

## SUPERNATURAL ZONE

# "The Supernatural Gifts of the Spirit"

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- My mandate as a pastor: "To take the presence and the power of God to this present generation in a language they can understand."
- **I Corinthians 12:1-11 (NKJV)** Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: <sup>2</sup> You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. <sup>5</sup> There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. <sup>7</sup> But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*: <sup>8</sup> for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.
- I don't see how a person can look at how supernaturally we were created, how God led the children of Israel, etc., all the miracles throughout the Old Testament, then to Jesus' supernatural ministry throughout the New Testament, through this present day and to the promise of eternity, and not believe that God will move through His people in the supernatural power and gifts of the Holy Spirit!
- Verse 1: **concerning spiritual gifts**: (The word 'gifts' was not in the original writings, but added later to make the reading clearer.) Spiritual: (Pneumatics) things of the Spirit; spirit, breath; things brought forth by the Spirit or breath of the Holy Spirit.
- **ignorant**: We can be born again, but still remain ignorant of the things of God because of lack of study of the Word. Don't be ignorant!
- **Gentiles**: Anybody that is not a Jew; we are 'Gentiles' before coming to Christ.
- **idols**: false god, religion, or anything elevated above God. . . hobby, habit, person, career, money, etc.
- **dumb**: Not ignorant, just can't speak, tongue-tied.
- Verse 3: **no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed**: If God is speaking to you, He will not speak anything contrary to His Word, attributes, character, nature, will or His fruit in your life.
- **no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit**: and truly meaning it!
- Anything you serve can't talk to you! The main difference between any other religion and Christianity is that they are 'dead', and their gods (Buddha, Mohammad, etc.) cannot speak to you, and help you in your situations.
- Verse 3: God is a speaking God! He reveals things no man can know. He thinks, feels, helps, heals, rescues, touches, removes, breaks things, delivers, and sets free!
- Verse 4: **diversities of gifts**: Charisma: spiritual endowments (something deposited in us) of supernatural energy, that brings miraculous faculties.
- Verse 5: **different ministries**: Administrations: the way these endowments come about. Never put God in a box and make a formula! Gifts depend on us staying connected!
- **by the Spirit**: energized: energy by the Spirit (current of air, breath, breeze).
- **works**: engendered: way to move in gifts is to come in tune with God, and flow with current of His breeze.
- Example: Don't be ignorant of spiritual things: pneumatics.

- Pneumatic tool: as a nail gun with hose and compressor. The compressor creates the air pressure that is carried through the hose to the gun.
- Compressor: the Holy Spirit, the source of power, generator.
- Hose: my connection in relationship with Holy Spirit in purity, not blocked by stuff, attitudes, etc. (If the hose is blocked up, it prevents air from flowing! Same with our 'connection' to the Holy Spirit!)
- Gun: Is me.
- Trigger: is faith. (Must pull the trigger!)
- Nails: gifts of the Spirit.
- Romans 12:6 (NKJV) Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;*
- **in proportion to our faith:** No matter how 'in tune' I am, I must by faith do what I feel the Holy Spirit is saying.
- Years ago, in a service, Jim Lafoon was ministering to a man. God spoke the word, "Jimmy," to Pastor Rick. He resisted telling the man. He looked to see where the man was seated, and heard, "Willie." Finally, he went back and told the man the two names, "Jimmy and Willie." Jimmy was the President of "Truckers for Christ." Jimmy had died, and this man felt his son, Willie, should take over. He had been praying about it, and Pastor Rick's words, "Jimmy and Willie," confirmed it!
- My purpose is not to go through all the 'gifts' of the Holy Spirit, but to show how they work. There are powerful and dramatic gifts that all of us should operate in.
- **word of wisdom:** The information and wisdom of 'how to do' something.
- **word of knowledge:** A 'word' I need for any given situation.
- If we will pray and ask God, He will give us little 'nudges'. . . the wisdom and knowledge we need for a given situation.
- Pastor Rick was asked to sit on the platform and be a host when Benny Hinn came to town. Pastor Rick didn't care for his style, and said, "No!" God told Pastor, "Go, or you will miss out on something." Pastor Rick went, and was sitting on the platform, fourth row back, in an arena filled with 20,000 people. The Holy Spirit moved powerfully. Pastor Benny felt led to pray for children and youth pastors and workers, and told them to come forward. Our children and youth pastors were there, but were far apart in the line of approximately 500 pastors and workers that had come forward for prayer. When Pastor Benny got to Tom, he said, "Pick him up. Put him on the platform." He continued to pray for 100's more. When he got to Pat and prayed for him, Pastor Benny said, "Pick him up. Put him on the platform." Pastor Benny had never met either man or Pastor Rick. After Pastor Benny finished praying for the rest of them, he looked back to where Pastor Rick was sitting, and said, "You, come here!" Pastor Benny asked Pastor Rick, "Who are these men?" Then, Pastor Benny prophesied powerful things to them.
- Pastor will tell more next week.
- If you ever experience the Holy Spirit in this way, the remembrance of the experience will 'keep' you in your difficult times, and you will remember that He is a God who sees, hears and speaks!
- These experiences let you know God knows you, and cares about you personally!