

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT ? 4 Dr. David R. Landis 1/7/18-001

Text: Acts 2:17 “*upon all flesh*”

- Review:
1. John 16:7-15 A capsule of His ministry.
 2. He fills us, He searches our hearts, illuminates the Word, distributes gifts, guides the church and us as individuals, shows us things to come and helps us overcome the flesh and is our comforter.
- I. Romans 12:3-8 Paul wrote this to give instructions for the use of the gifts.
- A. The danger in being used in the gifts is to think there maybe something special about us because we are being used.
 1. v3 We are to think soberly and not more highly than we ought.
 2. II Corinthians 4:7 We have this treasure in earthen vessels.
 - B. II Corinthians 5:16 We are not to know people after the flesh.
 1. I John 5:4-6 It takes faith to believe the spiritual gifts that are in people. It takes faith to believe that God was in Jesus’ flesh.
 - C. We do not have the right to choose simply by our own wills to be an oracle gift or to be used in the gifts of the Spirit etc.
 1. John 15:16 Jesus, “*ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen*”
 2. We are all members of the body, all working together, all needing each other.
 - a. Different parts having different functions. Every member has a measure of grace to function in their calling.
 - b. It takes faith to operate in any of the graces.
- II. **Prophecy** or speaking for God.
- A. I Peter 4:10-11 Basically two kinds of graces. Of those who speak to the body and those who serve the body in practical means.
 - 1, How do I know? If you are gifted to prophecy then God will give you a platform to prophecy from. If no one is calling you to come and teach or preach? Pastor without sheep?
 - a. I have never asked anybody anywhere to come and teach.
 2. God usually takes those who are timid or weak or not wise.
 - a. Paul mentioned his weakness when it came to public speaking. Apolos was eloquent in speech.
 - b. The weaker one is in talent the more God gets the glory.

- B. **Ministry** or serving. Serving like a deacon in the routine matters of the church like keeping the work going, ministering to the poor or helping at church in cleaning, shoveling etc.
1. Phillip and Steven were serving as deacons but later on being used as oracle gifts (Acts 6:3-7)
 2. Serving by teaching (to show one how to sweep with a broom).
 3. Serving by exhorting or encouragement (gifts of the Spirit incorporated like gift of prophecy, tongues, word of wisdom).
 4. Serving by giving finances. Kings and priests. Provision for the vision.
 - a. Ananias and Sapphira kind of givers that give to be seen and be recognized and were willing to lie about it.
 - b. Giving with simplicity.
 5. Serving by ruling or administration or oversight. It must be done with diligence or earnest devotion, good will and spiritual zeal or enthusiasm.
 6. Serving by shewing mercy by doing acts of mercy, taking care of the sick by scrubbing floors, taking help to the needy, visiting those in prison, etc. And doing all these things with cheerfulness.
- C. Romans 12:9 Love is the key to operating any of the gifts.
1. v11 We are to be fervent or hot in our love towards each other.
 - a. This love will carry over to where we will be more considerate in our freedoms as to no violate another's conscience.

III. Romans 14:17 “***The kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy...***”

- A. He helps us to stand by faith in righteousness.
1. He helps us win victories over sin.
 2. He gives us power to yield ourselves to God in obedience and faithful service.
 3. He gives us power to live out our salvation in peace and spiritual wellbeing.
 4. He gives us joy that make us break out with rejoicing and praise to God in the midst of persecution and trial. It made Paul and Silas to sing while in prison after being beaten at midnight.
- B. Romans 15:13 “***through the power of the Holy Spirit***”
1. Romans 16:19,20 This is our hope.
 - a. “***Shortly***” was describing the short steps of the Romans soldiers marching on the cobble stone road.

