

I. Manifestations of the Holy Spirit Review

- A. The Helper - Jesus spoke of the Holy Spirit as the One who would “help” us grow in our love for Jesus. This is the primary mission and passion of the Holy Spirit. His greatest desire is that your heart and mind would be filled with knowledge about the person of Jesus Christ. This knowledge not only fills your heart with love for God but also is the transforming agent that conforms you into His image. (Jhn 14:, 16:7-14; Rom. 8:22-29; 1 Cor. 1:30-2:16; 2 Cor. 3:2-18; Titus 3:3-7; Pet. 1:10-13)
- B. Filled with the Spirit – There are two different Greek words that are used to describe two different fillings of the Spirit that we receive as believers in Jesus Christ.
1. **“Pleroo”** Filled - This word speaks of the abiding and indwelling Holy Spirit at the moment of belief upon Jesus. The indwelling Holy Spirit reveals Jesus to your spirit and transforms your heart and mind into the image of Christ. The result of this transformation is called Fruit of the Spirit. (Jhn 15:11; Acts 13:52; Rom. 15:13; Gal. 5:22-25; Eph. 3:19, 5:18; Phil 1:11, 4:19; Col. 2:10)
 2. **“Pimplemi”** Filled – This word speaks of temporary repeatable filling of varying degrees of power to give witness about Jesus. The result of this filling of the Spirit is called a Gift of the Spirit. (Lk 1:15, 41, 67; Acts. 2:4, 4:8, 31, 9:17, 13:9)
- C. Fruit and Gifts – Although there are differences between Fruit and Gifts they are both results of the work of the Holy Spirit. We need both are incomplete without them. The desire and reward of the suffering of Jesus remains wanting when we are lacking in either one. The manifestation of Fruit and Gifts of the Holy Spirit bring us to the fullness of love and the reality of walking in the 1st and 2nd commandments.

II. Love Manifest through Gifts

- A. The Holy Spirit also works through us with supernatural giftings and abilities to reveal Jesus’s love to others. These unique gifts that only function rightly if we are in community and steward them in love. Whether it is in us or through us His mission is the same, He longs for us to grow in our love for Jesus and, consequently, love for our neighbor. (Rom. 12:6-8; 1 Cor. 12:8-11; Eph. 4:4-7)

1. In His passion for our hearts to be fully alive in love for Him Jesus gave us spiritual gifts by the Holy Spirit in order that we would build each other up in our love for Jesus. Not only do these gifts build us up in love but demand that the minister of the gifts be operating love as well.
 2. Maturity in Spiritual Gifts is never biblically measured by power or uniqueness but by the posture of the heart. In other words we are not to be inspired by the level of power of gifting individuals walk in but rather the level of love. (1 Cor. 12-14, Eph 1:3-16)
- B. Spiritual gifts are never talked about as an additional manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the scriptures but rather a necessary manifestation in order for believers in Jesus to walk in the fullness of love. Furthermore, the ministry gifts of the Spirit are referred to as part of the rewards of Jesus' suffering.
- C. Manifestations of Spiritual Gifts are found listed in different categories or lists in the scriptures. For the sake of discussion and teaching dynamics we will label these lists "foundational gifts" and "expanding gifts". For these gifts to produce the intended fruit they all must be "administered and covered by love".
1. Foundational Gifts (1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11)
 - a) Apostolic, Prophecy, Teaching, Evangelistic, and Pastoral
 2. Expanding Gifts (1 Cor. 12:7-11;
 - a) Word of wisdom, Word of knowledge, Faith, Healings, Working miracles, Discerning of spirits, Varieties of tongues, Interpretation of tongues, Helps, and Administrations.
 3. Administered and Covered in Love – Fruit of the Spirit (Mat. 5:3-12; 1 Cor. 13:4-7; Gal. 4:22-23)
 - a) Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Humility, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control, Humility, Mercy, Meekness, Purity, Spiritual poverty, Compassion, Peacemaking, and Spiritual Hunger.

III. The Gift Giver

- A. Just as in everything Jesus is the central source, preeminent one, and destination of Gifts of the Spirit. He longs to fill everything with Himself and therefore He ascended to the right hand of the father and gave gifts to His body. No one person can be the fullness of Christ but we as a body through the Holy Spirit can.
1. He is The Apostle (Heb. 3:1; Gal. 4:4), Prophet (Mat. 21:11; Lk. 24:19; Jn 4:19-25, 6:14; Acts. 3:22-23), Evangelist (Lk 4:18, 19:10), Pastor (Jhn. 10:11-14; 1 Pet. 2:25, 5:4) and Teacher (Jhn. 3:2, 9:2, 11:8). He is the fullness of every gift that is in the body through His Spirit.
- B. Scripture is clear that all believers receive primary gifts that they are called and empowered to walk in. However, every gift He gives to us through His Spirit is part of who He is and therefore we can all experience a measure of every gift. I refer to this dynamic of the Gifts of the Spirit as overlap as we are called to manifest Jesus personally and corporately.
1. Paul urges the entire body to earnestly seek the gift of prophecy (1 Cor. 14:1, 24, and 39), while acknowledging that not all are prophets (1 Cor. 12:29). We are all called to pray for healing (Luke 9:2), but not all of us have the “gift of healing (1. Cor. 12:28)”. We are all called to evangelize (Mat. 28:19), but not all of us have the gift of evangelism (Eph. 4:11).
- C. Finally we must understand that the Gifts of the Spirit are given by grace based upon the wisdom and kindness of God, not by merit that no one should boast or become prideful. Because of this Spiritual Gifts are never to be understood as a validation of our spiritual maturity or sanctification.

IV. The Manifestation of the Holy Spirit in Community

- A. We spent most of our session last week talking about the work of the Holy Spirit in transformation of our hearts and minds producing the fruit of Godly love in our souls. The proving grounds of this transformation is the arena of community. It is in the realm of community that our weaknesses and the weaknesses of others become blaringly evident and the maturity of our love is tested. (Col. 3:2-24)

1. We must recognize that the exhortations of scripture are overwhelmingly calling us to mature in love towards difficult people and situations. The burden of the apostolic writers was not “Why are there still people in your midst in need of healing?” but rather “Why are there dissensions and strife among you?” (Mat. 5:44-48; 1 Cor. 1:10, 3:3, 11:18; 2 Cor. 12:20; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 4:22-24; Jas. 3:16, 4:1-2; 1 Jhn. 2:8-11)

B. In order to demonstrate and walk in the fullness of love Jesus was committed to community, and even chose an individual to be in His inner circle that was opposed to Him. If the faultless Son of God desired this in His life how much more do we need it in ours? (Mat. 10:2-4)

1. Many of the commands to ask for more of the Holy Spirit in our lives and Gods guarantee that He will answer our ask, is in the context of difficult relational dynamics. (Mat. 7:1-23; Lk 11:2-13; Jas 5:16-20)

Individuals whose lives bear the most fruit are individuals who value and are committed to spiritual community and who seek accountability within that community.