

“THE MANIFESTATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT”

- g. The end as we know it now is the Rapture of the Church, and God’s grace is available for everyone who calls upon the Lord – now until the rapture.

{LESSON 19B} {3/8/2009}

“WE KNOW IT BY THE SPIRIT HE GAVE US”

XXXVIII. The conclusion of 1 John 3:24b is “**....And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.**”

- A. Consider this – spirit is spirit and it is difficult to feel or cross over into the natural from the spirit.
 - 1. If so, how is the Holy Spirit our guarantee? Or I could say, how can we feel and know that He is our guarantee?
 - a. We know by seeing the manifestation of the spirit know as speaking in tongues operates in our life.
 - b. Only Christians can speak in the “tongues” of men and angels. Why?
 - (1) Because only Christians have the “Gift of the Holy Spirit”
 - c. Speaking in tongues is how “the Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are the sons of God”
 - d. This is fully supported in Scripture in Romans 8:14-16 KJV: “**For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. V15, For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba, Father. V16, the Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God;**”
 - 2. Romans 8:15 properly punctuated, is what 1 John 5:11 refers to as “**the witness that God has given eternal life.**”
 - a. This fits perfectly with Acts 1:8, when Jesus told his disciples that when they received the Holy Spirit, they would be witnesses of him. Why?
 - b. Because they would then have within them His witness that they were equipped with all they needed to go forth in his name!
- B. To speak in tongues is to fluently speak a language of either men or angels, a

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language that does not come from your mind, but by way of God’s Spirit within you.

1. It is primarily designed for one’s internal use, but it is also to be utilized in a gathering of Christians by following it with its companion manifestation, interpretation of tongues, so that the Church is deified by one’s praise to God. (1 Cor. 14:5b)
2. “Tongues” is a language that God gives you, just as He first did on Pentecost when the Church was born.
3. And that record in Acts 2:1-4 brings up the pattern God intended for every Christian, which is that each one speak in tongues right after he is born again.
4. Lets look at Acts 2:1-4 and see the Divine order given there: **“And When the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all assembled together. (Who were these people assembled? Believers, Christian who had already been saved.) V2, When suddenly there came a sound from heaven like the rushing of a violent tempest blast, and it filled the whole in which they were sitting. V3, And there appeared to them tongues resembling fire, which were separated and distributed and which settled on each one of them. V4, And they were all filled (diffused throughout their souls) with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other (different, foreign) languages (tongues), as the Spirit kept giving them clear and loud expression [in each tongue in appropriate words].”**
 - a. What did these Believers receive? *(They were filled throughout their souls with the Holy Spirit to the point that they spoke in other languages.)*
 - b. These tongues cause us to immediately knows once and for all that (a) we have everlasting life, (b) that the Word of God is true, (d) that Jesus Christ is alive, (d) that we are filled with the power of God and can utilize all the other manifestations.
 - c. That is why God clearly says in 1 Corinthians 14:5 that He would like

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each Christian to speak in tongues.

5. I personally like to think that for our Father, hearing a newborn Son or daughter speak in tongues parallels how a mother feels when she hears her newborn baby make its first cry – it’s alive!
 6. The difference is that when God hears a child of His speak in tongues, He knows that life will be forever.
- C. How tragic that countless Christians never take advantage of this marvelous ability.
1. They don’t because they can’t – if they are taught that speaking in tongues ended with the first-century apostles, or that it is devilish, or that it is a gift for only some people, or if they are taught nothing at all about it.
 2. I believe speaking in tongues is very practical. You ask, how so?
 3. Another vital truth about speaking in tongues, and also why God wants every Christian to start doing it immediately, is because it perfectly illustrates the “bottom line” principle of the Christian walk, which to me is trusting God and His Word. How so?
 - a. Think about it – God goes first, if you will, and gives His Son for us.
 - b. Jesus takes his turn and goes to the Cross.
 - c. God raises him and promises us salvation.
 - d. Now it’s our turn. If we believe Romans 10:9, God the Father through the Lord Jesus fills us with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:33)
 - (1) **Romans 10:9 AMP: “Because if you acknowledge and confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and in your heart believe (adhere to, trust in, and rely on the truth) that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”**
 - (2) **Acts 2:33 AMP: “Being therefore lifted high by and to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promised [blessing which is the]Holy Spirit, he has made this outpouring which you yourselves both see and hear.”**
 4. God tells us in 1 Cor. 14:5 that He wants everyone of you to speak in

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- tongues.
- a. Does this require any faith, any trust in God and the Word?
 - b. It sure does, and isn't that what being a Christian is all about?
 - c. It always come down to whether or not we really believe what God says.
- D. In conclusion, we have seen that each Christian is a part of the Body of Christ.
1. This elevates each one to a position of importance.
 2. Scripture testifies that today, in the Administration of the Sacred Secret, **“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male of female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus”** (Gal. 3:28-NASB).
 3. Our identification with Christ is another important part of the Sacred Secret.
 4. Because each Christian is part of the Body of Christ, when Christ went through something, we Christians went through it also.
 - a. For example, we all know that Jesus died on the cross. But in the eyes of God, when a person becomes a Christian and part of the Body of Christ, he identifies with what Christ went through as if he went through it himself.
 - b. Thus the Word tells us that we were crucified with Christ (Rom.6:6), we died with Christ (Rom.6:8; we were buried with Christ (Rom. 6:4); we were raised from the dead with Christ (Eph. 2:6), we even ascended with him and are seated with him in heaven (Eph.2:6), which is exactly where we will be after the Rapture.
 - c. No wonder that from God's perspective, when a Christian gets born again, he or she was crucified, died, was buried, was resurrected, and was given a place in heaven with Christ. No wonder we cannot lose our salvation.
 - d. How could someone be uncrucified, undead, unburied, unraised, and unseated? It just could not happen.