**Person & Work of the Holy Spirit Lecture Series**

**Week 4: Tuesday May 1, 2018**

**Session 4 A:**

***Intro to the gifts***

**Purpose:** *“To receive from the Holy Spirit, and be equipped for service.”*

* Jesus is building His church and He wants and needs you.

-Sovereignty and faith meet in relationship.

* The triune God is the original giver of gifts: (21 in total)

-Father gives 7 motivational gifts – **Romans 12:6-8**

-Son gives 5 ministry gifts – **Ephesians 4:11**

-HS gives 9 manifestation gifts – **1 Corinthians 12:7-10**

* We **all fit in** somewhere in this mix: **1 Corinthians 12:7**

-You don’t have to be a pastor or evangelist or teacher necessarily.

* We all have a ministry of reconciliation: **2 Corinthians 5:19**

-A place in the ‘Son’ for everyone.

* He is committed to producing Christlike **character** in us.

-Fruit of the human spirit indwelt by the HS. **John 15:1-8**

 (He is the vine we are the branches – fruit grows on branches).

 -Change happens as we stay connected over time (transformation as we grow)

* He is also committed to meeting people’s needs through us with His **charisma** (power).

-Specific impartations of His grace at one time (encounters).

**The purpose of the gifts: (Why we need them.)**

* God knows that to be effective we must preach with signs following. **Mark 16:15**
* Our faith is attached to the power of God, not mere human wisdom. **1 Cor 2:1-5**
* The gifts **profit or benefit** all people:(Love & compassion motivation) **1 Cor 12:7**

-Healing, deliverance, direction, encouragement.

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**Session 4 B:**

***Paul’s teaching on the gifts in the church:***

**Purpose:** *“To receive from the Holy Spirit, and be equipped for service.”*

**Context and background:**

* The Corinthian Church was a ‘church of God’ despite their carnality. **1Corinthians 1:2**

-Paul’s attitude of love is apparent. **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

* Indecent and disorderly use of the gifts in a carnal church. **1 Corinthians 3:1**

-They had quarrels & entertained factions (1:11-16),

-Criticized Paul’s supposed lack of spirituality (2:1),

-Tolerated sexual immorality (5:1),

-Were confused about foods offered to idols (8:1),

-Questioned Paul’s right to receive support for his ministry (9:1),

-Were out of line in matters of male / female authority issues (11:3),

-Were drunken and disorderly during communion (11:18-21)

* Despite all this, God remains commited to love and work with and through this church.
* Written to the whole church to desire the gifts together to the profit of all. **1 Cor 1:2, 14:1**
* Their main problem with the gifts was ignorance, not any malice. **1Cor 12:1**

-They simply did not know how to conduct themselves properly: the teaching is not about stopping the gifts, but using them properly.

**Overview of Manifestation Gifts Focus in 1 Corinthians 12-14:**

* **Chapter 12: explanation of the gifts** & correction of **misuse** of gifts is dealt with.
* **Chapter 13: ‘Love’ chapter –** exercise of gifts **without** the love of God = distasteful.
* **Chapter 14: exercise of the gifts (especially the public ministry expression of tongues)**