

Lesson 64 Answers and Comments

All	lust	all
Baptized	evil	yours
Cloud	all	preach
Sea	things	riches
All	happened	Christ
Eat	them	rich
Meat	ensamples	rich
All	written	riches
Drink	admonition	mystery
Drink	happened	Gentiles
Rock	them	Christ
Christ	written	you
Many	our	blessed
Not	knowledge	all
Pleased	admonish	spiritual
Fell	admonish	blessings
One	wisdom	
Three	teaching	
Twenty	admonishing	
Destroyed	admonition	
Serpents	admonition	
Destroyed	thinketh	
Destroyer	standeth	
Things	freely	
Our	give	
Examples	all	
Intent	things	
Not	riches	

In thinking about how truly rich I am in Christ these verses came to mind.

Col. 3:4 “When Christ, who is our life shall appear, then shall ye appear with him in glory.”

Rom. 8:19 “For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.”

Sometimes I think we can easily be distracted by the difficulties of this life, the mundane routines of this life, the hurts of this life, the trouble of this life. We forget about our real life. As believers we are a part of something BIG!! Spend a little of your wealth. Enjoy some of the peace, comfort, joy, love, purpose, care, hope and fellowship, of our gracious God. One day we will be manifest, appear, be made known for who we really are , sons of God Almighty!

Lesson 65 Ignorant Brethren 4

I Cor. 12:1 “Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.”

Read I Cor. Chapters 12 – 14.

Spiritual gifts – ability or talent given by the Holy Spirit

Spiritual gifts is a subject of very differing ideas and thoughts amongst believers.

Spiritual blessings are not the same as spiritual gifts. Blessings are those things which God gives to all believers at the moment of salvation.

Eph. 1:3 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath _____ us with _____ in heavenly places in Christ:”

Spiritual gifts were to be _____ according to I Cor. 14:1.

In I Cor. 12:31 believers were to _____ earnestly the _____ gifts. And indeed the Corinthian saints were _____ of spiritual gifts in I Cor. 14:12. So the “gift program” was not equally dealt out to every believer at the moment of salvation.

What was the purpose of spiritual gifts? I Cor. 12:7 “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to _____.” For the benefit of others.

In I Cor. 14:3 we see the gift of prophecy was for _____ and _____ and _____. And in I Cor. 14:22 we see the gift of tongues were for a _____ to them that believe _____.

What were the spiritual gifts Paul was referring to? There are 9 of them. You can find them in I Cor. 12:8-10.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____

The church was in it’s infancy during Paul’s life. Paul was the apostle who first made known the mystery, secret concerning the body of Christ. The church, the body of Christ, was just beginning. How were people to know it was authentic? The scriptures by Paul weren’t yet completed to verify what they heard.

How was one to know which message to believe? Satan had his emissaries out with a false gospel.

How was the message to spread to all nations? Col. 1:23 “...which was _____ to _____ creature which is under heaven, whereof I Paul am made a minister.”

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The spiritual gifts enabled the message to be validated and spread and be received as it was in truth, the Word of God.

The purpose of Spiritual Gifts was to validate and provoke the Jews.

1. As the Jews watched what was happening to the setting aside of their program and the explosion of the Gentile program he could tell by the signs of the spiritual gifts that this indeed was true! After all we read in I Cor. 1:22 “That the Jews _____ a _____.”

And in Rom. 11:11 we also see that the Jews fall and salvation going to the Gentiles was to _____ them to _____. Don't you think the Jews would be provoked to jealously when they saw their sign gifts and miraculous powers being bestowed on the Gentiles?

2. Validated the message to the Gentiles. I Cor. 2:4 “...but in demonstration of the Spirit and of _____:”

I Thes. 1:5 “For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in _____.”

Rom. 15:19 “Through mighty _____ and _____, by the _____ of the Spirit of God; so that they from Jerusalem, and round about Illyricum, I have preached the gospel of Christ.”

II Cor. 12:12 “Truly the _____ of an _____ were wrought among you in all patience, in _____ and _____ and _____ deeds.”

Gal. 3:5 “He therefore that _____ to you the Spirit, and worketh _____ among you doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?” The message Paul preached was different and needed verification.

3. The spiritual gifts built up and guarded the church before the scriptures were completed. Prophesying, word of wisdom, word of knowledge were all gifts that imparted doctrine and instruction. They edified the church. I Cor. 14:3

I Cor. 14:12 “...seek that ye may excel to the _____ of the _____.” The gift of discerning of spirits enabled those who were endowed with it to tell who was telling the truth. Who had the right message.

II Cor. 11:13 we see “For such are _____ apostles, _____ workers, transforming themselves into the _____ of Christ. vs. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is _____ into an _____ of _____. Vs. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if _____ also be _____ as the _____ of _____.”

Wow! How could those early saints know if not for the supernatural empowerment of the Holy Spirit. Remember, they did not have all the scriptures. They only had a part of the revelation.

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4. Spiritual gifts enabled the gospel of grace to be spread to all creatures in a very short time.
Col. 1:23 "...and which was _____ to _____ creature which is under heaven;..."
II Tim. 4:17 "...that by me the preaching might be fully _____, and that _____ the _____ might _____..."
When God told Paul that he would _____ his _____ before the _____, and _____ and the children of _____ in Acts 9:15 don't you think that there would be an accompanying provision to carry out this monumental task??
Acts 26:17 "Delivering thee from the people, and from the _____, unto whom now I send thee."

Spiritual gifts played a very necessary part in the infancy of the church. When there was only partial knowledge and false gospels and messages abounding there was a need for direct revelations. There was a need to authenticate the message. There was a need to communicate it to others of different nations and languages.

But Paul emphasizes the "temporary" nature of spiritual gifts. Read I Cor. 13:8-10. What will happen to prophecy? They shall _____. What will happen to tongues? They shall _____. What will happen to knowledge? It shall _____ away. Fail, cease and vanish away can be summoned up in vs. 10 as to be done away. When will this happen? Vs. 9 "For we know in _____, and we prophesy in _____." The early believers only had partial knowledge, part of the Word of God. Vs. 10 "But when that which is _____ is _____, then that which is in _____ shall be done away."

That "which is perfect" must be referring to the completed knowledge, the completed Word of God. What else could fill partial knowledge? Only when the completed Word of God was come could then that which was "in part: (partial knowledge) be done away. Spiritual gifts as experienced by the early church are now done away."

Col. 1:25 "Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is _____ to _____ for you, to _____ the _____ of _____;"

I Cor. 14:37 "If any man think himself to be a _____, or _____, let him _____ that the things that I _____ unto you are the _____ of the Lord."

The spiritual gift program that Paul didn't want the early saints or us to be ignorant of had a purpose and it had an end.

I Cor. 13:13 "And now abideth _____, _____, _____ these three; and the greatest of these is _____." Today we "_____ our _____ a living _____, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service. Rom. 12:1.

Our bodies, with our talent, our energy, our time, our money, all our resources are to be presented a living sacrifice. After all, all that we have is God given. I Cor. 4:7 "...and hast thou that thou didst not _____..."?