

I. Holy Spirit Manifestations

- A. When we talk about manifestations of the Holy Spirit many of us with charismatic roots think of physical manifestations of the movement of the Holy Spirit in seasons of revival. **Scripturally, however, manifestations of the Holy Spirit are supernatural words or actions through us that reflect the nature and character of Jesus to those around us.**
1. Sometimes these words and actions flow from a pure heart of love, and sometimes these words and actions supersedes the purity of the heart in order to manifest Christ to others. In other words, manifestations of the Holy Spirit do not necessarily indicate or carry spiritual maturity with it. Jesus in His kindness and grace does not wait till we are perfected in love before He gives us power by His Holy Spirit but instead transforms us in the journey. (Church at Corinth)
- B. Beholding to Becoming Principle – Scripture lays out very clearly how this transformation of the heart takes place through the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling on the inside of the believer. As we encounter Jesus or behold Him, we become like Him. In God’s wisdom He created us in such as way that our hearts and minds are transformed in the context of growing in love. (Jhn. 15:4; 8:22-29; 2 Cor. 3:2-4:7)
- C. Conviction and Vision – In His great love and desire for us the Holy Spirit convicts us of an area in our hearts or minds that needs to be transformed. Rather than gritting your teeth and asking for God to take away your anger, our response should be to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the nature and character of Jesus that opposes that area. For example, you are convicted about outbursts of anger so you position yourself to encounter the patience and loving kindness of Jesus towards those who hated Him. (Jhn 10:10; Heb. 12)

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 one another up in his love and person. 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 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.