

The Helper Series

Part 7 – Supernatural Gifts [A]

Vs. 1 – “Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:”

- “**Now concerning**” – Paul is answering their questions.
- “**ignorant**” – to not understand; to err or sin through mistake, to be wrong.

Vs. 2 – “You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led.”

- **NCV**: You know the way you lived before you were believers. You let yourselves be influenced and led away to worship idols—things that could not speak.
- **NIV** – “You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols.”

Vs. 3 – “Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.”

- “**accursed**” – ANATHEMA; an animal to be slain as a sacrifice, devoted to destruction; associated with sin; synonymous with a curse; alienated from God.
- **AMP** – “Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking under the power and influence of the (Holy) Spirit of God [ever] can say, ‘Jesus be cursed!’ And no one can [really] say, ‘Jesus is [my] Lord,’ except by and under the power and influence of the Holy Spirit.”

Vs. 4 – “There are **diversities** of **gifts**, but the same Spirit.”

- “**diversities**” – various kinds, i.e., different gifts distributed to different people.
- “**gifts**” – CHARISMA; a gift of grace, a free gift. God’s ability to do what we couldn’t have otherwise.
- **The Holy Spirit is the Administrator of the GIFTS!**

Vs. 5 – “There are **differences of ministries**, but the same Lord.”

- “**differences**” – same Greek word as “diversities” in vs. 4 and 6.
- “**ministries**” – DIAKONIA; service, ministering, esp. of those who execute the commands of others.
- **Jesus is the Administrator of ministries.**

Vs. 6 – “And there are **diversities of activities**, but it is the same God who works all in all.”

- “**activities**” – what is wrought; the effect produced by.
- **AMP** – “And there are distinctive varieties of operation – of working to accomplish things – but it is the same God Who inspires and energizes them all in all.”
- **God the Father is the power source behind it all!**

Vs. 7 – “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all.”

- “**manifestation**” – something made clear or known or visible; plain evidence.
- “**profit**” – advantage, profitable; expedient (not merely convenient); literally, to bring together.

The Utterance Gifts

The gift of tongues is the ministry of proclaiming in a public meeting a message from God in a language not understood by the person giving it.

- **Definition:** a supernaturally inspired utterance in a language that is foreign and unlearned to the speaker.

Interpretation of tongues. When a message in tongues has been given, then the interpretation of tongues goes into operation. The message that has been given in another language is

interpreted supernaturally by the Holy Spirit through another person, without that person's mental faculties being involved.

- **Definition:** the supernatural interpretation of a divinely inspired utterance in an unknown tongue, whereby the one interpreting does not know the tongue. Not a translation of the tongue, but an interpretation. The interpretation will be in the vernacular of the one being used to interpret.

The gift of prophecy is the anointed speaking forth of words of edification, exhortation, and comfort—words supernaturally given to the church from God.

- **Definition:** a supernatural utterance in a known language.
- Prophecy comes as edification, exhortation and comfort. (**I Cor. 14:3**)