

Knowing the Holy Spirit > Gifts of the Holy Spirit

- Why have we been created?
 - God's glory (Ephesian 1:12)
 - God's pleasure (Rev. 4:11 KJV)
- Jesus had the fruits of the Holy Spirit throughout His Life
- How many of the gifts of the Holy Spirit did Jesus use for Himself? **None**
 - Love (for God and His church)
 - If there is not love (fruits of the Holy Spirit) then the gifts of the Holy Spirit are pointless
 - We are immature like a child we think of ourselves and the gifts of God are for our gain and not realize are for others
 - God's glory [I Peter 4:11]
- Angels can share the gospel and do mighty works but God has chosen to use His church to accomplish His purposes
 - A body was prepared for Jesus to do the will of the Father (Hebrews 10:5-7)
 - Likewise the Holy Spirit has chosen to work through a body (church) [Eph. 4:11]
- What are the reasons that people are not filled with Holy Spirit?
 - Wrong Intentions
 - Selfishness (Matt 7:22, James 4:3), Jealousy , Competition (James 3:14-16; I Cor. 13:11, Acts 8:19)), To testify
 - Wrong expectations
 - That there would be some external feelings or emotion
 - Trying to imitate the experience of others
 - Unbelief
 - We feel that God will not fill us with the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13)
- If we have been born again how did we receive the assurance that our sins were forgiven?
 - We repented of our sins and received the forgiveness of sins and we believe God's word and asked God for an assurance in our hearts that our sins were forgiven (I John 1:9; Rom. 8:16)
- We should do the same in being filled with the Holy Spirit
 - We need to believe God's word that the promise is for us. We ask the Lord to be filled with His Holy Spirit believing in His word and asking the Lord for assurance that He has filled us with His Spirit (Gal. 3:5, Luke 11:13)
- What is the purpose that we should we seek for the gifts of Holy Spirit (1 Peter 4:10, 11)
 - His Bride
 - Prepare her to ready for her bridegroom (Rev. 19:7)
 - Constant encouragement and exhortation to keep her spotless and without wrinkle (Eph. 5:27)
 - To cherish and nourish (Eph. 5:29)
 - His Body
 - That it would be an effective body to carry out His purposes

- The one who sees the entire body to be an eye is self-absorbed and has not understood the body. (1 Cor. 12:17, 19)
- God has placed each member where He desires (1 Cor. 12:18)
- I should not forget that my spouse, children if believers are members of His body and I need to fullness of the Holy Spirit to minister to them as well.
- His Dwelling
 - A place where the Lord would feel at home (1 Peter 2:5)
 - An spiritual oasis for those who are weary (Psalm 63:1; Jer. 31:3-6, 12-14)
- What would our lives and church life be if it were not for the Holy Spirit?
 - Old Covenant Life
 - No Fruit
 - Lives that had an appearance of external holiness
 - No Gifts
 - Would rely on the natural human talents and personality to build the church
- From the different gifts we realize what God wanted to do for His church through the gifts
 - Prophecy (1 Cor. 14: 3)
 - Edification, Exhortation, Consolation for the entire body
 - Tongues (1 Cor. 14: 4)
 - Edification for the individual members of the body
 - Hospitality (1 Cor. 14:9)
 - Primarily to the members of the body
 - Serve (1 Peter 4:10:11)
 - Primarily to the members of the body with His strength
- Testimony
 - Matt. 3:17; Acts 10:38 – Jesus’s Life overflowed into ministry (Heavenly Father was pleased with the Fruits of Jesus Life and that then overflowed into His ministry)
 - Danger when gifts are exercised but no fruits of the Spirit (Matt 7:22)
 - God’s is in the midst by the secrets of the hearts being revealed (1 Cor. 14:25)
 - The love that is there from one another that we are disciples of Jesus (John 13:35)