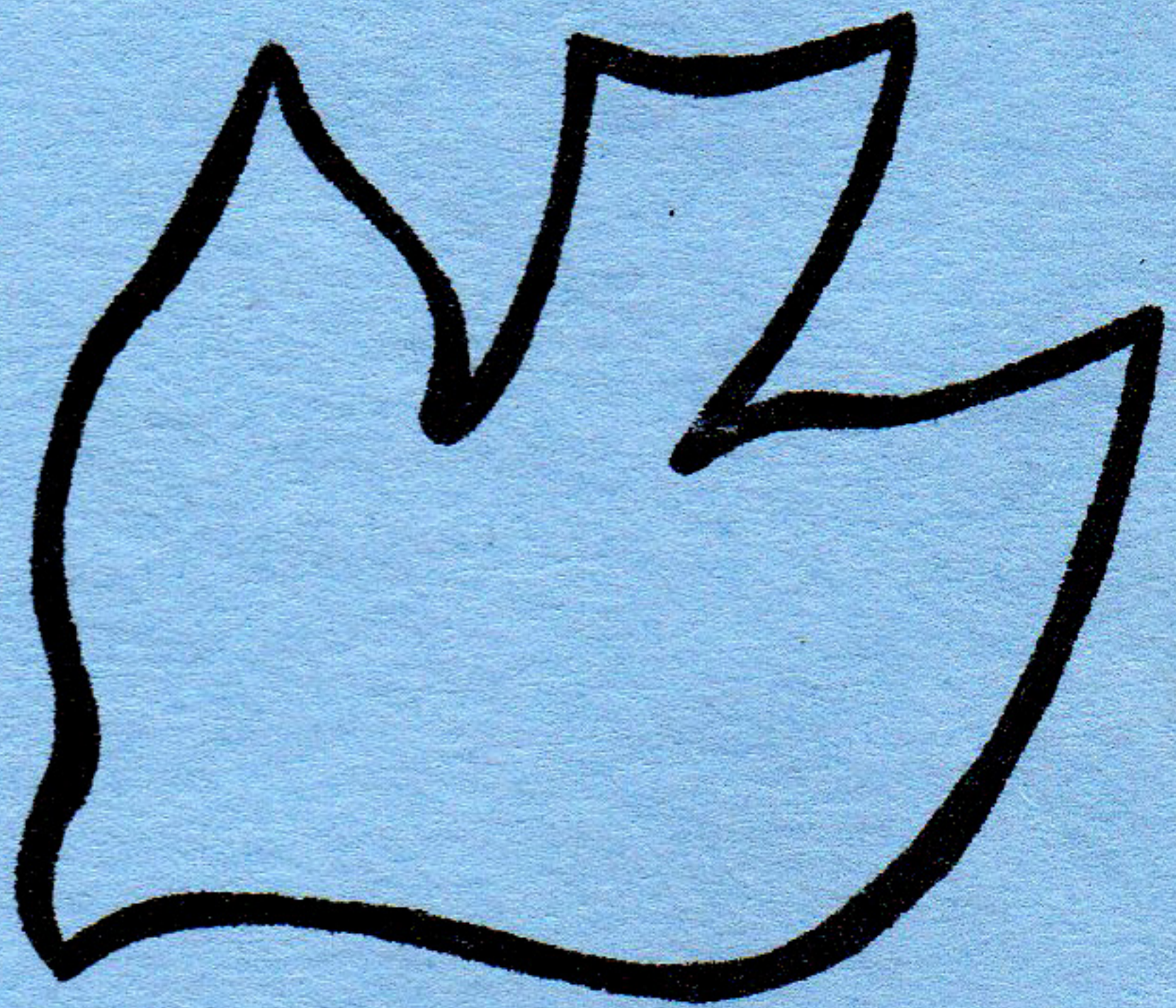


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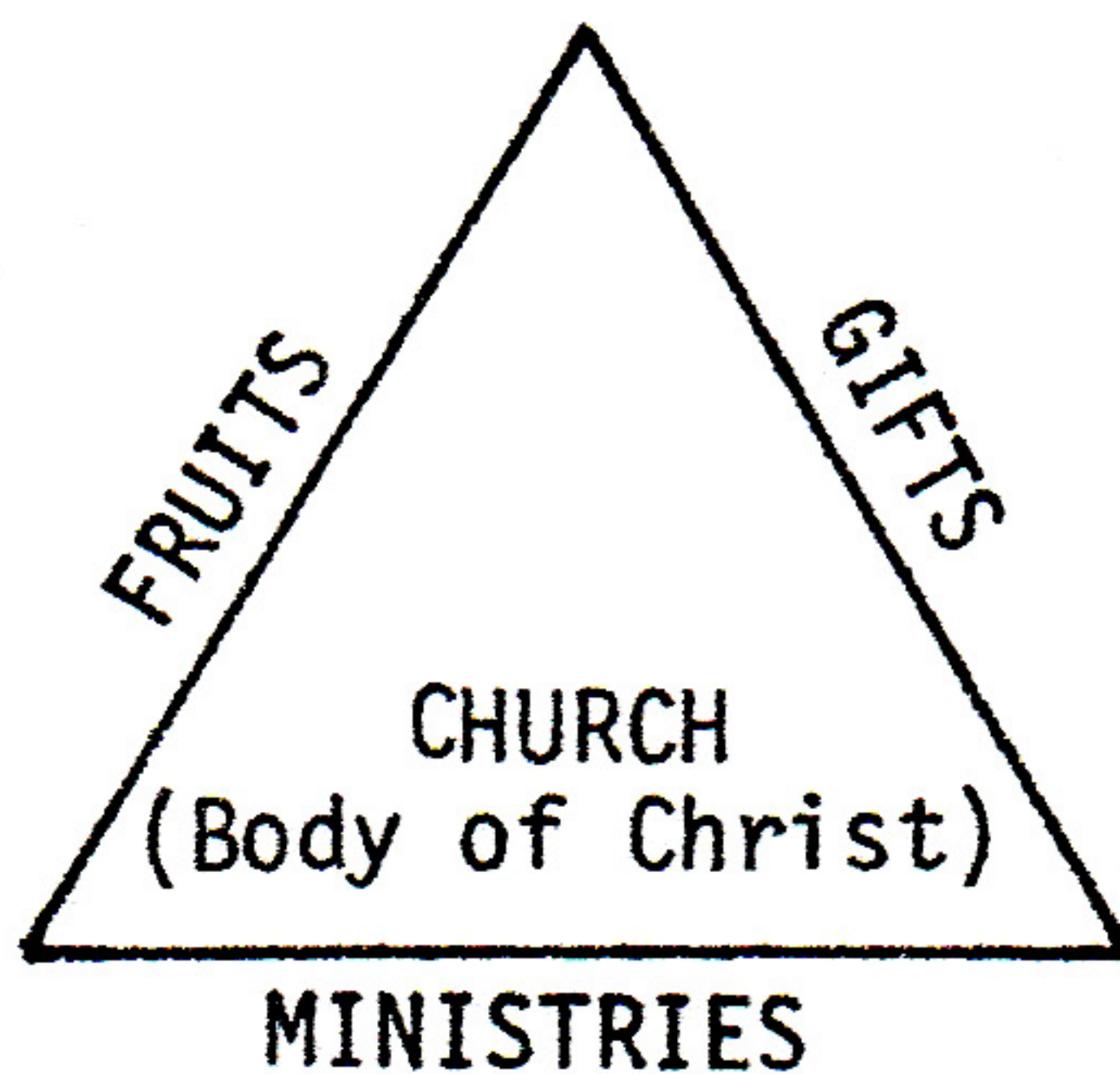
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LESSON 1
GIFTS, FRUITS, & MINISTRIES

- I. The Church is the Body of Christ
 - A. His expression in the Earth today (Acts 1:2-8)
 - 1. Vine-branches (John 15:1-8)
 - 2. Head-body (I Cor. 12:27, Col. 1:18)
 - B. Jesus gave the Holy Spirit (John 14:12-18)
- II. Trinity-(tri-unity)
 - A. Three is symbolic of perfection and completeness
 - B. Triune God (I John 5:7, Matt. 28:19, II Cor. 13:14)
 - C. Triune Man
 - Made in the image of God Spirit, Soul, & Body (I Thess. 5:23)
 - D. Three spiritual endowments for the church



- III. The Three Spiritual Endowments
 - A. Fruit (Gal. 5:22-23)
 - 1. For identification-as fruit identifies a tree as to kind
 - 2. Character & nature of Jesus shown in believer's life
 - 3. Starts growing at New Birth
 - 4. The "be good" attributes
 - B. Gifts (I Cor. 12:8-10, Rom. 12:6-8)
 - 1. For operation & power (ability)
 - 2. Power of Jesus working in believer's life

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3. Manifests mostly after Holy Spirit baptism
4. The "do good" attributes
- C. Ministry Gifts (Eph. 4:11-12, I Cor. 12:28-29)
 1. For regulation & service
 2. The ministries of Jesus in believer's life
 3. Anointed by God

- IV. Necessity of all three endowments
- A. Fruit alone - ineffectiveness
 - B. Gifts alone - fanaticism or heresy
 - C. Ministry alone - tyranny

- V. Are the Gifts of the Spirit for Today?
- A. We are still the Body of Christ (I Cor. 12:12-27, esp. vs. 12)
 1. Many members with various gifts
 - B. Without the power gifts church is human organization
 1. No supernatural means little revelation of Jesus
 2. Jesus was (is) more than a man
 3. Church is more than man's organization
 - C. Perfect age has not come yet (I Cor. 12:8-10)
 - D. Evangelism thrives best in ministry of healing & miracles (Acts 8:5-13)

- VI. Purpose of the Spiritual Gifts
- A. Manifest body of Christ in the earth (I Cor. 12:12-14, 27)
 - B. To assist in evangelizing the world (Mark 16:15-18)
 - C. Edify the church (I Cor. 14:3, 12, 26)
 - D. The deliverance of God's people (Ex. 14:13-16)
 - E. The perfecting of the church (Eph. 4:11-14)

LESSON 2
HOW THE CHARISMATIC GIFTS OF THE
SPIRIT OPERATE

I. Spiritual Gifts (I Cor. 12:1)

A. Gift is right word

1. Not earned as reward for good behavior
2. Freely given as sign of relationship
3. Ministry of Jesus through his people today (his ability & power)

B. Dorea (Greek) - a gift

1. Receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost Himself (Acts 2:38, 8:20, 10:45, Heb. 6:4)

C. Charisma (Greek) - a grace

1. Manifesting the gifts of the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 12:1, I Tim. 4:14, II Tim. 1:6, I Pet. 4:10)

II. Three Elements

A. Giver - Gift

1. God is giver by the Holy Spirit
2. "As He wills" (I Cor. 12:11, 18, Heb. 5:4)
3. To profit everyone (I Cor. 12:7)
4. Imparted - not learned (Rom. 1:11)

B. Channel = Manifestation

1. To every believer (I Cor. 12:7, 7:7)
2. Differing Gifts (Rom. 12:4-7)
3. To the humble (I Cor. 1:26-29)
4. According to your faith (Rom. 12:6)

C. Recipient - Ministered To

1. The one(s) in need
2. "As He wills" (I Cor. 12:7)

III. Our Part As A Believer

A. Receive the Holy Ghost (Acts 1:8)

B. Covet earnestly the best gifts

(I Cor. 12:31, 14:1, 13, Matt. 7:11)

- C. Laying on of hands
(Rom. 1:11, II Tim. 1:6, I Tim. 4:14, Deut. 34:9)
 - 1. Not suddenly (I Tim. 5:22)
- D. Dedication to God
 - 1. Be yielded & available
(Acts 28:8 etc.)
 - 2. Draw nigh to God & be vigilant
for Satan (James 5:7-8)
- E. Stewardship (I Pet. 4:10, Matt. 25:14-15)

IV. Counterfeit or Contaminated Gifts

- A. Satan can counterfeit
(Matt. 24:24, II Thess. 2:9, Rev. 16:14 Ex. 7:9-12, I John 4:1-3)
- B. Satan does not create - only deceive
- C. Judge the man by the fruit in his life -
not the gifts
(Matt. 7:16-23)
- D. Judge the gifts by the Word of God
(I Cor. 12:3, Rev. 19:10 etc.)
- E. Gifts are given without repentance
(Rom. 11:29)
- F. Don't fear Satan's power to counterfeit
 - 1. Fear robs you of God's gifts
(Numbers 13:31-33)
 - 2. Discern by the Word (I John 4:1-3)
 - 3. Believe what Jesus said
(Luke 11:11-13, Matt. 7:11)

V. How the Gifts Work

- A. Gift is perfect - channel is not
- B. Cooperation is required
- C. We are in control of-manifestation
(I Cor. 14:32)
- D. God controls the gift (I Cor. 12:6)
- E. Diversities of operations (I Cor. 12:6)
 - 1. Same gift may operate differently
through different people (O.T.
prophets, etc.)
- F. Gifts frequently work together (more
than one)

- VI. The Nine Charismatic Gifts
 - A. The Gifts of Revelation
 - 1. Word of Knowledge
 - 2. Word of Wisdom
 - 3. Discerning of Spirits
 - B. The Gifts of Power
 - 1. Gift of Faith
 - 2. Gifts of Healings
 - 3. Working of Miracles
 - C. The Gifts of Utterance
 - 1. Divers Kinds of Tongues
 - 2. Interpretation of Tongues
 - 3. Prophecy
 - D. Two gifts peculiar to Holy Ghost Dispensation (Pentecost)
 - 1. Divers Kinds of Tongues
 - 2. Interpretation of Tongues
 - E. Other Seven Gifts in Old Testament & Gospels

