

L14: Essential Doctrines: Spiritual Gifts

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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**
- **What Spiritual Gifts are for?**
 - **Origin**
 - **Purpose when in Operation/Background**
 - **The Conflict**
- **The Spiritual Gifts**
- **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)
- **Origin/Idolatry/Spiritual Phenomena**
 - **Gentiles History**
 - :3 - "no man speaking"
 - Genesis 11 - "confounding of the language"
 - Deut. 4:14-20 - Gentile "idolatry"
 - Deut. 13:1-3 - sign to validate dreams
 - Deut. 18:10, 14 - "observer of times, diviners"
 - Isaiah 47:13 - "prognosticators"
 - Jeremiah 27:9 - "enchanters, dreamers"
 - Jer. 14:22 - "vanities of the Gentiles"
 - Acts 8:9 - "sorcery"
 - Acts 13:6 - "sorcerer"
 - Acts 19:19 - "curious arts"
- **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"
 - **Purpose When in Operation/Background**
 - Hebrews 6:5 - "powers of the world to come"
 - Isaiah 35:4, 6 - lame man and dumb (healings)
 - Zech. 13:1-2 - idols and prophets (cast out devils/spirits)
 - Matthew 10:8; 16:1-4 - "signs of the kingdom"
 - Mark 16:17, 20 - "signs", "new tongues"
 - Isaiah 34:1-2
 - Zech. 8:20-23
- **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"