

XV. Pneumatology: The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit; His Work

1. The work of the Holy Spirit is to manifest the presence of God in this world, especially in and through the church. Isa. 44:3, *“For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.”*
2. His coming on Pentecost. Acts 2: 1-4, *“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”*
3. **He gives Life.** John 3: 5-7, *“Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’”*
4. **He gives Power.** Acts 1:8, *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*
5. **He Purifies.** I Cor. 6:11 *“And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”*
6. **He Reveals God’s presence and directions.** Gal. 5: 16-18, *“So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.”*
7. **He Unifies.** I Cor. 12: 7, 11, *“Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good... All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.”*

8. The gifts of the Holy Spirit:

a. The 6 Major Passages:

1. I Cor. 12:8-10. *"To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues."*
2. I Cor. 12:28, *"And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues."*
3. Ephesians 4:11, *"It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers..."*
4. Romans 12: 6-8, *"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully."*
5. I Cor. 7:7, *"I wish that all men were as I am. But each man has his own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that."*
6. I Peter 4:11, *"If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen."*

b. The Spiritual gifts:

1. Apostle
2. Prophet
3. Teacher
4. Miracles
5. Healings
6. Helps
7. Administration
8. Tongues
9. Word of Wisdom
10. Word of Knowledge
11. Faith
12. Discernment
13. Interpretation of tongues
14. Evangelism
15. Pastor
16. Serving
17. Encouragement
18. Contributing
19. Leadership
20. Mercy
21. Marriage
22. Celibacy

- c. **The purpose of Spiritual gifts:** To equip the church to carry out its ministry until the Lord returns. I Cor. 1:7, *“Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.”*
- d. The variation of Spiritual gift strength: Rom. 12: 6, *“We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man’s gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith.”*
- e. Gifts are tools for ministry. They do not represent Christian maturity. Spiritual fruit does it.
- f. Are they temporary or permanent gifts?
- g. The argument of the “Cessationists.” Mostly revolving around I Cor. 13: 8-13
- h. The main controversial gifts: Prophecy, healing, miracles, tongues.
- i. Discovering your gifts: