selfish, wicked
4. Without faith it is impossible to please God

C. Blasphemy is Committed by Unbelievers

1. Rejection of the Holy Spirit
2. Rejection of the grace of God
3. Rejection of faith in Jesus Christ
4. Rejection of forgiveness of sin

II. Grieving the Holy Spirit - *Ephesians 4:30*

A. The Nature of God - The Holy Spirit

1. Nature of God - love eternal - *I John 4:16-18*
2. Nature of the Holy Spirit - love manifest in us - *I Corinthians 13*

B. Grieving the Holy Spirit Consists of Going Against the Nature and Will of God

1. Anti-Christ in speech
2. Anti-Christ in conduct
3. Anti-Christ in attitude
4. Anti-Christ in thought

C. What Grieves the Holy Spirit?

1. Falseness - anything false, deceitful, or hypocritical - *Spirit of Truth - John 14:17*
2. Doubt - distrust, anxiety, worry - *Spirit of Faith - II Corinthians 4:13*
3. Hardness - bitterness, ungracious, unforgiving, unloving - *Spirit of Grace - Heb 10:29*
4. Impure - unholy, unclean, defiling or degrading - *Spirit of Holiness - Romans 1:4*

III. Quenching the Holy Spirit - *I Thessalonians 5:19*

A. Definition - to put out or damper; like putting out a fire

1. Extinguishing the Spirit by **sins of commission**
2. Extinguishing the Spirit by **sins of omission**

B. Conclusion

1. Resist not His incoming - open
2. Grieve not His indwelling - please
3. Quench not His outgoing - obey

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The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

I. The Scope of Spiritual Gifts

A. Principle of Spiritual Gifts

1. The purpose of all spiritual gifts is to serve others and to glorify God - *I Peter 4:10*
2. Every Christian has been given a gift by God - *I Corinthians 12:7*
3. Every gift is important - *I Corinthians 12:15-16*
4. Gifts are sovereignly bestowed by God - *I Corinthians 12:11*
5. Every gift is given by God's grace - *Romans 12:6*
6. All gifts must be developed and exercised - *II Timothy 1:6*
7. Gifts reflect the nature and character of God - *John 15:5*
8. Love is the key to all spiritual gifts - *I Corinthians 13*

B. Spiritual Gifts - *Romans 12:1-8*

1. Prophesying - the ability to speak God's will and God's way into life present and future - **Righteousness**
2. Serving - the ability to aid or assist others in need - **Just Do It**
3. Teaching - the ability to discern, analyze and deliver biblical and other spiritual truths - **Just Do It**
4. Encouraging - the ability to counsel, inspire, motivate, encourage and strengthen others in and through their efforts to live out God's will and calling as Christians in pain or pleasure, want or plenty - **Just Do It**
5. Giving the ability to contribute income, time, energy and skills beyond the reasonable standard - **Generously**
6. Leadership - extraordinary ability to envision God's will and purpose and persuade others to pursue and act upon it - **Diligently**
7. Showing Mercy - extraordinary ability to feel and to act upon genuine empathy for others - **Cheerfully**

C. Spiritual Gifts - *I Peter 4:10-11*

1. Exhortation - the ability to counsel, inspire, motivate, encourage and strengthen others in and through their efforts to live out God's will and calling as Christians in pain or pleasure, want or plenty - **like speaking the very words of God**
2. Serving - the ability to elevate any deed or service that aids the church or another person to a form of worship without concern or desire for rank, popularity, position or recognition - **with the strength of God**

D. Spiritual Gifts - *I Corinthians 12:27-31*

1. Apostles - the ability to adhere to the personality of Jesus Christ and His tradition of missional itinerary so that one so that one may wield effective spiritual oversight of new places for the purpose of extending Christian ministries for spiritual, just and righteous living

