

SESSION 4

Review

Before

At salvation

After

The AFTER: The main workshop of the Holy Spirit = the Church or Body of Christ

1 Corinthians 12 and the gifts of the Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:27-30.

Ephesians 4:11-16 – how it all works in the Body of Christ

- ❖ Questions?
- ❖ What is/was new to you?
- ❖ What difference does this make, or should this make to you?

Here's a list of gifts mentioned in the letters of the NT:

- Word of wisdom
- Word of knowledge
- Faith
- Healing
- Miracles
- Prophecy
- Discernment of spirits
- Tongues
- Interpretation of tongues
- Evangelism
- Teaching
- Exhorting/encouraging
- Helping/serving
- Leading
- Giving
- Mercy

Things to note about the gifts of the Spirit:

1. None of the lists in the NT are exhaustive.
2. There are gifts:
 - That have to do with administering the Word of God
 - That enable people to do miracles
 - Of caring for others
 - For leading the church

All are given to help the church fulfill its responsibilities as the Body of Christ.
3. There can be subdivisions of gifting.
4. There are gifts of the spirit that are like general responsibilities that ALL Christians have.
5. There are gifts of the Spirit that overlap our natural abilities or talents.
6. Gifts are given by the Spirit, not by schools or diplomas.
 - o Training in the area of a person's gifts will enhance the use of that gift.
(Training in something that is not one's gift will not make that person effective in that gift.)
 - o Much harm is done when the church assigns work JUST on the basis of schooling rather than gifting.
 - o In many situations today the proper use of a gift requires schooling.

7. Here are some ways that can help Christians discover their spiritual gifts:
- o Have them try various works/ministries
 - o Ask: What do you enjoy?
 - o Ask: What do you learn quickly/easily?
 - o Ask: What are you good at that really helps others (by their testimony to others)?
 - o Ask: For what do you have a burden or zeal?
 - o Ask: What do mature counselors in the faith say?

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LIFE IN/WITH THE HS OR WALKING IN/WITH THE HS

The Holy Spirit lives within us from the moment we become Christians.

The Holy Spirit is God

His purpose is to glorify Christ.

His main tool is the Word of God.

His main workshop is the church/Body of Christ

These truths which we've already studied should give us a good idea of what it means to live with or walk with the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is our personal trainer/coach

John 14:26

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Ephesians 4:13-14

Until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children.

Galatians 5:16-26 and keeping in step with the Spirit

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

19-21 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, (20) idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, (21) envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (23) gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

TO THE DEGREE that you develop a day-by-day practice/habit of leaning away from your natural desires and conversely leaning into what the Spirit of God within you desires and is directing you towards, to that degree you will be better able to overcome the desires of the flesh and keep in step with the Spirit.

Other verses that reinforce Ephesians 5

Romans 6:12-13

Romans 8:5-6

Romans 8:12-14

If we don't actively cooperate with our personal trainer, what he wants to do in and for us will have minimal effect.

Thus, we'll find that there is little change for the better.

Our natural ways we've always been living will characterize our lives.