

# 1st Corinthians 12:1-3

The Role of the Holy Spirit in the Church

## 1st Corinthians 12:1-11 NKJV –

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:

2 You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led.

3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

## 1st Corinthians 12:1-11 NKJV –

4 There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord.

6 And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.

## 1st Corinthians 12:1-11 NKJV –

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:

8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,

9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,

## 1st Corinthians 12:1-11 NKJV –

10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.



# **RECAP - Corinthian Church Complication**

an issue of Lordship...

**1:1-9** The Church as God sees it, Jesus in every verse.

**1:10-18** The Church as man sees it, divided and distracted. Sophmores

# **RECAP - Corinthian Church Complication**

- 1. Sophomores = Wise fools (not humble/teachable, formed by the Word)**
- 2. Identity in self and world (instead of Christ)**
- 3. Misunderstanding of the Godhead and the Gospel (used what they had for self instead of others)**



# Big Picture

1. First a Lordship of Jesus issue...
- 2. now an Introduction to the person and work of the Holy Spirit.**

**Vs.1** Now about the spiritual gifts [the special endowments given by the Holy Spirit], brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. - AMP

**- Don't be ignorant...**

## **Vs.1 - Don't be ignorant...**

- 1. ... of God's plan for Israel (Romans 11:25)**
- 2. ...of spiritual gifts (1 Cor 12:1)**
- 3. ...about the Second Coming of Jesus and the eternal state (1 Thessalonians 4:13)**

# The Holy Spirit in 1st Corinthians 12

- The Greek word pneuma appears **12 times** in **8 verses**: **12:3 (2X)**, **4**, **7**, **8 (2X)**, **9 (2X)**, **10**, **11**, **13 (2X)**.

The Triune God - (see Nicene Creed A.D. 325)

There is one living and true GOD, eternally existing in three persons: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, equal in power and glory; that this triune God created all, upholds all, and governs all things. (Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 44:8 and 48:16; Matthew 28:19-20; John 10:30; Hebrews 1:3)

# The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit, is a person, and not an impersonal force. He convicts people of sin, points them to Jesus, and ushers them into the body of Christ (John 16:8-11; 2 Corinthians 3:6; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14; Ephesians 1:13-14).

# The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit lives inside every believer from the first moment of salvation (**Romans 8:9**), and the Spirit continually works in the believer by guiding them to the truth, and empowering them with gifts for the service of the church, and sanctifying believers (**John 16:13; Acts 1:8; Romans 12, 2 Thess 2:13**).

# The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is affected by our actions and attitudes. He can be grieved, resisted, insulted, etc. (Acts 5:1-3 & 7:51, Eph 4:30, 1 Thes 5:19, Heb 10:29). He has a mind (Rom 8:27) and a will (1 Cor 12:11).



# The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit possesses the attributes of God:

He is omnipresent, omnipotent, omniscient, eternal, holy, and creator.

(Psalm 139:7-10, Luke 1:35, John 14:26 & 16:12-13, Heb 9:14, Rom 1:4, Job 33:4 & Psalm 104:30)

# The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is one with God and, at the same time is His own distinct person.

(Acts 5:3-4, Matt 28:19 & Like 3:21-22)

# The Holy Spirit

Before we were Christians the Holy Spirit was with us, convicting us of sin and drawing us to Christ (John 16:8).

When we become Christians, the Holy Spirit comes and dwells in us. (John 14:16-17 & 20:22, 1 Cor 3:16)

# The Holy Spirit

He was given a special assignment during our Lord's absence (John 16:7-14) and He abides with us forever (John 14:16).

# The Holy Spirit

In **John 14-16**, Jesus teaches His disciples about the Holy Spirit:

He is a helper like Jesus; teach us all things, testify of Christ; convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgement; guide us into all truth. He glorifies Jesus.

# The Holy Spirit

- **Gifts** of the Holy Spirit (See Rom 12, 1 Cor 12, and Eph 4)
- **Fruit** of the Holy Spirit (See Gal 5:22-23, 1st Cor 13, John 15:4-5)
- **Baptism** of the Holy Spirit (Matt 3:11, Luk 24:49, Acts 1:4-8, 2:4, 4:8,31, 7:55, 19:6)

# The Holy Spirit

- **Promised Purposed Prerequisite Power**

- **With** - Outside/alongside (**John 14:17**)

- **In** - Filled/sealed/dwelling (**John 20:22**)

- **Upon** - Power for a purpose/ baptism  
(**Acts 1:5**)

# Still for Today?

- **Mark 16:17-18:** And these signs will follow those who believe...
- **Acts 2:33, 39:** ...For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.



# Still for Today?

- Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.  
- 1 Corinthians 14:12 NKJV

**Vs.2** You know that when you were pagans, you were led off after speechless idols; however you were led off [whether by impulse or habit]. - AMP

- **“Mute idols”** (Ps 115:5; Hab 2:18-19; 3 Macc 4:16)

**Vs.3** Therefore I want you to know that no one speaking by the [power and influence of the] Spirit of God can say, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is [my] Lord,” except by [the power and influence of] the Holy Spirit.

- AMP

- He will testify of Me (John 15:26), and He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you (John 16:14).
- Speaks of knowing and belonging (Mt 7:23).
- One of the oldest creeds in Christendom (cf. John 13:13, Phil 2:11)

- "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" - Luke 11:13 NKJV



“The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV)