

# The Holy Spirit--Gifts--Callings Series

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## Preface

Prayerfully this study course will enlighten the reader to the person, work and gifts of the Holy Spirit, The Callings of God and the Apostle Paul.

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The infilling of the Holy Spirit is for all Christians, of every era. ( Acts 2:39 ) According to the promise given in:

Joel 2:28-29 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29. And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.”

Acts 2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

# 1. The Deity of the Holy Spirit



## A. He is called God

ACTS 5:3-4 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

4. Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

( Compare: Exodus 17:7 - Psalms 95:6-11 - Hebrews 3:7-11 )

EXODUS 17:7 And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the Lord, saying, Is the Lord among us, or not?

PSALMS 95:6-11 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

7. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice,

8. Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

9. When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work.

10. Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:

11. Unto whom I sware in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

HEBREWS 3:7-11 Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,

8. Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

9. When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.

10. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.

11. So I sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)

## **B. He is Omnipresent**

PSALMS 139:7 Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

1 CORINTHIANS 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

## **C. He is Omniscient**

1 CORINTHIANS 2:10-11 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

11. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

## **D. He is Omnipotent**

LUKE 1:35-37 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

36. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.

37. For with God nothing shall be impossible.

ROMANS 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

## **E. His part in Creation**

GENESIS 1:1-2 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

PSALMS 104:30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

JOB 26:13 By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.

## **F. Works Miracles**

MATTHEW 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

### **G. Equal with the Father and Son**

MATTHEW 3:16-17 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

17. And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

MATTHEW 28:19-20 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

2CORINTHIANS 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

### **H. He is Eternal**

HEBREWS 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?



## 2. The Personality of the Holy Spirit



The Holy Spirit, the 3<sup>rd</sup> person of the trinity, has a personality as much as the Father and Son does; therefore has the elements, that are involved within a personality.

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### A. He has a Will

1 CORINTHIANS 12:11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

### B. He has a Mind

ROMANS 8:27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

### C. He Speaks

ACTS 8:29. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

ACTS 10:19-20 While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.

20. Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.

ACTS 13:2-4 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

3. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

4. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

### D. He forbids

ACTS 16:6-7 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

7. After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.

E. He Grieves

EPHESIANS 4:30 And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

F. He Prays

1 CORINTHIANS 8:26-27 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

G. He teaches Christians

JOHN 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.



Genesis 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

### 3. Emblems of the Holy Spirit



#### A. Dove - denoting peace and purity

JOHN 1:32-33 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

33. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

#### B. Oil - denoting anointing and healing

##### 1. Anointing

LUKE 4:18-19 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

ACTS 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

##### 2. Healing

JAMES 5:14-15 Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

15. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

#### C. Wind - denoting power unseen

JOHN 3:7-8 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

ACTS 2:1-3 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

**D. Fire** – denoting judgment, purifying, protection, gift and God’s presence

GENESIS 19:24-25 Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven;

25. And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

REVELATION 20:9-10 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

NUMBERS 26:61 And Nadab and Abihu died, when they offered strange fire before the Lord.

HEBREWS 1:7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

1KINGS 18:38 Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that *[was]* in the trench.

EXODUS 13:21 And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:

ACTS 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

**E. Cloud** – denoting the presence of God’s glory

EXODUS 13:21 And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:

EXODUS 40:34-35 Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

35 And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

1KINGS 8:10-11 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place that the cloud filled the house of the Lord,

11 So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of the Lord.

MARK 9:7 And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.

#### **F. Water** - denoting life and cleansing

##### 1. Life

JOHN 7:37-39 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

38. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

39. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

##### 2. Cleansing

JOHN 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

EPHESIANS 5:26-27 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27. That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

#### **G. Seal** - denoting ownership, genuineness, and transaction

2 CORINTHIANS 1:21-22 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;

22. Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

1 CORINTHIANS 5:5. Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

EPHESIANS 1:13-14 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise,

14. Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

EPHESIANS 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

## 4. Names or Titles of the Holy Spirit



### **A. Spirit of God**

GENESIS 1:1-2 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

### **B. Spirit of Truth**

JOHN 16:13-14 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

14. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

### **C. The Comforter**

JOHN 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

### **D. Eternal Spirit**

HEBREWS 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

### **E. Spirit of Holiness**

ROMANS 1:4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

## **F. Spirit of Adoption**

ROMANS 8:14-16 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

15. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

## **G. Holy Spirit**

PSALMS 51:11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.



## 5. Special works of the Holy Spirit



### A. Creation

GENESIS 1:1-2 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

PSALMS 104:30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

JOB 26:13 By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.

JOB 33:4 The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

#### \* Notice

    Psalms 19:1 The Father created

    John 1:3-4,10 The Son created ( See - Eph.3:9, Col.1:16, Heb.1:1-2 )

    Above The Holy Spirit created

\* Conclusion: Each distinct person of the Trinity had a part in creation.

### B. Scriptures inspired by the Holy Spirit

2 SAMUEL 23:2 The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and his word was in my tongue.

ISAIAH 59:21 As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the Lord; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and for ever.

JEREMIAH 1:9 Then the Lord put forth his hand, And touched my mouth. And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

2 PETER 1:20-21 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

21. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

2 TIMOTHY 3:15-16 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

### **C. Conviction of Sin**

JOHN 16:7-11 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

8. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

9. Of sin, because they believe not on me;

10. Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

11. Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

#### 1. Some instances of

ACTS 2:22-23, 37 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

23. Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

37. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

ACTS 8:35-37 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same Scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

36. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

37. And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

ACTS 10:44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

ACTS 16:29-30 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

30. And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

#### **D. Born Again by the Holy Spirit**

JOHN 3:3-6 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5. Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

TITUS 3:4-6 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

5. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

6. Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

#### **E. Restraining influence of the Holy Spirit**

2 THESSALONIANS 2:6-7 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

7. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

#### **F. Inhabits the universal Church**

EPHESIANS 2:19-22 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20. And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

21. In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22. In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

#### **\*Note**

ZECHARIAH 4:6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

\* All through scriptures we see the supernatural power of God manifesting to accomplish his purposes and to establish his plans. God does this by way of his Holy Spirit.

In the Old Testament and the New Testament we find the Holy Spirit at work, upon and through people. Special works of the Holy Spirit will continue in the next portions of this study.

## 6. The Holy Spirit in the Old Test.



### A. Fills the Tabernacle

EXODUS 40:34-38 Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

35. And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

36. And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys:

37. But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up.

38. For the cloud of the Lord was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

### B. Fills the Temple

1 KINGS 8:10-11 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the Lord,

11. So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of the Lord.

### C. Upon Old Test. Leaders

#### 1. Joseph

GENESIS 41:38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?

#### 2. Moses and 70 elders

NUMBERS 11:16-17 And the Lord said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee.

17. And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone.

3. Joshua

NUMBERS 27:18 And the Lord said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him;

4. Gideon

JUDGES 6:34 But the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet; and Abiezer was gathered after him.

5. Jephthah

JUDGES 11:29 Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jephthah, and he passed over Gilead, and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed over unto the children of Ammon.

6. Samson

JUDGES 14:5-6 Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and, behold, a young lion roared against him.

6. And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.

JUDGES 15:14 And when he came unto Lehi, the Philistines shouted against him: and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and the cords that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands loosed from off his hands.

7. Saul

1 SAMUEL 10:10 And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them.

8. David

1 SAMUEL 16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

9. Elijah

1 KINGS 18:12 And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from thee, that the Spirit of the Lord shall carry thee whither I know not; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me: but I thy servant fear the Lord from my youth.

10. Elisha

2 KINGS 2:15 And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

11. Ezekiel

EZEKIEL 2:1-2 And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee.

2. And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me.

12. Daniel

DANIEL 6:3 Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

13. Micah

MICAH 3:8 But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the Lord, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

14. Zechariah the high priest

2 Chronicles 24:20 And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the Lord, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the Lord, he hath also forsaken you.

15. Future outpouring upon Israel, (when Christ Jesus returns)

ZECHARIAH 12:10-14 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

11. In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

12. And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart;

13. The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart;

14. All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

## 7. The Holy Spirit in the New Testament



### A. In the Life and Ministry of Jesus

#### 1. Conceived by the Holy Spirit

MATTHEW 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

LUKE 1:30-35 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

31. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.

32. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33. And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

34. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

35. And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

#### 2. Anointed by the Holy Spirit

LUKE 3:21-22 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

22. And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

#### 3. Led by the Holy Spirit

LUKE 4:1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

#### 4. Empowered by the Holy Spirit

LUKE 4:14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

LUKE 4:18-19 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

ACTS 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

MATTHEW 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

JOHN 11:20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

#### 5. Offered Himself by the Holy Spirit

HEBREWS 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

#### 6. Raised by the Holy Spirit

ROMANS 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.



## **B. In Various People (in Jesus' time)**

### 1. John Baptist

LUKE 1:13-17 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

14. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

15. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

16. And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.

17. And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

### 2. Elisabeth

LUKE 1:41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:

### 3. Zacharias

LUKE 1:67 And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,

### 4. Simeon

LUKE 2:25-26 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

26. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

## **C. In the Church**

### 1. Disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit

ACTS 2:1-4 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

ACTS 8:14-17 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

15. Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

16. (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

17. Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

ACTS 10:44-47 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

45. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

46. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

47. Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

ACTS 19:1-6 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

2. He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

3. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

4. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

5. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

\* God's plan in the Old Test. as well as the New Test. has been to empower his people by the Holy Spirit, for his purposes and glory.

\* Jesus told his disciples to wait at Jerusalem until they were endued with power by the Holy Spirit, which was the Spirit of promise.

## 2. Disciples Ministered by the Holy Spirit (the miraculous)

ACTS 3:6-8 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

7. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

8. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

ACTS 8:5-7 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

6. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

7. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

ACTS 9:32-34 And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all quarters, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda.

