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THE MANIFESTATIONS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
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The Highest Purpose for Man

**To be content with food and raiment,
the necessities of life**

**To be in a place free from the influence of
Babylon and free to exercise and grow in God**

**To find your place in the Kingdom of God
which is coming on the Earth**

THE MANIFESTATIONS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We are going to study the nine gifts or manifestations of the Holy Spirit as they are listed and presented in I Corinthians 12 in the Scripture. This study is very important in the life of the Christian who has just received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is an open door, a gateway through which we walk into a life in the Spirit. All other nine manifestations or gifts of the Spirit will begin to come forth in our lives. It is so important as soon as we receive our baptism into the Spirit so that we may know the true from the false.

The person who has just been baptized into the Holy Spirit has entered into a stage of his Christian growth and experience where he is susceptible to all sorts of spirits coming in and trying to give him false manifestations more than at any other time in his Christian experience.

Before he receives the Baptism of the Spirit, he is a Christian who refuses to yield and to obey messages that he receives from his spirit. He walks simply in his form of Christianity and refuses to allow himself to enter into any spiritual manifestations whatsoever. Therefore, he is protected a great deal from false manifestations of demon experiences. At the same time, he shuts out the true manifestations of the Holy Spirit. After one has been baptized in the Spirit, has been walking in the Spirit, after a good length of time he has become matured in these things, and he is enabled to recognize the true manifestations of the Spirit from demon spirits. Therefore, he is not as susceptible.

In this stage between the time one first receives the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and the time one becomes matured in these things so he is able to discern the false from the true, he is particularly susceptible. Therefore, he needs to understand the nine true manifestations of the Spirit as

presented in scripture so that he can discern the true from the false.

He is particularly susceptible because he has had a glorious experience with his Lord. He has been filled with the Spirit, and he has discovered that the Spirit will supernaturally manifest Himself to Him. He is determined at this point on to be led by the Spirit, not by the arm of the flesh, but by the Spirit of God. He is determined not to be led by his denomination or his religion. When he hears the voice of the Spirit, he wants to obey Him. He is determined to seek and receive the gifts of the Spirit or the manifestations of the Holy Spirit.

It is for this reason and at this point particularly that demon spirits will often sweep in and try to deceive him with false manifestations all for the purpose of discouraging him. By getting him bound up in a maze of confusion between the false and the true, by turning him away from the true, these demon spirits cause him to turn back and refuse to walk in the true manifestations and gifts of the Spirit. It is for this reason that we present this study on the gifts of the Spirit as revealed in I Corinthians 12 so that the newly baptized believer might know the gifts of the Spirit, what they are, how they operate, and how they are supposed to be used in God's divine plan and God's divine order for His Church.

Turn to I Corinthians 12, we will follow Paul as he began to teach his Corinthian Christians who had been baptized in the Holy Spirit. They had not been taught the correct purpose and use of the gifts of the Spirit, therefore, needed teaching in this area.

Verse 1, "Now concerning spiritual gifts brethren, I would not have you ignorant." This is a scripture that God spoke to me years ago when He poured His Spirit upon the Southern Baptist Church that I pastored. In three weeks' time all my people and I received the Baptism of the Spirit. During that time God also poured out revelation from His Word, and he brought me here to this scripture.

The Holy Spirit said to me, "It is not Paul speaking. God is the author of the scripture." Therefore, it is God who is saying, "concerning spiritual gifts, I would not have you ignorant." As a Southern Baptist preacher, I was completely ignorant of spiritual gifts, and I pastored a church full of good earnest Christians that were also completely ignorant. But, I saw then God did not want me or my people to be ignorant of those things. I got on my knees and kept praying. God kept pouring out revelation of the great truths which I will share with you in this study.

The first truth is that God, dear friend, does not want you to be ignorant concerning gifts of the Spirit. He wants you to understand these things also.

Verse 3, "Wherefore I give you to understand that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy Ghost." Here we have two great truths. No one who calls Jesus accursed, no one who says He is not the Lord, not the Christ is speaking by the Spirit of God. They are speaking by demon spirits. On the other hand, no man can say Jesus is His Lord, unless there is a work of the Holy Spirit done in his life, unless the Holy Spirit has revealed it to him. How many people can say Jesus is the Lord when you ask them, "Do you know you are saved? Do you know Jesus as your Lord?" Then you separate the sheep from the goats. No man can say, "Jesus is my Lord, and I know that I am saved," except he be born again of the Spirit, regenerated by the Spirit of God.

Verse 4, Paul says, "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit." This is another great truth that we need to learn, beloved. This word diversities means "different kinds." The Apostle Paul says there are different kinds of gifts. Just because a person does not have the same gift that you have, it does not mean that his gift is not from God. You see, this was the problem in the Corinthian church. They had received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Paul had been with them for two years, but he had to spend most of

his time evangelizing. He had led them into the Baptism of the Spirit, but did not have the time to teach them the full understanding of these things and the correct use of them.

So the Corinthian Christians were baptized in the Spirit, and had spiritual gifts operating in their midst. But, the fellow who spoke in tongues looked at the fellow who prophesied and said, "Perhaps your gift is not from God as it is not the same as mine." The fellow who prophesied said to the fellow who spoke in tongues "Perhaps your gift is not from God because it is not the same as mine."

The Baptists look at the Pentecostal brethren and says, "Your gift is not from God because I do not have it." It is not the same as I have because the Spirit is not manifesting Himself the same way through you as He is through me. Quite often the Pentecostals look at the Baptists and say, "You do not love the Lord like I do or else you would have already gone on your knees and the Lord would have given you what I have." So we have a schism in the Body of Christ.

We need to learn there are diversities of gifts, and we are not to judge one another. Paul says in verse 5, "And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord." This word administration means "ministries." "The Holy Spirit gives different ministries. This is also another truth we need to learn, beloved. Just because another does not have the same ministry you have, does not mean that his ministry is not from the Holy Spirit.

Rev. Billy Graham is a great evangelist. He is called to the ministry of evangelism, preaching the salvation truth and winning people to Christ, bringing them into the kingdom of God. Just because he does not teach people to receive the Baptism of the Spirit, just because it is not his ministry to lead them into the gifts of the Spirit (tongues, prophecy, healing, faith, discerning of spirits, etc.) does not mean that the godly pastor who is called to lead people into the deeper things of God is not called to that ministry. It does not mean that his ministry is not from God just as much as Billy

Graham's is. There are many ministries that are distributed by God to His servants, and this truth we must also learn.

Verse 6, "And there are diversities of operation, but it is the same God which worketh all in all." Here we are told that there are many different operations of the Spirit. The Spirit of God does not operate in everyone the same way.

I have seen one person when they are baptized in the Spirit become so filled with joy that they just laughed in the Spirit for 30 minutes. Then I have seen another person come completely under the power of the Spirit, be baptized in the Spirit, and just cry with joy as they spoke in tongues. Then I have seen another do neither of these but simply lift their hands to God and in a simple faith yield themselves to the Spirit of God. They began to speak forth in other tongues adoring God without any emotional manifestation.

The Spirit of God operates in one person one way and another person another way. You see, the Spirit knows just what He needs to bring forth from within us to give us our experience with God.

According to each individual personality, He will bring forth from within that person that which needs to come forth in order to give them great release with God and great blessings and a great personal experience in the Spirit. So if he draws forth keeping from one, wonderful. If He draws forth great holy laughter from another, wonderful. If he draws forth simple heart adoration with no emotional manifestation whatsoever, fine. We must let the Holy Spirit operate in His way. We must yield to His operation within us. He alone knows what will bring our release.

I once knew a wise pastor's wife who knew this great truth. I walked into an early Sunday evening young people's service which she was conducting with 30 young people. They were seeking to worship God, when suddenly the Spirit swept over them as they were singing choruses praising God. The song leader said, "Let's sing another chorus." They stopped weeping and began to sing. The wise pastor's wife who had been playing the piano rose up and said, "No, the

Spirit of God is bringing something forth from within us. Let's not sing it away." They just remained quiet and again the Spirit swept across the whole group. They began to weep and continued for 40 minutes. It was time for the service to begin. The adults began coming into the sanctuary. When they did, the Spirit swept to the adults. Many of them began to weep intercessory prayers. The Spirit laid burdens upon their hearts. Soon the Spirit swept through the whole congregation. Many began to move forward to the altar falling on their faces weeping in deep intercession to God for the needs of God's Body and His kingdom. The Pastor came in and saw the Spirit of God moving. They had no service that night. For 2 hours the whole congregation stayed on their knees before God in prayer. They were letting the Spirit bring forth from within them that which was necessary. We need only to let the Holy Spirit operate in His own way.

Verse 7, "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." These gifts are given for a very definite purpose, to profit all of the Body of Christ, all of God's people. When we yield to them and when we allow them to operate in God's divine order, each one is fulfilling its purpose by bringing great profit and great blessing to the Body of Christ.

Another thing I would like to bring to your attention. In verse 7, Paul does not refer to these as gifts but manifestations of the Spirit. He says the "manifestations of the Spirit" are given to profit withal. This also contains a great truth which we will come back to in a moment. Paul goes on to list the 9 manifestations of the Spirit. We are going to read them one by one. Then we will go back over and explain the purpose of each in the Body of Christ.

Verse 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the Same Spirit. 9. To another by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit. 10. To Another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another

divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues.

Now let us go back and explain each one of these manifestations of the Holy Spirit.

WORD OF WISDOM –

Now usually when we read this we immediately think it speaks of the general wisdom that is given from God. But it does not say wisdom, it says a word of wisdom. This is when the Holy Spirit gives us a particular word of wisdom to meet the need in a particular situation. Suppose we are dealing with someone and trying to bring them to Christ. They seem to have a mental block hindering them from seeing the light, seeing Jesus as their Saviour. Suddenly the Spirit gives us a particular word of wisdom that we can share with that person enabling them to get by this mental block to lead them to Christ. This is the word of wisdom in operation, a specific word of wisdom to meet the need in a specific situation.

WORD OF KNOWLEDGE –

Again we are prone to think this speaks of the general knowledge we acquire in the study of the scripture, etc. It does not. This is the gift whereby the Spirit gives to one a specific word of knowledge, supernaturally to meet a given need or situation. For the best illustration of the word of knowledge, turn to John 4:6. We read where Jesus met the woman at the well, and he sought quickly to get her mind on spiritual things so He might lead her to salvation. He said, "Give me to drink." She being a Samaritan and knowing that the Jews hated the Samaritans was surprised that Jesus spoke to her. She said, "How is it that thou, being a Jew askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria?" Jesus answered her and said, "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked him, and he would have given thee living water."

Jesus was seeking to get her mind on spirituals things, she being carnal was thinking carnal things and had her mind on

carnal water, so she answered, "Sir thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep : from whence then hast thou that living water?" Suddenly Jesus said to her, "Go call thy husband, and come hither." The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said unto her, "Thou hast well said, I have no husband: for thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly." When this happened, the woman got her mind on spiritual things immediately. She said, "Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet," because she knew that Jesus could not possibly have this knowledge about her except God had given it to him supernaturally. It was exactly what had happened.

The Holy Spirit had given Jesus a word of knowledge concerning this woman so that she would have confidence in Him and His ministry to her. This is the operation of the word of knowledge.

Often when a minister stands on the platform, points his finger at the congregation and says, "That person has cancer. If you will come and let us pray for you, God will heal you." The person in the congregation knows the healing minister never knew them or had heard of them before or could know these facts about them except the Spirit of God had supernaturally given them a word of knowledge concerning them. It does not only work in divine healing, it works in many other areas

May I give you a 20th century illustration of the gift of the word of knowledge and the word of wisdom in operation? Some years ago in New Orleans as we pastored there, we were led to a young woman who was just on the verge of demon possession. She told us her story.

