

“THE MANIFESTATIONS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT”

4. May our God grant that we shall not repeat their foolish error.
 - a. The manifestations of the Spirit are for today’s giants.

{LESSON 5B} {7/27/2008}

“THE NINE FUNCTIONING MANIFESTATIONS OF THE SPIRIT”

“LOOKING AT THE HUB OF THE CHURCH AND ITS POWER”

X. In today’s lesson we are going to start looking at the different manifestations of the Spirit, and hopefully learn how to identify them and how they work.

A. First and foremost the “gift” of the Holy Spirit is the hub of the Christian Church, and His manifestations are its “power”.

1. Christ teaches us that the manifestations of the Spirit are the Christian’s credentials.
 - a. In Mark 16:17 Jesus said, **“And these signs shall follow them that believe; In My name shall they cast out devil’s; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”**
2. Paul told the Corinthians in 2:4, **“And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.”**
3. And in Acts 8:6 we read of Philip, **“And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.”**
4. Then in Hebrew 2:4 we read of God’s support to the Church: **“God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with diverse miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to His own will.”**
5. Christians who do not have the manifestations of the Holy Spirit operative are not the kind of church body spoken of in the New Testament.
 - a. Hear me! There is no information given on how a church is to function unless it has the manifestations of the Spirit, as enumerated in 1

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Corinthians 12.

- b. The simple but profound truth is that the whole of the Apostolic message of Scripture was addressed to such churches.

B. “WHAT IS THE GIFT OF THE WORD OF WISDOM?”

C. Let us once again read 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, the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; V9, To another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; V10, To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another, discerning of spirits; to another, various kinds of tongues; to another, 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. The manifestations fall into three groups as understood by most of the church today.
 - a. **REVELATION MANIFESTATIONS:** The Word of Wisdom, the Word of Knowledge.
 - b. **POWER MANIFESTATIONS:** Faith, Gifts of healings, Miracles, Prophecy, and Discerning of Spirits.
 - c. **WORSHIP MANIFESTATIONS:** Speaking in Tongues, and Interpretation of Tongues.
2. These manifestations of the Spirit could be called the “senses of the Church.”
 - a. Just as man has five senses through which he contacts the world around him, so the Church has been given these nine spiritual manifestations to contact the spiritual world.
 - b. The senses are vitally important to human life.
 - c. One who lacks them is nearly a vegetable.
3. The same is true in the spiritual realm, because the manifested gifts of the Spirit are just as essential for the growth and protection of the Body of

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Christ as the five senses are to the human body.

- a. A child without his senses will not be able to grow and develop as a normal child.
- b. This is the condition of churches which try to grow without the manifested gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- c. This type of church can struggle along with “soulical professional evangelism” and “soulical ministers”, and try to compete with the world in theatrical entertainment, etc., but real growth comes as the Holy Spirit in believers manifest spiritual gifts to people in need.
- d. Bottom line! We need never wonder why churches are “crippled” if these manifested gifts do not function.

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“THE WORD OF WISDOM DEFINED”

- XI. First and foremost it is imperative that the believer remember that these manifestations of the Spirit are not gifts to the believer operating them.
- A. They do not derive from the soul of man, but from the Holy Spirit moving through the believer’s spirit and then his spirit moving through his soul.
1. The manifestation of “The Word of Wisdom” is the super-spiritual manifestation of Divine wisdom which has to do with the future.
 2. It is a revelation of God’s plans and purposes for the future.
 - a. It is not “a” word of wisdom but “the” word of wisdom.
 - b. It is not just a word on the subject or the situation at hand, it is “the word” on it.
 - c. It is the revelation of the plans and purposes in the mind of God.
 - d. It is always the answer or the solution to that which is needed and it’s always the “will of God” concerning the situation.
 3. The Word of Wisdom can be conditional, depending upon the person’s obedience.
 - a. In 2 Kings 20:1 Isaiah delivered a message to King Hezekiah “.....**Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live**”.