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INTRO: A.-Past Messages:

1-Eternal Security and the **FATHER**

- His Infinite LOVE
- His Sovereign PURPOSE
- His Infinite POWER
- His Response To the SON'S PRAYERS

2-Eternal Security and the **SON**

- Christ DIED
- Christ IS RISEN
- Christ ADVOCATES
- Christ INTERCEDES

3-**ABSOLUTE SECURITY** of the saint thru the Father & the Son

4-Tremendously **important issue** to be clear about:

- Own settledness in the faith
- Own confidence concerning the future
- Own usefulness in the gospel ministry
- Own conception of what God has accomplished in your salvation
- Because this affects our christian life & service

B.-Present Message:

- 1-Outline: I.-OBJECTIONS To E.S. By Arminians
II.-OBSERVATIONS Concerning E.S. Related To The Holy Spirit

- 2 **Prop**: -See the feebleness of objections to the Eternal Security of the Bible
-See the work of the Spirit in the eternal security of the child of God
-Integrate the whole picture of the work of the Father, Son & Spirit in our behalf;
(A THREE-FOLD CORD)

We need to

- Realize that Eternal Security is
** eternal in character,
** secure in fact, and
** dependent upon all 3 members of the Trinity

I.-OBJECTIONS TO ETERNAL SECURITY BY ARMINIANS:

A.-Reminder of 'WHO' & 'WHAT' About Arminians:

1-Followers of Jacobus Arminius

- 1560--1609 A.D.
- Hollander of the 17th century
- Reacted against doctrines of Calvin of Geneva
- Emphasis on the FREE WILL OF MAN

2-FIVE ARTICLES of Arminianism:

- Partial depravity of man
- Conditional election (predicated on God's foreknowledge of man's decision"
- UNIVERSAL ATONEMENT - **ONLY CORRECT TEACHING**
- Resistable grace
- Falling from grace==Can lose salvation

3-Adherents to Arminianism--Nazarenes

Hilltop Baptist Ch.
Grace Gospel Ch.

A.B.C.
CALVARY+

- Assembly of God; Church of God
- Pentecostals
- Methodists (some)
- All "HOLINESS" groups, & others

Free Will Baptists

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4-Westbrae--Agrees with Arminians on Point #3; UNLIMITED ATONEMENT

O.K.B.C. -- **Disagrees** on Points 1, 2, 4 & 5

I.F.C.A. -- **Take our stand--NOT** with men, **but** with the **Bible**

5-Place where Arminianism is most clearly definable is on the 5th point--SECURITY OR INSECURITY of the believer; and they **deny** eternal security

B.-Objection #1--INCONSISTENT WITH HUMAN FREEDOM OF WILL:

* 1-Arminian thinks man's **free will** is **SUPREME ABOVE ALL** else & that eternal security is **inconsistent** with "free will" of man

2-John 10:28-29--"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave (them) me, is greater than all; and no (one) is able to pluck (them) out of my Father's hand."

-Arminian generally agrees with power of Christ **to keep**

-Arminian generally agrees that Satan or demons can not "pluck us out"

* → **BUT** he insists that the **BELIEVER HIMSELF** can remove himself from the secure grasp of the Son & the Father

3-Problems--**Rationalization**; for this is **not stated** in the text or

Contrary to clear statements: **anywhere else!**

** "Neither shall any pluck them out of my hand"

** "My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all..." (10:29)

* **Based on a false view** of salvation, for if man's **merit** contributes to his salvation, then man's **demerit** could contribute to his loss of Salvation

- **BUT** salvation is **all** by the **GRACE** of God, & so man cannot cancel a salvation which he did not provide.

4-Therefore, the objection that Eternal Security is **inconsistent** with human freedom of will is shown **not to be borne out** by Scripture

C.-Objection #2--INDOLENCE IN CHRISTIAN SERVICE IS ENCOURAGED:

1-The attitude expressed is that security in Christ makes one **"LET DOWN"** in service, **but** that **if** you're **NOT SURE** of the continuance of your salvation, then you'll **work harder** for the Lord. They think **FEAR OF LOSING** salvation will keep the believer from sin.

2-Motives for service

* **FEAR** would be their motive

BUT LOVE is a **higher motive**

1 Jn. 4:19--"We love Him, because He first loved us."

2 Cor. 5:14-15--"For the love of Christ constraineth us: because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again."

3-Do you want your children to **obey you** because of **FEAR**, or out of **LOVE** for you?

- 4-Honesty demands that we observe that many christians who do believe in eternal security & are motivated by the love of Christ do also live lives of active christian service. (3)
- 5-We serve God--NOT to become accepted, but because we are already accepted in Christ, and WE LOVE HIM, so that the doctrine of eternal security does not necessarily produce indolence among christians.

D-Objection #3--IMMORALITY OF LIFE IS ENCOURAGED!

- 1-The concern is that security in Christ would lead to a care-less life in sin because "he could get away with it"
- 2-The very OPPOSITE is really true, for my security makes me desire to be pure for my Lord
- 3-If one thinks that grace encourages sin, then that person does not understand grace!!

Rom. 6:1-2a--"What shall we say then? shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? GOD FORBID..."

Rom. 6:15--"What then? shall we sin because we are not under the law, but under grace? GOD FORBID."

If you hear anyone say: "I can do as I please, because I am saved," put it down as a FACT, he has never been born again at all.

4-Verses 2 Tim. 2:19--"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

-Tit. 2:11-13--"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that denying ungodliness & worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, & godly in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, & the glorious appearing of the great God & our Savior Jesus Christ."

5-So, the objection that IMMORALITY grows out of the doctrine of eternal security is just not so. -- Though some who believe

6-But before going on we must answer a question which comes up every time we teach the truth of salvation by grace & the eternity of eternal life. We hear it over & over again. It goes like this: "I KNOW A MAN who claims he was saved many years ago, & became an active member of the church, went out testifying & preaching, was respected & lived a Christian life for 30 years, & then he went bad, ran away with another woman, & today is living in deep sin & wants nothing to do with Christians. If that man should die, do you think he would go to heaven?"

7-I get rather tired of hearing this "OLD TUNE", but it comes up so often I'll try to deal with it in patience & kindness. A case like this, and there are thousands like it, has absolutely nothing to do with what the Bible teaches. Such a case PROVES NOTHING, absolutely nothing !!!

8-Why doesn't it prove anything ???

We cannot judge surely about another's salvation by what we see, though we cannot help but form a pretty firm opinion

-Such a one may well be like those of Matt. 7:20-23, of whom the Lord says: "I NEVER KNEW YOU", indicating they were never saved

PROOF
CASE
APPROACH

- *** * -- Only God knows the true heart of every man, and He will **JUDGE RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT** (4)
- Until then -- "Let both (wheat & tares) grow together until the harvest" (Mt. 13:30)
- **God can tell** the difference, even if we cannot, & He will make no mistakes.

E. - Objection # 4 - INCORRECT VIEW OF CERTAIN SCRIPTURES:

- 1-Generally about a dozen **"QUESTIONABLE" texts** can be marshalled in the Arminian case, & these are repeated over & over again
- 2-I believe that a **CORRECT VIEW** of each of these will provide an adequate, acceptable answer in every case
 - Contextual interpretation -- what goes before & after
 - Dispensational setting -- To whom written & why
 - Reformation of professed believers -- Exhorted to Consistency
 - Related to False teachers -- Never saved at all
- 3- **REMINDER** -- **But**, I am not going to go into such texts now
- 4- **NB** -- Many very **clear passages** to deal with
 Base our doctrine on the clear teachings of Scripture, **not** on the **questionable passages**
 -- It is noteworthy that... "the Arminian does not attempt even a feeble exposition of what are well classed as security passages." (Chafer, III, P. 339)
- 4- Indeed, as **Homer Duncan** writes -- "Those who believe that a Christian can lose his salvation because of sin do not believe that the **sin question** was **settled** at the cross." (The Anchor Of Hope, P. 11)

BASIC ISSUE

II. - OBSERVATIONS CONCERNING ETERNAL SECURITY RELATED TO THE H.S.:

A. - Preliminary Orientation:

- 1-S.R. **Mason** -- "If Satan & Adam both fell away from perfect holiness, it is a million to one that in a world full of temptations & with all appetites against me, **I shall fall away** from imperfect holiness, **unless God** by His almighty power keeps me." (Quoted by A.H. Strong, Syst.Theol., p883)
- 2- **INDEED**, none of us dare have **confidence in himself** !!!
 - 1 Pet. 5:8 -- "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour."
 - 1 Cor. 10:12 -- "Wherefore let him that thinketh that he standeth, take heed lest he fall."
- 3- **VANCE HAVNER** -- "Our forefathers had **INNER SECURITY**. Today many are trusting Washington D.C. for **SOCIAL SECURITY**. But we want something more --- and **God** has promised **ETERNAL SECURITY** for His very own!" (Salt & Pepper, P. 21)
- 4- Various terms --
 - Eternal security
 - Perseverance of the saints, which is dependent upon the perseverance of the Savior
 - "Once saved, always saved"
 - "Once in grace, always in grace"

NB

- 5-DEF - "Perseverance may be defined as that continuous operation of the Holy Spirit in the believer, by which the work of divine grace that is begun in the heart is continued and brought to completion." (LOUIS BERKHOF, as quoted by Lockyer, "All The Doctrines Of The Bible, P. 224) 5

B.-The Holy Spirit REGENERATES:

1-John 3:1-7

- "Born again" == "Born anew" == "Born from above"
- Required ** To "SEE the kingdom of God" (3:3)
 - ** To "ENTER into the kingdom of God (3:5)
- Accomplished ** John 3:5-6
 - ** BY WATER of the Word to cleanse
 - ** BY SPIRIT to apply God's salvation
- IMPERATIVE ** "Ye must be born again" (3:7)
 - ** No alternative method of salvation

2-The ONLY way to get this NEW LIFE is thru the work of God the Holy Spirit

- John 1:12-13
- Become a son of God
- HOW ??? --- By being "born of God"

3-What happens when the Spirit regenerates??

