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**Open Heaven River Wild – Part 6**

*Cooperating with the HS gifts*

**Pentecost:** special day - public launch of His church.

**Matthew 3:11 (Promise) / Acts 2:1-4 (Fulfilment)**

**Paul instructs Corinthians in the gifts (Chapters 12-14)**

*See the teaching in broader context to better understand it.*

**1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-11**

***I do not want you to be ignorant****…*

**Chapter 12: Description**

Vs 1 - Ignorance is the root problem.

Vs 7- gifts supposed to profit (be a blessing to all).

Vs 8-10 – 3 categories: say, do and see.

Vs 11-27 – unity through diversity: all have a part to play.

Vs 28-30 – Interdependence promoted.

Vs 31 – ‘earnestly desire’ the best gifts (the ones needed @ moment).

**Chapter 13 - Love Chapter**

* God-kind of love working with (**not** replacing) the gifts.
* There will come a time when gifts are not needed (in heaven).

**Chapter 14 - co-operation between us and HS** (harmony)

Vs 1: ‘both – and’ **not** ‘either - or’

Vs 2 - 18: private and public use & purpose of tongues.

* Edification, exhortation and comfort: key parameters of the operation of the gifts.
* Prophecy in known language = tongues & interpretation.
* Pray & sing in the ‘spirit’ **&** with ‘understanding’: an act of the will cooperating with HS.
* Bless with the spirit - God and man. (‘Give thanks well’…to God.)
* Paul speaks in tongues (in private is implied).

Vs 20 - 25: Public practice when unbelievers are present.

* Need tongues with interpretation when unbelievers are present.
* Believer’s meetings / afterglow meetings are an attempt to cater for believers.

Vs 39 - 40: Do not forbid to speak in tongues. (Why?)

* For magnifying God – **Acts 10:44-46 / 1 Corinthians 14:17**

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* For personal edification – **Jude 20 / 1 Corinthians 14:14**
* For helping us pray – **Romans 8: 26-27 / Ephesians 6:18**
* For rest & refreshing **– Isaiah 28:11-12 /1Corin 14:21-22**

**Notes**

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