

Holy Spirit – Helper – Friend – God – 5

Holy Spirit is not an “it” or a mysterious, spooky being

- He is a person
- He is the member of the Trinity that dwells both on earth and in heaven – a liaison of the God-Head
- He wants a relationship with us in which He will show Himself powerfully as our helper, our friend and our God

John 14:16–17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you **another Helper**, that He may abide with you forever—¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

- The Spirit of Truth
- Dwells “in” us
- Helper – Advocate (NLT)

(Helper)

Synonyms:

champion, upholder, supporter, backer, promoter, proponent, spokesperson, campaigner, fighter, crusader, booster

Antonyms:

Opponent, assailant, opposition, antagonist, enemy, protestor

The Holy Spirit brings Power, Love, Fruit and Gifts of Grace

The transforming power of the Holy Spirit is enormous. Yet His power only operates to the degree that we allow Him to change us

Charisma: Greek word meaning “grace gift”

- Describes a gift someone gives you because you have undeserved favor in their eyes
- It’s something that cannot be earned
- It is something we need to receive
- By Faith!

1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-11 (NKJV)

12 Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:

⁴ There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶ And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. ⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*: ⁸ for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

Same Spirit – Same Lord – Same God

- Many different ‘ministries’ and ‘activities’ yet the same triune God
- Nine gifts – Three distinct groups
- Holy Spirit doesn’t give one gift to this person one gift to another
- He is the owner of the gifts
- He distributes all of them when He wills to the believer He is using to minister to another
- They are all available for any given circumstance
- Not just this one or that one but ALL

The Discerning Gifts

Word of knowledge

- Holy Spirit allowing you to know something specific that you didn’t learn by natural means or processes

Discerning of Spirits

- The ability to be aware of a demonic spirit

A Word of Wisdom

- A divine answer or solution for a particular question or challenge
- Might be knowing exactly the right thing to say
- Might be knowing the right thing to do

The Declarative Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

- Prophecy
- Different kinds of tongues
- Interpretation of tongues

Prophecy – Prophetic messages of encouragement

- Most of us think of predicting the future
- Can be
- Not necessarily the case

“A message of encouragement from God, delivered through a human vessel, to another person or persons.”

Robert Morris – The God I Never Knew

Three elements in the definition of a prophecy

A message of encouragement not discouragement

- Not correction or rebuke
- Not a judgement

1 Corinthians 14:3 (NKJV)

³ But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.

- Did the word given bring edification, exhortation or comfort?
- This gift is among the highest and most valuable Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 14:1 (NKJV)

14 Pursue love, and desire spiritual *gifts*, but especially that you may prophesy.

- This is not just for an elite few
- We would not be told to desire it

Different kinds of tongues

- The devil seems to oppose this one the most
- It is a gift from the God who gave His Only Son for us
- It is a good gift
- It is nothing to be afraid of
- It is not the same as our prayer language
- This is a message for others in an unknown tongue
 - Needs to be interpreted

Remember the Apostle Paul is answering the Corinthian Church's questions about spiritual gifts

They seemed to be excited to embrace these gifts but had little understanding about the order God intends for these gifts to function properly

- 1 Corinthians 12 is followed by the “love chapter”
- It is important that all things be done with love as our motivator
- They are not intended to cause confusion

1 Corinthians 14:1–5 (NKJV)

14 Pursue love, and desire spiritual *gifts*, but especially that you may prophesy. ² For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands *him*; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries. ³ But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men. ⁴ He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. ⁵ I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies *is* greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

- Everything for edification
- **Vs. 13** “*Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.*”

Interpretation of tongues

- Understanding and expressing the thought or intent of a message in tongues
- “thought or intent”
- Not “translation”
- Sometimes the “tongue” can be long and “translation” long
- Sometimes the opposite
- It is not a word for word translation
- The interpreter just need to get the “gist” of the message communicated
- This has a lot to do with the interpreter’s personality
- The interpreter can be the same person or a different person
- Remember Prophecy is more important than an unknown tongue

1 Corinthians 14:27, 28, 33 (NKJV)

²⁷ If anyone speaks in a tongue, *let there be* two or at the most three, *each* in turn, and let one interpret.

²⁸ But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God.

³³ For God is not *the author* of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

- Both an interpreted message and a prophetic word are accessible by everyone in a service and will provide, encouragement, exhortation or comfort

The Dynamic Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:7, 9-10 (NKJV)

⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*:

⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

- Faith
- Gifts of healings
- Working of miracles

The Gift of Faith – Supernatural Confidence

Everything we access in the Kingdom of God is through faith
We are taught that faith comes by hearing the word of God
Suggesting it is a choice we make and that it is something that can evolve

- The Gift of Faith is something imparted apart from the everyday faith that all of us have available to exercise our Christian walk
- *“It is a supernatural endowment of belief and confidence for a specific situation”*
– Robert Morris – the God I Never Knew

We see this in Mark Chapter 4 when Jesus and the disciples are in the middle of a storm as they attempt to cross the sea of Galilee that has all of them panicking and in fear for their lives

- They are experienced fishermen and sailors
- Jesus is genuinely annoyed that they wake Him up
- Jesus speaks to the storm and it ceases

In the book of acts we see a man named Ananias walking in the gift of faith when he is called upon by the Lord to lay hands on Saul to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit

Acts 9:1–2 (NIV)

9 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.

- Saul is ordering Christians to be beaten or imprisoned
- Ananias is not aware of Saul's encounter with Jesus knocking him off his donkey and on his...#*!
- He boldly obeys the Lord
- That supernatural confidence

Tell the story of our move to Ionia and to Fremont

Gifts of Healings – Supernatural Healing

This is not the Holy Spirit depositing a “*special*” gifting in “*special*” people so they have the power to pray for people and see them healed

- Not to say that the Lord doesn’t use a particular person consistently in the area of healing
- This is not only for the TV Evangelist
- Remember the Holy Spirit is the one who owns the gifts and distributes them
- They are for all!
- This gift can come through another person but doesn’t have to
- The power to heal is not always a given

Luke 5:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was *present* to heal them.

Mark 6:5–6 (NKJV)

⁵ Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed *them*. ⁶ And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

Acts 3:6–8 (NKJV) *Beggar at the gate beautiful*

⁶ Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.” ⁷ And he took him by the right hand and lifted *him* up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. ⁸ So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.

- Peter and John probably passed by this man many times before
- This day something was different
- The Gifts of Healings
- Girl in Russia

The Working of Miracles

- Again, this is not deposited on only a few select individuals
- The power to see a miracle take place is available to ALL who believe
- God worked miracles in the OT
- He worked miracles in the NT
- God is still working miracles today
- These last two gifts are listed in plural
- There are plenty to go around

Hebrews 13:8 (NKJV)

⁸ Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever.

- God is immutable – He never changes
- He is still on His throne!
- He still works miracles today!

John 14:12 (NKJV)

¹² “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

Acts 2:42–47 (NKJV)

⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³ Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, ⁴⁵ and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. ⁴⁶ So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.