- NEW CREATION; 2 Cor. 5:17
- SON OF GOD; Rom. 8:17
- PARTAKER of the Divine nature; 2 Pet. 1:4
- SHARES Christ's life; Rom. 5:10
- CHRIST LIVES IN ME; Gal. 2:20

4-CHAFFER--"In the instance of human generation, a being originates who did not exist before & who will go on forever. Likewise in spiritual regeneration, a being originates which was not identified as such before, and this being will go on forever." (III, P. 335)

* 5-Here is the PROBLEM--Arminianism's view of man:

- ** Not lost & dead in sin
- ** Just mixed up & sick

--Arminianism's view of salvation:

- ** A state of mind;
- ** A good intention
- ** A resolution
- ** An outward manner of life
- ** BUT NOT "a gift of God"

--NO REALIZATION that the life of God is imparted to the christian

6-Eternal Security depends upon the Spirit because the Spirit regenerates the sinner, giving him LIFE which is ETERNAL

C.-The Holy Spirit BAPTIZES:

1-Not many N.T. doctrines are more misunderstood than this one, nor is there any more determinative of one's doctrinal position--ARMINIAN: An Experience!

Evidenced by
Tongues - Speaking

- ** A second blessing
- ** Subsequent to salvation
- ** Something TO BE SOUGHT
- ** Not universal among believers.

↑-BIBLE: A Fact

- ** Foundation of all blessings
- ** Part of initial salvation
- ** Non-experiential
- ** To be BELIEVED, not sought
- ** Universally the birthright of all saved ones

2- Key Scripture: 1 Cor. 12:12-13

- Note the "ONE" Body
- Note that ALL BELIEVERS are baptized (identified into) this one body
 - ** Jew & Gentile alike
 - ** Bondmen & freemen alike
 - ** Included both spiritual & carnal
- Repetition of "ALL"
- Agent of this Baptizing is the Spirit
- Members are tempered together to make the WHOLE BODY
- This is not merely "association" with Christ
- Rather, this is ORGANIC UNION with Christ & with His Body. — Bone of His bone; Flesh of His flesh — IDENTIFIED w/ HIM

3- Parallel Scripture--Gal. 3:27-28--"For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

- Agent of Baptizing is not mentioned here
- Equality further delineated ("neither male nor female")
- Reiteration of "ye are all ONE in Christ J"

4- The Baptism of the Holy Spirit places us into Christ

- Security is "in Christ"
- Permanent operation which is not reversible
- The glorious BODY of Christ will not be maimed or marred because of amputated members because they are "in Christ" by His grace rather than by their own merit

5- IMPLICATIONS

- Members of Christ (1 Cor. 6:15)
- Joined to Christ (1 Cor. 6:17)
- Members of His Body (Eph. 5:30)

6- ILLUS--A young Pastor was attending a summer session at a State University & heard a visiting lecturer in psychology speak of the importance of security in the normal development of a child. The professor said: "SECURITY IS THAT SENSE OF BELONGINGNESS WHICH IS BASED NOT ON WHAT ONE IS, BUT ON WHO ONE IS." The child may be naughty, yet still enjoy the security of the parental home because he is a child of the parents.

How closely like our security in the heavenly family! We are saved because of WHO & WHAT Jesus Christ is. The fact that we "FEEL SECURE" is not based on what we are, but WHO we are related to. The whole denial of the security of the believer by those who teach that a person may be lost after he has been truly born again is based on self-works!

7- An earthly father might disinherit & utterly abandon his son, but he cannot stop the son from resembling himself, & the reason is obvious--THEY SHARE THE SAME NATURE.

So also in the spiritual realm. Once we are "in the family" by the baptism of the Spirit, WE ARE THERE TO STAY!!

D.-The Holy Spirit INDWELLS:

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- 1-Based on the fact that the baptism of the Spirit implants a **NEW NATURE**, now the Spirit comes to **PERMANENTLY RESIDE** in the christian-- **In O.T.** the Spirit came upon certain ones for specific **tasks**, as Bezaleel (Ex. 31:2) to do the craftwork on the Tabernacle
--**O.T.** sees the Spirit as **sovereign** in His relationship to man, coming or leaving a man according to His will
--**No "HOME BASE"** for a permanent indwelling in the O.T. saint

2-New Promise of Christ

- John 14:16-18
- "Abide **with** you for ever"
- "And shall be **in** you"
- "I will **not leave you** comfortless (orphaned)"
- We get the **INDWELLING SPIRIT** because Christ prays, not because of any prayer or merit of our own
- See the **UNIVERSALITY**
 - ** Of Regenerating
 - ** Of Baptizing
 - ** Of Indwelling
 - ** **Present possessions** of **all** true believers

3-RESULTS

- Body **the temple** of the Holy Spirit
 - 1 Cor. 6:19--"What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"
 - Spirit **abides in us**
 - 1 John 2:27a--"But the anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you..."
 - OPPOSITE STATEMENT**; **Reverse of the issue**
 - Rom. 8:9c-d--"Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His."
 - No Spirit** means one is **not** a saved person
- 4-Spirit may be **GRIEVED** by sin, but He will **not** be **grieved** away.

Spirit may be **QUENCHED**--which carries the thought of resisting--but He cannot be extinguished

- 5-The Spirit is **here to stay** as the indwelling guest in the believer's body, making our bodies a sacred shrine to our God

- 6-**Arminians**--Deny universal indwelling of believers

--Deny permanency of indwelling of believers

- 7-**Arminians** were correct that a true Christian can go to hell, then it would mean that the permanently indwelling Spirit could spend **eternity in hell** separated from God the Father & God the Son--- and that is **UNTHINKABLE** !!

E.-The Holy Spirit SEALS:

1-Biblical texts:

- 2 Cor. 1:21-22--"Now He which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God: Who hath also sealed us, & given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts."
- Eph. 1:13-14--"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation:

in whom also after that ye believed (BETTER; having believed), ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory." (8)

--Eph. 4:30--"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."

2-Chafer--"The Holy Spirit indwelling is himself the seal. His presence in the believer indicates a finished transaction, divine ownership & eternal security." (III, P.338)

3-ILLUS--In modern times the use of the official seal is diminishing, but official documents are still marked with a seal. On a U. S. PASSPORT, the seal of the nation is crushed into the fabric of the paper so that it would be impossible to eradicate or alter it.

Corporations have seals, & these are affixed to legal documents. A notary has a seal that confirms the oath of an affidavit with that seal. In ancient times each man had his own seal & carried it with him at all times. Most people could not write, so the seal was affixed as a mark of the individual's responsibility.

Today we know that the signature of an individual can not be duplicated without chancing detection as a forgery. The signature takes the place of a seal. If you add together everything that is confirmed by an OFFICIAL SEAL and a PERSONAL SIGNATURE, you will get some idea of the Biblical meaning of a seal.

The seal of the U.S. GOVERNMENT means that all the power of the country & every agency stands behind it---along with the might of her armed forces. All human governments may fail in their obligations, but GOD CANNOT FAIL, for He is omnipotent & eternal.

4-Therefore the seal of the Spirit in the believer's heart is a foretaste of the knowledge-surpassing experience of divine blessing yet to be enjoyed in glory AND the guarantee we'll be safely delivered "home" to heaven.

5-The Spirit has sealed us "until the redemption of the purchased possession" (Ep. 1:14) & "unto the day of redemption" (4:30)

CONCLUSION:

A. Messages On Eternal Security:

1-Eternal security is sure because

- Dependent upon the Father
- Dependent upon the Son
- Dependent upon the Spirit

2-Three-fold cord

3-The Holy Spirit guarantees our Eternal Security

- Because He regenerates
- Because He baptizes us into the Body
- Because He indwells us
- Because He has sealed us

4-Eccles. 3:14--"I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it:.."

B. - Security Illustrations:

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1-ILLUS--Exodus 12. Israelites behind a blood-marked door were safe. The destroyer-angel passed over.

No need for anxiety---THEY WERE **SECURE** !!

2-ILLUS--Joshua 2:21-22. Rahab's scarlet line out the window was her sign of safety. Battle strife sounds were probably overwhelming, but **safety was certain** because **it had been promised** !!!

3-ILLUS--Perhaps you've been at the beach strolling, and have come upon a **WELL-SEALED BOTTLE**, seemingly fragile, but one of the world's **most seaworthy objects**, which will bob safely thru hurricanes that can sink great ships.

Your Christian life can be like such a seagoing bottle. When your **life is sealed** with the faith of Jesus Christ, the forces which surround you cannot enter to spoil the Spirit of God which has sealed you unto the day of redemption. You are filled with a **great buoyancy** which only the **SAFE AND SECURE LIFE IN CHRIST** can give. **Sealed** in such a way, you can **survive all** the storms of doubt and trouble which would **SINK** the natural man.

The sinner, being open & vulnerable like a ship, cannot be buoyant when filled with trouble & temptation. For without the Lord's help, the natural man is overcome, and he goes down to destruction.

Truly born-again Christians are able to **endure all** things and to **resist** the pressures from the world. And, like the seaworthy bottle which is **SEALED**, they move with an unseen current until they arrive at the end of their journey.

C. How About You??

1-Secure for eternity with Christ as Savior??

- Settled peace
- Constant joy
- Active service ****Motivated** by your security
- ** **Expectant** of Christ's soon-coming for His own
- Louis Berkef--"Perseverance may be defined as **that continuous operation of the Holy Spirit in the believer, by which work of divine grace that which is begun in the heart is continued and brought to completion.**"

2-**UNSAVED, & STILL IN YOUR SINS**

- Without hope
- Without God
- Without peace
- Rejecting** God's "so great salvation"

3-Why not be saved

TODAY ??

Receive the "so GREAT SALVATION" our Lord Jesus pro-

PROP repeated

We need to realize that Eternal Security is

- ETERNAL in character,
- SECURE in fact, and
- DEPENDENT on all 3 members of the Trinity

11/29/70 - Westbree
 1/19/75 - Calvary, Columbus
 5/20/84 - Lookout Bapt. Ch.
 7/19/87 - O.K. B.C.
 3/1/98 - Grace Gospel Ch, Beaver, WV - S.S.
 7/24/05 - Hilltop Bapt. Ch.

#264 - "I Know Whom I Have Believed"
 #263 - "Ye Must Be Born Again"
 #332 - "We Have An Anchor"

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"Security" #312
 "Saved To The Uttermost" - #279

Westbree - 11/29/70 #263 - "Ye Must Be Born Again" (194)
 Calvary Church - 1/19/75 #264 - "I Know Whom I Have Believed" (244)
 Lookout Bapt. Ch. - 5/20/84 #332 - "We Have An Anchor" (245)
 O.K. B.C. - 7/19/87 (246)

INTRO: A.-Truths From Ephesians 4:

1-Three parts to that passage (Eph. 4:1-16)

--UNITY of the Spirit-----4:1-6

--DIVERSITY of the Gifts-----4:7-11

--MINISTRY in the Body-----4:12-16

2-Christ gives gifts to men and gifted men to the CHURCH

3-Gifted men are to TRAIN THE SAINTS

--Trained saints are to do their ministry

--Body is thus to be built up in love

B.-Means Of The Saints Ministering:

1-Knowledge-----of the Word

2-Endowment-----with Spiritual gifts

3-Direction-----as yielded to Christ as LORD

4-Enablement-----Spirit-filled

5-ILLUS--An old Lancashire woman was listening to the reasons that the neighbors were giving for their minister being successful. They spoke of his gifts, of his style, of his personality, of his manner, and of other things.

"Nay," said she, "I tell you what it is. Yon man is very thick with the Almighty."

AND WHAT A SUMMARY of all that's needed for any saint to minister for God !!!

C.-Message Of Paul:

1-Outline:

I.-The FACT Of Spiritual Gifts: (1 Cor.12:1-3)

II.-The FITTING-TOGETHER Of Spiritual Gifts:
(1 Cor. 12:4-6)

III.-The FUNCTIONING Of Spiritual Gifts: (1 Cor.
12:7-11)

2-Prop:--To answer Paul's concern for the Corinthian believers

--1 Cor. 12:1

--My concern is the same

--Because for the true Christian this study is--along with an understanding of the Spirit-controlled life--the most helpfully clarifying of all truths for a life of effective & blessed service.

I.-THE FACT OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS: (1 Cor. 12:1-3)

A.-Knowing About Spiritual Gifts: (12:1)

1-NEED TO KNOW about them because Paul wrote Scripture to instruct us..

--To avoid error

--To avoid ignorance; unawareness is dangerous

--To benefit all the brethren

--To see souls saved

--To glorify God

--To serve properly & profitably

- To learn how we ought to behave in the House of God
- To AVOID HERESIES:
 - ** Romanism's doctrine of Apostolic succession
 - ** Mormonism's doctrine of priesthood
 - ** Father Divine's prophecies
- To AVOID FANATICISM:
 - ** Overemphasis on one gift or another
 - ** Tongues & Healing

2-To clarify these believers on the subject of SPIRITUAL GIFTS
Paul wrote in answer to their questions

--1 Cor. 12:1

-- **Πνευματικῶν** == "Spiritual Gifts"

--DEF. "A gift in the spiritual sense means the Holy Spirit doing a particular service through the believer and using the believer to do it. It is not something the believer is doing by the aid of the Holy Spirit, nor is it a mere augmentation of what is termed a native or natural gift. According to 1 Cor. 12:7, a gift is a 'manifestation of the Spirit'. " (LSC--VI, 216)

3-DISTINCTION--Talents vs. Gifts

- TALENTS are latent from PHYSICAL birth
- Gifts are latent from spiritual birth
- Jn. 3:6--"That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."
- CONTRAST the unscriptural hymn--"Our Best"(393)
- A. W. Tozer--"Natural talents enable a man to work in the field of nature; but thru the Body of Christ, God is doing an eternal work above & beyond the realm of fallen nature. This requires a SUPERNATURAL WORKING."
- Spiritual gifts require development & exercise, just as do natural talents

4-GIFTS of the Spirit vs. GRACES of the Spirit

- Gifts are for SERVICE
- Graces (or Fruit) are for SANCTITY (Gal. 5:22-23)
- These need to be distinguished
- BOTH are essential for balance; Life and Service

B.-Ignorance About Spiritual Gifts: (12:2)

1-Proper translation--"Ye know that when ye were Gentiles (pagans), ye were carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led."

2-As unsaved-----"CARRIED ALONG" in demonic worship

3-Now saved, and we ought to be aware of ANOTHER SPIRIT

- The HOLY Spirit
- Now He has an influence in our lives
- And that is not "strange" to us

4-BUT we must realize that our unsaved & unsavory past affords us no instruction & no preparation for spiritual service.

5-Thus, we realize the need of powers & abilities communicated to the Christian in the new birth, and these stand out the more when placed in contrast with our ignorant past.

1-Religions find Jesus Christ to be ACCURSED

- Not a correct attitude
- Not a God-inspired attitude
- "ACCURSED == "Anathema."
- This cry--ANATHEMA--which is so apt to Jewish lips, resounded in the Synagogue in response to Apostolic preaching. Christian assemblies, in the midst of their praises of the Lord Jesus, would sometimes be startled by a FLIERCE JEW SCREAMING out like a man possessed: 'Jesus is anathema!'---for unbelievers on some occasions had access to christian meetings.

2-Christianity finds Jesus Christ to be LORD or MASTER, as taught by the Spirit in the Word

- Confession of Christ's DEITY is found in this term, for "Lord" of the N.T. is the JEHOVAH of the O.T.
- John 16:14--"He shall glorify Me..."
- 1 John 4:2-3--"Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already it is in the world."

3-LORDSHIP of Christ--64 times in 1 Corinthians

- More emphasis in this Book than in any other N.T. Book
- Because a mark of carnality is to live as if Christ is not LORD or MASTER in one's life
- Obedience is to follow profession if anyone is to be expected to believe the reality of that profession.
- John 13:13--"Ye call Me Master and Lord; and ye say well; for so I am."
- Lk. 6:46--"And why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

4-Denial of Lordship--Either NOT SAVED

- Or not Spirit-filled

5-ILLUS--Years ago John Bunyan in PILGRIM'S PROGRESS described in words this kind of a creature who speaks of Jesus, but is not truly saved. He gave him the name of "TALKATIVE".....Christian saith of him, "He talketh of prayer, of repentance, of faith, and of the new birth but he knows only to talk of them." I have been in his family, & his house is as empty of true religion as the white of an egg is of flavor....."

...As merchants place dummies in their windows, dressed to look like real people, while yet they are not, so are many who are labeled CHRISTIANS, but the grace of God is not in them---at all!!

6-Thus, the LORDSHIP OF CHRIST in our lives is the test whereby those who are really loyal to the Savior prove

- their saved condition before themselves and others
- 7-~~ILLUS~~--Virgins in Mt. 25:1-13
- ALL were able to say the words
 - But ~~NOT ALL~~ were living lives that proved the reality of their words.
 - No "light shining"

II.-THE FITTING-TOGETHER OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS: (1 Cor. 12:4-6)

A.-Varieties Of Gifts: (12:4)

- 1-These are CAPACITIES for service--
- Varied manifestations
 - Distinctions of usefulness
 - Different combinations in different believers

2-Passages:--1 Cor. 12:8-10

- ** Word of wisdom
- ** Word of knowledge
- ** faith
- ** gifts of healing
- ** Working of miracles
- ** Prophecy
- ** Discerning of spirits
- ** Divers kinds of tongues
- ** Interpretation of tongues

- 1 Cor. 12:28
- ** Apostles
 - ** Prophets
 - ** Teachers
 - ** Miracles
 - ** Gifts of healing
 - ** Helps
 - ** Governments
 - ** Diversities of tongues

--Rom. 12:6-8

- ** Prophecy
- ** Ministry (Deaconing==Serving)
- ** Teaching
- ** Exhorting
- ** Giving
- ** Ruling
- ** Showing mercy

--Eph. 4:11**Apostles

- ** Prophets
- ** Evangelists
- ** Pastor-Teacher

- 1 Pet. 4:11
- ** Speaking (Prophecy, or preaching)
 - ** Ministering (Deaconing==Serving)

--TOTAL of 20 or 21 different gifts listed

--No word that all possible gifts are listed

3-The Holy Spirit is the same to all possessors of gifts

- Spirit is the unifying ADMINISTRATOR of all the gifts
- Believers are not equally constituted physically or mentally
- Neither are they equally endowed in spiritual realms
- Realizing this would save fanaticism or conformism
- NO ONE GIFT to be considered "evidence" of their being "spiritual"

- No two Christians are identical
- No two believers are identically gifted
- 4-GREATEST MIRACLE is not the diversity of gifts, but the common experience of salvation among those who possess the gifts.

