

Help! Part 5 “Pickled”

THE HOLY SPIRIT LIFE

Baptize: *Immerse, pickled, transformed*

Object Lesson: *Baptism means we are transformed like a pickle.*

- You look, smell, and taste different. Jesus is the “solution” and your life is filtered through the “solution.”
- Your DNA has been transformed to match your Creator. Wow!
- You were made in the image of God. Jesus made it possible to walk in that image

1. The Holy Spirit *pickles* in Jesus

1 Corinthians 12:3b

...no one can say, “Jesus is [my] Lord,” except by [the power and influence of] the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:13

For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

- Notice who does the baptizing (Spirit) and where He baptizes us (body of Christ)

2. The disciples *pickle* us in water

Matthew 28:19 (NKJV)

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”

- The Great Co-Mission. What qualifies one who can baptize? A disciple.

3. Jesus *pickles* us in the Holy Spirit

Matthew 3:11 (NKJV)

[John speaking] “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

- Notice who does the baptizing (Jesus) and with what He baptizes us (Holy Spirit)

Acts 19:1-6 New Living Translation (NLT)

19 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the interior regions until he reached Ephesus, on the coast, where he found several believers.^[a] ² “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” he asked them. “No,” they replied, “we haven’t even heard that there is a

Holy Spirit.”³ “Then what baptism did you experience?” he asked. And they replied, “The baptism of John.”⁴ Paul said, “John’s baptism called for repentance from sin. But John himself told the people to believe in the one who would come later, meaning Jesus.”⁵ As soon as they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.⁶ Then when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in other tongues^[b] and prophesied.

Number 1 is the baptism OF the Holy Spirit

Number 3 is the baptism IN/WITH the Holy Spirit

1 John 5:7-8 (NKJV)

For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.

Salvation – Water - Spirit (Jesus is our example)

Salvation - We become a new person. (“I was a cucumber, but now I’m a pickle.”)

Water Baptism - The old person is cut off. (I’m a pickle and will never be a cucumber again.)

Spirit Baptism - The new person is Spirit led (“I’m empowered to walk and talk as a pickle”).

If Jesus needed the Holy Spirit, then how much more do you and I need Him?

- Many believers live having only experienced one or two baptisms
- This is why there’s little victory in their lives
- Jesus is our Victor, but are you walking in victory?

Old Testament Connections:

The Desert

1 Corinthians 10:1-2 (AMP)

For I do not want you to be unaware, believers, that our fathers were all under the cloud [in which God’s presence went before them] and they all passed [miraculously and safely] through the [Red] Sea; ² And all [of them] were baptized into Moses [into his safekeeping as their leader] in the cloud and in the sea;

The Tabernacle

The Altar - shedding of the lamb

The Laver - washing with water

The Oil - anointing

THE HOLY SPIRIT’S GIFTS

Object Lesson: *His gifts are like the spices and ingredients added to the pickles. Gifts are distributed to each for the good of all.*

1 Corinthians 12:1(MSG)

What I want to talk about now is the various ways God's Spirit gets worked into our lives. This is complex and often misunderstood, but I want you to be informed and knowledgeable.

Charisma: *grace gift* (we are all charismatic)

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (NASB)

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.⁵ And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. ⁶ There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. ⁷ But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

- **How many grace gifts are there?**
 1. **Vs. 5-** Ministerial: Jesus' Gifts (*Eph 4 "to equip the saints for the work of the ministry."*)
 2. **Vs. 6-** Motivational: The Father's Gifts (*Rom 12:3 "as God has apportioned to each..."*)
 3. **Vs. 7-** Manifestation: Spirit's Gifts- 1 Cor 12

- **Manifestations: These gifts belong to the Holy Spirit, and He gives them to "each"**
 - "I have the gift of the Word of Knowledge!" No. He has the gift and lets you use it.
 - We must stay humble with the "His" gifts, stewarding them well for the His purpose.
 - He wants to use "each" of us, not just us using the gift
 - Vs. 31 "Desire the greater gift..."- The best gift is the one that is needed
 - Exercise confident humility with the gifts. "I want to be a vessel You work through..."

Three Groups of the Spirit Gifts: 1 Corinthians 12:8-11

THE DISCERNING GIFTS

1. **Word of Knowledge: reveals something specific to us that we have no natural knowledge of it**
 - Jesus did this in John 4 when he told the woman to call her husband
 - Jesus laid down his divinity and walked in humanity
 - He ministered by the power of the Holy Spirit!
Luke 4:14 Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit
 - The Holy Spirit came on Him when He was baptized!
Matthew 12:28 ... I cast out demons by the Spirit of God

2. **Word of Wisdom: A divine answer or solution for a particular event**

John 9:29-33 (NKJV)

²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from.”

³⁰ The man answered and said to them, “Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! ³¹ Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. ³² Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. ³³ If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing.”

- You’ve had this happen where God gives you the solution

3. Discerning of Spirits: *To be made aware of the presence of a demonic spirit*

- “I have the gift of discernment!” No, you don’t!
 - Where is that gift in this list?
 - Many people have the gift of criticism or judgement.
- Paul did this in Acts 16 when he cast the spirit out of a woman
 - Wouldn’t be good for the Holy Spirit to show you what spirits are coming against your business or family?

THE DECLARITIVE GIFTS (*All use the tongue*)

4. Prophecy: *A message of encouragement from God through a person*

- All these gifts are for edification and encouragement, not correction.
 - If you want to correct someone, don’t say, “Thus says the Lord!”
 - People say, “God told me” when they want to get out of something!

1 Corinthians 14:31 (NKJV)

For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged.

5. Tongues: *A message from God in a language unknown to the person through whom the message comes*

- God is clarifying between a message from God and a prayer language
- Corinthians 14 gives instructions for this: If an unbeliever or uninformed person comes in and you’re speaking in tongues, he’ll say you’re crazy

6. Interpretation of Tongues: *Understanding and expressing the thought or the intent of the message in tongues*

- Interpretation or Translation

- Have you ever heard a short tongue and a long interpretation or heard a long tongue and a short interpretation?
- Translation is exact, word for word, while interpretation is hearing the thought and the intent of what I'm saying (having an interpreter when traveling)

1 Corinthians 14:5 (NKJV)

I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

THE DYNAMIC GIFTS

7. Faith: A supernatural impartation of belief and confidence for a specific situation

- Dynamic – Dunamis - Dynamite!
 - This is a divine infusion of confidence.
 - God will give us faith to make it through something!

8. Gifts of Healings: Supernatural endowments of divine health

- Notice this is not the gift of healing (gifts of healings)
 - Many times we think we have to get to a specific person
 - It's plural!

9. Working of Miracles: Divine intervention that alters our natural circumstances

- God still does miracles because He can't change!
 - How many of you have experienced a miracle? How many of you need a miracle?
- Notice that healings and miracles are plural!
 - This represents that every healing is special to God! He loves and cares for individuals.

Response:

2 Timothy 1:6-7 (TPT)

Timothy and the Holy Spirit

6 I'm writing to encourage you to fan into a flame and rekindle[a] the fire of the spiritual gift God imparted to you when I laid my hands upon you. 7 For God will never give you the spirit of fear,[b] but the Holy Spirit who gives you mighty power, love, and self-control.[c] (Sound Mind)

Today, will you receive the *pickling* of the Holy Spirit, allowing Him to empower you with His gifts?

REPENT: *from wrong thinking and believe about the Holy Spirit*

ASK: *your Heavenly Father to baptize/fill you with the Holy Spirit.*

RECEIVE: *the promise of the Holy Spirit by faith*