Gifts of the Spirit Week 1

Introduction to the Gifts of the Spirit: The Great Commission and the last commandment.

1. The Great Commission.

 a. The Great Commission: Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

 b. The message of the Great Commission: Luke 24:46-48 And said unto them, thus is it written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things.

2. The last commandment.

a. Luke 24:49 Behold, I send the Promise of my Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.

 i. Holy Spirit upon is for others.

 ii. Endued: G1746 sinking into a garment, clothe oneself.

 iii. Notice the garment belongs to The Lord. It is the power of His Spirit that will clothe you. We have nothing to do with this. We were not on the committee, or the focus group, or quality control. All we do is believe and receive.

-The power of His Spirit given to us was His idea not ours.

 iv. Ministry without the power of The Holy Spirit: Acts 19:11-16

 Verse 15,16: And the evil spirit answered and said, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know, but who are you? Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

They were not clothed in the spirit realm, and they were not clothed in the natural realm. We are so earthly minded that because we don’t see ourselves naked in the spirit, we think it’s not real. If you won’t disrobe in the natural, why do you do it in the spiritual?

b. Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you shall be witness to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

 i. The purpose of the power of The Holy Spirit is to be an accurate witness of Christ. To be the witness Christ is expecting of us as described in

Mark 16:17-18 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

 ii. Mark 16:20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the world through the accompanying signs. Amen

 iii. 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

 iv. Hebrews 2:3-4 So what makes us think we can escape if we ignore this great salvation that was first announced by the Lord Jesus himself and then delivered to us by those who heard him speak? And God confirmed the message by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever he chose.

 v. John 14:12-14 Jesus said we will operate in His Power three times.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to the Father. “Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. “If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.

3. A powerless, Spiritless gospel.

 a. Colossians 2:8 See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

3. The baptism of The Holy Spirit with demonstration of tongues by the laying of hands.

a. 2 Timothy 1:6 This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. ~~For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline~~.

b. Why tongues? Why do we make a big deal of tongues? Because we understand the times, we are living in. What are those times? The Book of Jude explains it.

Let’s see Jude 1: 19, 20 These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit. But you, beloved, building yourselves up on you most holy faith, praying in The Holy Spirit.

i. Tongues is a gateway gift to operate in the other gifts.

ii. Tongues is how you dominate your five senses and allow your born-again spirit to operate in the gift needed for the situation before you.

iii. Tongues helps you submit to The Word of God rather than your flesh and stronghold that go against the knowledge of God.

4. If everyone is baptized in The Holy Spirit and speak in tongues, we will take a minute and stir ourselves up.

Practical ways to operate and function in the Gifts of The Spirit: learn, see, do.

1. Learn: Study God’s Word and learn what the gifts are and how people operate in them in the scriptures.

2. See: See how others operate and flow in the different gifts.

3. Do: Step out of your comfort zone and in faith start using your gifts in the safe environment of School of Ministry. This class is not only about head knowledge but to challenge you to discover the gifts and begin to use them. The only way you will grow and get better is by putting them into practice.

In this class we will take a few minutes each class and practice the gifts with a partner.

The atmosphere of the Gifts of The Spirit.

1. Preach the Word of God boldly. Holy Spirit confirms the Word of God not my philosophy or ideas.

a. Mark 16:19-20 And the disciples went everywhere and preached, and the Lord worked through them, confirming what they said by many miraculous signs.

Preach first, then signs follow His Word after its been proclaimed.

b. Romans 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Deliberately preach on what fruit you want to see in someone’s life because The Holy Spirit confirms the Word. Teach of healing and watch people get healed.

2. Exalt Jesus

a. 1 Corinthians 12:3 So I want you to know that no one speaking by the Spirit of God will curse Jesus, and no one can say Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit.

 Every legitimate manifestation of The Holy Spirit will establish the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

 Every spiritual manifestation that curses Jesus or points you way from Jesus is not of God.

b. 1 Corinthians 2:2-5 For I decided that while I was with you, I would forget everything except Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified. I came to you in weakness—timid and trembling. And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit. I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God. Paul only taught on Jesus Christ and Him crucified so The Holy Spirit demonstrated God’s power.

c. John 15:26 But I will send you the Advocate—the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me.

3. Expectation

a. 1 Corinthians 12:31 So you should earnestly desire the most helpful gifts. But now let me show you a way of life that is best of all.

i. Earnestly desire is to bring to a boil. This takes time but once it starts to boil but you must be deliberate and intentional in seeking the gifts.

b. 2 Timothy 1:6 This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you.

i. This is our responsibility to keep our expectation on, not the church, pastor, or spouse.

 c. Mark 2:1-12 Friends that tore off the roof.

 d. Matthew 9:20-22 Women with the issue of blood.

4. Love of God

 a. 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:1-8

Show you a more excellent way is full of the love of God. The love of God is not passive.

 b. Matthew 9:36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, kike sheep without a shepherd.