B.-Varieties Of Administration: (1 Cor. 12:5)

- 1-Opportunities for service--Different endowments
--Different expectations
- 2-Deals with PROPER USE of spiritual gifts
 - Not as "I" please
 - Not according to my "terms" of desire or demand
 - But UNDER CHRIST'S LORDSHIP
 - HE is to direct-----not you yourself, nor I myself
 - And He will lead those with spiritual authority over you
 - *--Heb. 13:7, 17--
- 3-These varieties are according to HIS PLEASURE (Eph. 4:7, 8)
- 4-NEVER an opportunity of service contrary to God's Word
 - ILLUS--Woman Elders
 - ILLUS--Woman Preachers

C.-Varieties Of Operations: (1 Cor. 12:6)

- 1-Workings aren't always the same in every locale or time
- 2-Same God at work, but in His diversity
- 3-EFFECTS of spiritual ministry of spiritual gifts in different places will vary
 - Some are public & some are private
 - Some are large and some are small
 - Some are lasting & some are temporary
 - Some are universal & some are partial
 - But the POWER or ENERGIZING is always from God
 - Phs. 2:13--"For it is God which worketh in you both to will & to do of His good pleasure."
- 4-Always related to CHURCH MINISTERING
 - Because that is God's purpose in this age
 - By members of the Body
 - To add to the Body
 - And to build up the Body
 - WITH SPIRITUAL VALUES INVOLVED

D.-Value Of Spiritual Gifts:

- 1-Seen first in THEIR SOURCE in the Triune God
- 2-Not all gifts are of equal appearance, value or use (see 1 Cor. 12:28 for an "order")
- 3-Similar to the varied members of a human body
 - Not to "RIDE" any one of them as a hobby-horse
 - Not to deny any or all without searching of the Scriptures for answers on that.
- 4-ILLUS--Pipe Organ with many variations and combinations of notes through its many sizes of pipes.
 - Similarly with SPIRITUAL GIFTS. All are of importance, but not of equal importance (12:28)

III.-THE FUNCTIONING OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS: (1 Cor. 12:7-11)

A.-Manifestation Of The Spirit: (12:7a)

- 1-Not of man's working up
- 2-Not of man's calling down
- 3-WORK OF GOD in & through us
- The manifestation of the Spirit
- A divine enablement
- Graciously given
- To reach out to the LOST
- To build up the saints
- OFFICES in the Church have spiritual qualifications
- 4-Not for exhibition or pleasure, but FOR SERVICE
- 5-Spirit is sovereign--12:7, 11, 18, 28

B.-Manifestation To Every Man: (12:7b)

- 1-EVERY CHRISTIAN is endowed
- ALL possess one or more gifts
- Bestowal is sovereign (12:7, 11, 18, 28)
- ILLIUS--Famed Surgeon, Dr. Mayo said: "If I had only 4 minutes to do an important operation, I would spend one of them making sure everybody was READY to do his part."
- The Church today needs to realize the same issue: EVERYONE must do his part !!
- 2-Christians must be INFORMED--
- "Not ignorant"--12:1
- "To understand"--12:3
- "To covet"-----12:31
- "And desire"-----14:1
- 3-Failure to see your need and to act accordingly is a SPIRITUAL PROBLEM
- 4-Each to use his gift in the degree endowed as a stewardship from God
- 5-1 Pet. 4:10-11 (Expanded)--"In whatever quality or quantity every man hath received a gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth; that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."
- 6-And.....there is no retirement age on these gifts!
- 7-A stewardship all your life
- 8-James M. Gray----"It is better to put 10 men to work than to do the work of 10 men."

C.-Manifestation To Profit: (12:7c)

- 1-Not for personal advantage
- 2-But, for the good of the whole church--"for the common good"
- 3-Not for SHOW or for PERSONAL GLORY.....but for WORK !
- 4-Not to draw attention to "me", but to glorify MY LORD and MY CHURCH
- 5-Profitableness is in view to the edifying of the Body
- 6-QUESTION: What has been contributed to building up

Function of the
PASTOR- TEACHER seen here!

His Body BY ME that would otherwise be lacking?

7-Good example of one who used his gifts properly was JOHN THE BAPTIST---John 3:30

8-Failure to use gifts properly, or to pervert them for self-aggrandizement is A SIN against the GIVER, and also against those for whose benefit the gift was given

9-ILLUS---L. S. Chafer when he tried to become "A Second George Mueller". He nearly starved to death before it dawned upon him that God wanted a "First L. S. Chafer"

10-1 Cor. 4:1-~~2~~"Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful."

D.-Sovereignty Of The Spirit: (1 Cor. 12:8-11)

1-Very clear "division of labor" indicated here

2-NINE GIFTS Listed--Word of wisdom

--Word of Knowledge

--Faith

--Gifts of healing

--Working of miracles

--Prophecy

--Discerning of spirits

--Divers kinds of tongues

--Interpretation of tongues

3-These gifts--ALL TEMPORARY ONES

--All the work of the Spirit

--All divided "severally as He wills", which is according to a sovereign purpose

4-Implications-----No one has all the gifts

--No one gift is given to all believers

--Tongues & interpretation of tongues are here at the BOTTOM OF THE LIST

--in importance, as also in 12:28, 30

CONCLUSION:

A.-Dispell Believer-Ignorance:

1-Purpose of WRITING by Paul

2-Purpose of TEACHING by Pastor

3-Believers need to know--Important truths

--Divine enablement for service

4-POINTS ABOUT GIFTS--Given by God

--Given to EVERY BELIEVER

--Given for "profit" to the body

--Given as the Spirit wills

B.-Discharge Believer-Responsibility:

1-Know the Gifts from the Bible

2-Know YOUR OWN GIFTS-----do you??

3-Serve in terms of them.

WESTBRAE--1/30/66 #396--"Lead Me To Calvary"
1/30/72 #368--"O Jesus, I Have Promised"
#418--"Something For Jesus"

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION QUESTION FOR THE WEEK:

"What are the main values of workbooks in Sunday School?"

To both pupil and teacher:

1. Perhaps their chief value is involving teacher and pupils in intelligent interaction - all participate.
2. Based on definite lesson aims, with facts presented in order, they help users to develop lessons logically and not detour.
3. Completed, they provide a picture of the unit's work, for review.
4. Through art and explanation, workbooks clarify difficult-to-understand Bible terms and concepts, thus making clear a land and culture of 2,000 years ago and 8,000 miles distant.
5. Their use encourages self-discipline and improves work habits.

To the pupil:

1. Because workbooks direct pupils to the Bible for answers, the Holy Spirit can correct, reprove, and instruct them more personally than in class.
2. Right use of workbooks makes pupils more "at home" in the Bible, better able to find books and verses.
3. Workbooks encourage the habit of personal Bible study which arouses a growing love for the Lord and respect for His Word.
4. Workbooks, especially through the memory verse study, help pupils see the relationship between Bible truths and their personal needs.
5. Workbooks appeal to the pupils' desire to accomplish something worthwhile -- challenge them to work.
6. Workbooks provide the means of friendly competition -- for stimulating pupils to do required assignments.

To parents:

1. In church homes, workbooks can furnish the basis for family devotions.
2. In unchurched homes, they can witness to parents--call attention to truths being taught their children.

(To Be Continued Next Week)

"CONCERNING SPIRITUAL GIFTS---NOT IGNORANT"

(1 Cor. 12:1-11)

INTRODUCTION:

- A.-Truths From Ephesians 4:1-16:
- B.-Means Of The Saints Ministering:
 - 1-Knowledge of the Word
 - 2-Endowment with Spiritual Gifts
 - 3-Direction as yielded to Christ as LORD
 - 4-Enablement thru the Spirit-filled life

I.-THE FACT OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS: (1 Cor. 12:1-3)

- A.-Knowing About Spiritual Gifts; (12:1)
 - 1-Distinguish Gifts and Talents.
 - 2-Distinguish Gifts and Fruit.
- B.-Ignorance About Spiritual Gifts: (12:2) Proper Translation: "Ye Know That When ye were Gentiles (pagans), ye were carried away into these dumb idols, even as ye were led.
- C.- Relating Of Spiritual Gifts: (12:3)
 - 1-The issue is LORDSHIP
 - 2-What is Jesus Christ to you?

II.-THE FITTING TOGETHER OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS: (12:4-6)

- A.-Varieties Of Gifts: (12:4)---CAPACITIES
 - 1-1 Cor. 12:8-10 3-Rom. 12:6:8
 - 2-1 Cor. 12:28-30 4-1 Pet. 4:11
- B.-Varieties Of Administration: (12:5)-OPPORTUNITIES
- C.-Varieties Of Operations: (12:6)---EFFECTS
- D.-Value Of Spiritual Gifts:

III.-THE FUNCTIONING OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS: (12:7-11)

- A.-Manifestation Of The Spirit: (12:7a)
- B.-Manifestation To EVERY MAN: (12:7b/11/18/28)
- C.-Manifestation To Profit: (12:7c)
- D.-Sovereignty Of The Spirit: (12:8-11)

CONCLUSION:

- A.-To Dispell Believer-Ignorance:
- B.-To Discharge Believer-Responsibility:

INTRO:

3 messages - See P. 12

A.-Concerning Spiritual Gifts:

(1-1 Cor. 12:1-11)

--Concern that they be not **UNINFORMED**

--Concern that they be not **IN ERROR**

2-Tremendously important subject

--Taught in 1 Corinthians 12, 13, and 14

--Taught in Romans 12

--Taught in Ephesians 4

--Taught in 1 Peter 4:10-11

3-FOUR VIEWS OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS TODAY:

- (a) Those who **MAGNIFY** the gifts until they see little else but gifts
- (b) Those who **DENY** that the gifts of the Spirit are intended for today's Church
- (c) Those who appear **BORED** with the issue and don't care to discuss it
- (d) Those who **WANT TO KNOW** what the truth is about gifts so they can have what they ought and so they can avoid what is spurious

B.-Gifts From The Holy Spirit:

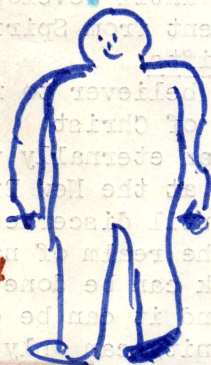
1-Schematic:

GIFTS

EVANGELIST

Pastor-Teacher

TEACHING
EXHORTATION
GIVING
HELPS
RULING
SHOWING MERCY
WISDOM *
MINISTRY



CHRIST IS THE HEAD

PROPHECY *
FAITH *
MIRACLES *
TONGUES *
INTERPRETATION *
HEALINGS *
DISCERNMENT *
KNOWLEDGE *

2-Truth of the BODY:

- Each member is joined to the whole by a relationship of LIFE
- Indwelling SPIRIT provides that life
- A.W. Tozer--"As a normal man consists of a body with various obedient members with a head to direct them, so the true Church is a body, individual Christians being the members and Christ the Head." (Oct. 1957, "Gifts Of The Spirit--Are They For Us Today?", Christian Life, P. 24)
- Each has a proper & limited function
- The Head can work through various organs designed for various tasks

3-ILLUS--Gifts are imparted to THE BODY OF CHRIST by the Holy Spirit and these gifts fit the believer into

his place for functioning and profit to the whole. They are like pipes in a great organ, permitting the musician wide scope and range to produce music of the finest quality. ①

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C.-Categorization Of Spiritual Gifts (Before N.T. was completed)

1-SIGN GIFTS (To confirm the Spoken Word):

- Faith * ①
- Miracles * ②
- Healings * ③
- Tongues * ④
- Interpretation * ①

2-SPEAKING GIFTS (To reveal N.T. Teaching):

- Prophecy * ②
- Discernment * ③
- Word of Wisdom * ④
- Word of Knowledge * ⑤
- Teaching ⑦
- Comfort == Exhortation ⑧

Apostles * ⑥

Pastor-Teacher ⑨

Evangelist ⑩

(or to proclaim it)

3-SERVING GIFTS (To meet needs):

- Ruling = Administration ⑤
- Giving
- Showing Mercy
- Helps
- Ministry = Serving

4-DISTINCTION: "Natural Gifts" or "TALENTS":

- ** Enable a person to work within a field of nature
- ** Imparted at physical birth
- ** Latent until developed
- ** Different from Spiritual Gifts

-Spiritual Gifts:

- ** Enable a believer to fitly function within the Body of Christ
- ** Involve an eternally valuable ministry
- ** Imparted at the New Birth
- ** Latent until discerned, developed, & "stirred up"
- ** Beyond the realm of nature & talents

5-A.W.Tozer: "Religious work can be done by natural men without the gifts of the Spirit, and it can be done well and skillfully. But work designed for eternity can only be done by the Eternal Spirit. No work has eternity in it unless it is done by the Spirit through gifts He has Himself implanted in the souls of redeemed men." (P. 25, op.cit.)

* 6-Spiritual gifts once having been given to the Church are the "CHURCH'S POSSESSION" even if not manifested in every stage of its history

--ILLUS ** Christ's conception, incarnation, death, resurrection and ascension

** These are NON-REPEATABLE contributions to the Christian Church

** They are not occurring now!!!

** Yet they are "OURS" because they have happened in behalf of the Church of which we are a part

--SIMILARLY ** The office of APOSTLE

** One qualification was to have visibly seen

the resurrected Christ

(3)

** IMPOSSIBLE for anyone to have this experience in our day

*** So the Church has no "current" apostles, but it does have the "historic" ones

D.-This Message: "WHERE ARE THOSE NINE GIFTS?"

1-Outline:

I.-The Nine Spectacular Gifts:

II.-The Nine Gifts Pass Away:

- 2-Proposition--To see what these gifts were and why they were given initially
- To see why these gifts CEASED and when
 - To thereby know the error of looking for them in the current scene

I.-THE NINE SPECTACULAR GIFTS:

A.-Their Presentation:

- 1-As a "diversity" or "variety" from the Spirit (12:4) 1Co
- 2-As a manifestation of the Spirit for spiritual profit (12:7)
- 3-As distributed among the members, rather than anyone having them all--"For to one"
- "to another"
 - Repeated all thru 12:8-10
 - "Divided severally as He will" (12:11)

4-Listing:

- WORD OF WISDOM==What to do in problem cases where there was no revealed Word From God available on a particular subject
- WORD OF KNOWLEDGE==How to do what was to be done in some practical way
- FAITH==An ability to trust God in some special way, especially for Divine leading & for providing
- GIFTS OF HEALING==Application of the power of God to health problems of people for the purpose of testimony
- WORKING OF MIRACLES==Power demonstration with a view to authenticating a prophet or an apostle or the Lord
- PROPHECY==Speaking forth for God an authoritative message of judgment, prediction or revelation of truth
- DISCERNING OF SPIRITS==Ability to discern the true from the false sources of supernatural revelation given in oral form before N.T. was completed
- KINDS OF TONGUES==Sign gift supernaturally given to the Jews to convince them of new revelation and a new dispensation
- INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES==Divinely wrought ability to translate the speech of those speaking in tongues

B.-Their Purposes:

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- 1- "SIGN" purpose of authentication
 - Healings
 - Miracles
 - Tongues
 - God's "STAMP OF APPROVAL" upon men & their message
- 2- Revelation-related
 - Word of wisdom
 - Word of knowledge
 - Prophecy
 - Discernment
 - Interpretation
- 3- Unclassifiable as to purpose--FAITH
- 4- All, with the possible exception of "faith", have a TEMPORARY PURPOSE which was fulfilled by the passing of apostles and prophets and the inscripturation of the Word of God in a permanent form

C.-Their Pre-Emptying:

- 1- 12:31 speaks of Paul showing "unto you a more excellent way"
 - More excellent than the gifts of Chapter 12
 - THAT BETTER WAY is to have "love" (Ch. 13)
 - Temporary gifts will be pre-empted
 - But love would never cease
- 2- Specific gifts said to be of lesser importance than "LOVE"
 - Tongues:: 13:1
 - Prophecy:: 13:2, 8
 - Understanding (=word of knowledge):: 13:2
 - Knowledge (=word of wisdom):: 13:2, 8
 - Faith:: 13:2
 - Giving:: 13:3
 - Self-emulation:: 13:3
 - Tongues:: 13:8
- 3- Characteristics of love--13:4-7
 - Positively stated
 - Negatively stated also

D.-Their Passing:.....

II.-THE NINE GIFTS PASS AWAY:

A.-The Promise Specified: (13:8)

1- "Love never faileth"

- Permanence of love is specifically declared
- Impermanence of all else is implied

2- "But whether there be prophecies, they shall fail"

- Speaking of prophecy as a gift, not that the prophecies given would fail to come to pass
- Prophecy conceived of as a TEMPORARY GIFT

** KATARYEW = "shall phase out" (gradual decline)

** 2 Pet. 2:1 shows that the time would come when pseudo-prophets would no longer be a problem because genuine prophets would be gone from the scene & thus impossible to imitate with Satanic counterfeits. Actually it is FALSE TEACHERS who are the problem throughout the Church age after Prophecy ceased as a gift.

** False Prophets reappear in Israel during the Tribulation (Mt. 24:11; Rev. 16:13)

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--BIBLE is called "PROPHECY"

** 2 Pet. 1:19-21

** Rev. 22:18-19

--Point is that when the Bible would be completed, then the gift of prophecy would "phase out"

--That happened historically

--But "love never faileth"

3-"Whether there be tongues, they shall cease"

--"Cease" is παύω ; == "ABRUPTLY STOP"

--Same as with the other sign gifts (Miracles, Healings)

--Their purpose will be fulfilled

--They will not be developed into a permanent usefulness

--They will STOP!!!

--God says so!!

--And historically they did stop at the end of the 1st century A.D.

4-"Whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away"

--Not talking about "knowledge" in general, for that is ever-enlarging

--But the CONTEXT is dealing with the GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE

--Same word (καταργεω) used as with prophecies

== "shall phase out"; "shall fall off"

--Specific declaration that this gift is of TEMPORARY import and usefulness to the Body

5-W H Y are these gifts temporary???

6-Seen in....

B.-The Process Stated: (13:9-10)

1-Knowledge is partial (ἐκ μερους) == "bit by bit"

2-Prophecy is partial (ἐκ μερους) == "bit by bit"

3-PIECEMEAL addition to what had been revealed in O.T.

--Progress of doctrine

--Book by Book revelation of N.T.

--1 & 2 Thess. by Paul 54 AD

--Mark's Gospel in about 57 AD

--1 John and Revelation by John between 90 & 96 A.D.

--COMPLETED CANON OF SCRIPTURE

*** Before the end of the 1st century

** Collected and recognized in 2nd century

4-Culmination of Piecemeal additions

--13:10

--"That which is perfect"

** το τελιον == "wholeness"; "the end"; "that which is complete"

** Suggested meanings:

++ Heaven or the eternal state

++ Second coming of Christ

++ The millennium

++ PROBLEMS:

το τελιον is never used of any of these 3 concepts or truths in the N.T.

Since τελιον is set in contrast to that which is "in part" (ἐκ μερους), it must refer to the culmination of a process

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** Acceptable explanation is that "that which is perfect" refers to the COMPLETED CANON of Scripture with the 27 Books of the N.T. added to the 39 of the O.T.

PROOFS:

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- ** (1) Tongues prophesied to cease and they did by the end of the apostolic ~~era~~ as God said they would.
- ** (2) Completed canon is the culmination of a maturing process where the Church moves from the infancy of partial revelation to the maturity of completed revelation.
- Gilbert B. Weaver-- "Logically, ΤΟ ΤΕΛΙΟΝ must refer to the completeness or perfection in the same realm as that referred to by ΤΟ ΕΚ ΠΕΡΟΥΣ. Since ΤΟ ΕΚ ΠΕΡΟΥΣ refers to the transmission of divine truth by revelation, the other term ΤΟ ΤΕΛΙΟΝ must refer to God's complete revelation of truth, the entire N.T. (taken of course with its foundational book, the O.T.)." (Tongues Shall Cease--1 Cor. 13:8", Unpublished research paper, P. 12, Grace Seminary)
- ** (3) Usage: ++ ΤΕΛΙΟΣ is used of SCRIPTURE (James 1:25)
++ ΤΕΛΙΟΣ is also used of the MATURE CHURCH WHICH IS THE PURPOSE OF GIFTS (Eph. 4:13)
- ** (4) Gift of tongues was also a sign to curious & doubting Jews (1 Cor. 14:21-22) and the significance to them ended with the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in A.D. 70
- ** (5) In books following 1 Cor. (About 59 A.D.) there is no mention of the gift of tongues. In fact none of the lists of qualifications for leaders (1 Tim. 3 & 4; Titus 1) include any specific gifts. Moreover, by the date of 90 to 96 AD there is no longer any problem or questions of tongues in the Churches (Rev. 2 & 3).