She continually felt evil and dirty all the time. She could never have company over because when she would sit in company, she would suddenly feel a tremendous urge to burst forth speaking all sorts of filthy language. She had to run to keep herself from doing it. When she went to a department store, her first urge was to smash all the

glassware. She would have to run from the department store. It made her life miserable, and she was on the verge of committing suicide. When we heard her story, we knew immediately that it was demon work. We invited her to a prayer meeting at our home two days later at 8 o'clock in the morning. When we arrived, we had about 20 of our people there. We informed her that we had brought her there to cast the demons out of her. For 4 hours we commanded the demon spirits to come out of her in Jesus' name. And she was right about the filthy language. In those 4 hours those spirits spoke some of the most horrible language that I have ever heard. But after 4 hours, the last demon came out bowing down before the name of Jesus setting her free.

Then I sat down and sought to lead her to Christ. To my amazement I could not do so. I presented Christ to her every way that I knew how, and I know many, but she would say to me, "Bro. Fife, I want to believe, but I just can't." I did not understand why.

Finally I had to give up and send her home. I prayed much that night and at 5 o'clock the next morning, the Spirit gave me a word of knowledge why this young woman could not see Christ as her Saviour. He told me the demons had convinced, had planted in her mind that she had to believe with perfect faith that Jesus was her Saviour and all her sins were washed away in Him. She felt that not being able to believe with perfect faith, she could not believe at all.

The next day, I went to her home and said to her, "Lorraine, God told me why you cannot believe. The demon spirits have given you the idea that you have to believe with perfect faith. I know many Christians who believe according to their ability. They put their trust in Jesus, but I know few who believe with perfect faith."

Then God gave me a word of wisdom to break this block, how to use the word of knowledge He had given me. I said, "You can believe to the best of your ability that Jesus is your Saviour, can't you?" She said, "Oh yes! I can do that." I said, "That is all that is necessary. God never requires us to do

more than we are able to do." When I said that, she fell to her knees in tears, and she gave her heart to Jesus.

The next day I went by her home. She said, "Bro. Fife, I have been going around the neighborhood visiting all my neighbors. I don't feel those horrible urges any more. I feel just as clean as anybody in the world." The last I saw of her she was going on with Jesus. This is the word of knowledge and the word of wisdom.

FAITH –

There needs to be a lot of teaching on this because it is true that faith is the gift of God. There the Bible is not talking about the passive faith by which we believe that Jesus is our Saviour and that it will take us to Heaven some day. It is talking here about that mighty faith which says, "in the name of Jesus" let it be done, and it is done. This faith is a gift of God. It is not given to us the way most people think. Many think you simply need to pray and pray and pray, "Oh God! Give me the gift of faith." Then suddenly it is handed to them on a silver platter so to speak, and then they can go out and start doing mighty things. No, the Spirit does not give it to us this way. As we pray to God to give us faith, He brings us to the scripture where He feeds us on God's Word. Through communion with Jesus, through revelation and through feeding on God's Word He enables us to grow stronger day by day, week by week, month by month until we come to that mighty faith that enables us to do mighty things in the name of Jesus.

GIFTS OF HEALING –

Notice it does not say the gift of healing but gifts (plural) of healing. No man has any blanket gift of healing whereby he can go about healing someone anytime he wants. Jesus did not have any such gift. It is recorded in Matthew 13:53-58 that He could not do mighty miracles in His home of Nazareth because of unbelief. Jesus could only heal where He found faith or where He could build faith in the people.

He could not do mighty miracles in Nazereth simply because the people did not believe in Him. He healed only where He found faith or could build faith. It is simply where ever we can find a believer who will believe God with us. As Jesus said, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven."(Matt. 18:19) Where ever I can find believers that will believe God with me, God will give me a gift of healing for that person. If a person comes in the prayer line, if he has faith, and I have faith, then we agree together. Therefore, God gives us the gift of healing for that person.

Another person might slip forward who has no faith in Jesus and does not walk with God. He just happened to hear people get healed in our church. As he is sick, he figures he will give it a try. He will try anything once. When he comes before me, I pray with the same faith I did with the believer. But, this person does not believe God with me., and God will not give the gift of healing for that person.

