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- b. In order to make sure that things in the Church are done “**decently and in order**” (1 Cor. 14:40) at any given time the Spirit energizes different manifestations in different believers.
- c. Thus at a Christian meeting, one person will speak in tongues and interpret, another will prophesy, another will minister healing, etc.
2. Its important to point out that believers need to step out on what the Lord is energizing in them.
 - a. So many times a believer will be moved on by the Holy Spirit to pray, speak in tongues and interpret, prophesy, etc., but the person will be too timid to step forth and manifest.
 - b. Remember, the Lord will do His part, we need to be sure we are doing ours.

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“CONFUSION CONCERNING THE MANIFESTATIONS”

- VI. The manifestations of the Holy Spirit work together, but it is still important to understand them individually.
 - A. Scholars have discussed for years the manifestations of the Holy Spirit, and they are no closer today in agreement than when they began.
 1. Most Churches and denominations accept some variation of the “motivational” and “ministry” gifts (perhaps with controversy over the office of apostle and prophet).
 2. However others completely reject the modern day manifestations of the Holy Spirit often called the 9 charismatic gifts.
 - a. They claim that such spectacular gifts were only intended as a short-lived, supernatural lift to help the early church get started – that they vanished after the last Apostles of Jesus died, when the Scriptures took their place.
 - b. Church history does not bear this out! In fact it clearly refutes any notion that the manifestations of the Holy Spirit faded away after the apostolic era.

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3. Other than diminishing somewhat during the middle ages (probably due to the inaccessibility to scripture by the common people), it is obvious that spiritual manifestations were never completely absent from the church.
4. Scores of statements to this effect were recorded by church leaders such as Irenaeus, who wrote around A.D. 150 “.....*We hear many of the brethren in the church who have prophetic gifts, and who speak in tongues through the spirit, and who also bring to light the secret things of men for their benefit [word of knowledge]...*”.
5. Elsewhere he said, “*When God saw it necessary, and the church prayed and fasted much, they did miraculous things, even of bringing back the spirit to a dead man.*” (Refutation and Overthrow of False Doctrine, Pg.174)
6. Near the close of the second century, Tertullian cited similar incidents, describing the operation of prophecies, healings and tongues, and in 210, Origen reported many healings and other manifestations, as did later writers such as Eusebius, Firmilian, and others throughout many centuries.
7. The Encyclopedia Britannica says that spiritual gifts (manifestations) such as speaking in tongues has occurred in Christian revivals of every age.
 - a. In the same vein, Souer’s History of the Christian Church (Vol 3, Page 406) cites a reference to the famed leader of the protestant reformation of the 16th century, stating, “Dr. Martin Luther was a prophet, evangelist, speaker in tongues, and interpreter, in one person, endowed with all the gifts of the Spirit.”
8. In more recent years, a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit brought about what was called the “Pentecostal” movement in the early 1900's, where many churches experienced a revival of the Holy Spirit’s power and manifestations.

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- a. Later in the 1960's, spiritual gifts (manifestations) began to emerge in all kinds of churches and mainline denominations throughout the world, in what was called the “charismatic renewal.”
- b. Today, the charismatic gifts remain available as part of God’s plan for His church, and are increasingly being manifested within fellowships and believers around the world.

“SOME VIEW THE MANIFESTATIONS WITH UNCERTAINTY”

- B. The reason for the discussion and the uncertainty in many mainline denominational churches is that the manifestations were not clearly defined by Paul in the Corinthian letter.
1. There is a reason for this, it is common in all writings that authors leave out details and descriptions that everyone knows.
 2. The people of Corinth and other Christians in the first century were very familiar with the manifestations of the Holy Spirit, so there was no need for Paul to explain what they were or how they worked.
 3. When Jesus came on the scene, He taught His disciples to heal and cast out demons.
 4. The early Church certainly knew all about the nine manifestations of the Holy Spirit.
 5. God’s people in the early Church had been manifesting the Holy Spirit for generations (except for speaking in tongues and interpretations of tongues, with which the Corinthian Church was very familiar).
 6. God had put the Holy Spirit upon people in the Old Testament such as Moses, Joshua, Deborah, David, Elijah, and many others.
 - a. These Old Testaments Saints could then hear words of knowledge or wisdom from God.
 - b. Plus, they had the faith to do what God asked of them, even when it seemed impossible, they did miracles.
 7. Yes its true, the Old Testament believers experienced the Manifestations of the Holy Spirit, and the early Church certainly knew all about the nine

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manifestations and used them for the glory of God.

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“THE GREAT COMMISSION WAS GIVEN WITH A PROMISE”

“WERE THE MANIFESTATIONS TO CEASE?”

- VII. There is a passage of Scripture that has been commonly used as a prof-text by those who hold the position that the manifestations of the Holy Spirit have ceased from the Church.
- A. This Scripture is 1 Cor. 13:8-10 AMP: **“Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]. As for prophecy (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), it will be fulfilled and pass away; as for tongues, they will be destroyed and cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away [it will lose its value and be superseded by truth]. V9, For our knowledge is fragmentary (incomplete and imperfect), and our prophecy (our teaching) is fragmentary (incomplete and imperfect). V10, But when the complete and perfect (total) comes, the incomplete and imperfect will vanish away (become antiquated, void, and superseded).”**
1. In these Scriptures we are told that prophecies, and tongues, and words of knowledge shall pass away.
 2. If we as believers will just take note of the above Scriptures we will see that the period referred to is not this age at all, but the perfect age which is yet to come!
 3. Even modern soul directed Christians know that “that which is perfect”, has not yet come.

“THE SIGNS WERE TO FOLLOW”

- B. The Lord in His Great Commission gave the promise of miraculous signs which would follow and confirm the preaching of the word.
1. This is clearly seen in Mark 16: 15-18 AMP: **“And He said to them, Go into all the world and preach and publish openly the good news (the Gospel) to every creature [of the whole human race]. V16, He who**