LESSON 3
BAPTISM WITH (IN) THE HOLY SPIRIT

- I. One Baptism or more than one?
 - A. One baptism (Eph. 4:5-into Christ)
 - B. Of baptisms (Heb. 6:1 & 2)
 - 1. A principle of doctrine of Christ
 - 2. Part of the foundation
 - C. Three baptisms in New Testament
 - 1. New birth
 - 2. Water baptism
 - 3. Baptism in the Holy Spirit

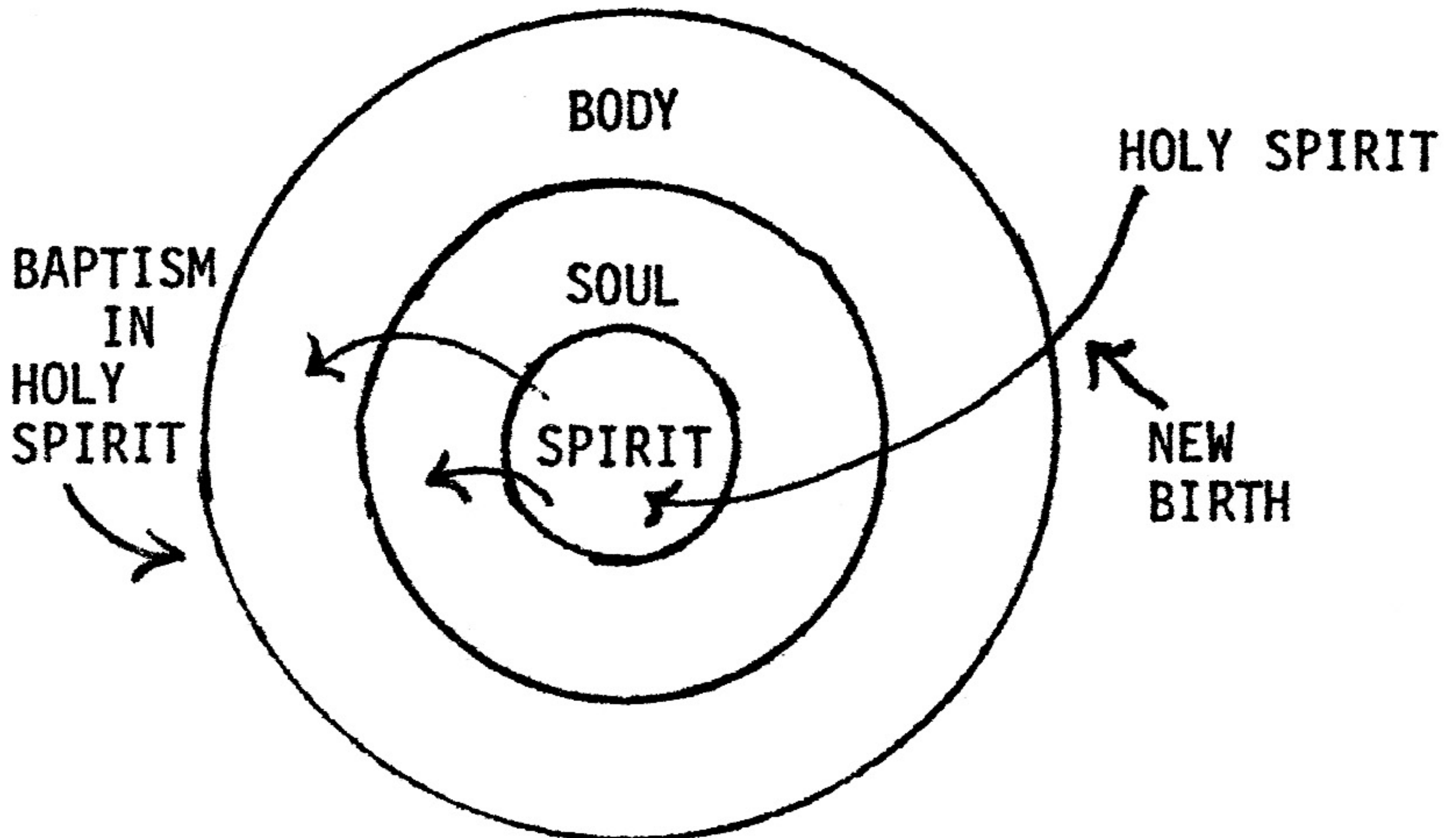
- II. New Birth
 - A. God's gift to world - Jesus
(John 3:16, 4:10, Rom. 5:15-18, II Cor. 9:15)
 - B. New convert is baptized into Christ
(I Cor. 12:13, II Cor. 5:17, Rom. 6:3 Gal. 3:27)
 - C. Joined to Christ in Spirit (I Cor. 6:17)
 - D. Work of the Holy Spirit
(John 3:3-5, Titus 3:5)
 - E. A well of water springing up into everlasting life (John 4:14)

- III. Water Baptism
 - A. Outward sign of inward grace
(Acts 8:35-38)
 - B. Raised to new life from death with him (Rom. 6:4)

- IV. Baptism in the Holy Spirit
 - A. God's gift to believers-Holy Spirit
(John 14:16, Acts 2:38, Heb. 6:4)
 - B. For born again believers only
(John 4:17, 7:38)
 - C. Subsequent experience-not the new birth (Acts 1:4-5, 8:12-17, 19:1-6)
 - D. Jesus does the baptizing
(Matt. 3:11, John 1:33)
 - E. Rivers of living water flowing out of
(John 7:37-39)

V. Illustrations

<u>EXPERIENCE</u>	<u>BAPTIZER</u>	<u>OBJECT BAPTIZED IN</u>
1. New Birth	Holy Spirit	Jesus (Body of Christ)
2. Water Baptism	Pastor	Water
3. Baptism in Holy Spirit	Jesus	Holy Spirit



VI. New Testament Examples

- A. Disciples-John 20:22, Acts 1:4-8, Acts 2:4
- B. First converts - Acts 2:38-40
- C. Samaria - Acts 8:5-19
- D. Saul (Paul) - Acts 9:1-6 & 17-18, I Cor. 14:18
- E. Cornelius' House - Acts 10:44-47, 11:15
- F. Ephesus - Acts 19:1-6
- G. Note these points from above examples
 1. Experience apart from New Birth
 2. For all believers
 3. Was the normative for New Testament believers
 4. Received by faith
 5. Jesus did the baptizing
 6. Outward evidence is tongues (I Cor. 14:5)- devotional tongues, not ministry tongue

- VII. When Holy Spirit comes there is always an outward evidence
- A. Seventy elders - Numbers 11:25
 - B. Saul - I Samuel 10:10
 - C. Jesus - Matt. 3:16-17
 - D. 120 Disciples - Acts 2:4
 - E. Ephesians - Acts 19:6
- VIII. Baptism & Filling contrasted
- A. Filled with the Spirit - full
(Acts 4:8 & 31)
 - B. Baptized with the Spirit - overflowing
(Acts 11:15-16, 10:45-46)
- IX. Receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit
- A. Be sure you are a born again believer (John 7:38-39)
 - B. Believe this gift is for you personally (Acts 2:38-39)
 - C. Acknowledge Jesus as the baptizer (John 1:33)
 - D. Ask the Lord to baptize you in the Spirit (Luke 11:13)
 - E. Receive by thanking Him (Phil. 4:6)
 - F. Begin to praise Him in the Spirit (Acts 2:4, Acts 10:46)

LESSON 4
WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

I. Kinds of Knowledge

A. Natural Human Knowledge

1. Knowledge of natural things
2. Obtained through the physical senses
3. Stored in the mind (soul)
4. Increasing in end times (Dan. 12:4)
5. "Puffeth up" (I Cor. 8:1)
6. Can keep us separated from God's knowledge (I Cor. 2:14)

B. Satan's Knowledge

1. Supernatural revelation from demons
2. Occult, psychic phenomena, etc.
3. Forbidden by God (Deut. 18:9-12, I Chron. 10:13)
4. Separates us from God (Gen. 2:17)
5. Sows seeds of fear and produces bondage and not liberty (Gen. 3:10)

C. True Knowledge

1. Knowledge of God (Rom. 11:33-36, Is. 11:9, Ex. 33:13)
2. Comes only through knowing Jesus personally (John 1:8, 17:3, Phil. 3:10)
3. Revealed in the Word of God (John 17:17, Ps. 119: 104 & 160)
4. Permanent and unchanging (Matt. 24:35)
5. Will never fail (Luke 16:17)

D. Word of Knowledge

1. Supernatural revelation of knowledge from God by the Holy Spirit
2. Not learned or developed but received as Holy Spirit wills (I Cor. 12:11)
3. Given for a specific purpose: not to serve curiosity (I Cor. 12:7)

II. Word of Knowledge Defined

A. Just a word - Not all knowledge

1. Not the "gift of knowledge"

III. Purposes of the gift

- A. Encouragement
 - 1. I Kings 19:14-18 Elijah
 - 2. John 11:4 & 23 Lazarus
- B. Warning of danger
 - 1. II Kings 6:9-12 Elisha
 - 2. Acts 27:10-11 Paul
- C. Expose sin
 - 1. II Kings 5:25-26 Gehazi
 - 2. Acts 5:3-4 & 9 Ananias & Sapphira
- D. Recover lost persons or property
 - 1. I Samuel 9:3-20 Kish's asses
 - 2. I Samuel 10:21-23 Saul
- E. Assist in ministry
 - 1. I Samuel 16:12 David
 - 2. Acts 9:11 Ananias
 - 3. Acts 10:19 Peter

IV. Manifestations are diverse (I Cor. 12:6)

- A. Visions & dreams
 - 1. Dan. 2:14-28 Daniel
 - 2. Acts 9:10-11 Ananias
- B. Audible voice
 - 1. I Samuel 3:4-14 Samuel
 - 2. Ex. 3:1-10 Moses
- C. Through Vocal Gifts of the Spirit
 - 1. Acts 21:11 Agabus
 - 2. Acts 11:28 Agabus
- D. Inward revelation
 - 1. John 4:16-18 Woman at the Well
 - 2. Acts 14:9 Paul

LESSON 5
WORD OF WISDOM

I. Kinds of Wisdom

Wisdom is principle thing (Prov. 4:7)

A. Natural human wisdom (I Cor. 1:19-2:16)

1. Man's wisdom (I Cor. 2:4-5)
2. Wisdom concerning natural things
3. Acquired through experience with the physical senses
4. Stored in the mind (soul)
5. Will one day pass away (I Cor. 1:19)
6. Foolishness to God (I Cor. 1:21)
7. Can keep us from God (I Cor. 1:21, Eccl. 1:16-18)

B. Satan's Wisdom (I Cor. 2:6)

1. Supernatural wisdom from demons (Ezek. 28:12&17)
2. Guidance from astrology and occult sources (Is. 47:10-13)
3. Forbidden by God (Gen. 2:17 & 3:6)
4. Causes division (James 3:14-16)

C. True Wisdom

1. God's wisdom (Prov. 9:10, 2:6 Psalm 1:1-3, Job 28:28)
2. Comes only through knowing Jesus personally (John 1:18)
3. Jesus is God's wisdom to us (I Cor. 1:24&30, Col. 2:3)
4. Revealed in the Word of God (Joshua 1:8, Psalm 1:2)
5. Available to any and all believers (I Cor. 2:12, James 1:5)
6. Comes through growth in the Lord (Luke 2:40, 52)
7. Spirit of wisdom - special anointing
 - a. Joshua - Deut. 34:9
 - b. Solomon - I Kings 3:5-14, II Chron. 7:12, 9:1-8)

- c. Jesus - Isaiah 11:1-2
- d. Believers today - Eph.
1:17, Col. 1:9

D. Word of Wisdom

1. Supernatural revelation of wisdom from God by Holy Spirit
2. Not learned or developed- but as He wills (I Cor. 12:11)
3. Given for a specific purpose- not to satisfy curiosity (I Cor. 12:7)

II. Word of Wisdom defined

A. Just a word - not all wisdom

1. Not the "gift of wisdom"
2. A fragment or a part
3. Same as other gifts (miracles, healing, etc.)-not all, but a part

B. Supernatural gift

1. Not natural wisdom - not learned through efforts of the mind
2. If one gift is natural they're all natural - miracles are not natural, etc.
3. Not a process of choosing the best alternative
4. Does not depend on long time walking with God - Judges 6 & 7 - Story of Gideon

C. Nature of the revelation

1. Revelation of the best course of action - the right thing to say or do at the right time
2. Instruction & guidance
3. Understanding & solution
4. Revelation of the divine purpose and will of God
5. Requires action - speak or do
6. Can be conditional because it often requires our action

