

SWEET SWEET SPIRIT
1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-7 / APRIL 29, 2018 / AM

I. FIRST, WE SHOULD LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT.

- A. This is Paul's challenge in 12:1.
- B. Since Paul says we should learn more about the Holy Spirit what is there about him we should learn?
 - 1. First, we should learn who the Holy Spirit is.
 - a. The Holy Spirit is a "person" not a thing or power.
 - i. He's referred to as a person—John 16:13.
 - ii. He speaks like a person—Acts 13:2.
 - iii. He has **emotions** like a person—Eph. 4:30.
 - iv. He has a mind like a person—Romans 8:27.
 - b. The Holy Spirit is also God--Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:13
 - 2. Second, we should learn what the Holy Spirit does.
 - a. He creates—Gen. 1:2.
 - b. He authors Scripture—2 Peter 1:20-21.
 - c. He exalts Jesus—John 15:26.
 - d. He convicts us of our sin--John 16:8.
 - e. He saves us--Titus 3:5.
 - f. He lives in us--1 Cor. 6:19.
 - g. He empowers us for Christian living--1 John 4:4; Acts 1:8.
 - h. He seals us until the day of our complete redemption—Eph. 4:30.

II. SECOND, WE SHOULD BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

- A. This is Paul's challenge to us--12:13; Gal 5:16.
- B. The obvious question now is how?
 - 1. The answer is to ask God--Matt. 7:7.
 - 2. We receive the filling of the Spirit just like we receive salvation, we ask God for it.
 - 3. Although we are only saved once we should be filled with the Holy Spirit often—Eph. 5:18.

III. THIRD, WE SHOULD DISCOVER OUR SPIRITUAL GIFT AND USE IT.

- A. Have you discovered your spiritual gift?
 - 1. Paul says every Christian has at least one or more--1 Cor. 12:7.
 - a. What is a gift? It's a God-given ability to be used for Him.
 - a. When do we receive it? --1 Tim. 4:14.
 - 2. Why are we given gifts?
 - a. To serve in the church.
 - b. To glorify God.
 - 3. How many gifts are there?
- B. How can we discover our gift?
 - 1. Ask God to reveal it.
 - 2. Ask a trusted friend what they think your gift is.