Why and When This Culmination??

- ** "Then (when the N.T. is completed) that which is in part (the temporary gifts) will be done away."
- ** καταργεῖται is used; (=="shall phase out")
- ** Tongues CEASE at a point of time
- ** Prophecy and knowledge are rendered inoperative by something
- ** WHAT IS THAT "SOMETHING" ??
- ++ Tongues ceased before the end of the 1st century because their purpose for convincing the Jews was finished
- ++ Prophecy and knowledge were rendered inoperative by the completion of the canon, so that which was "in part" was phased out by that which was "perfect, whole & complete"

C.-The Principle Symbolized: (13:11-12)

1-Personal ILLUSTRATION From Paul's own life:

--13:11

Contrasts:

** Past / Present

** Immaturity / Maturity

** Childish accompaniments / Manhood's accompaniments

** Acceptable toys / Adult tools

--ILLUS shows that when the Church comes to her full maturity possessing all of God's revelation for this age, then those temporary gifts associated with the Church's immaturity stage will be PHASED OUT (Kata yew) as in connection with prophecies and knowledge)

--The doctrine would not be established by an illus but Paul uses a personal illustration to reinforce understanding of his teaching

2-Mirror Illustration

--Often used to "prove" that we'll know our loved ones when we get to heaven.

** TRUE, praise God!

** But that's not the subject being taught in this passage

--"NOW" referred to Paul's day when revelation was being given by God to the Church bit by bit

** See in a mirror darkly (metal mirror)

** This mirror is the BIBLE

** James 1:23-25

** Reason the insight was "darkly" was that the Bible was INCOMPLETE when Paul wrote, but now it is complete for us

** Therefore in Paul's day the knowledge of both the individual and of the church was still "IN PART"

--"THEN" looks ahead to when it will no longer be by a mirror that is incomplete, but that one will know God intimately and clearly THRU THE WORD

** Completed truth

** Full knowledge of God

** Even as God has full knowledge of me

D.-The Present Situation:

1-To be sure that we understand this as the PRESENT AND PERMANENT condition, Paul tells us exactly what was to abide after the spectacular sign gifts ceased

2-13:13

3-NOTICE:

--There are three things that abide, not nine!:

--1 Cor. 12:8-10 lists 9 gifts

--Those 9 gifts went out when the N.T. came in

--Some think the GIFT OF FAITH is the exception because Paul lists "faith" here

--But the faith that abides is common faith; saving faith; that every christian possesses

--Whereas the "Gift of faith" was a spectacular faith that only some christians had

--We have faith today---even great faith---but it is as we apply the teachings of the N.T. to ourselves.

4-QUESTION:

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- Why did Paul say "LOVE" is the greatest of the THREE things that abide??
- Because LOVE will continue on into eternity
- Faith & Hope still abide after the 9 gifts ceased
- But Faith & Hope will CEASE at the coming of our Lord
 - ** 2 Cor. 5:6-8
 - ** Faith will become SIGHT when Jesus comes
 - ** Hope will be REALIZED in the presence of God
 - ** But Love is the greatest of these 3, because it will continue on in and through eternity

5-B.F.Cate--"Since faith and hope will cease at the coming of Christ, and they abide AFTER the nine gifts ceased, we are forced to find some place before the coming of Christ when these nine gifts ceased."
(P. 9, "Where Are The Nine Gifts Of The Spirit?"

6-WHERE ARE THOSE NINE GIFTS now ????

- Gone !!!
- All nine of them are GONE !!!

7-When???--They ceased at the completion of the N.T.

8-What is operative today???--Faith, **
--Hope and **
--Love **

III.-THE POSSIBLE SOURCES OF TONGUES TODAY:

A.-Possibility That Tongues-Speaking Is Genuine

1-Once that was true

2-STOPPED historically--1 Cor. 13:8

- Before end of 1st century
- No further valid, demonstrable, authentic occurrences
- UNTIL purported reappearance around 1900 in midwest of USA

3-Reoccurrence of Biblical Gift of Tongues

- Doubtful to say the least
- No promise of reoccurrence
- No hint of a renewal
- Would be contrary to the explicit promise of God
- *--UTTER VIOLATION by modern tongues-speakers of the "Rules" of 1 Corinthians 14

4-Other explanations:

- Preliminary statement--We are not generally dealing with a pseudo-experience. Those who profess to speak in tongues HAVE HAD SOME KIND OF AN ACTUAL EXPERIENCE
- Three possibilities of what the experience is
 - ** A faked experience
 - ** Psychological in origin
 - ** Demonic in origin

B.-Possibility That Tongues-Speaking Is Psychological:

1-ECSTASY--High level of emotional state

- Lifts a person out of a normal frame of mind
- Pours out "impassioned utterances"
- Condition of emotional exaltation
- Some cases seem to fall in this category

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2-HYPNOSIS or SELF-HYPNOSIS

- Coaching by "specialists" in the meetings

- ** Stamping of feet
- ** Clapping of hands
- ** Chanting certain phrases
- ** Shouting advice & encouragement
- ** "Treatment any psychologist would recognize as designed to lead the victim into releasing cerebral control of his body into the automatic nervous system."

- Dr. David Messenger--"I see tongues as a psychologically self-induced phenomena."

- ** Glossalalic person yields himself completely to what he conceives the tongues experience to be.

- ** Because he knows what present-day tongues speech is like, he breaks into that same kind of utterance

- ** ILLUS--John F. Walvoord's 2 maiden neighbors in Fort Worth--Chanting: "The blood of Jesus, The blood of Jesus..."

- Psychic Catharsis:

- ** Seeking for fulfillment & maturity
- ** Fails to find this in normal avenues of life
- ** Prominence of people in tongues who come from TROUBLED HOME BACKGROUNDS *
- ** Tongues give a release and cleansing (or catharsis), accompanied by deep feelings of inner joy
- ** Not evidence of mental illness
- ** But this experience may give release that prevents mental breaks in some---while it may in others push them over the brink.

3-Remember--Intensely subjective phenomena

- May be a variety of causes in different cases of tongues-speaking

- Burdick--"There is reason to believe that present-day glossalalia is an abnormal psychological occurrence." (P. 75, "Tongue--To Speak Or Not To Speak.")

- * --DESIRE for this experience is usually augmented by a group pressure situation where this doctrine & practice are propagated & where it is a "HALLMARK OF SPIRITUAL PRETENSE" to speak in tongues

4-When tongues-speaking is psychological in nature:

- It is not genuine, but artificial (in the sense that it is NOT THE BIBLICAL GIFT)
- It is not of the Holy Spirit
- It is a COUNTERFEIT originating in the flesh or in the world.

C.-Possibility That Tongues-Speaking Is Demonic:

1-Satan is the master of counterfeit

- Isa. 14:14--"...I will be like the Most High."
- Ex. 7:11
- 2 Thess. 2:9
- Tim. 4:1

2-Control--Works of God evidence SELF-CONTROL

- 1 Cor. 14:27-33, 40
- Works of Satan evidence no self-control
- Mark 9:17-22

3-Sir Robert Anderson has drawn to our attention the SIMILARITY between the experience of Tongues-speaking and the experience of Spiritism:

-VISIBLE EFFECTS

- ** E. W. Leach describing his tongues-speaking experience: "All at once my arms began to shake, gently at first, then violently, till my whole body was quaking under the power...On Sunday, May 16, in the prayer room I received the baptism. The Spirit came like a torrent as though he would tear my body to pieces." (The Bridal Call)
- ** Genuine Mediumship, P. 37 describing spiritism: "In entering the trance condition, your hands & body may twitch and jerk as if you were being subjected to galvanic shocks...when the spirit-power comes, there is manifested a peculiar jerking, twitching, or vibrating of the hands and arms, sometime extending to the whole body."

-FEELING WHEN "UNDER THE POWER":

- ** Leach again writes of tongues: "The Holy Spirit took hold of me. What sensations I experienced. Indescribably indeed as though I had in my hands the handles of an electric battery and the current passing through me from head to foot."
- ** Spiritism: "When the spirit enters, in the arms are felt peculiar, tingling, prickling sensations like needles and pins sometimes akin to a current of electricity passing through from head to foot."

-EFFECT ON THE BODY:

- ** (Tongues) "Falling backward...body extended at full length upon the ground...undergoing of strange and apparently involuntary contortion...heaving of chest and inflation of stomach...voice often interrupted by sobs...remembering nothing afterward or retained in some cases general and vague impressions."
- ***(Spiritism) "A young medium will probably find himself either partly or completely conscious of what is being said and done by the spirit through his body or vocal organs. He will naturally try to escape the utterance of strange cries, moans & gasps. The spirit which has entered you will stimulate your breathing which will become rapid and irregular. If you are likely to become a trance-speaking medium, you will probably experience a sensation as of falling or dizziness, as if you

Geometry Axiom

Things equal to
the same thing are
equal to
each other

were going to faint. This may continue until (11)
you become entirely conscious and you will know
no more until you regain your normal condition."

Draw your own conclusions from these parallels

Such comparisons lead me to the inescapable conclusion that there is a distinct connection between the sources of behavior in tongues-speaking and in spiritism.

4-J. Vernon McGee--"Tongues are traceable either to Pentecost or to Babel; to God or to Satan (Gen. 11:1-9; 2 Th. 2:9)."