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2. Prophets - the ability to link biblical truths and God's will for today's living and to be an instrument for revealing or interpreting historic or current messages from God for righteous and just living in today's world
 3. Teachers - the ability to discern, analyze and deliver biblical and other spiritual truths to help others to comprehend and accept the clear calling of God to live justly and righteously
 4. Workers of Miracles - the ability to do powerful works that transcend our perception of natural laws and means to free the church or individuals from conditions that restrict needed ministries
 5. Healers - the ability to cure or to be cured of ill conditions that hinder effective ministries for Christ, the church or individuals
 6. Helpers - the ability and eagerness to aid or assist others in need to such an extent that the helper receives as much as the person helped
 7. Administrators - the ability to sort out resources and persons for effective church ministries and to organize and implement them into ministry projects until completion with eventful results
 8. Speakers of Tongues - the ability to pray to or praise God with beneficial wordless phrases or utterances not familiar as a known language, and with such a joy-filled intimacy with Christ that faith is strengthened and ministries become effective
- E. Other Spiritual Gifts discussed in detail will include - *I Cor 12:7-11*, and *Ephesians 4:11-13*

II. The Meaning of Spiritual Gifts

A. The gifts are for service - *Ephesians 4:12*

B. What spiritual gifts are not

1. Gifts are not acquired skills or natural talents - *II Corinthians 5:16*
2. Gifts are not roles - *Acts 1:8*
3. Gifts are not offices - *I Corinthians 16:16*
4. Gifts are not the fruit - *Galatians 5:22-23*
5. Gifts are not for self-gain - *I Corinthians 12:1-3*
6. Gifts are not divisive - *Matthew 7:15-20*
7. Gifts are not the same for everyone - *I Corinthians 12:4-6*

C. Is suffering a spiritual gift?

1. Suffering is not always caused by sin or the absence of faith - *I Corinthians 4:9-14; II Corinthians 11:22-31*
2. Suffering is often used to make us aware of God's power to sustain us - *Psalms 68:19*
3. Suffering often caused people, good and evil to praise God - *John 9:1-3; 11:4; I Peter 1:6-7*
4. Suffering teaches us humility - *II Corinthians 12:7*
5. Suffering is used to perfect and strengthen us for righteousness - *Ps 66:8-9; Heb 2:10; 12:10*
6. Suffering creates fellowship and community and motivates us to use our gifts for the common good - *Philippians 4:12-15; I Peter 4:12*
7. Suffering leads to hope that only grace provides - *I Peter 1:6,13*
8. Suffering is no cause for shame - *II Timothy 1:12*

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The Spirit in Church History

I. Francois de Salignac de la Mothe Fenelon (1651-1715 AD)

A. Biography

1. Born to a noble family in France; educated in Paris
2. Ordained a Catholic priest; missionary to Canada
3. Served as pastor, teacher, and archbishop in France
4. Filled with the Holy Spirit after an eight day prayer vigil by Madame Guyon in November, 1688

B. Crucifixion of the Life of Self - Fenelon

1. Present your soul to God by faith - **submit**
2. Die to the inner pleasures and happiness of this life - **lose your life**
3. Die to the virtues and habits of this life - **lose your pride**
4. Die to the resentment of God's way in this life - **lose your feelings**
5. Receive the life of love from Christ Himself - **gain the resurrection**
6. Conform to the image of God in disposition and action - **gain new life**

II. Christmas Evans (1766-1838 AD)

A. Biography

1. Born to a poor family on Christmas 1766; difficult teenage years - no education
2. Lost an eye during a fight at age 17
3. Decided for Christ after a revival meeting in Wales
4. Ordained by the Baptist Church
5. Received the Holy Spirit after 9 years of struggling in the ministry

B. A Solemn Covenant with God - Christmas Evans

1. I give body and soul to Jesus Christ
2. I call upon all nature to witness to the Redeemer of Sinners
3. I take the work of God for my own - my labor, His glory
4. I entreat an interest in the blood of Jesus which cleanses me
5. I consecrate my interest in the church - building it for His glory
6. I desire that every activity would be useful in the kingdom of God
7. I desire that every word would be useful in the kingdom of God
8. I desire that the Word of God be in me first; in my preaching second
9. Wash me in your redeeming blood
10. Give me power to trust in you
11. Prepare me for my death - let everything be in order
12. Take away all sin and all merit
13. Hear my prayers, oh Redeemer of Sinners

