

Living In the Days of Deception

"The Most Important Thing is Love"

1 Corinthians 14

INTRODUCTION:

1. Clarity on some key doctrines:

a) The baptism of the Holy Spirit - 1 Corinthians 12:13

1) Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a one time event

b) The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit

1) Romans 10:9-13

c) The filling of the Holy Spirit

1) Ephesians 5:15-20

2) The filling of the Spirit is a continuous action.

2. *1 Corinthians 12:7*

3. Therefore, if the Spiritual Gifts are NOT dynamically operating in the life of the local church, then the body of Christ is not being built up, regardless of how much the Bible is being preached.

4. *Ephesians 4:11-17*

I. SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND WORSHIP

1. *Romans 12:1-2*

a) Before Paul gets to the Spiritual gifts, he calls believers to worship.

2. **Worship always comes first!!! Followed by Service!!**

3. Vs 3

II. SEVEN SPIRITUAL GIFTS IN ROMANS 12

1. **PROPHECY** - Speaking forth the will of God or interpreting divine purpose. It is the gift of proclamation (forth-telling), not prediction (fore-telling).

2. **SERVICE** - (helps) This gift enables a person to render some form of support or assistance to another in their ministries. Samaritan's Purse

3. **TEACHING** - This gift enables one to teach God's Word clearly and effectively.

4. **EXHORTATION** - Gk. Parakaleo - which means to encourage, comfort, or cheer. This gift enables a person to urge others to do God's will.

5. **GIVING** - This gift enables a person to give in an extraordinary way of temporal things, like money or goods.

6. **LEADERSHIP/ADMINISTRATION** - This gift enables a person to serve in a leadership position in the Lord's work, making organizational and operational policies.

7. **MERCY** - This gift enables a person to minister compassionately to the needs of others who are experiencing some kind of crisis situation or personal distress.

III. SPIRITUAL STEWARDSHIP

1. *1 Peter 4:10-11*

IV. ADDRESSING CRUCIAL ISSUES

A. THE MATTER OF TONGUES

1. **1 Corinthians 14:2**

a) "glossa" - tongue = means language.

2. Here's where the controversy comes into play.

a) Is Paul talking about a human language OR some heavenly language?

b) Vs 21

1) Cf. *Isaiah 28:11*

c) Vs 22

3. **Acts 2:1-13**

a) "tongues" - glossa - language

4. So lets investigate.

a) **Acts 2:2**

1) "a sound of a mighty wind"

b) That's the Holy Spirit in the Upper Room.

5. **VERY IMPORTANT** - The disciples could not comprehend the significance of the Holy Spirit's arrival without the Lord sovereignly illustrating what was happening - with a physical phenomena.

a) **Acts 2:3**

1) "and divided tongues as of fire"

2) Exodus 3:2-6

3) "*divided tongues*" - no believer in the Upper Room was exempt from this experience. IT WAS VISUAL EMPIRACLE EVIDENCE

b) Acts 2:4, 5-11

6. That was what happened @ Pentecost!!

7. **Very Important**-On Pentecost, when the gift of tongues was FIRST exercised, each of the Jews assembled in Jerusalem heard the message of God "*in his own language*".

8. Acts 1:8

a) "*Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria, and to the end of the earth*"

9. Matthew 16:13-19

a) "*Peter, I give you the keys to the kingdom*"

10. Now watch what happens.

a) **Jerusalem & Judea**

1) Acts 2 - Pentecost

b) **Samaria**

1) Acts 8:14-17

b) **To the end of the world.**

1) Acts 10:34-47

2) Acts 16:6

11. **WOW!!!** The Holy Spirit was bringing all people groups together.

12. **THEREFORE:** The gift of tongues is the supernatural ability to speak in a human language that was previously unknown to the speaker

13. **1 Corinthians 14:10-11**

a) These verses are HUGE: "*Strive to excel in building up the church*".

14. Lets clear up **1 Corinthians 13:1-2**

a) "*tongues of angels*"

15. **Romans 8:26**

B. THE MATTER OF DISORDER

1. **1 Corinthians 14:26, 33-35, 40**

2. The problem with the church @ Corinth is that it was **Confusion Central!!!**

3. Vs 6-10

a) Paul uses the example of musical instruments played by a **KINDERGARDEN ORCHESTRA.**

C. THE MATTER OF PRIORITY

1. For many it's a sign that an individual has been baptized with the Holy Spirit.

a) **1 Corinthians 12:28-31**

2. **1 Corinthians 14:5**

a) Paul is expressing a wish.

b) **Cf. 7:7**

3. **1 Corinthians 14:1, 5-6**

4. **WOW!!!!** We must know this!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

a) Prophecy is the proclamation of God's Word in a known language!!!

b) **1 Corinthians 14:3**

5. **1 Corinthians 14:18-19**

6. **YES!!!** *When Paul used the gift of tongues, he did so outside the church for evangelistic purposes and inside the church on a very limited basis in order to edify the Church using a human dialect (Language)*

7. So, the priority for the church is clear: **The communication of the Word of God.**

a) **Vs 19-20**

8. **Vs 39**

a) **BIG QUESTION:** Is the gift of tongues still viable today?

D. THE MATTER OF PURPOSE

1. **Vs 20-22**

2. **We saw how this sign aspect was fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost.**

a) That is someone supernaturally endowed by the Holy Spirit to speak in a language he or she did not previously understand.

b) So the gift of tongues was for unbelievers.

3. 1 *Corinthians 14:5*

a) Vs 26

1) "**edify**" - means to build up. That means that if it doesn't "edify" it's illegitimate.

4. Vs 2

a) That's because nobody else knows what you are saying!!!

5. Vs 4-5

a) The only person being ministered to is the person speaking in tongues.

6. *Ephesians 5:19*

a) You don't sing in church to make yourself feel better.

E. THE MATTER OF PROCEDURE

1. Vs 26-33

a) In verse 26 "**build up**" - (edify) - Therefore anything that does not build up the church is **illegitimate**.

1) The gift of tongues was not given for your own personal use.

F. THE MATTER OF PRIDE

1. Vs 36-38

2. **VERY IMPORTANT:** A lot of believers are asked "Have you been baptized in the Spirit yet?"

a) Made to believe that if not, they haven't received the second blessing yet.

3. **LISTEN UP:** The Spirit's endowments are given by His Sovereign choice.

4. Vs 14-15

G. THE MATTER OF PERMANENCE

1. **1** *Corinthians 13:8-12*

a) "**when that which is perfect has come**"

2. **TWO VIEWS:**

a) First - *James 1:25*

b) Second - *The Perfect One, the Lord Jesus*

a) Until Jesus comes back.

CONCLUSION:

1. **Corinthians 13:8-12**

a) *"When that which is perfect has com"*

2. **THREE VIEWS:**

a) The completed Canon of scripture

1) **James 1:25**

b) When Jesus comes back

c) When Paul uses the word "**perfect**"- gk. Means "**pure or complete**"

1) **Exodus 33:11a**

2) **Deuteronomy 34:10**

3. **Colossians 1:28**

a) Cp. **1 Corinthians 3:10**

4. **1 Corinthians 3:1-3**