

## **DOCTRINE**

### **HOLY SPIRIT**

### **LESSON #8**

(6) The Gift of Faith – This gift is different from the faith we exercised in salvation, or the faith used daily in our walk. This gift of faith is a direct gift from God. It is not developed by time or knowledge. The purpose of this gift is to accomplish the works of God. For example: faith to step into our ministry because we have been called; faith to stand for a difficult healing; faith to send men into the field of ministry; faith to warn of impending danger. Scripture examples are: Joshua 10:12-14. Joshua had faith to command the sun to stand still. Acts 9:40-41. The raising of Tabitha. Acts 13:11-12. A curse upon Elymas, the sorcerer, for hindering the work of the Lord.

(7) and (8) Gift of Tongues and the Interpretation of Tongues – The gift of tongues is intended to be a supernatural display from God. It is to show that God is in a certain action. However, not all tongues are by the will of God (I Cor. 14:32-33). Tongues by themselves have only one use, that is, to edify the individual speaking. See I Cor. 14:4. However, tongues with interpretation become equal to prophecy. I Cor. 14:5. Tongues by themselves are needed daily in our private prayer. It is a communication with God that is necessary. Rom. 8:26-27 and I Cor. 14:14-15. Remember our prayer language has a totally different purpose from that of the gift of tongues. The gift of tongues, in order to be complete, must have its sister gift, the interpretation of tongues. Everyone who is filled with the Spirit will speak in tongues. However, not all who are filled with the Spirit have the gift of tongues. This is given by the Holy Spirit as He wills. I Cor. 12:11. When the gift of tongues is manifested in the local church, it must be accompanied by interpretation of tongues. Also, there should be no more than three messages in any given meeting. It is not intended that an interpretation be a translation, but rather the sense of the message.

(9) The Gift of Prophecy – Hebrew “To flow forth, to bubble forth like a fountain, to tumble forth, to spring forth.” Greek “To speak for another.” Men become the spokesmen of God – His mouthpiece. Prophecy can be an utterance about future events, but also may be about current needs or blessings. It is a divinely inspired utterance, entirely supernatural use of communication. It must not be confused with preaching or teaching. To treat the gift thus would be to rob it of its supernatural character. Paul says we should all covet to prophesy, I Cor. 14:39. Yet, this should be only two or three times in any given meeting. I Cor. 14:29. Some Scriptural uses of prophecy: I Cor. 14:3. It speaks to men to edification, exhortation, and comfort. Prophecy should never disagree with the written Word. I Cor. 14:31. That all may learn, I Cor. 14:24-25. To convict of sin or bring to repentance. I Cor. 11:5. Women may use this gift as well as men. I Cor. 14:29. A prophecy must be judged by those capable in the church. If it is not according to the Word, then it should be renounced.

(10) Signs of Those That Believe – Our total redemption is based upon the work of Christ, upon the Cross, and His subsequent Resurrection. Isa. 53:4 and I Peter 2:24. Resurrection power – Rom. 6:4 and Rom. 8:11.

There are “signs” that will follow those who believe. Mark 16:17-18. The power is from within, Acts 1:8, and needs to be demonstrated, I Cor. 2:4-5. Our faith should stand in the power of God and any manifestations are designed to profit all. I Cor. 12:7.

We have a responsibility to minister the grace of God in these supernatural gifts. I

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Peter 4:10. ----- GIBBERISH ----- 4:15-16. We are stewards and need to be obedient.

1. How does the gift of faith differ from that faith we walk in daily?
2. Does this gift function by knowledge?
3. Express some of the things the gift of faith will do.
4. Who should practice the gift of tongues?
5. How does it differ from our prayer language?
6. What is the sister gift to tongues?
7. How does it function?
8. What is the purpose of the gift of tongues?
9. How many times should this gift be manifested in one meeting?
10. Is the interpretation of tongues intended to be a translation?
11. What is the meaning of the word "prophecy?"
12. What is the purpose of prophecy?
13. How does this gift differ with preaching and teaching?
14. Who should prophesy?
15. Who judges whether a prophecy is correct or not?
16. What should occur if it is not correct?
17. What is the basis of our complete redemption?
18. What signs will follow those who believe?
19. In what should our faith stand?
20. If I am to be a good steward of God's grace and gifts, what must I do?