III. Charles G. Finney (1792-1875 AD)

A. Biography

1. Born in Connecticut to a Puritan family
2. Studied law in New York; interested in the Bible
3. Converted in the woods outside his office after a deep conviction from the Lord

B. Why Many Do Not Have the Spirit? - Charles G. Finney

1. Many live a hypocritical life - insincere and without any heart
2. Many live a frivolous life - no interest for the things of God
3. Many live a proud life - fond of fashion, high life, and entertainment

The Gifts of Inspiration

I. Prophecy - *I Corinthians 12:10*

A. Definition - the ability to link biblical truths and God's will for today's living and to be an instrument for revealing or interpreting historic or current messages from God for righteous and just living in today's world

1. *propheteia* - GK - revealing, manifesting, announcing
2. Prophecy is for believers - for strengthening, encouragement and comfort - *I Cor 14:3*
3. Prophecy is to be judged - *I Corinthians 14:29*
 - a. By the Word of God - *II Peter 1:19*
 - b. By the character of the speaker - *II Peter 1:19*
4. Prophecy is partial and not complete - *I Corinthians 13:9*
5. Prophecy is exercised in proportion to our faith - *Romans 12:6*
6. The spirit of prophecy is the testimony of Jesus - *Revelation 19:10*

B. Impartation

1. Word by word message
2. Picture and/or inner impression
3. Dreams or visions
4. Application of a particular scripture

II. Different Kinds of tongues - *I Corinthians 12:10*

A. Definition - the ability to pray or praise God with beneficial wordless phrases or utterances not familiar as a known language, and with such a joy-filled intimacy with Jesus that faith is strengthened and ministries become effective

1. *glossalalia* - GK - to speak in tongues
 - a. *glossais* - tongues; physical organ in the mouth
 - b. *ialein* - to speak
2. New Testament References
 - a. *Mark* - a sign that the person is a believer
 - b. *Acts* - one of several signs that a person has been filled with the Holy Spirit
 - c. *I Corinthians* - a gift described as a form of private prayer or personal edification unless accompanied by the gift of interpretation for public edification

B. Application

1. Speaking to God - form of prayer - *I Corinthians 14:2*
2. Communing with God - *I Corinthians 14:2*
3. Singing with freedom - *I Corinthians 14:15*
4. Edifying self - *I Corinthians 14:14*
5. Interceding with sighs and groans - *Romans 8:26*

III. Interpretation of Tongues - *I Corinthians 12:10*

A. Definition - the ability to hear, comprehend, and translate spiritual messages given by others in wordless phrases or utterances unfamiliar as a known language or to decipher and translate spiritual messages from another who speaks in a known language but not recognized by the interpreter

1. *dierneneuo* - GK - to make clear, to explain or expound; to translate
2. Tongues in a public meeting require interpretation - *I Corinthians 14:6-17*

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Midwest City Free Methodist Church

The Gifts of Power

I. Faith - *I Corinthians 12:9*

A. Definition - the ability to extend one's basic or saving faith to serve corporate and individual needs specifically related to the life and ministry of the Church. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. - *Hebrews 11:1*

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II. Gifts of Healing - *I Corinthians 12:9*

A. Definition - the ability to cure or to be cured of ill conditions that hinder effective ministries for Christ, the Church, or individuals

B. Manifestations of Healing

1. Laying on of hands - *Mark 6:5*
2. Spoken Word - *Matthew 8:8*
3. Anointing with oil - *James 5:14*
4. Clothe - *Acts 19:11-12*
5. Shadow - *Acts 5:16*

C. The root sickness is our broken relationship with God - *Isaiah 53:4-6*

1. Forgiveness through the Atonement - *Psalms 103*
2. Reconciliation through the Atonement - *Hosea 6:1*
3. Deliverance through the Atonement - *I Peter 2:24*

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A. Definition - the ability to do powerful works that transcend our perception of natural laws and means to free the Church or individual from conditions that restrict ministries.

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- a. Industrial Age - changed our possessions
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2. Miracle - GK *energemater dunameon* energies and power

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