33. And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy.

34. And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.

ACTS 9:36-37, 40 Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

37. And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber.

Vs.40 But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

ACTS 14:8-10 And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked:

9. The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,

10. Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

ACTS 16:16-18 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

17. The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

18. And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

ACTS 19:11-12 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

12. So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

ACTS 28:8 And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.

- From these scriptures, we can see the fulfilling of the Lord's word in Mark 16:20 and John 14:12.

MARK 16:17-18 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18. They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

JOHN 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

### 3. The Holy Spirit in Ministry

#### a. Directs missionary endeavors

ACTS 8:29-31 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

30. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

31. And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

ACTS 13:2-3 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

3. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

ACTS 16:6-7 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

7. After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.

#### b. The Holy Spirit and Deacons

ACTS 6:3-5 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

4. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

5. And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

#### c. The Holy Spirit calls and sets in the church

ACTS 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

EPHESIANS 4:11-12 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12. For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

**d. Holy Spirit anointed servants**

1 CORINTHIANS 2:4-5 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the spirit and of power:

5. That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

**e. The Holy Spirit warns the church**

1 TIMOTHY 4:1-3 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

2. Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

3. Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

**f. The Holy Spirit and Prophets**

ACTS 11:27-28 And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch.

28. And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.

ACTS 21:10-11 And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus.

11. And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.

**g. The Holy Spirit in decision-making**

ACTS 15:28-29 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

29. That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

**h. The unity of the church by the Holy Spirit**

1 CORINTHIANS 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

#### 4. The Holy Spirit in a Christian's life

##### a. A Christian is one who has been born again by the Holy Spirit

JOHN 3:3-6 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5. Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

##### b. A Christian's body is a Temple of the Holy Spirit

1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20. For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

ROMANS 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

##### c. The Holy Spirit will conform, to the image of Christ

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17-18 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

18. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

##### d. The Holy Spirit will teach

JOHN 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

1 JOHN 2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

##### e. The Holy Spirit will guide

ROMANS 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

JOHN 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

**f. The Holy Spirit will confirm son ship**

ROMANS 8:15-17 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

17. And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

**g. The Holy Spirit will empower**

ACTS 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

**h. The Holy Spirit reveals truth**

1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-12 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

10. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

11. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

12. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

**i. The Holy Spirit imparts God's love**

ROMANS 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

**j. The Holy Spirit manifests gifts**

1 CORINTHIANS 12:7-11 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

8. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9. To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

10. To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

11. But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

**k.** The Holy Spirit sanctifies

ROMANS 15:16 That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

2 THESSALONIANS 2:13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

**L.** The Holy Spirit produces fruit

GALATIANS 5:22-25 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23. Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

24. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

25. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.



## 8. The Promise of the Holy Spirit

### A. From Joel

JOEL 2:28-29 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29. And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

### B. From Jesus

LUKE 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

JOHN 7:37-39 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

38. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

39. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

JOHN 14:16-17 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

17. Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

JOHN 16:13-14 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

14. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

ACTS 1:5, 8 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

8. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:

### C. From Peter

ACTS 2:38-39 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

## 9. The gifts of the Holy Spirit

\* As to if the gifts of the Holy Spirit went out with the early church or not:

Some use the scripture 1 Corinthians 13:10-13 to prove that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are no longer in operation, but went out with the early church. Let us look at the scriptures.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:10-13 But when **that which is perfect is come**, then that which is in part shall be done away.

11. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

13. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

\* They use the part that says “that which is perfect is come” and say that it means when the Bible was completed, or the church was formed.

My answer to this is: why were the gifts given? Vs.7 below

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

6. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

7. But the **manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.**

8. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9. To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

10. To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues;

11. But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

The gifts are manifested for the good of the church members “to profit withal” for the good of all.

**Question:** Do people still need healing today?

Do people still need a miracle?

Do people still need prophecy? ( prophecy is for edification, exhortation, comfort.)

\* The gifts of the Holy Spirit are for the good of all Christians, of every era.

**Question:** When will Christians no longer need the gifts of the Spirit? Healing etc.

**Answer:** When the Lord Jesus comes and we are caught up to meet him in the air.  
( 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18 )

1 JOHN 3: 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

PHILIPPIANS 3:20-21 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

21. Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-56 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

55. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

56. The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

\* Jesus said of the religious leaders of his time “that their traditions had made the word of God of non effect”.

\* Jesus could do no mighty miracles in his hometown because of their doubt and unbelief.

\* Doubt, unbelief, and traditions of churches, hinder the Holy Spirit. Much of it is out of fear.

\* The gifts of the Holy Spirit are manifested through imperfect man.

The Corinthian church had the gifts of the Holy Spirit in operation, but Paul had to reprove them and set things in order, they were carnal Christians (gifts do not necessarily mean spirituality) and were misusing the gifts.



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5. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.  
6. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.  
7. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.  
8. For to one is given by the Spirit the *word of wisdom*; to another the *word of knowledge* by the same Spirit;  
9. To another *faith* by the same Spirit; to another the *gifts of healing* by the same Spirit;  
10. To another the *working of miracles*; to another *prophecy*; to another *discerning of spirits*; to another *divers kinds of tongues*; to another the *interpretation of tongues*:  
11. But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

\* There are nine gifts of the Holy Spirit; these can be classified into three categories.

**A. Gifts that say something** - gifts of utterance

Prophecy - Tongues - Interpretation of Tongues

**B. Gifts that do something** - gifts of power

Faith - Gifts of Healing - Miracles

**C. Gifts that reveal something** - gifts of revelation

Word of Wisdom - Word of Knowledge - Discerning of Spirits

\* **Note** These gifts are as He wills. The Holy Spirit manifests them according to the will of God.

**To be used we must:**

Exercise faith  
Be willing and obedient  
Our motive must be love



\* In the following pages we will examine each of these gifts.

A. Gifts that say something - gifts of utterance

1. **Prophecy** - A supernatural forth telling (speaking, utterance) in the language of the speaker. Not preaching of teaching

Other gifts can work with Prophecy, such as Word of knowledge, which reveals something. Remember Prophecy to a believer should be for edification, exhortation, and comfort.

*Prophecy to the believer ( a Christian )*

1 CORINTHIANS 14:3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.

*Prophecy to the unbeliever*

1 CORINTHIANS 14:24-25 But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all:

25. And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.

\* An New Test. illustration of prophecy in operation

LUKE 1:67-79 And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,

68. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,

69. And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;

70. As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:

71. That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;

72. To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant;

73. The oath which he sware to our father Abraham,

74. That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,

75. In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

76. And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

77. To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,

78. Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,

79. To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

\* A forth telling - that also reveals things

**2. Tongues** - is a manifestation of the Holy Spirit that brings forth a language that has never been learned by the speaker.

ACTS 2:4-8 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

6. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

7. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?

8. And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

ACTS 8:14-17 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

15. Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

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46. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.

ACTS 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

**\* Speaking in Tongues edifies self**

1 CORINTHIANS 14:4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.

JUDE 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.

**\* Speaking in Tongues - to God - speaking mysteries**

1 CORINTHIANS 14:2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

**3. Interpretation of Tongues** - This manifestation of the Holy Spirit, interprets a message that has been given in tongues, into human language that can be understood by those present.

\* This is a gift for the edifying of the church and can be used to individuals.

\* There is a difference in an individual's prayer language (tongues) to the edifying of self and a tongue that comes forth to the church for interpretation. (see following scripture)

\* ***Guidelines for:***

1 CORINTHIANS 14:27-28 If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret.

28. But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:5 I would that ye all spake with tongues; but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:12-13 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

13. Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.

***Facts concerning tongues:***

Notice what Apostle Paul says:

1 CORINTHIANS 14:14-15 For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

15. What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:39-40 Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.

40. Let all things be done decently and in order.

\* The gifts of the Holy Spirit themselves do not cause confusion; God is not the author of confusion. Confusion is caused by people, for a great many reasons.



B. Gifts that do something - power

1. **Faith** - This gift is not normal faith that comes from reading, or hearing God's word, but is a supernatural impartation of God's faith. ( Special Faith ) This faith in operation will be able to believe and receive from God, according to His will.

HEBREWS 11:33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions.

DANIEL 6:16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.

DANIEL 6:19-23 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.

20. And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

21. Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.

22. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

23. Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

2. **Working of Miracles** - A supernatural intervention in the course of nature. It is a specific act.

JOHN 2:7-11 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

8. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.

9. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,

10. And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

11. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

MATTHEW 14:17-21 And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes.

18. He said, Bring them hither to me.

19. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

20. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.

21. And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.

MATTHEW 14:25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

ACTS 3:6-8 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

7. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

8. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

\* There are many miracles recorded in the Old and New Test.

### **3. Gifts of Healing** - A Supernatural healing of diseases without medical means.

ACTS 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

MARK 16:17-18 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18. They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

ACTS 28:8-9 And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.

9. So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:



C. Gifts that reveal something - gifts of revelation

1. **Word of wisdom** - A supernatural impartation of divine wisdom, concerning a person, place, or thing and how to handle the immediate situation.

LUKE 20:22-26 Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or no?

23. But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why tempt ye me?

24. Shew me a penny. Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Caesar's.

25. And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's.

26. And they could not take hold of his words before the people: and they marvelled at his answer, and held their peace.

JOHN 8:4-8 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

5. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?

6. This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

7. So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

8. And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

ACTS 23:6-7 But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.

7. And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the multitude was divided.



**2. Word of knowledge** - A Supernatural impartation of divine knowledge, concerning a person, place, or thing. It is just a word (a piece of information). It is not natural knowledge but something revealed that one did not know before.

JOHN 4:15-18 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

16. Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.

17. The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:

18. For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

2 KINGS 6:9-12 And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down.

10. And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.

11. Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of Israel?

12. And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.

**3. Discerning of spirits** - A Supernatural discernment for the purpose of discerning something in the spirit realm. It can be about the Spirit of God, the spirit of man, demonic spirits, or angels

JOHN 1:47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!

LUKE 8:29-30 (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.)

30. And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him.

ACTS 16:16-18 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

17. The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

18. And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

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# The Callings of God



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## A. God's Holy Ghost Program

Pages 42-46

1. The Program
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Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. You will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth."

# 1. The Program



Zechariah 4:6 This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, “Not by might, nor by power, **but by my Spirit,**” saith the Lord of Hosts.

- Zerubbabel led a return of Jews, from 70 years of captivity, back to their homeland, and began a work to rebuild the temple. After encountering much opposition, he was encouraged by the Lord, that the work would be completed not by man’s power or might but by the Spirit of the Lord.
- All through the scriptures we see the supernatural power of God manifesting to accomplish his purposes and establish his plans. God does this by way of his Holy Spirit, working through the gifts and callings, that he places on people’s lives. The divine anointing of the Holy Spirit is the enablement of God, to accomplish what God calls a person to do.

1Corinthians 1:27-29 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty;

Vs.28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

Vs.29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

Vs.25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than man and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

- God’s ways are not man’s ways and the very things that we consider useless, weak, or foolish, is the very things that God will use and in doing so, God gets all the glory.  
I’m reminded of Namaan having to dip in the muddy waters of the Jordan River 7 times as part of God’s way of healing him. Of the Lord Jesus putting mud and spit in the eyes of a blind man and when he went and washed, he was healed. By the supernatural power of God, seas were parted and walked on, a few loaves of bread and fish fed thousands of people, and the list goes on and on.

Matthew 13:54-58 Vs.58 And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

Mark 7:4-13 Vs.13 Making the word of God of none effect through your traditions, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do y

The tradition of men and unbelief hinders the work and power of God.

- The New Testament program of God is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost humanity: baptize and disciple those that believe. This is the Great Commission, given by the Lord Jesus Christ to the church, as shown by the following scriptures.

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Vs.19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost

Vs.20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature (person).

God has supernaturally equipped the church to do this by the divine power of the Holy Spirit; working through the various calling and gifts that He places in the church.

Luke 24:49 And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Acts 1:8 But ye SHALL RECEIVE POWER, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Mark 16:17-18 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues,

Vs.18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

1 Corinthians 12:28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.



## 2. As seen in the ministry of the Lord Jesus



Luke 3:22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice from heaven, which said, “Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased”.

Luke 4:1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

Luke 4:14, 18 And Jesus returned IN THE POWER of the Spirit into Galilee; and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

Vs.18 the Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set a liberty them that are bruised.

Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power who went about doing good, and healing all that are oppressed of the devil; for God was with him

Luke 11:20 But if I by the finger of God cast our devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

- The Lord Jesus ministered by the power of the Holy Ghost and not his own power as the Son of God.
- There is not enough space to write of all the things that our Lord did, so I will quote the scriptures from the book of John.

John 21:25 “And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.”

### 3. As seen in the early church



Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

Acts 6:8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders among the people.

Acts 9:32-41 Vs.33-34 And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, which had kept his bed 8 years, and was sick of the palsy.

Vs.34 And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.

Vs.40-41 But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes; and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

Vs.41 And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he called the saints and widows, presented her alive.

Acts 14:8-10 And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mothers womb, who never had walked.

Vs.9 The same heard Paul speak; who steadfastly beholding him and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,

Vs.10 Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

Acts 19:11-12 And GOD wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

Vs.12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

In this small sample of scriptures, we can see the fulfilling of Gods word in:

Mark 16:20 “And they went forth, and preached everywhere, The Lord working with them, confirming the word with signs following. Amen.”

John 14:12 “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works that these shall he do; because I go to the Father.

## B. The Calling of God

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1. The Divine Call

2. The Anointing



“Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men”

# 1. The Divine Call



As a Christian, we all have received a call to redemption and to be a light to a lost world; but not all are called to the ministerial offices. The call in this case is God revealing to someone His purpose for them in ministry.

Paul was called to be an Apostle but never started out that way; he never began the work of an Apostle until ACTS 13:2, when the Holy Ghost said “Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.” Philip started out as a Deacon before he became an Evangelist (compare Acts 6:1-5 with Acts 8:5-39). God will not put a novice into a place of leadership (I Timothy 3:6). It takes time for spiritual maturity and to become seasoned.

Romans 12:7 Or Ministry, let us wait upon our ministering...

Moses spent 40 years in Egypt and then another 40 years in Midian, on the backside of the desert before God called him.

- The Lord Jesus spent his life as a carpenter, until the day the Holy Spirit as a dove, descended upon Him. David was anointed to be King of Israel as a young boy, but never attained to the office, until about the age of 30. David did not have the maturity or experience as a young boy to lead a nation.

1 Corinthians 12:28 And GOD hath set some in the church, first Apostles, secondarily Prophets, thirdly Teachers.

- Notice that these callings are by the Lord and not man, only God has the right to call to his service as he chooses. We give recognition to the person called, by the laying on of hands, in acknowledgement of God’s choice.

## **Paul’s Call**

Acts 26:16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee. (Compare with Acts 9:1-22).

Romans 1:1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an Apostle, separated unto the gospel of God.

1 Timothy 1:12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry.

### **Moses' Call**

Exodus 3:3-5 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

Vs.4 And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, here am I.

Vs.5 And he said, draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

- The mention of the holy ground, was God's symbolic way of letting Moses know that the calling of God is a holy thing and the removal of his shoes, represented a consecration to the call. The Holy Call requires a Holy Consecration, without it; there will be no Holy Ghost power.

### **Elisha's Call**

1 Kings 19:19 So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with 12 yoke of oxen before him, and he was the twelfth; and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.

### **Isaiah's Call**

Isaiah 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I, send me.

### **Jeremiah's Call**

Jeremiah 1:4-5 Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

Vs.5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

### **Samuel's Call**

1 Samuel 3:8 And the Lord called Samuel the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I, for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the Lord had called the child.

## 2. The Anointing



The word anoint means to rub with oil and is symbolic of the divine anointing of the Holy Spirit, which **is the enablement of God**, to fulfill the call of God. The anointing covers a much wider range than just preaching or teaching. If we only see the anointing as the stirring to preach or teach, then we are missing much of what the anointing is about.

As an example: A Pastor fulfills all the duties of his call by the anointing, whether it is teaching, counseling, encouraging, or admonition. The winning of souls is the mark of the anointing of an Evangelist. It is the Holy Spirit who anoints the call and the anointing is the evidence of God's call: no anointing, no call.

### **The Anointing Of Jesus Christ**

Luke 3:22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

Luke 4:1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.

Acts 10:38 God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Hebrews 1:9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

## C. The Person Called

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Consecration

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## Consecration



The word consecration means, to set apart for sacred purposes. One's heart and mindset must be: My life belongs to God, for His purposes, to fulfill the call of God. God is Holy, so also is the call of God; therefore the servant of the Lord must maintain a holy lifestyle, which is a part of consecration.

2 Timothy 2:20-21 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver; but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor and some to dishonor.

Vs.21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

2 Timothy 2:3-4 Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

Vs.4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

- The call of God may cost everything, even one's very own life. God the Father's will for Jesus was the cross and before his arrest and crucifixion, our Lord said, "Father not my will, but thine, be done."

Matthew 10:24 The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his Lord.

- The Apostle Paul, in fulfillment of the Lord's words, "For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake." (Acts 9:16) Paul speaks of some of his sufferings in (1 Corinthians 6:1-10 and 11:23-30).
- The point of these scriptures is to show that; the call of God isn't always a bed of roses; that hardship, troubles, and trials often go hand in hand, with the call. If we are going to speak the words of Apostle Paul "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7) then our consecration and dedication must be maintained throughout it all.

# Faithfulness



( Rev 2:10...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. )

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

Vs.2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

Faithfulness means to be trusted, reliable. Apostle Paul says in the above scripture that they were stewards of the mysteries of God; a steward is someone who has been entrusted to oversee or manage the affairs of someone else. Paul says that it is required that a steward be found faithful. Noticed the word found, to be found faithful, comes by testing.

## **Abraham's Test**

Genesis 12:1 Now the Lord said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee.

Genesis 22:2 And he said, Take thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

- From reading the scriptures we find that Abraham was faithful in his obedience to God and was willing to give up everything if God required it.

## **Paul's Faithfulness**

1 Timothy 1:12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry.

Before God will entrust us with the riches of his grace, he may find out just how faithful we are.

Some Area to be Faithful

## A. Good Doctrine

1 Timothy 4:6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.

## B. Preaching

2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine.

## C. Dividing the word

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

## D. The Gospel

1 Timothy 1:11 According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

## E. Obedience

Acts 9:10-17 And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

Vs.11 And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

Vs.12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

Vs.13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:

Vs.14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

Vs.15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

Vs.16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

Vs.17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

## Credibility and Accountability



Proverbs 22:1 A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.

- \* We all have heard the nursery rhyme story, of the boy who cried wolf; he lied so many times that when the wolf did appear, no one believed him: the boy lost his credibility.
- \* The word credibility means capable of being believed. Without credibility a person will accomplish little in the kingdom of God. We gain credibility, as our ministry is proven to be authentic, scriptural sound, and we are faithful in the things of God. Having a home church, with a Pastor and Elders adds to credibility.

Acts 9:26-27 And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.  
Vs.27 But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

- \* Paul had persecuted the church before his conversion and had gain no credibility with Christians up to this point.  
After Barnabas spoke up for Paul, the disciples began to accept him.

### **Accountability**

Accountability means the quality of being answerable. The servants of the Lord are accountable the Lord and to the church.

#### **1. To the Lord**

Romans 14:12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Luke 12:48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

Luke 19:15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

1 Corinthians 3:13-15 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

Vs.14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

Vs.15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

( See also Matthew 25:14-30 )

\* Let us not forget: It is God that raises up a ministry and if necessary, will bring down a ministry.

## 2. To the Church

Acts 11:1-18 Vs.4 But Peter rehearsed the matter from the beginning, and expounded it by order unto them..

Acts 21:18-19 And the day following Paul went in with us unto James; and all the elders were present.

Vs.19 And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry.

\* Being answerable to others provides the checks and balances that we all need.

1 Corinthians 14:29 Let the prophets speak two or three. and let the other judge.

Galatians 2:11 But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed.

\* It doesn't matter who a person is; because of the flesh a person can miss it. The scriptures say in the multitude of counselors there is safety. Lone rangers can get into trouble without checks and balances. ( Accountability adds to Credibility )

## A good minister must...



### 1. Have good doctrine

1 Timothy 4:13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

1 Timothy 4:16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

#### **Why?**

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

### 2. Refuse unsound teachings

Titus 3:9 But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.

1 Timothy 1:3-4 As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,

4. Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.

1 Timothy 4:7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.

1 Timothy 6:20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

➤ Many have forsaken sound biblical doctrine and turned to the Philosophies of man.

Colossians 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, After the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Titus 3:7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity...

2 Timothy 4:2-4 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

3. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4. And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

3. Take heed to self

1 Timothy 4:16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

**a. Study God's Word**

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

**b. Don't be worldly-minded**

2 Timothy 2:3-4 You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

**c. Flee youthful lusts**

2 Timothy 2:21.-22 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

22. Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

**d. Beware of covetousness**

1 Timothy 6:6- But godliness with contentment is great gain.

7. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

8. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

9. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

10. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

11. But thou, O man of God, flee these things;

**e. Have sound speech**

Titus 2:8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned....

## D. The Five Fold Ministry

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1. Apostles
2. Prophets
3. Evangelists
4. Pastors
5. Teachers



Ephesians 4:11 And **he gave some**, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

# The Five Fold Ministry

Ephesians 4:11-12 And **he gave** some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;  
Vs.12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

1 Corinthians 12:28 And **God hath set some in the church**, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

## God Gave and God Sets

- These ministry offices and gifts are given and set in the church by the Lord.

Question: Are they still for today?

Answer: Do people still need a miracle? A healing? Helps? Etc.

Question: Are there still Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers today?

Answer: In the above scripture, why were they given?

1. For the perfecting of the saints.
2. For the work of the ministry.
3. For the edifying of the body of Christ. ( church )

Question: For how long were they given?

Answer: 1. Until we all come into the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God.  
2. Unto a perfect man, unto the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Has the church come into unity yet?

Is the church perfected yet?

Is the church presenting the fullness of Christ?

Does the church still need edifying?

\* Anyone that is familiar with the church must realize that these gifts and callings are still needed today.

Each office of the five fold ministry; Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher, carries its own distinct anointing and has its own individual work. For these offices to work together, and accomplish the building up of the body of Christ, they must recognize their differences and be yielded and submitted to one another. Each of these offices are directly responsible to the Lord Jesus Christ and are directed by the Holy Spirit, to the work of service.

### **Directed by the Holy Ghost**

Acts 8:5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

Acts 8:26-40 And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

Vs.29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

Acts 10:19-20 While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.

Vs.20 Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.

Acts 16:6-10 Vs.6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia.

### Each Must Recognize its Limitations

Acts 8:14-17 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

Vs.15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

Vs.16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

Vs.17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

**Question:** Why didn't Philip pray and lay his hands on them, that they might get the Holy Ghost?

1 Corinthians 12:29-30 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?

Vs.30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

\* No one person has it all, gifts, callings, etc. We must recognize our individual gifts and that of others. We need each other and should be willing to yield.

# 1. APOSTLES



1 Corinthians 12:28 And **God hath set some** in the church, first Apostles...

Ephesians 4:11 and **He Gave some**, Apostles...

The word Apostle means one sent forth, a sent one. Missionaries are sent.

Acts 13:2-3 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, **the Holy Ghost said**, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

Vs.3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

An Apostle is one who establishes churches; a true Apostle will have the other ministry offices residing in his call, such as Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher. These different ministry gifts are needed in establishing churches.

## **Signs of an Apostle**

2 Corinthians 12:12 Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.

### A. Sufferings

2 Corinthians 11:23-29 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.

Vs.24 Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.

Vs.25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;

Vs.26 In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

Vs.27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

Vs.28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches

Vs 29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not?

## B. Last of All

1 Corinthians 4:9-13 For I think that God **hath set forth us the apostles last**, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.

10. We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honorable, but we are despised.

11. Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace;

12. And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:

13. Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day.

Matthew 23:11 But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.

Luke 12:48...For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required..

## C. Holy Ghost Power

1 Corinthians 2:4-5 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the spirit and of power:

Vs.5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

Acts 19:11-12 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

Vs.12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

Romans 15:19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

## D. Preach in far away Places

Roman 15:20 Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:

- No one can be an Apostle, in the sense of the original twelve, but God does call others to this ministry office.

Acts 14:14 Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out,

\* Recognized or not, Apostles are out there, giving their lives in service to their Lord

## 2. PROPHETS



1 Corinthians 12:28 And God hath set some in the church, first Apostles, secondarily Prophets...

Ephesians 4:11 And He gave some Apostles and some Prophets...

\* A Prophet is one who utters a communication, in speaking the mind of God. The Old Testament Prophet was also called a seer and a watchman.

### **Old Testament Prophets**

#### A Seer

2 Kings 6:8-17 Vs.12 And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.

#### A Watchman

Ezekiel 3:16-21 Vs.17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

\* God revealed things to prophets by dreams, visions and speaks to them audibly.

### **New Testament Prophets**

1 Corinthians 12:28...And God hath set some in the church...prophets

Ephesians 4:11...And he gave some...prophets

\* The scriptures makes it very plain **that God has** set in the church; Prophets, to believe otherwise is to ignore the word of God.

Acts 13:1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers;

Acts 11:27-28 And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch.  
Vs.28 And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.

Acts 21:4,10-11 And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus...

### **Prophets are persecuted**

Luke 13:34 O Jerusalem. Jerusalem, which killest the prophets and stonest them that are sent to thee...

2 Chronicles 36:16 But they mocked the messengers of God, and misused his prophets, until there was no remedy.

### ***Warning!***

1 Chronicles 16:22 Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

### Prophets are not honored

Matthew 13:57 And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, a prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.

Luke 4:24 And he said, Verily I say unto you, no prophet is accepted in his own country.

\* Certain gifts of the Holy Spirit seem to manifest more frequently in a prophets ministry, then others, such as:

Word of Knowledge  
Word of Wisdom  
Prophecy

\* Prophets are sometimes sent to leaders, such as in the case of Apostle Paul  
( Acts 21:4, 10-11 )

\* Notice that Agabus only spoke, what the Holy Spirit gave him to speak.

❖ Each of the five fold ministry offices will have a Word Ministry, whether preaching or teaching.

### 3. Evangelist



Matthew 4:19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

Ephesians 4:11 And **He gave** some...Evangelists

- ❖ Evangelists are soul winners, that is the mark of their calling. Their main message is the gospel message of Jesus Christ. The office of an Evangelist has an anointing that draws people to Jesus.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

- The only example we have of an Evangelist at work, is Philip.

Acts 8:5,12 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

Vs.12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

- The people believed and then were baptized. Water baptism, is after a person accepts Christ, and never before.

1 Corinthians 1:17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel...

Acts 8:35-38 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

Vs.36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

Vs.37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Vs.38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

## 4. PASTORS



Ephesians 4:11 And He gave some...Pastors

1 Corinthians 12:28 And God hath set in the church...Governments

The word Pastor isn't mention in the above scripture, but Pastors are part of the government of any church. A Pastor would be an elder, with other Elders assisting him in watching over God's flock.

Elders are set in the church by the Holy Spirit and may occupy various offices. The Pastor with the Elders, form the spiritual government of a church. ( Presbytery )The word government in the Greek means; to steer, directorship. This type of government provides checks and balances, for the leaders of the church. (See section F- government)

### **Pastors are to:**

#### A. Feed God's People

1 Peter 5:2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

John 21:15-17...Feed my lambs, Jesus saith unto him, feed my sheep

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

#### B. Feed Them What?

1 Peter 5:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

- Christians need the milk of God's word ( foundational, basic teachings and principles of Christianity ).

Hebrews 5:11-6:2 ...But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age...

- Christians that have spiritually matured need more than milk. (Basics)

Christians must be rooted and grounded in solid Christian doctrine, or they will be unsettled in their Christian walk.

Ephesians 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

### **Pastors are not to:**

#### A. Lord Over

1 Peter 5:3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

- Pastors are not the head of the five fold ministry offices and are called to serve, not be served.

#### B. Serve Because of Greed

1 Peter 5:2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

### **Qualifications of Pastors**

1 Timothy 3:2-7 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

Vs.3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

Vs.4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

Vs.5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

Vs.6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

Vs.7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. ( Titus 1:7-11 )

### **Marks of Good Pastors:**

John 10:11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

Matthew 10:24 The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.

## 5. Teachers



Ephesians 4:11 And **He gave** some...Teachers...

1 Corinthians 12:28 And **God hath** set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

- The person, who stands in the office of a teacher, will be able to explain biblical spiritual truth in such a way that it is easily understood. It is not learned by human effort, but is by the anointing of the Holy Spirit.
- The teaching office is an office. There is no such thing as a preacher's office.

Ephesians 4:11 and **He gave some**, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Vs.12 for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

- The office of the teacher is needed in the church, to root and ground people, in the word of God.

Acts 13:1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers...

- The Call to this office is not based upon a person's natural ability to teach but upon the Call, and with the Call comes the ability of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gave and sets in the church, and anoints the one that He chooses. The anointing is the ability of God, working through mortal man.

Mark 4:2 And He ( Jesus ) taught them many things by parables....

\* Throughout the gospels, we find the Lord standing in the teaching office; conveying biblical spiritual truth, by using simple, ordinary, every day things.

\* Jesus is our example of the teaching office in operation.

# Helps

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1. Deacons
2. Music
3. Body Ministry



## E. Helps



1 Corinthians 12:28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, **helps**, governments, diversities of tongues.

The word helps, according to the Strong's Concordance means to succor, participate, to help. An illustration would be, someone assisting in lifting a heavy object. People called to the area of helps are greatly needed, to fulfill the vision of the church.

Exodus 17:11-12 And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.  
Vs.12 But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

### 1. Deacons

\* The first deacons were ordained by the Apostles, to take care of the widows, in distributing food to them.

Acts 6:1-6 Vs.6 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

- In appointing Deacons, the Apostles were free to study and take care of the spiritual needs of the church. The word deacon means servant and they were to take care of the temporal affairs of the church.

### Qualifications of Deacons

1 Timothy 3:8-12 Likewise must the deacons be grave, not double tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;

Vs.9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

Vs.10 And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.

Vs.11 Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.

Vs.12 Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

Memory Verse:

1 Timothy 5:22 Lay hands suddenly on no man...

- People should not be appointed to any thing to quickly, let them be proven first.

## 2. Music Ministry

2 Kings 3:15-16 But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him.

Vs.16 And he said, Thus saith the Lord, Make this valley full of ditches.

1 Samuel 16:23 And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

- \* Anointed music plays a vital role in ministry. In the first scripture the prophet needed to hear from God, when the minstrel played, the Holy Spirit moved upon the prophet and he spoke the word of the Lord.
- \* In the second scripture, the evil spirit departed, when David played unto the Lord.
- \* The scriptures say that God inhabits the praises of his people. Where God is, the devil has to leave!

2 Chronicles 20:21-22 And when he had consulted with the people, **he appointed singers unto the Lord**, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth for ever.

Vs.22 **And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments** against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

- \* Anointed music in church services, brings people into praise and worship, and that is an open door for God to move. Praising and worshipping God, prepares people's hearts to receive from God and his word.
- \* Music that doesn't bring people into praise and worship is simply entertainment. A person can have a beautiful singing voice but without the anointing, they are not qualified to lead the worship service.
- \* Churches many times have to make do with the people that they have, until God brings in the people with specific calls. If a person helping doesn't have an anointing, they must be willing to yield to someone that does.

### 3. Body Ministry

Ephesians 4:16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compact by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 For as **the body is one, and hath many members**, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

Vs.13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

Vs.14 For the body is not one member, but many.

Vs.15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

Vs.16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

Vs.17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?

Vs.18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

Vs.19 And if they were all one member, where were the body?

Vs.20 But now are they many members, yet but one body.

Vs.21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

Vs.22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

Vs.23 And those members of the body, which we think to be less honorable, upon these we bestow more abundant honor; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.

Vs.24 For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honor to that part which lacked:

Vs.25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

Vs.26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it.

Vs.27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

\* Every person in a church is important and is needed. Paul compares it to a human body ( above scripture ) each is just as important as the other, and each, needs the other.

\* Every person has something to offer and the needs are numerous. A few examples: youth, elderly, singles, married, the hungry, those that need clothing, people incarcerated etc.

## F. Government

Pages 74-79

1. Elders
2. Bishops



# ELDERS

Elders are those that God appoints to oversee the church, they assist the Pastoral office in the governing of the church with the Pastor as the primary elder. This provides checks and balances for the leadership of the church including the pastor. Many churches have gone astray because there was no checks and balances in the leadership.

- A group of elders was known as the presbytery.

Strong's Ref. # 4245

Romanized presbuteros  
Pronounced pres-boo'-ter-os

comparative of presbus (elderly); older; as noun, a senior; specifically, an Israelite Sanhedrist (also figuratively, member of the celestial council) or Christian "presbyter":

- Timothy had received a gift through the laying on of hands by the presbytery or a group of elders.

1 Timothy 4:14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

Strong's Ref. # 4244

Romanized presbuterion  
Pronounced pres-boo-ter'-ee-on

neuter of a presumed derivative of GSN4245; the order of elders, i.e. (specifically) Israelite Sanhedrin or Christian "**presbytery**": **Elder hood =group of elders**  
KJV--(estate of) elder(-s), presbytery.  
KJV-- elder(-est), old.

Acts 11:23. And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

Acts 20:17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.

Acts 20:28-30 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

29. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

30. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

- Acts Ch. 15 The Apostles and the Elders got together and made a spiritual decision concerning the gentile converts.

Acts 15:6- And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

7. And when there had been much disputing,...

1 Timothy 5:17-19 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

18. For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.

19. Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.

Elders also can be preachers or teachers. In 1 Peter 5:1 Apostle Peter refers to himself as an elder.

There are qualifications for an elder.

1. They were to be men, not women.
2. See below for a list

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6. If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.

7. **For a bishop must** be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

8. But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

9. Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

- Notice that the word Bishop is used in relation to elder and suggests that they are one and the same. The qualification for an elder is the same for a Bishop.
- **The word bishop means overseer.** These two words point to the responsibility, to oversee the spiritual welfare of the church. (God's people)
- Bishop points to the title where as oversee points to the responsibility. **The word elder points** to the spiritual maturity of those who oversee.

1 Timothy 3: 1-7 This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

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3. Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

4. One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;
5. (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)
6. Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.
7. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

All the qualifications in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9 apply to:

Elder-Bishop-Overseer-Pastor

An Example:

Apostle Paul would preach the gospel, people would get saved and a church would get started. Paul would then move on to another place to do the same. He would send Titus or Timothy back to those young churches to ordain elders to take the spiritual oversight.

At some point God would raise up or put in an Elder who would set in the office of the Pastor. The Pastor and the elders formed what was called the presbytery or the elder hood in that church. This made up the govt. of that church. ( 1 Cor. 12:28 ...government...)

.Strong's Ref. # 2941

Romanized kubernesis  
Pronounced koo-ber'-nay-sis

from kubernaos (of Latin origin, "to steer"); pilotage, i.e. (figuratively) directorship (in the church):  
KJV--government.

The Pastor would be the senior elder, as he was not only an elder but also had the office of the Pastor, one of the five-fold ministry offices. The other elders assisted the Pastor in the spiritual oversight of the church, this provided checks and balances for the Pastor Ship. Without those checks and balances, a pastor could get into grave error.

Any Pastor that will not be subject to the Presbytery is questionable.

The Presbytery (group of elders) policed their ranks.

In Acts Ch. 15 The Apostles and Elders of the churches came together to make a decision concerning the Gentile converts. Paul called for the elders at Ephesians to give them his farewell address before sailing on to Jerusalem. The Apostles always called for the Elders never just the pastors, although the pastors would have been among those elders. This signifies that they recognized that the government of the church was not just residing in one man but in the elder hood or presbytery.

# BISHOP

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Strong's Ref. # 1984

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from GSN1980; inspection (for relief); by implication, superintendence; specially, the Christian "episcopate":

KJV--the office of a "bishop", bishoprick, visitation.

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from GSN1909 and GSN4649 (in the sense of GSN1983); a superintendent, i.e. Christian officer in genitive case charge of a (or the) church (literally or figuratively):

KJV--bishop, overseer.

In the local church the Bishop would be the Pastor.

Pastor is a gift set in the Church, one of the five-fold ministry.

Bishop is a title.

Overseer is the work of it.

In some churches today, bishops may oversee several churches in a denomination.



### III. The Apostle Paul



#### PREFACE

A study of the person and life of Apostle Paul can be a most rewarding and humbling experience. As I prepared my notes for this study course, I could not help but be in awe of this most remarkable Man of God. I can think of no one in the history of the church that poured out his or her lives, for the cause of Christ, as our beloved brother Apostle Paul did. His dedication and self-sacrifice for the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ, continues to be an inspiration for Christian everywhere, through out the ages.

“Thank you brother Paul.”

Of the 27 books of the New Testament, 13 came by way of Apostle Paul. His writings were authenticated to be inspired scripture by Peter. ( 2 Peter 3:15-16 )

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## A. Paul's Pre-Christian Life



### 1. His birth

Acts 22:3 I am verily a man which am a **Jew**, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.

#### a. Of the tribe of Benjamin

Philippians 3:5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews;

### 2. A Roman citizen

Acts 22:25-28 And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned?

26. When the centurion heard that, he went and told the chief captain, saying, Take heed what thou doest: for this man is a Roman.

27. Then the chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? He said, Yea.

28. And the chief captain answered, with a great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was free born.

29. Then straightway they departed from him which should have examined him: and the chief captain also was afraid, after he knew that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.

### 3. His family

#### a. Father

Acts 23:6 But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.

#### b. Sister

Acts 23:16 And when Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait, he went and entered into the castle, and told Paul.

c. Relatives

Romans 16:7 Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellowprisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.

Vs. 11 Salute Herodion my kinsman. Greet them that be of the household of Narcissus, which are in the Lord.

**4. His education**

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**5. His trade**

Acts 18:1-3 After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth;  
2. And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome;) and came unto them.  
3. And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.

**6. His religion**

a. A Strict Pharisee

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Galatians 1:14 And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.

Philippians 3:5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;

b. His Religious Zeal

Philippians 3:6 Concerning zeal, persecuting the church;

c. A former Persecutor of the Church

Acts 7: 58. And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

\* Paul's circumcision name was Saul

Acts 8:1 And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.

Acts 9:1-2 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,  
2. And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

Acts 22: 4 And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.

Galatians 1:13 For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it:

God shows mercy to Paul

1 Timothy 1:13 Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

1 Timothy 1:15-16 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

16. Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

- ❖ Some people think that God won't forgive their sins; Paul is a wonderful example of God's mercy and forgiveness.

## B. Paul's Conversion



- Acts 9:1 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,
2. And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.
  3. And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:
  4. And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?
  5. And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.
  6. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.
  7. And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.
  8. And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.
  9. And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

- Acts 22:4-10 And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.
5. As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished.
  6. And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.
  7. And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?
  8. And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest.

9. And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.  
10. And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.

a. Blinded for 3 days

Acts 9:8-12 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.  
9. And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.  
10. And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.  
11. And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,  
12. And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

b. Is healed and baptized

Acts 9:17-18 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.  
18. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

c. Begins to preach Jesus

Acts 9:19-20 And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.  
20. And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

d. The Jews plot to kill him and his escape

Acts 9:23 And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him:  
24. But their laying await was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him.  
25. Then the disciples took him by night, and let him down by the wall in a basket.

e. At first, Christians were afraid of him

Acts 9: 26-27 And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple. 27. But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.



John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

## C. Paul's early years as a Christian

### a. Eventually accepted

Acts 9: 26-30 And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.  
27. But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

28. And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem.

29. And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.

30. Which when the brethren knew, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus.

### b. Paul goes into Arabia

Galatians 1:15-17 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace,

16. To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

17. Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.

### c. Paul receives Divine revelation

Galatians 1:11 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.

12. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

### d. Paul returns to Jerusalem - visits Peter

Galatians 1:18-19 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.

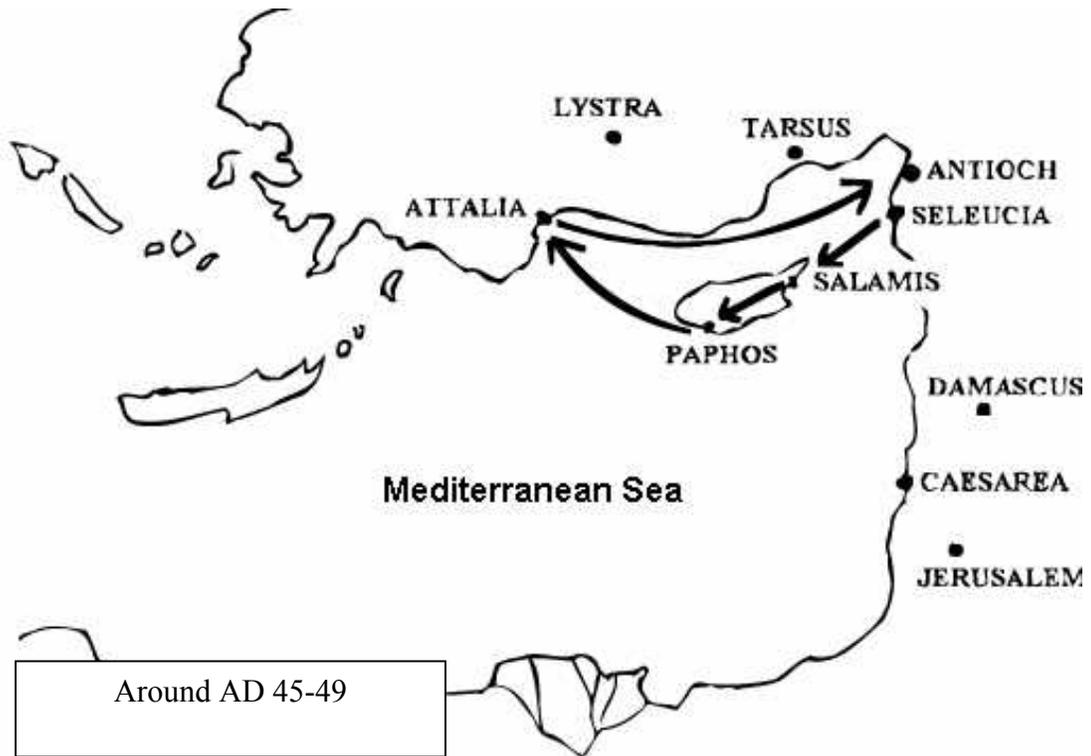
19. But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother.

### e. Brought to Antioch to help

Acts 11:25-26 Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul:

26. And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

## D. Paul's 1<sup>st</sup>. Missionary Journey



## The Call

Acts 13:1-3 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, **the Holy Ghost said**, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

3. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

## Events of

### 1. Sail to Cyprus - Preach the Gospel

Acts 13:4-5 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

5. And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to their minister.

\* Paul's companions ( above scriptures) Barnabus and John

### 2. An Encounter With a False Prophet

Acts 6-12 And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus:

7. Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.

8. But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.

9. Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,

10. And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

11. And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

12. Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

### 3. John departs and returns home

Acts 13:13 Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem.

### 4. Paul preaches at Antioch in Pisidia

Acts 13:14 But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down.

Vs.16 Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience. (see verses 17-52 )

- a. Gentiles believe and are glad
- b. The Jews bring about persecution against Paul and Barnabus and have them expelled. They shake off the dust of their feet as a testimony against them.

### 5. Events at Iconium

Acts 14:1-5 And it came to pass in Iconium, that they went both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed.

2. But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil affected against the brethren.

3. Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

4. But the multitude of the city was divided: and part held with the Jews, and part with the apostles.

5. And when there was an assault made both of the Gentiles, and also of the Jews with their rulers, to use them despitefully, and to stone them,

### 6. On to Lystra

Acts 14:6-7 They were ware of it, and fled unto Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and unto the region that lieth round about:

7. And there they preached the gospel.

Highlights of Vs. 8-19 (at Lystra)

- a. Crippled man is healed
- b. Paul has to convince the people that he and Barnabas were not gods
- c. Paul is stoned

## 7. On to Derbe

Acts 14:20 Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

## 8. Returning home

Acts 14:21-28 And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch,

22. Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

23. And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

24. And after they had passed throughout Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.

25. And when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down into Attalia:

26. And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled.

27. And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.

28. And there they abode long time with the disciples.

- a. Confirmed the disciples, that they had led to the Lord
- b. Exhorted them
- c. Ordained Elders in the churches that had been established
- d. Preached at Perga
- e. Sailed back to Antioch, from where their journey began
- f. Assembled with the church there and gave testimony concerning all that God had done on this first missionary journey.



## E. Between 1<sup>st</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Missionary journeys

### 1. The Debate at Jerusalem

#### a. The dispute

Acts 1-6 And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

2. When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.

3. And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phenice and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren.

4. And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and of the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them.

5. But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses.

6. And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

#### b. The Decision

12. Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.

13. And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:

14. Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

15. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

16. After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

17. That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

18. Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

19. **Wherefore my sentence is**, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God:

20. But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.

c. The Action Taken

Acts 15:22-29 Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren:

23. And they wrote letters by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia:

24. Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment:

25. It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

26. Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

27. We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth.

28. For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

29. **That** ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

**2. Paul and Barnabas at Antioch**

Acts 15:35 Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

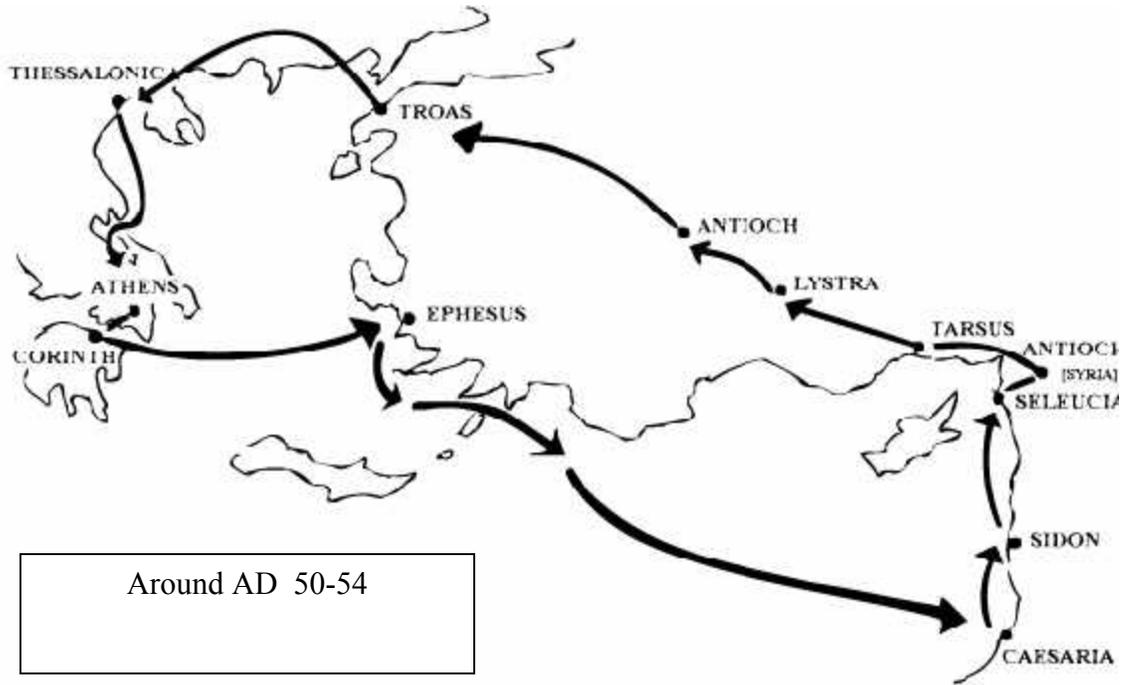
**3. Paul rebukes Peter**

Galatians 2:11-21 Vs.11-13 But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed.

12. For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision.

13. And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation.

## F. Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup>. Missionary Journey



## **1. Beginnings**

Acts 15:35-36 Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

36. And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.

## **2. The problem**

Acts 15:37-38 And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark

38. But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work.

### The Solution

Acts 15:39-41 And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus;

40. And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God.

41. And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches.

## **3. Paul revisits Derbe and Lystra**

### Take Timothy as a Helper

Acts 16:1-5 Then came he to Derbe and Lystra: and, behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father was a Greek:

2. Which was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium.

3. Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek.