5-Modern tongues movement grows out of materialism & a desire to base everything on EXPERIENCE, rather than on the WORD OF GOD

IV.-ANSWER TO THE TONGUES MOVEMENT:

A.-Cults Rise Out Of Neglected Doctrines:

- 1-They find a neglected truth
- 2-Then it is MAGNIFIED all out of proportion
- 3-Then the cult builds up the ARGUMENT OF EXPERIENCE
- 4-Then they make their "peculiarity" a test of orthodoxy or of spirituality

B.-What Is The Answer?:

- 1-Not Liberalism-----It is DEAD
- 2-Not Ecumenicalism---It is union without unity
- 3-Not Social Gospel--It has no power to change lives
- 4-Not Pentecostalism---It is contrary to Scripture
- 5-Not Charismatic renewal--It is an experience without a precondition of life in Christ
- 6-BUT--BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY IS THE ANSWER
 - Evangelistic outreach
 - Biblical depth
 - Not stuck on the milk of experience
 - But digesting the meat of strong doctrine
 - True Christians who:
 - ** Believe the gospel
 - ** Know the truth
 - ** Live the life
 - ** Share the reality of Christ with others
- 7-Where?????--In a BIBLE CHURCH, by whatever name it is called

8-ILLUS--"Look, Ma, no premiums" is the title of the following notice printed on cartons of WHEAT CHEX cereal:

"In this box you'll find no trading cards, space ships, fission guns. Nothing that rips, roars, or rolls, goes sshh-boom or even pttt. No Venetian poison rings, slave bracelets, car jacks or pictures of Yosemite. This box contains 12 ounces of crunchable, munchable Wheat Chex--the only cereal made on purpose for grownups. All the grownups in your family from 6 to 60 will lap it up. If you want gadgets instead of gastronomics, your local five-and ten will gladly help you. We take pride in bringing you the yummiest ready

to eat cereal you can buy. WHY SHOULD YOU BE BRIBED TO EAT IT?"

So also the true reality which is in Christ and His Word will be found in a Bible Church without all the "show" or gimmicks. We have the real & genuine christianity to present to a lost world, and we need to get on with the job.

C.-Attitude Toward Those Enmeshed In Tongues:

1-LOVE THEM--Lost ones

--Befuddled ones

--Entangled ones

--1 Cor. 13 shows that gifts without love are NOTHING

--ILLUS--Phil Howard--"Pastor Reiter loved me into the truth and out of Pentecostalism."

--Refuse to allow this emphasis of tongues-speaking to DIVIDE the Body of Christ and exclude you.... or to exclude others.

2-Be "MEN" (mature) and not "CHILDREN" (immature)

--1 Cor. 14:20

--Not immature in understanding

*--But with understanding as GROWNUPS in the things of God

--Realize what leads to tongues-speaking

** Infancy in the faith

** Ignorance of Biblical truth

** Carnality in life

*--BEWARE lest you be led astray into that error

--Realize that every benefit that the tongues-speakers claim comes from that experience is Biblically available to the Christian on the grounds of Christ's sacrifice.

3-Show our completeness in Christ....

....Col. 2:8-10

• What can be added to that?

• What more is needed?

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Where Are Those Nine Gifts?

Westbrae-#385--"Amazing Grace"-----5/26/74

84--"Love Lifted Me"

Calvary Columbus-8/31; 9/5 + 9/14/75

#326--"How Firm A Foundation"

#331--"Trust In The Lord"

#323--"Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"---6/2/74

#430--"Jesus Is The Friend You Need"

#483--"Take The Name of Jesus With You"

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"Tongues Shall Cease"

6/9/74

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"What About Tongues Today?"

"BEING SICK AND BEING HEALED"

Job 1:6-8

Intro:A.-What Were The Sign Gifts?: (1 Cor 12:9-10)

- 1-Wisdom-----facts from God
- 2-Knowledge---application of facts from God
- 3-Faith
- 4-Healing
- 5-Miracles
- 6-Prophecy
- 7-Discerning of Spirits
- 8-Tongues
- 9-Interpretation of tongues
- 10-----THESE WERE ALL SIGNS, WONDERS & MIRACLES

ALL were TEMPORARYB.-Why Were These Sign Gifts Given?:

- 1-To attract a crowd
- 2-To accredit the messenger & his message
- 3-To meet needs peculiar to the time before the canon was completed
- 4-The purpose of the sign gift of healing was not primarily to cure disease. It was to bear witness to the divine nature of christianity as the means of salvation. The great ministry of the church is SPIRITUAL, and not merely PHYSICAL.

C.-Terminus Of The Sign Gifts:

- 1-Used of God in the days of transition from Judaism
- 2-Ceased when the New Testament revelation was completed.
- 3-Now the FULL, COMPLETE, WRITTEN REVELATION of God is in our hands---fully authenticated
 - a fully sufficient message
 - Parallel---Lk. 16:27-31 **READ**
- 4-Sign gifts ceased
 - 1 Cor. 13:8---"Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away
 - Because no longer needed
 - Because even the N. T. record shows a diminishing incidence of these phenomenon in Gospels, to Acts, to Epistles.

I.-SICKNESSES:A.-Six Causes Of Sickness:

- 1-Hereditary Sickness due to sin
 - Because related to Adam
 - Because related to Adam's sinful descendants
 - Rom. 5:12---"Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned"
- 2-Judicially imposed sickness due to sin
 - God gave them up
 - Rom. 1:27-----sex diseases.
 - Miriam's Leprosy --- Nu. 12:9-10

The "MEANS" for these may well be the "common bugs", but the reasons + causes are now shown

"in the blood"

Speech
Eyes
Cancer

3-Disciplinary sickness due to sin.

- more when we come to James 5 message
- Heb. 12:6-11, which deals with chastening

4-Cultural sickness

[Sin Unto Death of John 5:16 + 1 Cor. 11:30]

- to teach us things God wants us to learn this way

****Job. 1:6-2:10**

Developing Christ-likeness in us

****1 Pet. 1:6-7--**"Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness thru manifold temptations: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto the praise & honor & glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ."

- to humble us before ourselves & others

****2 Cor. 12:1-10**

5-Constitutional Sicknesses

- Psychological sicknesses
- Weakness of the body-----Timothy's stomach
- Abuse of the body
 - **liquor
 - **sleep habits
 - **improper food, etc.

Aging too

6-Sickness for the glory of God

- Blind Man--Jn. 9:3--"Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him."
- Lazarus--Jn. 11:4--"When Jesus heard that, he said, 'This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.'"

B.-Five Cures For Sicknesses:

- 1-Medicinal--Hezekiah---2 Kings 20:5-7--figs in a poltice
--Timothy---1 Tim. 5:23-----grape juice
--Sick man--James 5:14-----anointing oil

2-Psychological--Called PSYCHOTHERAPY

- Removing the block that causes illness
- Bring to a mental acknowledgement of a change through talking about the problem, though no physical change is accomplished
- Christian Science operates here
- 40 to 80 % of all disease COULD be cured in this way according to Medical Science.

Doctors "Little Pink" Pills

ILLUS--The history of "HADACOL" is not far past. This patent medicine, containing a few vitamins, a lot of alcohol, and a colossal publicity campaign, at the height of its fame was supported by testimonials claiming that it had healed virtually every ailment known to man.....including cancer.

3-Physical Therapy--Restoration by practice & use

- well known for Polio, etc.
- Coue's Cures--Coue flatly disavowed

any divine assistance in his cures, but cure he did. With mental suggestion, urging people to repeat, "I CAN USE MY ARM, I CAN, I CAN", or "THIS WILL PASS, THIS WILL PASS..." Coue actually did cause the lame to walk, the paralyzed to arise, and the "blind" to see. The difference between Coue and the modern faith healers

is that Come was honest & did not claim these things as miracles

4-Demonic cures--Dianetics, or "Mind science"

- Witchcraft
- Spiritism
- Christian Science
- Mind cure
- Unity
- New Thought
- Theosophy, etc.

--Ex. 7:9-22 shows that the sorcerers of Moses' day were able to duplicate the miracles that he did with similar appearing activities

--Mt. 24:24--"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs & wonders insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.....shows that FALSE workers are to be expected

--KEY VERSE--2 Thess. 2:9--"Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power & signs & lying wonders."

5-Sovereign Cures from God

- As in cases of Jn. 9:3 & 11:4.
- Cured Epaphroditus, but not Paul
- Many others we know of could be cited

Some in answer to own prayers

Some in answer to prayers of OTHERS

--ILLUS--A great professor said at the opening of a new operating amphitheater: "Every patient entering here should bring in the faith and hope that the God of grace and compassion can and will heal him. And if the operator should have the joy of receiving thanks of a recovered patient, he can use the words of the famous Huguenot physician addressed to the king of France, "I HAVE TREATED THEE. GOD HAS CURED THEE."

II.-THE APOSTOLIC GIFT OF HEALING:

A.-Key Passage (Fullest Account & Explanation) Acts 5:12-16:

- 1-Healing centered in the ministry of Apostles--5:12
- 2-Healing is called a SIGN-----5:12
- 3-Emphasis was on EVANGELISM-----5:14 (Lk. 19:10)
- 4-Sicknesses were healed

**any kind or stage of sickness-----5:15-16

**regardless of faith-----28:7-10

5-Healing was UNIVERSAL

- Just like that of Christ
- Bona fide GIFT of healing
- Power resident in the Apostle-----5:15;
- Not true today

6-Yet, it was GOD who did the healing---4:29-30

B.-Reason For Apostolic Gift Of Healing:

- 1-Acts 19:1-12--that they might hear the Word
 - SPECIAL miracles wrought to accredit the gospel to the unsaved
 - led to salvation & changed lives*19:18-20
- 2-Never any SPECIAL MIRACLES to help believers
 - not for Timothy, Trophimus, Epaphroditus, or Paul
 - THEREFORE, not to heal the saved, but to reach the lost.

