

# L17: Essential Doctrines: Spiritual Gifts Pt. 5

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Prayer

Summary Points:

- **The Spiritual Gifts**
  - **Diversities of Gifts**
  - **Differences of Administrations**
  - **Diversities of Operations**

Lesson Points:

- **The More Excellent Way**
  - **The Word of God/Timing**
- **1 Corinthians 14**
- **Modern Counterfeit Gifts History**

**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 loves you

- It is the basis in which you love other members of the body of Christ and all men
- Romans 12:3
  - Our Father begins to teach us how to love our neighbor (believers & unbelievers) as ourselves.
- **The Word of God/Timing**
  - 1 Corinthians 13:9-13
  - Ephesians 4:8-16
    - Eph. 1:8 (Rom. 15:29)
    - Col. 1:9-20, 25, 2:3
  - 2 Timothy 3:16
  - Eph. 4:8-16 - "He gave" (past tense)
  - Col. 1:25 - "fulfill"
  - 2 Timothy 3:16 - "all scripture" 1 Timothy 5:23,
  - 2 Tim. 4:17 - "preaching might be fully known"
  - 2 Timothy 4:13 - "the parchments"
    - 1 Timothy 3:1 - "desire the office of a bishop"
    - 1 Corinthians 12:11 - "dividing to every man severally as He will"
  - Tongues
    - 1 Timothy 6:20
    - 2 Timothy 2:16
  - Healing
    - 1 Timothy 5:23
    - 2 Timothy 4:20

## **1 Corinthians 14**

- Constant theme is tongues in the church produces confusion unless you can interpret and doesn't produce edification of the church.
- In fact, when tongues is done in the church you can be seen as "mad", "children", "unlearned".