4. And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.

5. And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.

## **4. Directed by the Holy Ghost**

Acts 16:6-9 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

7. After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.

8. And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas.
9. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.
10. And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.
11. Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis;

## 5. Events at Philippi

### a. Lydia is converted

Acts 16:14-15 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

15. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

### b. An unclean spirit is cast out of a Girl

Acts 16:16-18 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

17. The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

18. And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

### c. Paul and Silas are beaten

Acts 16:23-24 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:

24. Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

### d. Paul and Silas Sing Praise

Acts 16:25-26 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

26. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

#### e. Jailer is Converted

Acts 16:27-33 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29. Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

30. And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

31. And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

32. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

33. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

#### 6. **On to Thessalonica**

Acts 17:1-4 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews:

2. And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

3. Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

4. And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.

#### 7. **On to Berea**

Acts 17:10-13 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews.

11. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

12. Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.

#### 8. **Paul at Athens**

Acts 17:14-16 And then immediately the brethren sent away Paul to go as it were to the sea: but Silas and Timotheus abode there still.

15. And they that conducted Paul brought him unto Athens: and receiving a commandment unto Silas and Timotheus for to come to him with all speed, they departed.

16. Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.

a. Paul Preaches and has Some Converts

Acts 17:22-34 Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.

23. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, To The Unknown God. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

24. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

25. Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

26. And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

27. That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

28. For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

29. Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

30. And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

31. Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

32. And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter.

33. So Paul departed from among them.

34. Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed: among the which was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

**9. Paul goes to Corinth**

Acts 18:1 After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth;

a. Stays with Aquila

Acts 18:2 And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them.

3. And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.

b. Reunited with Silas and Timothy

Acts 18:5 And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.

c. The Jews oppose Paul

Acts 18:6 And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean; from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.

d. The Lord Encourages Paul

Acts 18:9-11 Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace:

10. For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.

11. And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

**10. Paul goes to Ephesus**

Acts 18:19-21 And he came to Ephesus, and left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews.

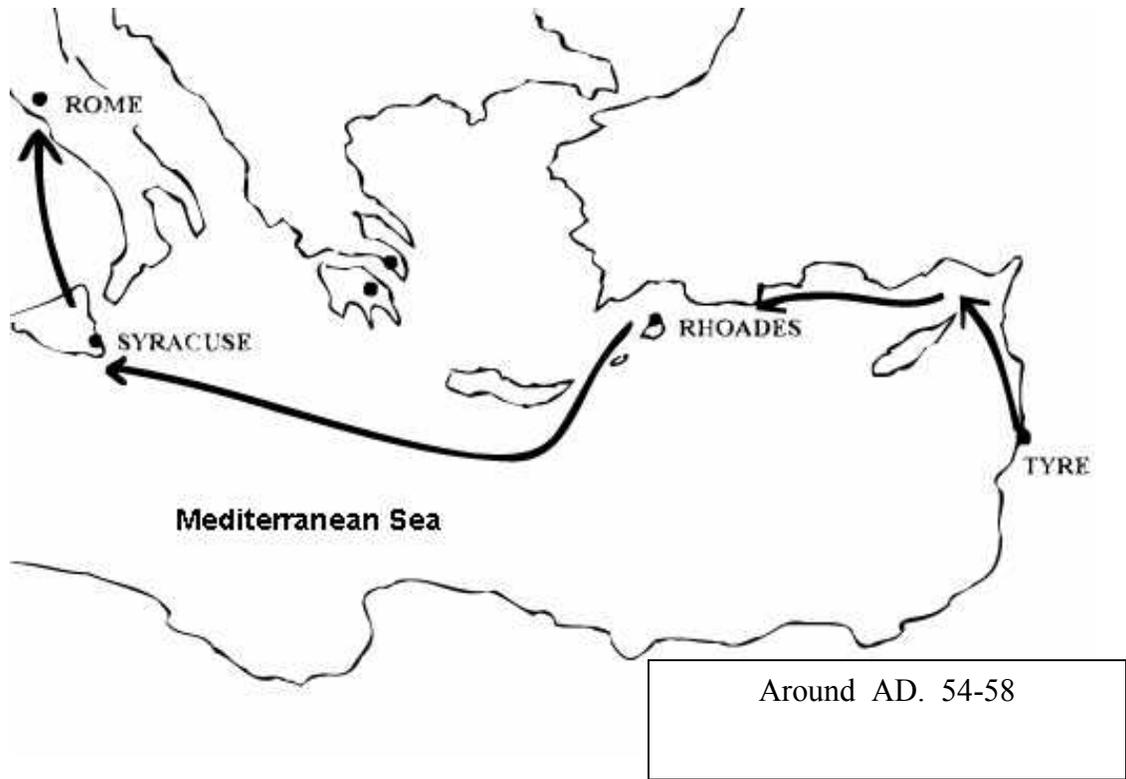
20. When they desired him to tarry longer time with them, he consented not;

**11. Paul returns to Antioch**

Acts 18:21-22 But bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus.

22. And when he had landed at Caesarea, and gone up, and saluted the church, he went down to Antioch.

## G. Paul's 3<sup>rd</sup>. Missionary Journey



## 1. Strengthening the disciples

Acts 18:23 And after he had spent some time there, he departed, and went over all the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples.

### a. Apollos is Instructed

Acts 18:24-26 And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus.

25. This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

26. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

## 3. At Ephesus some disciples receive the Holy Ghost

Acts 19:1-6 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

2. He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

3. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

4. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

5. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

### a. Paul remains 2-3 Years teaching them

Acts 19:8-10 And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

9. But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.

10. And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

### b. God does Miracles

Acts 19:11-12 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

12. So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and

the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

c. The 7 Sons of Sceva

Acts 19:13-16 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

14. And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so.

15. And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

16. And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

d. Sorcery Books are Burned

Acts 19:19 Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

**4. On to Macedonia and Greece**

Acts 20:1-2 And after the uproar was ceased, Paul called unto him the disciples, and embraced them, and departed for to go into Macedonia.

2. And when he had gone over those parts, and had given them much exhortation, he came into Greece,

**5. Paul at Troas**

Acts 20:6-10 And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days.

7. And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

8. And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together.

9. And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead.

10. And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him.

## 6. Paul at Miletus

Acts 20:15 And we sailed thence, and came the next day over against Chios; and the next day we arrived at Samos, and tarried at Trogyllium; and the next day we came to Miletus.

### Paul's farewell to the Ephesian Elders

Acts 20:17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.

## 7. Paul at Caesarea

Acts 21:7-9 And when we had finished our course from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais, and saluted the brethren, and abode with them one day.

8. And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him.

9. And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.

### a. Agabus the Prophet

Acts 21:10-12 And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus.

11. And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.

12. And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem.

### b. Paul is determined to go

Acts 21:13 Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

## H. Paul at Jerusalem

### 1. Welcomed by the Church

Acts 21:17-19 And when we were come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly.

18. And the day following Paul went in with us unto James; and all the elders were present.

19. And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry.

#### a. Paul is captured by the Jews

Acts 21:26-30 Then Paul took the men, and the next day purifying himself with them entered into the temple, to signify the accomplishment of the days of purification, until that an offering should be offered for every one of them.

27. And when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews which were of Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the people, and laid hands on him,

28. Crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that teacheth all men every where against the people, and the law, and this place: and further brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath polluted this holy place.

29 (For they had seen before with him in the city Trophimus an Ephesian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.)

30. And all the city was moved, and the people ran together: and they took Paul, and drew him out of the temple: and forthwith the doors were shut.

#### b. Seized by the Romans

Acts 21:31-33 And as they went about to kill him, tidings came unto the chief captain of the band, that all Jerusalem was in an uproar.

32. Who immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down unto them: and when they saw the chief captain and the soldiers, they left beating of Paul.

33. Then the chief captain came near, and took him, and commanded him to be bound with two chains; and demanded who he was, and what he had done.

#### c. Paul is allowed to speak to the Jewish mob

Acts 22:1-2 Men, brethren, and fathers, hear ye my defence which I make now unto you.

2. (And when they heard that he spake in the Hebrew tongue to them, they kept the more silence: and he saith,) ( see Vs. 3-23 for his address to them )

d. The mob rejects his words

Acts 22:22...Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live.

e. Paul is to be scourged

Acts 22:24-28 The chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle, and bade that he should be examined by scourging; that he might know wherefore they cried so against him.

25. And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned?

26. When the centurion heard that, he went and told the chief captain, saying, Take heed what thou doest: for this man is a Roman.

27. Then the chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? He said, Yea.

28. And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was free born.

f. Paul's defense before the Jewish Council

Acts 23:1-10 And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.

2. And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth.

3. Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, thou whited wall: for sittest thou to judge me after the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law?

4. And they that stood by said, Revilest thou God's high priest?

5. Then said Paul, I wist not, brethren, that he was the high priest: for it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people.

6. But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.

7. And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the multitude was divided.

8. For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both.

9. And there arose a great cry: and the scribes that were of the Pharisees' part arose, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man: but if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him, let us not fight against God.

10. And when there arose a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest Paul should have been pulled in pieces of them, commanded the soldiers to go down, and to take him by force from among them, and to bring him into the castle.

g. The Lord Jesus Himself encourages Paul

Acts 23:11 And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.

h. A plot to kill Paul

Acts 23:12-13 And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul.

13. And they were more than forty which had made this conspiracy. (see Vs.13-35 )

i. Paul is delivered

Acts 23:23-24 And he called unto him two centurions, saying, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go to Caesarea, and horsemen threescore and ten, and spearmen two hundred, at the third hour of the night;

24. And provide them beasts, that they may set Paul on, and bring him safe unto Felix the governor.



# I. Paul in Caesarea

## 1. Accusers against Paul

Acts 24:1, 5-9 And after five days Ananias the high priest descended with the elders, and with a certain orator named Tertullus, who informed the governor against Paul.

5. For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes:

6. Who also hath gone about to profane the temple: whom we took, and would have judged according to our law.

7. But the chief captain Lysias came upon us, and with great violence took him away out of our hands,

8. Commanding his accusers to come unto thee: by examining of whom thyself mayest take knowledge of all these things, whereof we accuse him.