This is not limited to a gift any one man has. The smallest believer in Christ, be it man or woman, when there is a need, they can get someone to agree with them. God will give them a gift of healing..

MIRACLES –

The working of miracles works on the same order as the gifts of healing. The only difference between the gifts of healing and working of miracles is: A person comes in the prayer line having tuberculosis, I lay hands on them. We believe God that the work is done and receive it by faith. The person goes away without the manifestation of the healing whatsoever. Two weeks later the symptoms pass away, the person is healed. This is the gift of healing in operation. The gift of miracles is different.

If a person comes with one leg four inches shorter than the other, God has to create a new bone, new flesh and new everything to help that person. It will take a miracle, a

working of miracles. If a person comes in the prayer line deaf, we pray the prayer of faith then God instantly opens their deaf ears, then this is the working of miracles. God has instantly opened their ears and they hear.

PROPHECY –

There is much teaching that needs to be done on this manifestation of the Spirit. The gift of prophecy is the divinely inspired utterance spoken by the believer in church under the direct anointing of the Spirit of God. I Corinthians 14:3 says, "But He that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort." This is the purpose of prophecy, to edify or build up. In the original Greek "edify" means to "build up." This is to comfort and exhort the church, to build the believers in faith.

There is a distinct difference between the gift of prophecy as in I Cor. 12 and 14, and the ministry of prophet as in Eph. 4:1 1. The gift of prophecy in I Cor. 12 and 14 has a three-fold purpose, edification, exhortation, and comfort. It is never to be used for personal guidance or to predict the future.

The ministry God uses in His divine order for personal guidance and prediction of the future is the office or ministry of prophet as in Ephesians 4:1 1. God anoints certain believers to receive words from Heaven in dreams and visions. These visions and dreams counsel God's people giving personal guidance and confirmation to their leadings. These visions and dreams are also revelation of the future.

Often Christians have stumbled, been hurt and confused as they move into the manifestations of the Spirit by having someone prophesy over them that they should go to a certain place and do thus and thus. If someone ever prophesies over you that you should go to a certain place and do a certain thing, turn around and run from that person as fast as you can. It is not the Spirit of God that is speaking through them but a demon spirit. The Spirit of God is not going to get out of God's divine order for prophecy in I Cor. 12 and 14. God's

divine order for prophecy is not to predict the future or give personal guidance to individuals or to the church. God's divine order is to comfort, edify, or exhort the saints by prophecy.

On the other hand, if a prophet, anointed to receive visions and dreams from God comes to you revealing a vision concerning that which God has given them of a personal guidance or revelation of the future, then you must weigh it considering that it might possibly be from God. However, you still must check this also and be sure it is confirmed to keep the enemy from tricking you.

So we see that the gift of prophecy as listed in I Corinthians 12 is a divinely inspired utterance spoken under the direct anointing of the Spirit of God for the purpose of building up, comforting, and exhorting God's people in the church.

My soul is much comforted as I am in church service and I hear the Spirit come upon one of God's saints, and they begin to roll forth the divinely inspired utterance in the poetic form only the Spirit of God can bring forth. It exhorts me to go further with my Lord, comforting me, assuring me of His presence, building me up in faith. My soul is much more blest as I hear this than when I hear someone begin to speak forth predictions of the future.

In our services, our teenagers who are walking in the Spirit begin to speak forth, sometimes halting, stumbling words of exhortation, "Thus saith the Lord, My people, I am with thee. Have not I said unto thee that I will not leave thee nor forsake thee for I am with thee always." Just because it is sometimes halting, we do not deny that it's the Spirit Of God working prophecy in this young person.

We know that this young person is being taught to prophesy as they yield themselves to the Spirit.

Few people know the gift of prophecy can be learned. Paul said in I Cor. 14:31, "For ye may all prophecy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted." All may learn what? That all may learn to prophecy. Prophecy is to

be learned, and the Holy Spirit is the teacher. It is to be learned little by little.