III. Purposes of the Gift

A. Instruction

1. Joshua 6:1-5 - Jericho
2. Acts 8:26 & 29 - Philip & eunuch
3. Exodus 25:1ff - Moses & the tabernacle

B. Guidance

1. II Samuel 5:17-25 - David & the Philistines
2. Acts 4:8ff - Peter before Sanhedrin

C. Solve problems

1. I Kings 3:16-28 - Two mothers
2. Acts 15:28 (esp. 28) Early church

D. Protect from danger

1. II Chron. 20:14-23 (esp. 17) Jehoshaphat
2. Acts 27:22-31 (esp. 31) Paul's voyage

E. Answer Accusers

1. Matt. 22:15-22 - Tribute money
2. Luke 21:12-15 - On trial

F. Set apart for Special Ministry

1. Numbers 27:18-23 - Joshua
2. Numbers 11:16-17 - 70 elders
3. Acts 13:1-3 - Saul & Barnabas

IV. Manifestations are diverse (I Cor. 12:6)

A. Visions & dreams

1. Acts 16:9-10 - Macedonian call

B. Audible voice

1. Exodus 19:9, 19 & 20:1ff - Moses & the law
2. Rev. 1:10 - Revelation to John

C. Through Vocal gifts of the Spirit

1. II Chron. 20:14 ff Jahaziel

D. Inward revelation

1. I Kings 19:12 - Still small voice
2. John 8:28 & 12:50 - Jesus

E. Joint operation with Word of Knowledge

1. Joshua 7 - Achan's sin
2. Rev. 2 & 3 - Letters to the seven churches

LESSON 6
DISCERNING OF SPIRITS

- I. The Problem
 - A. Eve beguiled - could not identify who was tempting her (Gen. 3:1-6, I Tim. 2:14)
 - B. We need to see into both natural and spiritual worlds
 - C. Everything supernatural (spiritual) is not of God (I John 4:1)
 - D. How is a Christian to distinguish the enemy's counterfeit work from God's true work?
- II. Two Types of God-given discerning
 - A. Developed perception or judgement
 - 1. Comes from the mind being renewed in Christ through the Word (Rom. 12:2)
 - 2. Developed through experience (Heb. 5:13-14)
 - 3. Our judgement becomes more and more in agreement with the Word and the Holy Spirit within us (I John 4:1-3)
 - 4. Strong defense against false doctrine & defective teaching
 - B. Supernatural gift
 - 1. Discerning of spirits (I Cor. 12:10)
 - 2. Not learned or developed
 - 3. Given by Holy Spirit in a moment of time when needed
- III. Defining the Gift
 - A. A supernatural enablement revealing the nature and character of spirits, seen and unseen
 - 1. Angels
 - 2. Demons or evil spirits
 - 3. Spirit of God
 - 4. Human spirit

- B. Example - Matt. 16:17 & 23 - Peter's confession
- C. Discern - to separate thoroughly, make a distinction or judge between, distinguish
 - 1. May include visible sighting of a spirit but not limited to this manifestation (See Heb. 5:14, and Matt. 16:3 for same Greek word)
- D. Spirits - distinguish spirits, not people, faults, or other information
- E. What the gift is
 - 1. Supernatural insight (revelation) into the spirit world. Enables one to pierce the veil that separates natural & spiritual worlds.
 - 2. Revelation limited to spirits only - both good and bad
 - 3. Reveals kind of spirit behind an activity. Word of knowledge sometimes reveals name of spirit
 - 4. Enables one to instantly detect the presence of an evil spirit
- F. What it is not
 - 1. Not general revelation knowledge
 - 2. Not "discernment" (judgement)
 - 3. Not spiritism or spiritualism

IV. Why is this gift important today?

- A. 25% of Jesus' ministry was delivering people from Satan's hold (Luke 4: 18-21)
 - 1. We are the body of Christ (Jn.14:12)
- B. Imperative in a deliverance ministry
- C. Needed when other supernatural gifts are in manifestation - a "police" gift
- D. Uncovers deception
 - 1. Devils will worship also in order to deceive (Mark 3:11, 5:6, Luke 4:41)
 - 2. Protects against false teachers, books, ministries, etc.

V. Examples from the Bible

- A. Angelic spirits
 - 1. Dan. 10:5-7 Daniel's vision
 - 2. Luke 1:26ff Gabriel & Mary
- B. Demon spirits
 - 1. I Kings 22:19-23 Micaiah's vision
 - 2. Acts 16:16-18 Paul
- C. Spirit of God
 - 1. Gen. 18:1-3 Abraham
 - 2. Acts 9:1-7 Saul's (Paul) Conversion
- D. Human spirit (Jeremiah 23:16 & 21, Ezekiel 13:2-3)
 - 1. Jeremiah 28:1-17 (esp. 15) Hananiah
 - 2. Nehemiah 6:12 False Prophet
- E. Other examples
 - 1. Acts 13:10 Elymas
 - 2. Luke 9:51-56 Jesus disciples
 - 3. Luke 13:10-17 Spirit of Infirmary

VI. Manifested in diverse ways (I Cor. 12:6)

- A. Visions & dreams
 - 1. II Kings 6:17 Elisha's servant
 - 2. Acts 7:55 Stephen
- B. Vocal gifts of the Spirit
 - 1. II Kings 2:9-12 Elisha's double portion
- C. Inward revelation
 - 1. Acts 8:23 Peter & Simon

VII. Our authority in Jesus

- A. Matt. 16:18-19 Binding & loosing
- B. Matt. 28:18-19 All power (authority)
- C. Mark 16:17 Cast out devils
- D. John 14:12-14 The same works
- E. Acts 1:8 Power of Holy Spirit
- F. Luke 10:17-19 Power over enemy
- G. Eph. 1:19-23 & 2:6 Jesus' authority given to church
- H. Phil. 2:9-11 Name of Jesus
- I. I John 3:8 Jesus destroyed Satan's works
Heb. 2:14, Col. 2:15

J. I John 4:4 Greater one within

VIII. Deliverance

- A. Be sure person is saved
- B. Get unconfessed sin forgiven
- C. Address each spirit directly
- D. Command each one to come out in the
Name of Jesus
- E. Do not be hesitant but insistant.
The spirit must obey the command
made in faith in Jesus' name

LESSON 7

FAITH

- I. Different kinds of faith
 - A. Natural human faith
 - 1. Faith in the things of this world
 - 2. Bridges, chairs, etc.
 - 3. Comes by experience through the 5 senses
 - 4. "Seeing is believing" kind
 - B. Saving faith
 - 1. Gift of God (Eph. 2:8)
 - 2. Results in New Birth (Acts 16:31)
 - 3. Comes through the Word (Rom. 10:17)
 - C. General faith
 - 1. Fruit faith (Gal. 5:22)
 - 2. Ordinary faith for living the Christian life
 - 3. Every Born Again believer has it (Rom. 12:3)
 - 4. Grows like fruit (II Thess. 1:3)
 - a. Increased by practice of trust and confidence in God
 - b. Strengthened by exercise
 - c. Through acceptance of his will
 - d. By study & hearing His word (Rom. 10:17)
 - 5. Different degrees
 - a. Little Matt. 8:26
 - b. Great Matt. 15:28
 - 6. Potential in us now
 - a. Vine & branches (John 15:5)
 - b. We must abide
 - 7. Determines how much of God's blessing we receive (Matt. 9:29, Mark 9:23)
 - D. Special faith (I Cor. 12:9 Amp.)
 - 1. Supernatural gift of the Spirit
 - 2. Miraculous & dramatic
 - 3. Sudden surge of faith (Acts 28:3-6)
 - 4. Manifests at the will of God (I Cor. 12:11)
 - 5. Not developed

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6. Does not abide permanently
(I Kings 19:3, Gen. 20)
7. Everyone does not have this
kind (I Cor. 12:9, 11 & 18)
8. Nature of the gift
 - a. Tenacious - holds on
no matter what.
Unwavering
 - b. Not shaken by dire
warnings, evil reports
or emergencies
 - c. Absence of doubt, fear,
anxiety & worry
 - d. Rest instead of
fretting (Heb. 4:3)
9. Enables believer to receive
a miracle rather than to
work one or perform one.
Same result, but different
means

- II. Faith defined (Heb. 11:1)
- A. Present tense - "Now faith is....."
(see also I John 5:15)
 - B. Has substance
 - C. Evidence of things unseen
 - D. Believing what you cannot see
 - E. Not mental assent
 - F. Requires corresponding action
(James 2:14-26)
 - G. Must be based on God's Word -
written or spoken (Logos or Rhema)
 - H. Our confidence that God will do
what he said he will do.

- III. Manifested in diverse ways (I Cor. 12:6)
- A. Spoken - declaring what God says
as shown by Holy Spirit
I Kings 17:1 Elijah's drought
 - B. Acted - trusting in God's promise
Daniel 6:16-23 Lion's den

- IV. Purposes for the Gift

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- A. Protection
 - 1. Daniel 3:17 Shadrach et al
 - 2. Acts 12:3-7 Peter in prison
- B. Provision
 - 1. I Kings 17:2-6 Ravens feed Elijah
 - 2. Gen. 22:5-14 (esp. 8) Abraham & Issac (see also Heb. 11:17-19)
- C. Supernatural blessing
 - 1. Heb. 11:20-21 Future blessings
- D. Raise the dead
 - 1. II Kings 4:20-37 Shunammite's son
 - 2. Acts 9:40 Peter and Tabitha
 - 3. Heb. 11:32-35 Through faith...
received

LESSON 8
GIFTS OF HEALING

- I. Healing is God's will
 - A. We must base our believing on the Word
 - 1. Not on experience
 - 2. Not on what others say or think
 - 3. But on the Rock (Matt. 7:24-27)
 - B. What does God say in His Word?
 - 1. Health is the divine plan & desire (III John 2)
 - 2. No sickness or pain in Heaven (Rev. 21:4)
 - 3. God is healer (Ex. 15:26, 23:25)
 - 4. He heals all diseases (Ps. 103:3)
 - 5. Satan is source of sickness (Acts 10:38, Job 2:7, Luke 13:16)
 - 6. Jesus paid price for healing and bore our sicknesses (Matt. 8:17, Is. 53:4, I Peter 2:24)
 - 7. God is glorified in healing - not in sickness (Acts 4:21-22, John 9:3 & 4)
 - C. Paul's "thorn in the flesh" (II Cor. 12:7-10)
 - 1. Not sickness
 - 2. Messenger of Satan (vs. 7)
 - 3. Persecution, etc. (Num 33:55, Joshua 23:13, Judges 2:3)
 - 4. Infirmities = weakness, not sickness
 - D. Divine healing thoroughly established in scripture
 - 1. Jesus said "Heal the sick" (Matt. 10:8)
 - 2. Don't pray "If it be thy will" but "according to thy will"
 - E. All healing is from God (Ex. 15:26)
 - 1. Natural - by natural process
 - 2. Supernatural - by intervention of Holy Spirit

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II. Gifts of healing

- A. Definition - supernatural curing of injuries, handicaps, or diseases without the aid of natural means or human skills
- B. Applicable to all manner of sickness or disease (Matt. 10:1)
 - 1. Gifts of healings - plural
 - 2. More than one - gift within a gift
- C. Supernatural (See Acts 28:7-9)
 - 1. Luke - physician
 - 2. Paul - gifts of healing
- D. Not medical science
 - 1. Comes by diagnosis & treatment
 - 2. Uses natural means & treatment to bring relief & aid healing
 - 3. If this was the supernatural gift of God,
 - a. It would be free from error
 - b. It should be free of charge

III. The Healing Ministry of Jesus

- A. Not a trained physician but a carpenter
- B. Anointed by God with the Holy Spirit
 - 1. Luke 4:18 "Spirit of the Lord is upon me"
 - 2. Acts 10:38 "How God anointed"
 - 3. Jesus had Spirit without measure
 - a. Full manifestation of the gifts of healing in His life
 - b. His body (church) should be doing the same today
 - 4. No healings 'til Holy Spirit indwelt him - same for church
- C. He healed all diseases (Luke 6:19, Mark 6:56)

IV. Our part in healing

- A. Cooperative effort with Holy Spirit (Mark 16:20)
- B. No "healers" (John 5:19, 14:10, Acts 3:12-13)

V. Agencies for healing

A. Diverse operations (I Cor. 12:6)

1. Speak the Word (Matt. 8:8)
2. Laying on of hands (Mark 16:18)
3. Anointing with oil (Mark 6:13, James 5:14)
4. Peter's shadow (Acts 5:15)
5. Spittle & Clay (John 9:6-7)
6. Cloths & handkerchiefs (Acts 19:11-12)
7. Prayer (John 4:47)

VI. A. Faith is required

1. Person who is sick (Matt. 9:22)
2. Others (Mark 2:3-5)
3. Ministering person (Mark 3:1-5)
4. Ministering person & sick one (Acts 14:8-10)

B. Presence of sin will prevent

1. Mark 2:5 "Son, your sins are forgiven"
2. John 5:14 "Sin no more, lest..."
3. James 5:15 Forgiveness & healing
4. All sickness does not come from a specific sin (John 9:3)
5. Unbelief is sin & stops healing
 - a. Mark 6:5-6
 - b. James 5:16
 - c. Hosea 7:1-2

LESSON 9
WORKING OF MIRACLES

I. What is a miracle?

A. Depends on your vantage point

1. Average person - anything that excites wonder or awe
2. Jesus - considered miracles simply the "works of God" (John 9:3-4)

B. Everything God does is "miraculous" but not a miracle in the Bible sense

1. Beautiful sunrise
2. Lovely flower
3. New born child
4. All not miracles - they are just doing what they're supposed to do (wonderful, but not a Bible miracle)
5. Water to wine
 - a. By natural process - wonderful
 - b. By speaking a word - miracle

II. Working of miracles - the gift (I Cor. 12:10)

A. Defining this miracle

1. Supernatural intervention in the ordinary course of nature
2. Temporary suspension of the accustomed order
3. Interruption of the system of nature as we know it
4. A sovereign act of the Holy Spirit irrespective of laws or systems
5. No explanation other than the sovereign power of God
6. Greek - powers, explosions of almightiness

B. Requires man's cooperation

1. Mighty power of Almighty God flowing through a person
2. Man takes initiative at God's direction (Ex. 7:19-20, 14:15-16, John 5:19)
3. Man's obedience & faith are

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required (Gal. 3:5)

- C. Miracles but not gift of working of miracles - no human agent
 - 1. Burning bush
 - 2. Destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah
 - 3. Pillar of fire
 - 4. Star appearing to wise men, etc.
- D. Contrasted to faith
 - 1. Faith receives a miracle - working of miracles works or performs one
 - 2. Example
 - Faith - Daniel in lions' den (Dan. 6)
 - Miracles - Sampson kills lion (Judges 14:5-6)
- E. Contrasted to gifts of healing
 - 1. Healing restores to normal
 - 2. Miracles suspends the normal
 - 3. Healing miracles are not working of miracles (John 6:2, 4:54, Acts 4:16 & 22)

III. God's purposes in this gift

- A. Displays God's power & magnificence (Exodus 14:31, Acts 9:42)
- B. Stimulates faith of God's people (Joshua 6:20, Ex. 14:22)
- C. Confirms ministries (John 3:2; 10:38, Acts 2:22, Mark 16:20)
- D. Astonishes unbelievers & confuses their unbelief (John 11:47-28, Acts 4:16)
- E. Not meant to satisfy men's whims (Matt. 16:4, Luke 23:8-9)
- F. Not to satisfy Satan's tempting (Matt. 4:3-4)

IV. Differences of administrations (ministries)

- A. Provision or supply
 - 1. Deut. 29:5 Clothes & shoes for 40 years
 - 2. Ex. 17:6 Water from a rock

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3. I Kings 17:12-16 Widow's meal & oil
4. II Kings 4:1-7 Widow's oil
5. John 6:5-14 Feeding the 5,000
- B. Deliverance or protection
 1. Ex. 14:21-31 Parting Red Sea
 2. Mark 4:39 Jesus calms storm
 3. Joshua 10:12-14 Sun stands still
- C. Divine judgement
 1. Numbers 16:1-35 Korah's rebellion
 2. Acts 5:1-5 Ananias & Sapphira
 3. Acts 13:4-12 Elymas, the sorcerer
- D. Raising the dead
 1. I Kings 17:17-24 Widow's son
 2. II Kings 4:18-37 Shunammite's son
 3. Luke 7:11-16 Widow's son at Nain
 4. Acts 9:36-42 Tabitha
- E. Casting out devils
 1. Acts 8:6-7 Philip at Samaria
 2. Acts 19:11-12 Paul
 3. Matt. 17:14-21 Jesus
(Moving mountains equated with casting out devils)

V. Other Bible miracles through this gift

- A. Old Testament
 1. I Kings 18:38 Fire on Mt. Carmel
 2. II Kings 4:38-41 Poison harmless
 3. II Kings 6:5-6 Iron swims
- B. New Testament
 1. Matt. 14:25-29 Walking on water
 2. Matt. 17:27 Money in fish's mouth
 3. John 21:6 Multitude of fish

VI. Satan's counterfeit signs

- A. Everything supernatural is not of God
- B. Imitations - lying wonders (II Thess. 2:9)
- C. Rev. 13:14; 16:14 - Demon spirits
- D. Can only go so far (Ex. 8:17-19)

LESSON 10
DIVERS KINDS OF TONGUES

- I. Gifts of utterance
 - A. Three separate gifts
 - 1. Divers kinds of tongues
 - 2. Interpretation of tongues
 - 3. Prophecy
 - B. First to be associated with Holy Spirit Baptism
 - C. Most frequent of the 9 in manifestation in the church
 - D. Gifts have been abused - tongue (see James 3:5, 6, 8)
 - E. Properly used will always be in accord with the Word
- II. Tongues
 - A. Definite languages (Acts 2:6)
 - 1. Understood (known) and unknown (I Cor. 14:19)
 - 2. Of men & of angels (I Cor. 13:1)
 - a. Over 3,000 known languages plus innumerable heavenly ones
 - B. Defined as "a supernatural utterance in a language unknown to the speaker"
 - 1. Vocal miracle
 - 2. Not linguistic ability or training
 - 3. Not "cleaned up" language (Mark 16:17)
 - C. Most attention (and attacks) on this gift from unbelievers.
 - 1. Wisdom, knowledge, etc. work quietly in the heart and mind
 - 2. But tongues is definite and observable and not understandable to unbelievers as to purpose or benefit
- III. Different ministries & operations (I Cor. 12:5-6)
 - A. Devotional gift

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1. Initial evidence of Holy Spirit Baptism
 - a. Scriptural evidence (Acts 2, 8, 10, & 19)
 - b. Consistent evidence - everyone, every time
 - c. Immediate evidence. Others (love, power, boldness) require the passing of time.
2. A continuing evidence
 - a. Men talking to God (I Cor. 14:2)
 - b. To edify oneself (I Cor. 14:4, Jude 20)
 - c. Worship & praise (John 4:24, Eph. 5:18-20, Col. 3:16)
 - d. Spiritual warfare (Eph. 6:18)
 - e. Intercessory prayer (Rom. 8:26-27)
 - f. Done at will (I Cor. 14:15)
 - g. A flowing stream (John 7:37-39)

- B. Gift of divers kinds of tongues
1. A ministry gift to benefit others (I Cor. 12:7, 28-30)
 2. Always followed by interpretation of tongues
 3. God talking to men (I Cor. 14:21)
 4. Diversity in languages (I Cor. 12:28)

IV. God's purposes in this gift

- A. Sign to unbelievers (I Cor. 14:22)
- B. God speaking supernaturally to men whose hearts cannot hear the "still small voice" (I Cor. 14:21)
- C. Public prayer or praise to God (Acts 2:11, 10:46)
- D. Not for evangelism or preaching (I Cor. 14:19)
 1. Peter preached in the native tongue on Pentecost (Acts 2:5, 14ff)

V. How to minister in the gift

- A. Wait on the Lord
 - 1. Holy Spirit is a gentleman
 - 2. He'll not interrupt himself or another speaker
- B. Speak loudly enough to be heard (but without affectation)
- C. Recognize that God's purpose is to bless his people (I Cor. 12:7)
- D. Word limits speakers to two or three (I Cor. 14:27)
- E. Speak in faith knowing that God will protect
 - 1. From evil spirit (Luke 11:9-13)
 - 2. From slandering Jesus (I Cor. 12:3)
- F. Pray for the interpretation should it not come forth promptly (I Cor. 14:13)

VI. What about Jesus & John the Baptist?

- A. "Jesus didn't speak in tongues"
 - 1. He lived as a prophet under Old Testament dispensation (Luke 7:16)
- B. "John the Baptist was filled with Holy Ghost & he didn't speak in tongues" (Luke 1:15)
 - 1. We have a better covenant (Matt. 11:11, Heb. 8:6)

LESSON 11
INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES

- I. What the gift is
- A. Supernatural utterance in the known language which brings forth the meaning of what has been spoken in tongues, the unknown language
 - B. Renders tongues intelligible so hearers are edified
 - C. Coupled with tongues equal to prophecy (I Cor. 14:5)
 - D. As with prophecy, purpose is to edify body (I Cor. 14:3)
 - 1. Revelation is deeper form & operation of gift & normally comes in smaller groups where unity is strong
 - E. Always dependent on tongues - never manifested alone
 - F. Only gift which has no scriptural example of its manifestation
- II. What gift is not
- A. Not spiritual insight or understanding
 - B. Not ability to "read" situations
 - C. Not understanding of the unknown tongues (Acts 2:8)
 - D. Not translation of message in tongues
 - 1. May vary in length
 - 2. May be more or less detailed
 - 3. May or may not be repetitive
 - 4. Note how Holy Spirit interprets Old Testament scriptures in the New Testament. Compare:
Is. 40:3 - Matt. 3:3
Mal. 3:1 - Matt. 11:10
Is. 53:4 - Matt. 8:17
 - 5. May go from interpretation to prophecy
 - 6. May be prophecy in answer to prayer in tongues

- II. How gift operates in believers
 - A. Always follows tongues
 - B. May receive entire message
 - C. May receive only a few words - the rest comes as you speak in faith
 - D. May see picture or symbol or receive just a thought or impression
 - E. May hear tongues as English
 - F. Holy Spirit will not compel, but prompt

- IV. Public ministry in this gift
 - A. Product of God & man, therefore we need instruction (I Cor. 14:32)
 - B. Ask God to use you (I Cor. 14:1)
 - C. Be open to the Spirit when message in tongues comes. Expect to be used.
 - D. Move out on a definite prompting
 - E. Act in faith if Lord prompts you to speak. Trust Him.
 - F. Don't compete. Defer to nearby speaker (I Cor. 14:30)
 - G. Start right away if you have the unction. Waiting diminishes the anointing & permits doubt to hinder
 - H. "Let all be done unto edifying" (I Cor. 14:26)
 - I. Judge utterance - same as prophecy (I Cor. 14:29)

- V. Private devotions
 - A. Pray for interpretation (I Cor. 14:13)
 - 1. All prayers will not be interpreted (I Cor. 14:2) but many will
 - B. Dialog with God thru tongues and interpretation

LESSON 12

PROPHECY

Very important in Paul's list of spiritual gifts (I Cor. 14:1 & 39)

- I. What is prophecy?
 - A. Supernatural utterance in known tongue
 1. Of the Spirit - not of your own thoughts
 2. Hebrew & Greek word means "speak under inspiration"
 3. Prophecy is speaking for God to men
 4. Jesus prophesied all the time (John 12:49-50)
 - B. Old Testament
 1. Foretelling - Is. 26:3
 2. Forthtelling - Zech. 9:9
 - C. New Testament
 1. Forthtelling
- II. Purpose for this gift
 - A. Edification (building up), exhortation (urging on), and comfort (consoling), - I Cor. 14:3
 1. Primarily for benefit of believers (I Cor. 14:22)
 2. Edifies the church body (I Cor. 14:4)
 - B. Conviction of unbelievers (I Cor. 14:24)
 - C. Correctional (Jer. 1:10)
 - D. Vehicle for other gifts
 1. Edification & revelation not the same (I Cor. 14:6)
 2. Word of knowledge, etc. often carried in prophecy (Acts 21:10-11)
 - E. Guidance & instruction
 1. Believers are to be led by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:14, Acts 11:12)
 2. We may go directly to the Lord under new covenant
 3. Any prophecy should confirm what the Lord has already said (Jer. 32:6-9)

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4. Check the Word first (Dan. 9:2, II Pet. 1:19 - 21)
 - F. Laying on of hands and impartation of gifts (I Tim. 4:14)
 - G. Sign of end times (Acts 2:16-18)
 - H. Fulfilling of prophecy shows us where we are on God's timetable (John 14:29)
 - I. Not fortune telling or predicting future. Forbidden by God (Deut. 18:9ff)
- III. True prophecy by the Holy Spirit.....
- A. Produces liberty, not bondage (II Cor. 3:17)
 - B. Produces life, not death (II Cor. 3:6)
 - C. Glorifies Jesus (John 16:13-14, I John 4:1-2, Rev. 19:10)
 - D. Will agree with the Word (II Peter 1:19-21)
 - E. Will witness in the spirit of believers (I John 2:27)
 - F. Judge prophecy by its fruit (Matt. 7:15-20, Gal. 5:22-23)
- IV. Diverse operations (I Cor. 12:6)
- A. Utterance in the assembly (I Cor. 14:4)
 - B. In prayer
 - C. Psalms (Eph. 5:19)
 - D. Songs (Ex. 15:1-19)
 - E. Written Word
- V. Prophecy and the prophet
- A. Gift of prophecy - all should desire and covet (I Cor. 14:1 & 39)
 - B. Office of prophet - not all have this ministry (I Cor. 12:29)
 - C. Prophesying does not make a prophet (Acts 21:8-11)
- VI. Preaching and prophesying
- A. Preaching is proclaiming or telling what you know - from the intellect
 - B. Prophecy is of the spirit

- C. Preaching saves - prophecy edifies .
I Cor. 1:21, Rom. 10:14)

VII. Instructions from the Word

- A. All prophecy is not from God (Matt. 7:22-23)
- B. All prophecy should be judged (I Cor. 14:29)
- C. Vessel influences prophecy (II Cor. 4:7)
- D. Quench not the Spirit (I Thess. 5:19)
- E. Despise not prophesying, but prove (test) it (I Thess. 5:20-22)
- F. Our prophecy is yet imperfect or "in part" (I Cor. 13:9-10)
- G. All prophecy (even correctional) will be in love (I Cor. 13:2)
- H. Defer to another with the unction to speak (I Cor. 14:30)
- I. Speak one by one (I Cor. 14:31)
- J. Inspiration - not compulsion (I Cor. 14:32)
- K. According to your faith (Rom. 12:6)
- L. Women prophesying is scriptural (I Cor. 11:5, Luke 1:41-55, Acts 21:9, Acts 2:17)

LESSON 13
SUMMARY & RECEIVING THE GIFTS TO MINISTER

1. Differing gifts - Rom. 12:6
2. As He wills but - I Cor. 12:11 & 18
3. Proper to ask - I Cor. 12:31 & 14:1
4. Every believer to receive some gift -
I Cor. 12:7
5. Spirit is ministered - Gal. 3:5
6. Gifts imparted - Rom. 1:11
7. Laying on of Hands - Acts 19:6
I Tim. 4:14
II Tim. 1:6
Acts 13:3