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Part 11 / Part 2

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The Gospel of Saint Mark 16:14-20, **“¹⁴Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. ¹⁵And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. ¹⁶Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷And these signs will accompany those who believe: in**

my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues;¹⁸ they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”¹⁹ So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.

May the Lord add His Blessing to the Reading and the Hearing of His Word; Amen!

Over the past several weeks, we have been working our way through 1 Corinthians 14 verse by verse to dissect the text to discover what the Apostle Paul prescribed and outlined for the protocol of spiritual gifts being manifested within the local church setting. Furthermore, Spiritual Gifts and Supernatural Demonstrations of Power are not just a teaching of the Apostles but was a very direct message from Christ Himself! Last Sunday, we discussed how, if we are not careful, will fall into the trap of forfeiting biblical truth or doctrinal fortitude for the sake of tradition.

Jesus spoke to this very issue in the Gospel of Saint Mark 7, when He stated in verses 9-10 records, “⁸You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”⁹ And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition!” He then goes on to state emphatically in verse 13, “¹³thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

Tradition, Heritage, and History are all important monikers of our identity and annotates the trail of success but above all else, we must never fall into the trap of honoring anything above the Word of God. Last Sunday, I was only able to finish two of the four points so I will continue with my notes from Last Sunday but let us refresh the first two points we discussed...

1. If we are not careful, our traditions will void the Word of God in our lives.

a. Review

2. Our gifts are to be submitted to the Authority of His Word because the Move of the Spirit will never contradict the Word of God.

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3. The Gifts of the Spirit are Meant to be Manifested in Submission to the Word of God and to the Authority of the House; the Pastor.

- a. It is the responsibility of the Pastor to be the enforcement of the Apostolic teaching and to ensure the order and flow of the service. That is not a power play; that is Bible.
- b. This is all the more enforced in the Book of the Revelation due to the fact that 7 letters to the 7 Churches spanning Chapters 1 - 3 are addressed to the Pastor because Christ expects the Pastors to tend to the Order of His House in matters of gifts, fruit, faith and conduct.

The Scripture is clear when it comes to dealing with Order:

- Verse 26 - What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.
- Verse 31 - For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged, ³² and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets.
- Verse 33 - For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.

- Verse 39 - So, my brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. 40 But all things should be done decently and in order.

4. It is the responsibility of the Pastor to provide oversight to the Move of the Spirit and the Flow of the Service in so that the Gifts are used properly for the edification of the Body.

- Gifts and Flow in our Services / Proper Order:
- Come to Pastor Beck or myself or one of the pastoral staff and submit your prophetic word to one of us. Or if you have a Word in Tongues.
- We will then choose when and where in the service it will fit in the flow.
- Principle of the Flow of a Service (Conductor of Orchestra / Sheet Music)
- Flow is about finding the right place to set the notes in place for the proper keys to be hit.

- IF the wrong instrument plays at the wrong time, no matter the note that is played, it is still out of order; no matter the instrument or the note that is played by said instrument. It's not about the instrument but submitting to the cords outlined on the sheet music written by the composer.
- Thus if all things are to be done decently and in order then the manifestation of Spiritual Gifts will not be out of order with the flow of the service and the move of the Spirit.
- If I choose to not allow you to present your gift then do not get offended; if you get mad and offended then it tells me that your “gift” is you and not the Holy Spirit.
- And if you manifest a gift out of order and I or one of our Pastors correct you then do not get offended
- ³⁹ So, my brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. ⁴⁰ But all things should be done decently and in order.

Brethren:

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