

L15: Essential Doctrines: Spiritual Gifts Pt. 3

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-14

Prayer

Summary Points:

- **6 Non-Ignorant Issues**
 1. ~~Pauline Authority unto Godly Edification (Romans 1:13)~~
 2. ~~Israel, the Gentiles, and the Mystery (Romans 11:25)~~
 3. ~~True Godly Sanctification/Holiness (1 Corinthians 10:1)~~
 4. **Spiritual Gifts (1 Corinthians 12:1)**
 5. **Sufferings (2 Corinthians 1:8-9)**
 6. **Death & Our Hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13)**

Lesson Points:

- **Problem**
 - **Idolatry/Origin/Spiritual Phenomena**
- **Spiritual Gifts Origin in Israel**
 - **Origin**
 - **The Conflict**
- **The Spiritual Gifts**
 - **Diversities of Gifts**
 - **Differences of Administrations**
 - **Diversities of Operations**
- **The More Excellent Way**
 - **The Word of God**
 - **Timing**
- **Modern Counterfeit Gifts History**

Problem: 1 Corinthians 12:1-3

(Biblical Background to Spiritual Gifts/Marvels, Miracles, Signs, and Wonders)

- **Reality of Problem**
 - If the Corinthians had a problem with "spiritual gifts" when they prospered, continued, and were manifested, then imagine the possible problem if/when the "spiritual gifts" failed, ceased, and vanished away?
 - I say, "if/when" because, sense they were plainly in existence and operation take the burden of proof of their discontinuance upon myself.
 - It should be noted, that most agree due to 1 Corinthians 13:8-12, the spiritual gifts will at some time and some point end. The question is when?
 - The problem with coming to a conclusive point in time in which they will end doesn't come from a lack of interpretation of 1 Corinthians 13:10 and "the perfect" although many have problems with this, it comes from a failure to understand what the "spiritual gifts" were for.
 - Paul following his pattern of "doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness" provides the doctrine in which he will speak and the reproof of the

Corinthians thinking and use of it matter in :1-3.

- **Doctrine: Spiritual Gifts**
- **Reproof:**
 - Need knowledge instead of ignorance
 - Remembrance of their past spiritual phenomena as Gentiles in their idolatry
 - Their past spiritual phenomena has crept into God's "spiritual gifts"
- Correction: (:4-13:13)
- Instruction in Righteousness (14:1-40)
- **What are Spiritual Gifts for?**
 - **Origin**
 - Exodus 34:10 - "do marvels in the sight of the people"
 - Judges 6:13 - "miracles"
 - Ps. 74:9 - "seeth not our signs"
 - 1 Cor. 1:22 - "Jews require a sign"
- **The Conflict**
 - Matthew 12:22-30
 - Matt. 7:15-29
 - Matt. 24:23-25
 - Acts 2
 - Joel 2
 - 2 The. 2:8-10
- **Focusing on Idol Speaking**
 - 1 Corinthians 12:1-3
 - Psalm 115:1-8 - "do not speak with their throats"
 - Zech. 10:1-2 - "spoken vanity"
 - Revelation 13:14-15 - "image to speak"

The Spiritual Gifts

- Diversities of Gifts
 - The gifts are the means by which to administer something
- Diversities of Administrations
 - The administrations carry out the operations of God
- Diversities of Operations
 - The operations are various functions and capacities the church and the members of it are to labor in.
- Diversities of Gifts
 - 1st Operation - Communication of God's Word (inside)
 - Apostles, Prophets, Teachers, Pastors
 - Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, Exhortation, Faith
 - 1 Timothy 2:7, 2 Timothy 1:11, Titus 1:1
 - 2nd Operation - Confirmation of God's Dealing with Gentiles (outside)

- Miracles - the working of miracles
- Romans 15:17-19
- 3rd Operation - Confirmation of God's Turning from Israel (outside)
 - Gifts of healings
 - Hebrews 6:5
 - Matt. 10:8, 16:1-4
 - Matt. 15:31; Luke 7:22
 - Isa. 35:4, 6
 - Zech. 13:1-2
- 4th Operation - Local Assembly Orderliness (inside)
 - Helps, Governments, Ruling, Shew Mercy, Ministering Discerning of spirits
- 5th Operation - Sign to Unbelieving Israel (outside)
 - Divers kinds of tongues (diversities of tongues)
 - Interpretation of tongues
 - 1 Corinthians 14:18-19, 22

The More Excellent Way

- 1 Corinthians 12:31
 - "yet shew I unto you a more excellent way"
 - The Corinthians had turned the last gift and treated it as the best gift
 - Paul has shared the hierarchy of the spiritual gifts, as well as, that each gift has a purpose or operation that God has for it to fulfill.
 - "more excellent" - two superlatives - hyperbolic expression of praise
 - Now, Paul is going to teach them the most excellent ministry of the Holy Ghost that they should be concerned about and if they are not and if they are not partaking in it, then they are nothing.
 - Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
 - "tongues of men and of angels"
 - This is the Corinthians focus - "tongues"
 - Yet, if Paul or they do and has not charity they become nothing.
 - "the gift of prophecy"
 - "understand all mysteries, and all knowledge, and though I have all faith"
 - "I am nothing"
 - "bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned"
 - "and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing"
- Romans 5:5
 - "love of God is shed abroad in our hearts"
 - You can't love like God does, until you know how God love's you
 - It is the basis in which you love other members of the body of Christ and all men