

“THE MANIFESTATIONS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT”

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“LEARNING MANIFESTATIONS AND THEIR GROUPINGS”

V. What are the manifestations of the Holy Spirit?

A. These manifestations are listed in 1 Corinthians 12:7-11: **“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. “V8, For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another [allos] the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; V9, To another [heteros] faith by the same Spirit; to another [allos], the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; V10, To another [allos], the working of miracles; to another [allos], prophecy; to another [allos], discerning of spirits; to another [heteros], various kinds of tongues; to another [allos], the interpretation of tongues: V11, But all these worketh that one and the very same Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.”**

1. We will study each of these manifestations separately, but before we do, we need to address some basics about the manifestations.
 - a. First, these verses seem to indicate that each Christian gets only one manifestation, something that has confused many Christians.
 - b. Even though these verses use the term, “to another,” it does not mean that each person will manifest only one of the manifestations.
2. It’s important that we take note that God has placed the manifestations into three groups, or categories.
 - a. In the above verses we read **“to another”** eight times.
 - b. However, there are actually two different Greek words, ALLOS and HETEROS, translated **“to another”**.
 - c. In Greek, “allos” (a’l-los) was generally used to express *a numerical difference and denotes “another of the same sort,”* while “heteros” (he’-te-ros) means *a qualitative difference and denotes “another of a different kind or nature.”*
3. When a list is put together, and the items are said to be “allos”, (a’l-los) they are the same kind or nature.

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4. When they are said to be “heteros, (he’-te-ros) they are different in nature.
5. Thus what we see is God separating the manifestations into three groups, separated by the word “heteros”, which is shown above in 1 Cor. 12:8-10.
 - a. As we study the groupings of the manifestations, it is clear that two of them are revelation (hearing from God), five are related to the power of God, and two are worship oriented.
6. Revelation:
 - a. A word of wisdom
 - b. A word of knowledge—Greek—“allos” (a’l-los)
7. Power:
 - a. Faith-----Greek----heteros: (he’-te-ros) qualitative difference; means another of a different kind or nature.
 - b. Gifts of healings-----Greek----“allos” Used to express a numerical difference and denotes “another of the same sort.
 - c. Miracles -----Greek-----“allos
 - d. Prophecy----Greek -----“allos”
 - e. Discerning of spirits—Greek----“allos”
8. Worship:
 - a. Speaking in tongues ----Greek—“heteros”
 - b. Interpretation of tongues

“THE MANIFESTATIONS ARE MEANT TO WORK SEAMLESSLY”

- B. Before I go any further, I want each of you to be aware that even though these manifestations are listed separately in the Bible, God never intended them to be separate and distinct in the lives of the believers who experience them.
1. It is a Biblical fact that Father God wants a relationship with us, and He wants us to be effective co - laborers with Him.
 - a. This is clearly seen in 1 Corinthians 3:9 AMP: **“For we are fellow workmen (joint promoters, laborers together) with and for God;**

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**you are God’s garden and vineyard and field under cultivation,
[you are] God’s building.” [Isa. 61:3]**

2. In order to do that, we must be able to worship God (the worship group), hear from Him (the revelation group), and work for Him (the power group).
3. In the day-to-day life of a believer who is striving to love God, live a holy life, and do God’s will, the manifestations will often work seamlessly and result in great blessing for the believer and the people affected.
 - a. For example, a Christian (John) may be by himself enjoying worshipping God by singing in tongues to some Praise music that is playing.
 - b. The phone rings and it is a friend (Joe) who needs prayer because of many things that are going wrong in his life including sickness in his body.
 - c. John immediately feels the leading of the Lord to pray for specifics for his friend (the revelation manifestations at work) and then commands healing to take place in the name of Jesus Christ (faith and healing).
 - d. By the time John gets off the phone, his friend is feeling better.
4. In the above scenario, John did not think to himself, “Now I need a word of knowledge. Now I need a word of wisdom. Now I need faith. Now I need the manifestation of the gifts of healing.”
 - a. No, he had a relationship with God and love for his friend, and the manifestations worked together to produce the “common good” mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12: 7: **“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.**

“ALL NINE MANIFESTATIONS BELONG TO THE CHRISTIAN”

- C. As we have seen somewhat already, and will see in much more detail later, every person can manifest all nine of the manifestations.
 - a. However, not everyone will manifest the spirit in the same way at any given time and place.

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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.