As the Spirit teaches these young people to yield to the Spirit of God, He begins to place in their minds words of exhortation which comfort and build up. They speak them forth at first halting and stumbling, but then as they grow more and more, the day comes when the Spirit of the Lord comes upon them. They begin to roll forth great profound messages of prophecy from God which are so poetic and so glorious in their exhortation and comfort, it sets the whole assembly on fire.

So do you know what God has done? He has taken a young person who in the natural you could never drag behind a pulpit to speak to a whole congregation. But, with the supernatural gift of prophecy, God has led them and enabled them to grow into it teaching them day by day. God has taken that young person and made a powerful minister of Jesus Christ.

DISCERNING OF SPIRITS –

What a great need there is in the church today for this gift of the Spirit. This is the supernatural ability given by the Holy Spirit to be able to discern when a person is vexed, depressed, oppressed, possessed or indwelt with demon spirits. We need to be able to discern when it is a demon spirit speaking through a person and when it's God's Spirit.

This divine ability is given by the Holy Spirit, but not the way so many people think. It is not given to us by just coming to God, praying, fasting, etc. then finally feeling we have it so we can go out discerning who has demon spirits and who has not. Too many people have been hurt this way

The Spirit of God brings us first to His word. In the study of the Word He teaches about the nature and the character of demons and their symptoms, then how to recognize them. When the Holy Spirit, through His Word has trained us and taught us all these things, we are then prepared to go forth under His divine anointing. He Will supernaturally enable us to discern the work of demon spirits

in the lives of others and ourselves. God always works through His word.

To receive these gifts, we simply must yield ourselves to the Spirit of God and let Him bring them forth in us day after day, week after week, month after month as we study the Word of God.

Some years ago after pouring out His Spirit upon our Southern Baptist church, the Holy Spirit established us in the healing ministry. Then God spoke to me by dream and told me He was going to lead us in a search for knowledge concerning the demoniac kingdom that we may be able to overcome Satan.

In a dream, I saw the people of our church and myself walking through fields and woods. We were all children seeming to be about 9 years old. We came to an open space and there lying stretched out in that open space was a giant serpent about 20 feet long and very large. He looked like he was dead. At first all the children, "Oh, he is, dead." Then one of the men picked him up. When he did, the serpent came to life. The man dropped him and the serpent slithered off. All the children and I sat down on the ground and made a covenant together to search and seek out this serpent until we found and destroyed him.

God was speaking to us that He was leading us in the search for knowledge of the Satanic kingdom. For the next 3 years, the Lord dealt with us more on this subject from the scriptures than any. After 3 years of preparation, He began to send us many people who were demon possessed, oppressed, and needed deliverance. God had prepared and trained us. Then the manifestation of discerning spirits began to operate in us

DIVERS KIND OF TONGUES –

You will notice that the scripture says "divers kinds of tongues." We learned before that "divers" means different kinds. There are different kinds of supernatural tongues that the Holy Spirit gives.

Many have sought to deny the unknown tongue that is spoken by many who have been filled with the Spirit and given the gift of tongues in the world today is of God simply because it is not a known language. They quote the fact that the disciples on the day of Pentecost spoke in a language that was heard by those who understood the language in which they spoke. The Bible teaches that the Spirit often would supernaturally enable one to speak in a language that is known and could be understood by one who knows the language. The Bible also teaches that there is an "unknown" tongue which when one is speaking it no man understands him except God. "For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the Spirit he speaketh mysteries." (I Cor. 14:2) He is not speaking to men, he is speaking to God. Man is not supposed to understand him. God understands him. This is the unknown tongue. The Bible leaves room for different kinds of tongues.

INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES –

This is the supernatural gift of interpretation whereby God enables one to interpret that which is spoken supernaturally in the unknown tongue to those who are in the congregation. Either the speaker or someone in the congregation can receive the interpretation. There are two things that need to be said about this manifestation. First, notice that it is an interpretation of tongues not a translation. So many have sought to criticize the gift because those who interpret do not use the same amount of words that those who have spoken in the unknown tongue have used. If I am going to translate when you speak in Greek, then I need an English word for every Greek word you have spoken. But, if I am simply going to interpret what you speak in Greek, you can speak a hundred words, and I can give the message to the people I am interpreting to fifty words if I desire as long as I get the message over to them. I have then interpreted for you

You have heard the stories about those who went to meetings where someone was speaking in tongues. They

counted the words in tongues and the words of the interpretation, then said it wasn't of God because they both did not have the same amount of words. I read in my Bible that Daniel interpreted a message that was written in an unknown tongue on a wall. The message written was about 4 words, "mene, mene, tekel, upharsin." Daniel interpreted it with many words. The message said, "God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians." (Daniel 5:26-28)

We can share with you the way the interpretation comes forth. Either during the time I am speaking in tongues, or shortly after, the Spirit will place in my mind the message that I have spoken. I might receive the whole interpretation while I am speaking in tongues.

Sometimes as I yield to the Spirit and begin to speak in just the few words of interpretation, the rest of the message interpretation is born by the Spirit as I speak.. So this means that interpretation and prophecy is given by the Holy Spirit.

I may speak a message in tongues and either during the time I'm speaking or shortly afterward, the Spirit will pour in the mind of another member of the Body the message I have spoken. It isn't that they understand what I'm speaking, the Spirit gives them the interpretation by planting it in their minds.

These are the 9 manifestations of the Spirit. This takes us back to verse 7 where we pointed out that Paul called these not gifts but manifestations. This is a much better term for it gives a fuller understanding. You see, the term gift denotes to you something that God has for you way up in the sky. But a manifestation is an evidence of something already in you. This is the true picture. They are manifestations or evidences coming out of us by the Holy Spirit who is already in us. He wants to manifest Himself out of us in one or all of these 9 different ways according to our degree of yielding to Him. All we must do is yield to the Spirit within us.

We do not need to plead, pray, or beg God to give us these gifts. We need only to yield to the Holy Spirit day by day, then He will manifest Himself out of us in all His glory.

When I received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit., I received all the gifts of the Spirit for they are in Him and He is in me I did not need to beg or ask but only to yield myself more to Him than He might. manifest Himself out of me.

The word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, gifts of healing, faith, miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, tongues and interpretation are manifestations of the Holy Spirit. Beloved they are more than that. They are Christ ministering to His Body through His Body. When Jesus of Nazareth walked this earth over 1900 years ago, Christ dwelt in the body of Jesus of Nazareth. When His followers needed something, they came to Christ in the body of Jesus of Nazareth and received it. When they needed healing, they came to Jesus of Nazareth and received, it. When they needed comforting, they came to Christ in Jesus of Nazareth and receive it. But after Calvary, that body of Jesus of Nazareth disappeared from the earth.

God put a new body for Christ to dwell in. You are it, and I'm it. All born again believers are a member of it. I Cor. 12:27 says, "Now ye are the Body of Christ and members in particular." Today when

His children need something, they can come to Christ in the Body in which He dwells and receive it. If they need healing, they can come to Christ in the member in which He is healing and receive it, etc. This is Christ ministering to His Body through His Body.

If you took the human body and chopped off one ear and pulled off one leg, cut off one arm, poked out one eye, knocked out half the teeth, you will have a sick mutilated body. This is what Satan has done to the Body of Christ. By tricking the Church, he has chopped off the member that prophesied and said it no longer exists. He chopped off the member that had diverse tongues and interpretation and said they no longer exist. Many interpreted prophecy as

preaching and did away with the person who had the gift of prophecy.

This is why today we see a sick, suffering, mutilated Body of Christ. But God is restoring all the members to the Body of Christ.

God is restoring the manifestations of the Spirit. Several years ago God spoke to me in an audible voice saying, "The ministry of Christ to His Body through His Body must be brought to perfection." Much we have seen today is false manifestations, over-zealous Christians with false fire and fanaticism.

Step by step God is going to educate His people in the true manifestations of the Spirit and purge out all the falsehood. God is going to bring the 9 manifestations of the Spirit into perfection in the Body of Christ with each fulfilling His purpose. When He does, we are going to see the glorified Body of Christ in the world. May God hasten that day. In Jesus' name. Amen.