

Teaching Notes

*The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit*

MESSAGE 4

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1 Corinthians 12 – Gifts of the Spirit

Review previous lessons

☒ Foxton Beach – personal testimony of baptism of the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 12 - Gifts of the Holy Spirit

**Read**

**1 Corinthians 12:1**– *“Now concerning spiritual gifts brethren, I do not want you to be unaware.”*

**1 Corinthians 12:4-7**

- Variety of Gifts - same Spirit
- Variety of Ministries - same Lord
- Variety of Effects - same God

**Read**

**Romans 12:6** – *“Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us is to exercise them accordingly.”*

**Ephesians 4:12** – *“And he gave some as apostles, and some as evangelists, and some as, pastors, and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the Body of Christ.”*

**Spiritual Gifts Are :** “Manifestations of the Spirit for the common good” (1 Corinthians 12:7)

## Nine Spiritual Gifts

### 1 Corinthians 12:8-10

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| 1. Word of wisdom    | 4. Gifts of healing | 7. Discerning of spirits     |
| 2. Word of knowledge | 5. Miracles         | 8. Tongues                   |
| 3. Faith             | 6. Prophecy         | 9. Interpretation of tongues |

### Read 1 Corinthians 12:27-31

### Some include ministrations in the list of spiritual gifts

### The Three Major Lists of Spiritual Gifts (1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, and Ephesians 4)

Administration	Exhortation	Interpretation	Pastoring
Apostleship	Faith	Knowledge	Serving
Prophecy	Giving	Leadership	Teaching
Discerning of Spirits	Healing	Compassion	Tongues
Evangelism	Helps	Miracles	Wisdom

### Chapter 13 - The Love Chapter - “The More Excellent Way”

Right in between the two chapters on the gifts of the Spirit is the chapter on the “love-fruit” of the Spirit (see also Galatians 5:22).

### Character Endures

Fame is a vapour,  
Popularity an accident.  
Riches take wings.  
Only one thing endures,  
Character.

### The Fruit of the Spirit

The Fruit of the Spirit is of far greater value than the Gifts of the Spirit. Fruit (Character) is of **eternal value**, whereas the gifts of the Spirit are temporary (1 Corinthians 13:8-10).

## Chapter 14 – The Right Use of the Gifts

### Chapter 14

- 14:1 - Pursue love, yet desire earnestly the spiritual gifts - especially prophecy
- 14:4 - Tongues edifies the person - prophecy edifies the church
- 14:5 - “Now I wish that you all spoke in tongues...”
- 14:6 - To communicate; speak revelation, knowledge, prophecy and teaching (not in tongues)
- 14:12- 19 - If you speak in tongues in a meeting, it must be interpreted
- Pray with the spirit and pray with the mind
  - Sing with the spirit and sing with the mind
  - Paul writes, “Thank God, I speak in tongues more than you all”

### **14:16-33 “What is the outcome then?”**

- Use tongues wisely
- Let us not be immature
- Tongues are for a sign to the unbeliever
- Prophecy for the believers
- Each one has a Psalm
- A teaching
- A revelation
- A tongue message
- An interpretation of the tongue message
- Let two or three people prophesy and others pass judgement
- You can all prophesy, one by one
- God is not a God of confusion, but of peace
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**14:39 – “Therefore, my brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. But all things be done properly and in an orderly manner.”**

*“Seek the Giver first, then the gifts”*

## ***HOW TO BE FILLED (EMPOWERED) WITH THE SPIRIT?***

### **Some conditions:**

- We must believe that it is in agreement with Scripture to be filled
- We must believe that it is possible to be filled
- We must see the need to be filled
- We must desire to be filled
- Before there can be fullness there must be ‘emptiness’ (humility)
- Before God can fill us with his Spirit we must stand clean before him

### **Four Words - Active Verbs**

- 1) **Surrender** (Romans 12:1-2)
- 2) **Ask** (Luke 11:9-13)
- 3) **Obey** (Acts 5:32)
- 4) **Believe - faith** (Galatians 3:2)

## Exodus 28:41 – Ordination of Priest

### 1) Anoint - (Mâshah) (“Messiah” – Anointed One)

### 2) Ordain

There are two words in the Hebrew language to explain the meaning of “to ordain.”

- *mâlê* - to fill – handful
- *yâd* - power, directions, means, strength, service, ministry  
- open [empty] hand

### 3) Consecrate – (qâdâsh)

“To consecrate” also has two definite meanings:

- To separate, to set apart, to be prepared, appointed - *for service*
- To be clean, to be holy, to be pure – *separated from sin*

## Priesthood of All Believers

### 1 Peter 2:5

“you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

### 1 Peter 2:9-10

“But you are a chosen race (Church grafted into Israel –*not* replacement (Romans 11)

A royal priesthood

A holy nation

A people for his *God's* own possession

*so that* you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvellous light.”

## God the Father Desires to Give us Good Gifts – Jesus said:

### Luke 11:10-14

“Now suppose one of your fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?”

### Matthew 7:7-12

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. "Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone? "Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!)

## Some Hindrances to Speaking in Tongues

- Previous teaching against the gift of tongues
- Pre-conceived ideas as to what it should sound like or how to receive it
- Mind getting in the way – too conscious of the sounds or syllables spoken  
Tongues is speaking in the Spirit not the mind – *“You can speak with spirit and the mind”* (1 Corinthians 14:13)
- Self consciousness
- Wrong motives
- Previous occult practices – (Free Masonry)

## Some Helps to Speaking in Tongues

Some simply begin to speak in tongues spontaneously others may need a bit of encouragement to speak out in faith.

- Speak out whatever sound or syllable comes
- Some begin by speaking the word “Abba” and often syllables follow – *“Because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into your hearts crying ‘Abba Father’”* (Galatians 4:6)
- If helpful, follow the sounds of others speaking in tongues just to get you over the “hump” of self consciousness
- *“they spoke in others tongues as the Spirit gave utterance”* (Acts 2:4) – we speak, the Spirit forms the speech
- Make the sounds an act of worship to God – focus on Him, not the sounds
- Use sounds in prayer, intercession and praise and worship
- Use during private times of worship or during church services

## Prophecy

- Some may be given words of prophecy in English, a message or inspired prayer.  
Yield to it and speak it out

**All the gifts are for equipping the saints, except tongues, which is for the building up of the person *“One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself”* (1 Corinthians 14:4)**

## Final summing up of teaching on the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

- 1) Holy Spirit is a personal Being with whom we can have relationship**
- 2) Through Christ’s redemptive act on the Cross, the Holy Spirit now is able to indwell the believer**
- 3) Like the prophets, kings, priests during the OT times, now every believer also can be equipped for the task with the power of the Holy Spirit**
- 4) The baptism of the Holy Spirit is available to all who ask**
- 5) We rely on the Holy Spirit’s sanctifying work to make us more like Christ and produce the fruit of the Spirit in our lives**
- 6) We need to give access to the Holy Spirit’s work in our lives daily**
- 7) The Baptism and the Gifts of the Spirit are still operational today**