

To Be Filled With The Holy Spirit

(Part 8)

“⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.” (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)

The Baptism or the filling of The Holy Spirit is required to receive and acquire the gifts of The Holy Spirit that are necessary for us to function properly for the glory of God.

The church should function with the gifts of The Holy Spirit and not with the mere talents of the people. The church that functions with people's talents and not the gifts of The Holy Spirit then it is just similar to any office or institute in the world. Talents are abilities that human have from birth or develop later on using his body abilities. And through these talents people will perform certain tasks. But God does not want His Church to move and go on by mere human talents. Although talents are useful in God's service but God wants His Church to go on and do His will by the gifts of The Holy Spirit that He gives to those who are sanctified.

Talents also can be given by The Holy Spirit to certain people to enable them to achieve certain tasks when that task is needed. For example when God commanded Moses to construct the tabernacle according to the criteria that he had given him, He also provide talents through the filling of The Holy Spirit to certain people to achieve that required task, *“Then the LORD said to Moses, ² “See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, ³ and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts — ⁴ to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, ⁵ to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of craftsmanship. ⁶ Moreover, I have appointed Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, to help him. Also I have given skill to all the craftsmen to make everything I have commanded you: ⁷ the Tent of Meeting, the ark of the Testimony with the atonement cover on it, and all the other furnishings of the tent— ⁸ the table and its articles, the pure gold lampstand and all its accessories, the altar of incense, ⁹ the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, the basin with its stand— ¹⁰ and also the woven garments, both the sacred garments for Aaron the priest and the garments for his sons when they serve as priests, ¹¹ and the anointing oil and fragrant incense for the Holy Place. They are to make them just as I commanded you.” (Exodus 31:1-11)* So here clearly we found that God had filled Bezalel with The Holy Spirit and that gave him skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts.

“⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.” (1 Corinthians 12:7-11) God is the one who determine to each person what gift he needs to receive. And the gifts of The Holy Spirit are distributed by God for the common good for all. No one should keep the gift that he received for himself but he should use them for

the benefits of the whole body of Christ, the church. What are the spiritual gifts that God would give us to serve Him?

1- Message of wisdom: Is the ability to choose the right scripture that match with the reality of the life situation. For example, if the church is faced with certain challenge or face a certain situation the person who has the message of wisdom will be able to find out the Scripture that speaks about the same problem and will be able to find from the scripture the way out from that particular problem.

2- Message of knowledge: This gift of knowledge does not depend upon one's schoolwork, or one's I.Q., or one's natural abilities, but it is simply what God reveals or opens up in one's heart that which was not there before. For example in the book of Daniel chapter 2 God revealed to the friends of Daniel what was the dream of the king and gave them the right explanation.

3- Faith: The gift of faith is a special impartation that permits one to believe God on behalf of others in the church. God would give someone in the church higher faith to encourage others to believe God for a miraculous intervention.

4- Healing: Is a special enablement to operate in the Holy Spirit with healings—physical, emotional, and spiritual—within the body of Christ.

5- Miraculous powers: This is a special gifting of the Spirit that enables supernatural events to occur. Miracles are not magic, nor are they to be expected at every turn of events; but God does, at His discretion, certain miracles into the congregational life for the common good of all believers and for the building up of faith.

6- Gift of Prophecy: It is either *Foretelling*, to proclaim what is to come in the future. Or *Forthtelling* to declare to the people the will of God at the present time. Prophecy should strengthen, encourage and comfort.

7- Distinguishing between spirits (Discernment): The gift of discerning spirits is to enable a believer to see spiritual warfare behind the physical realities of life. It can be used as a warning or as an aid in understanding a certain difficulties faced by a congregation.

My Dear and Beloved: “²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. ²⁸ And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But eagerly desire the greater gifts.” (1 Corinthians 12:27-31) Be faithful to God and use the gift that God had given to you to serve Him in a way that this gift you carry will be for the common use of others as you commit yourself to God and agree to pray.

My prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I commit myself to use this gift that you gave me for your glory, and to be used for the common benefit of your church, in Jesus name, Amen.