

## Holy Spirit (Part 3)

### Lesson 25- Spiritual Discipleship and Growth

**Intro:** The Charismatic Movement is a modern phenomenon which had its beginnings in the U.S.A. just before the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. In the last 60 years, it has snowballed into the most active religious movement. One of the main reasons for this is because of the spiritual deadness of most mainline denominational “churches” and the apparent “aliveness” of the Charismatics.

**DON'T BE FOOLED!!** 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 The test of whether something is right or wrong is NOT determined by how it “feels” or by who’s doing it, but by “What saith the Lord?”

Isaiah 8:20 *“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.”*

#### **A. What About Speaking in Tongues and Divine Healers?**

Acts 2:4-11

a. The Bible defines tongues as a known, understandable foreign \_\_\_\_\_ . The Charismatics do not practice this. They speak in a babbling gibberish.

b. In the Bible, the miraculous gift of being able to speak in an unknown foreign language was a sign to unbelieving Jews. 1 Corinthians 1:22.

Jews required a \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Corinthians 14:21-22 *“Wherefore tongues are for a \_\_\_\_\_...”*

In each recorded case in the New Testament where the miracle of tongues occurred (there were only three). Jews, and at least one apostle, were present. Acts 2:5, 10:45-46, 19:6

c. The Bible says “tongues shall cease” 1 Corinthians 13:8 and then goes on to say when they would cease in verse 10. *“But when that which is \_\_\_\_\_ is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.”*

Now the Charismatic will argue that “that which is perfect” refers to Christ, and that tongues will continue until the Second Coming of Christ.

The “That which is perfect” refers to the “\_\_\_\_\_” Word of God, which replaced the gift of prophecy 2 Peter 1:19-21

At the completion of the Canon of Scripture some of the sign gifts ceased. With the Word of God completed the need for such gift were no longer needed.

d. If the gift of tongues was still operative today, which it is not, the Bible would place certain restrictions on its use:

1. No more than \_\_\_\_\_ people to speak in a foreign language during any meeting. 1 Corinthians 14:27
2. Each speaker must follow after the other has finished, 1 Corinthians 14:27 (“...by course...”) not all at once.
3. One person is to \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Corinthians 14:27
4. If there is no interpreter available, then \_\_\_\_\_ should speak in another language. 1 Corinthians 14:28
5. The Holy Spirit NEVER takes anybody out of control. 1 Corinthians 14:32-33 Letting yourself go, rolling your head, raising your hands and repeating some phrase over and over again until you burst forth with some bubbly, electrifying experience is both non-scriptural and dangerous!

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6. Women are not to speak (\_\_\_\_\_) 1 Corinthians 14:34.

The modern-day Charismatic Movement is dominated by women.

In most cases the Charismatic Movement violates every one of these Spirit given restraints.

e. The Charismatic Movement is dangerous because it elevates “experiences” above the Word of God. Remember, the Devil can give you any experience you desire. (Romans 10:17) The Christians must walk by the \_\_\_\_\_.

f. The truly spiritual person will acknowledge the supremacy of the written Word of God over any religious experience. 1 Corinthians 14:37

g. Many Charismatic groups say, or imply, you are not saved unless you have spoken in tongues. They claim to have the “full” gospel, but the REAL “Full Gospel” is given in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4. Those who add something to this are in fact preaching “another gospel” Gal. 1:6-9

Remember this glorious FACT stated in Colossians 2:10

I am \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

g. By focusing so much on these alleged gifts, the Charismatic elevates the Holy Spirit above the Son of God. The Spirit is God. He is equal with the Father and the Son in EVERY way, but He is the “shy” Member of the Godhead. He does not speak about Himself, but always of Christ. John 15:26, 16:13-14

#### **B. The Miraculous Gift of Healing**

a. The miraculous gift of healing was also a “sign gift” to Israel. Mark 16:17-18

b. Healings were overshadowed by Gospel preaching and conversions. Acts 3:7, 4:4, 9:34-35, 9:40, 42. In these examples we see “one healed” but many saved!

c. Healings were sometimes done on unsaved people (who had no faith at the time!), yet Paul, a great Christian, wasn’t healed. 2 Corinthians 12:7-9. Timothy was sickly 1 Timothy 5:23 and Epaphroditus was sick and almost died Philippians 2:25-27. There was no instant miraculous healing for these servants of the LORD.

d. Today, we are instructed to pray for God’s healing mercies, but not to seek or expect a miraculous, instantaneous healing. James 15-15. Of course, God can do either or both... if He wills.

#### **Closing:**

Let the Bible be our guide.

John 16:13 *“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth...”*

In both things that we think are good or wrong. Let us search the scripture for our answers. We need to remain teachable and allow the Spirit of truth to guide us to the TRUTH!