

SPIRITUAL GIFTS IN THE BEGINNING

THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH - PART V

*"Now concerning spiritual gifts,
brethren, I would not have you ignorant."*

~ 1 Corinthians 12:1

1. What is the Spirit Doing?

- a. Which church? - Which apostle? - Who were they? - What happened at the cross?
- b. The revelation of the mystery is not an invented teaching – Rom 16:25, Eph 3:3-9, 5:32
 - i. The new creature unknown before – Gal 6:15, Col 1:25-28
- c. Necessary before the body ministry → 1Co 3:11, 2Co 5:16, 1Co 10:16,15:3, Eph 1:20-22
- d. The Spirit is necessary for the body ministry → Eph 1:13, 2:22, 3:3, Rom 8:9, 1Cor 12:13
- e. Is it enough that the Spirit is present? Spiritual power? No. What is the Spirit doing?
- f. The Spirit was given at Pentecost before the ministry of the 'one body' began.

2. The Spirit at Pentecost

- a. The Spirit given to fulfill a shadow of Israel's holy day – Acts 2:1, Lev 23:15-18
- b. The Spirit given at Pentecost was no mystery → Isa 44:3, Prov 1:23, Acts 2:16-Joel 2:28
- c. The Spirit promised to Israel thru them to bless all – Lk 24:49, Acts 2:33, 38-39

3. Not the First Time – Not New

- a. Not the first time for the Spirit - Num 11:26-29, Judg 15:14; 1Sam 10:10, 16:14
- b. Tongues are an OT teaching – Gen 11:7 – Acts 2 a removal of the OT curse Zeph 3:9
- c. Not the first time for powers – Lk 10:9 No blind, deaf, lame, or sick in Israel's kingdom
- d. The Spirit gave them words to preach Israel's Messiah, kingdom, covenants.
- e. Miracles were are part of Israel's covenants – Exo 34:10; 1 Cor 1:22
- f. Nowhere in Acts 2 does the Holy Spirit operate acc. to the mystery of Christ.

4. The Spirit in the Body

- a. The Spirit baptizes us into the Body - 1 Cor 12:13. Was this Pentecost?
 - i. 1 Cor 12:13 was to Jews and Gentiles, to identify them as the body, acc. to the mystery, to people who were strangers of the covenants, struggling with sin
 - ii. If it refers to Pentecost – then Acts 2 must repeated over and over.
- b. 1 Cor 12:1, Rom 12:4-5, Eph 4:11-12 → Spiritual gifts were given in the Body
- c. The Spirit was the gift (Acts 2:38, 10:45), but 1Cor 12:4, 9 are gifts by the Spirit.
- d. The Spirit falls on and fills the believers in Acts 2:4, 11:15 ...but dwells in us 1 Cor 3:16
- e. The spiritual gifts were given:
 - i. The Spirit and his gifts function acc. to the will of God – Rom 8:27
 - ii. As a sign to Israel – 1 Cor 14:22, Gal 2:7, Acts 15:12 (stopped at Acts 28)
 - iii. To identify God's apostles – 2 Cor 12:12
 - iv. To lay the foundation of the body of Christ – 1 Cor 14:5, 12
 - v. To complete the word of God (to make men perfect) – Col 1:25, 2 Tim 3:16
 - vi. To establish mystery truth (new creature, Christ in you, etc) - Eph 3:4-5, 1Co 2
 - vii. To prepare the more excellent way– Col 2:10, Eph 4:12-15, 1Cor 12:31, 13:10-11
- f. The end of the commandment is charity, patterned by Paul by faith – 1Tim 1:5-16
- g. The more excellent way, the perfect man, is Christ in you acc. to the mystery.