

## “THE MANIFESTATIONS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT”

***{LESSON 1A} {5/18/2008}***

### **“THE HOLY SPIRIT – A GIFT FROM GOD”**

- I. The ministry of Spiritual “gifts” originates in the New Testament, commissioned by our Lord Jesus Christ.
  - A. After He established His church on the earth and ascended to Heaven, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to equip His church with the power of manifestation and spiritual gifts (Greek - charismata). Why?
    1. So that His disciples could continue to carry out His ministry objectives.
  - B. These “gifts” are listed in Eph. 4:11, Romans 12:3-7, and in 1 Cor. 12:1-12, 28 and are generally assigned to one of three categories, as listed below.
    1. Ministry Gifts: Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher.
    2. Motivational Grace Gifts: Service, Exhortation, Giving, Leadership, Mercy, Helps and Administration.
    3. Charismatic (spiritual) Gifts: Wisdom, Knowledge, Discernment, Prophecy, Tongues, interpretation, Faith, Healing and Miracles.
      - a. It is my firm belief that the above list of Charismatic (spiritual) Gifts are not “gifts” at all but instead are “Manifestations of the Spirit”.
    4. Many Christians continue to erroneously refer to the manifestations of the Holy Spirit as “gifts of the Spirit.”
      - a. I believe this untruth is creating error in the church and causing many believers to live in a passive state when they should be on the attack.
    5. When a “manifestation” occurs, it is when something appears or is perceived by the senses of believers and non-believers alike.
    6. On the other hand, a “gift” is something that is given from one person to another.
      - a. A good way to understand the difference between a gift and a manifestation is to think of a light bulb.
      - b. If someone gives you a light bulb, it is the gift, and when it is turned on, the light and heat are its manifestations.
      - c. The truth of this matter is that if you have been given the light bulb,

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and by having the gift of the light bulb, you automatically have its manifestations of light and heat when you turn it on.

- C. The only way to have a “manifestation” of the Holy Spirit is to have the gift of the Holy Spirit.
1. This gifting can only happen when a person is “born again”.
  2. This means that today in the time of Grace, the manifestations of the Holy Spirit are available only to Christians to administer, not to unsaved people, who do not have God’s gift of the Holy Spirit.
  3. Yes, the unsaved can and certainly will profit through and by the manifestations, but they can only receive and not administer.
  4. The manifestations come from the gift; they are not gifts in and of themselves.
  5. So, for example, the reason God can say, **“I would like every one of you to speak in tongues....”** (1 Cor. 14:5a) is that speaking in tongues is a manifestation, not a gift.
  6. Every Christian has the gift of the Holy Spirit born and sealed inside him, so each has the ability to speak in tongues, as well as evidence of

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### PART II

- II. It’s important that we understand that we as believers have the Holy Spirit living inside of us as a gift from God.
- A. A good way to understand the difference between a gift and a manifestation is to think of a light bulb.
- a. If someone gives you a light bulb, it is the gift, and when it is turned on, the light and heat are its manifestations.
  - b. The truth of this matter is that if you have been given the light bulb, and by having the gift of the light bulb, you automatically have its manifestations of light and heat when you turn it on.
- B. The Word of God bears witness of our gift of the Holy Spirit.