9. And the Jews also assented, saying that these things were so.

## 2. Paul's defense

Acts 24:10-22 Then Paul, after that the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, answered, Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a judge unto this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself:

11. Because that thou mayest understand, that there are yet but twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem for to worship.

12. And they neither found me in the temple disputing with any man, neither raising up the people, neither in the synagogues, nor in the city:

13. Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me.

14. But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:

15. And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

16. And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.

17. Now after many years I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings.

18. Whereupon certain Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, neither with multitude, nor with tumult.

19. Who ought to have been here before thee, and object, if they had ought against me.

20. Or else let these same here say, if they have found any evil doing in me, while I stood before the council,

21. Except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among them, Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question by you this day.

22. And when Felix heard these things, having more perfect knowledge of that way, he deferred them, and said, When Lysias the chief captain shall come down, I will know the uttermost of your matter.

a. Paul's 2yr. Imprisonment

Acts 24:27 But after two years Porcius Festus came into Felix' room: and Felix, willing to shew the Jews a pleasure, left Paul bound.

b. Paul's appeal to Caesar

Acts 25:1-12 Now when Festus was come into the province, after three days he ascended from Caesarea to Jerusalem.

2. Then the high priest and the chief of the Jews informed him against Paul, and besought him,

3. And desired favour against him, that he would send for him to Jerusalem, laying wait in the way to kill him.

4. But Festus answered, that Paul should be kept at Caesarea, and that he himself would depart shortly thither.

5. Let them therefore, said he, which among you are able, go down with me, and accuse this man, if there be any wickedness in him.

6. And when he had tarried among them more than ten days, he went down unto Caesarea; and the next day sitting on the judgment seat commanded Paul to be brought.

7. And when he was come, the Jews which came down from Jerusalem stood round about, and laid many and grievous complaints against Paul, which they could not prove.

8. While he answered for himself, Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor yet against Caesar, have I offended any thing at all.

9. But Festus, willing to do the Jews a pleasure, answered Paul, and said, Wilt thou go up to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these things before me?

10. Then said Paul, I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Jews have I done no wrong, as thou very well knowest.

11. For if I be an offender, or have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them. I appeal unto Caesar.

12. Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, Hast thou appealed unto Caesar? unto Caesar shalt thou go.



c. Paul's testimony before king Agrippa

Acts 26:13-18 At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.

14. And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

15. And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

16. But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

17. Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,

18. To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. ( see Vs. 19-32 )

d. King Agrippa's response

Acts 26:28 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, **Almost** thou persuadest me to be a Christian.



2Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

## J. Paul's voyage to Rome

### 1. Setting Sail

Acts 27:1-10 And when it was determined that we should sail into Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners unto one named Julius, a centurion of Augustus' band.

2. And entering into a ship of Adramyttium, we launched, meaning to sail by the coasts of Asia; one Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, being with us.

3. And the next day we touched at Sidon. And Julius courteously entreated Paul, and gave him liberty to go unto his friends to refresh himself.

4. And when we had launched from thence, we sailed under Cyprus, because the winds were contrary.

5. And when we had sailed over the sea of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra, a city of Lycia.

6. And there the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing into Italy; and he put us therein.

7. And when we had sailed slowly many days, and scarce were come over against Cnidus, the wind not suffering us, we sailed under Crete, over against Salmone;

8. And, hardly passing it, came unto a place which is called The fair havens; nigh whereunto was the city of Lasea.

9. Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was now already past, Paul admonished them,

10. And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.

#### a. A terrible storm

Acts 27:14-15 But not long after there arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon.

15. And when the ship was caught, and could not bear up into the wind, we let her drive. ( see Vs.14-44 )

#### b. Paul is encouraged by an angel

Acts 27:22-24 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship.

23. For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,

24. Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

## 2. Shipwrecked on the island of Melita

Acts 27:40-44 And when they had taken up the anchors, they committed themselves unto the sea, and loosed the rudder bands, and hoised up the mainsail to the wind, and made toward shore.

41. And falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuck fast, and remained unmoveable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves.

42. And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape.

43. But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from their purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land:

44. And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land.

Acts 28:1 And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita.

### Events at Melita

#### 1. Paul is bitten by a snake

Acts 28:3-5 And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand.

4. And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.

5. And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.

#### 2. God Heals through Paul

Acts 28:8-9 And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.

9. So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:

#### 3. Voyage resumed

Acts 28:11-13 And after three months we departed in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was Castor and Pollux.

12. And landing at Syracuse, we tarried there three days.

13. And from thence we fetched a compass, and came to Rhegium:

## K. Paul at Rome



### 1. Arrival at Rome

Acts 28:16. And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him.

### 2. Paul ministers for two years

Acts 28:30:31 And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him,  
31. Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

*Apostle Paul wrote several of his Epistles during this time.*

- \* Some believe that Paul was released after two years and was imprisoned a second time. At some point during his second imprisonment, he was beheaded.
- \* Some of his last words.

2 Timothy 4:6-8 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

7. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

8. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.



Revelations 2:20...“be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”

## L. The Character of Brother Paul

### 1. Gentle as a father

- 1 Thessalonians 2:5-11 For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness:  
6. Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.  
7. But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:  
8. So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.  
9. For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.  
10. Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:  
11. As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children,

### 2. His Love for his Countryman

- Romans 9:1-3 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,  
2. That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.  
3. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:

### 3. His Courage

- Acts 20:22-23 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:  
23. Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

### 4. An Example to Follow

1 Corinthians 11:1. Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

Philippians 4:9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

# M. Paul's sufferings

## 1. Mentioned by -

### a. The Lord Jesus

Acts 9:15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:  
16. For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

### b. The Holy Ghost

Acts 20:23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

### c. Agabus the Prophet

Acts 21:10-11 And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus.

11. And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.

## 2. A Sample of Paul's sufferings

2 Corinthians 6:4-10 But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

5. In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings;

6. By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,

7. By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

7. By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true;

9. As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed;

10. As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

2 Corinthians 4:8-10 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

9. Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

10. Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

2 Corinthians 11:24-30 Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.  
25. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;  
26. In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;  
27. In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.  
28. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.  
29. Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not?  
30. If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.  
31. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.  
32. In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me:  
33. And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

2 Timothy 3:11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

- Much of Paul's suffering can be read about in the book of Acts Ch. 9-28



## N. Paul's Epistles



### ROMANS

Theme: Righteousness of God

Paul's epistle to the Christians at Rome, speaks of God's provision of Righteousness, based on faith in Jesus Christ, apart from works.

### 1 CORINTHIANS

Theme: Christian Conduct

In this epistle Paul addresses issues such as: division, immorality, carnality, Christian marriage, Christian liberty, the Lords Supper, spiritual gifts, the resurrection and general instructions.

### 2 CORINTHIANS

Theme: Paul's Authority

In the second epistle to the Corinthians Paul defends his Apostleship by giving an account of his service to God, shown by his sufferings and all the persecutions he endured.

### GALATIANS

Theme: Salvation by Grace

In this epistle to the Galatian Churches, Paul has to deal with the false teachings that had spread through the churches by certain individuals who said that: While salvation was of Christ, works were also necessary. These kinds of teachings were causing people to depart from trusting Christ and turning to keep the law, for salvation. Paul uses the example of Abraham, how that he was justified by faith alone, 430 years before the Mosaic Law.

### EPHESIANS

Theme: In Christ

This epistle to the Ephesians speaks of the Christians exalted position in Christ and the living out, of that position in our every day lives. Also addressed, is how the division between Jew and Gentile has been broken down and that in Christ we are one body.

## PHILIPPIANS

Theme: Rejoicing in the Lord

Paul while in prison at Rome wrote this epistle. In the mist of personal hardship and sacrifice Paul writes this epistle to the Philippians Christians; displaying the joy of the Lord, which sustained him

## COLOSSIANS

Theme: Christ's Pre-eminence

This epistle was written because of false teachings that had been brought into the church, which assigned to Christ a position under the Godhead instead of being a part. The teachings included the exaltation of angels, as well as an infatuation with them. In this epistle; Paul shows the superiority of Christ as Lord and places him as head of the church.

## 1 THESSALONIANS

Theme: The Christian's hope

Paul had sent Timothy to the church at Thessalonica to find out how they were doing; this epistle was written after Timothy returned with a good report of the faith and love that they had, for Apostle Paul. One of the highlights of this epistle is found in 4:13-18, which speaks of the return of Christ for his people, the Christian's blessed hope.

## 2 THESSALONIANS

Theme: The Day of the Lord

This epistle was written to ease the trouble minds of the Christians at Thessalonica; that the tribulations that they were experiencing was not the day of the Lord in which, God would pour out his wrath upon this earth, in judgment of all the ungodly. Paul reminds them of what he had taught them concerning, the man of sin, how that he would be revealed before that day.

## 1 TIMOTHY

Theme: Church order

The purpose of this epistle to Timothy was for personal instruction as a good minister of Jesus Christ; also instructions concerning church order. A key verse is found in 3:15, which states, “ ..that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to conduct thyself in the house of God , which is the pillar and ground of the truth.”

## 2 TIMOTHY

Theme: Be a Faithful Servant

The 2nd. Epistle of Paul to Timothy was written while in prison, awaiting his execution and may have been his last epistle. Abandoned by most of his friends (1:15, 4:16) Paul speaks of the time of his departure as being at hand (4:6). Paul admonishes Timothy to endure hardness, as a good soldier of the Lord and preach the word of God.

## TITUS

Theme: Setting the Church in Order

This epistle to Titus was instructions for him to ordain elders, qualifications and duties of elders, as well as exhortations to godly living.

## PHILEMON

Theme: Brotherly Love

This epistle is a personal letter to Philemon who had a an unprofitable servant named Onesimus who after ( in all probability ) stole from him, ran away. Under Paul's ministry, Onesimus was converted and now Paul writes to Philemon to receive him back not only as a servant, but a brother in Christ.

- Of the 27 books of New Testament, the Holy Spirit used Apostle Paul to write 13. Some scholars believe that Paul also wrote the book of Hebrews.



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