C.-Continuance Of The Apostolic Gift Of Healing?:

- 1-NO--because the N.T. is completed & so not needed
- because none are NOW able to heal ALL **Acts 5:16
- sickness was expected in Christian workers & believers even in the early part of this dispensation
- because we are given final instructions in James 5 for healing & that does not deal with the gift
- 2-Deniers of this Biblical position
- prove their case by emptying an Insane Asylum
- prove their case by emptying a Children's hospital for incurables
- FACT is, that THEY CAN'T DO IT.
- 3-McCallis--Feb. 1957--"Without exception American faith healers have so far refused to submit a single case to medical examination."

James is the only Epistle to give us any instruction. Others are SILENT!

III.-THE CHURCH TODAY AND HEALING:

A.-Healing:

- 1-By gift.....NO!
- 2-By man.....Sometimes thru medical, psychological or therapeutic means
- 3-By prayer-----Often, according to God's will, whether by "means" or without means
- 4-By God-----OF COURSE.....He is sovereign

B.-Four Basic Questions & Answers:

Raised by Roy L. Lammie in King's Business, May 196

- 1-Should the sick be encouraged to believe that they will be healed if they only have faith?

No, because this might be raising hopes that may lead to cruel disappointment. But, we should always pray for the sick that God's inscrutable will may be done.

- 2-Should we assume that God wants everybody to be well?

If we do we are contradicting the experience of Paul. We will be contradicting the triumphant experience of some of God's choicest saints. Such an assumption cannot be verified by the normal lives of God's people.

- 3-Is it God's will to heal all sickness?

Not in a general sense. God is able to heal all sickness or He would not be God, but God's will may permit the experience of sickness for the higher good of the sick person, or for His own purposes.

- 4-Is sickness always due to sin & does it come as God's punishment upon the sinner?

No, emphatically no!

Don't fall into this trap! — Fracts Terry Sneed w/ P.C.R.

C.-Summarization:

- 1-While there is a strong presumption in favor of the

fact that it is the will of God for people to have sufficient health to do that which God has called them to do, still we cannot be sure that it is always His will to answer every prayer to heal sickness.

2-Although we cannot fully comprehend the way in which God uses intercessory prayer as a channel for His blessing, there is every reason to believe that power for healing is often thus released.

3-But, triumphant living doesn't depend on perfect health, for while the outward man perishes, the inward man may be renewed day by day." Roy L. Laurin

CONCLUSION:

A.-Sickness:

- 1-Many genuine cases
- 2-Causes may vary
- 3-Cures may & do vary.

Hereditary sicknesses
Judicially imposed sickness
Disciplinary
Cultural
Constitutional
For God's glory

B.-Gift of Healing:

- 1-Given in the early Church as a means to reach unsaved people for Christ
- 2-Cured all who came
- 3-Not ever given to help Christians
- 4-Called a sign gift
- 5-Has CEASED as have ALL NINE of the sign gifts

Medicinal
Psychological
Physical Therapy
Demonic
Sovereign

(Deal w/ this in message on Modern Healing Movement)

C.-Therefore, Divine Healing (by God) does take place now as in the past, but there is no such thing as DIVINE HEALERS WITH A HEALING GIFT today.

- 1-Healing once was PROMISCUOUS
- 2-Today healing is PROVIDENTIAL
- 3-Both cases are according to the will of God
- 4-"The demonstration of the Spirit today is not to be seen in ecstatic experiences or in healed bodies, but in changed lives." Alvin Lewis, 8/6/61 in Calvary Ch

~~throughout the world~~

5- How is it with you?

- Seeking an experience — (or)
- Serving the Lord?

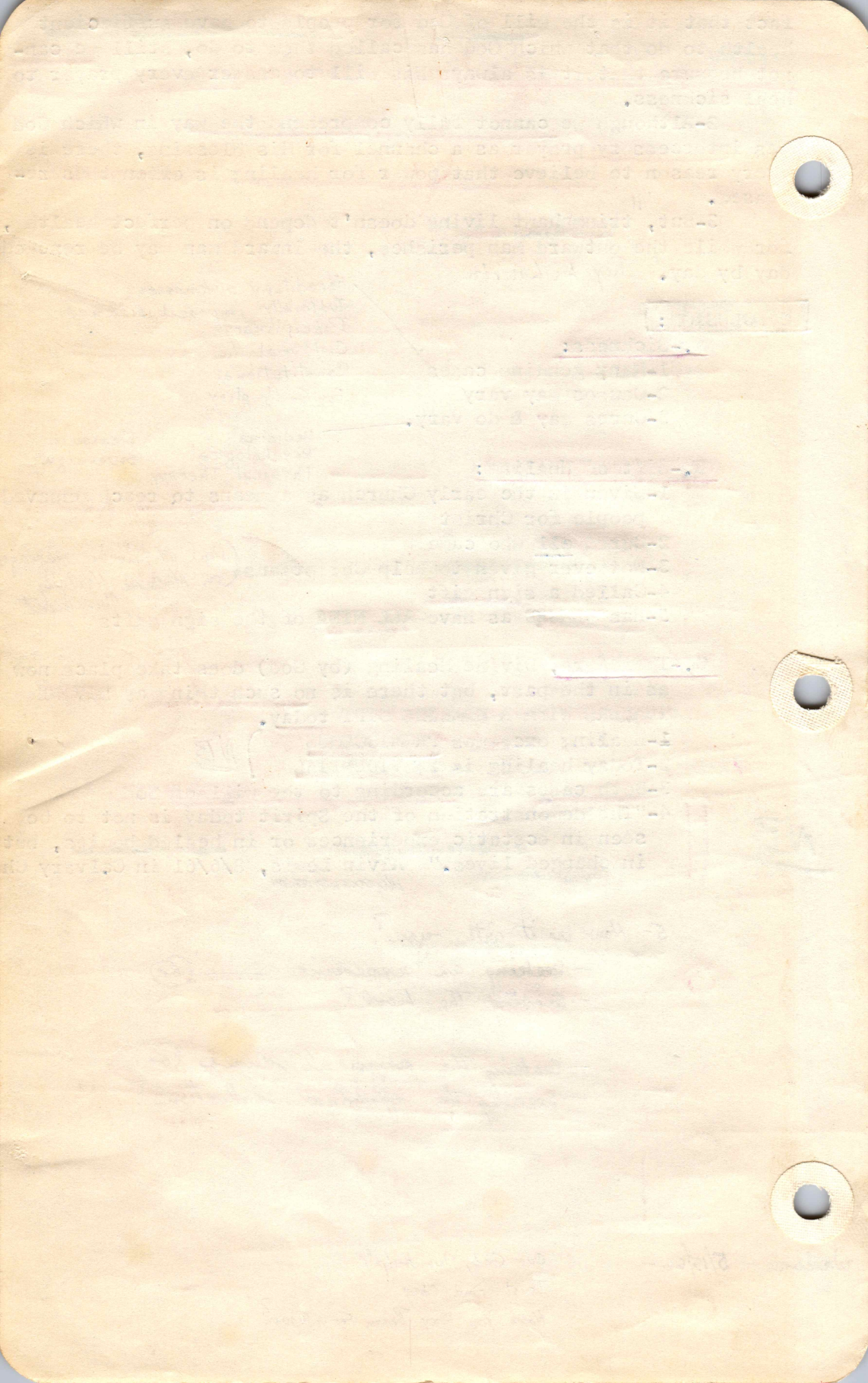
- Seeking the physical cures (or)
- Seeking the spiritual salvation?

Westrae - 5/15/66 -

"Our God, Our Help"

"Trust And Obey"

"Have You Any Room For Jesus?"



"GIFTS IN THE BODY" or
"ONENESS AND Diversity"

1 Cor. 12:12-31
~~Read Matt. 25:14-30~~

Phs. 2:2-4

INTRO:

A. Kinds Of Bodies:

- 1-Fleshly (human & animal)
- 2-Terrestrial (earthly)
- 3-Celestial (heavenly)
- 4-Spiritual (body of Christ)

B. Spiritual Body=Body of Christ:

- 1-Members--saved thru faith in Christ
 - cleansed thru blood of Christ
 - endowed with gifts
- 2-Expected to serve in terms of Gifts
- 3-Members of His Body
 - All the saved of this dispensation
 - All equal in privileges
 - All different in endowment for service
 - All are expected to be faithful
 - 1 Cor. 4:2--"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."

C. Relations Of Gifts In The Body:

- 1-Unity of the gifts
- 2-Diversity of the gifts
- 3-Dependency of the gifts
- 4-Importance of the gifts

Eph. 4:1-16
*Proposition
show Interrelation
ships of gifts
in the Body*

I. UNITY OF GIFTS IN THE BODY----(1 Cor. 12:12-13):

A. Oneness Of The Believers:

- 1-"ONE" is the key
 - "One body"--4 times
 - "One Spirit"--2 times
- 2-Many members, but united TOGETHER,
- 3-Living ORGANISM.....not just an ORGANIZATION
- 4-Interrelationship between believers because they are members of the same Body
- 5-THUS--Under the ministry of missionaries in China a

man was saved and as a believer in Jesus Christ he could no longer worship his ancestors in the usual manner. It was just at the New Year time that this occurred, at which time he was supposed to perform the usual rites of burning paper and incense to his dead ancestors.

When he refused, the decision was given out by the head of his clan that unless he would recant in 15 days, he would be beaten with 1000 stripes. They would have been permitted by law to wreak this vengeance upon one of their own clan. As the end of the 15 days drew near, another native Christian went to visit the head of the clan, and said in substance: "You don't understand the Christian faith. When a man believes in the Lord Jesus Christ, God is his father and every other believer is his brother or sister. We are all one family, and I could not stand idly by and see my brother beaten. What all we Christians propose to you is this: If you insist on carry-

ing out your sentence, all of us in the country round about who are brothers and sisters in Christ are going to come and share those stripes with him"

The parley went on all night. The head of the clan knew there would be trouble if members of another clan were beaten by them, so he finally sent apologies, saying that they had not understood the Christian faith and the oneness of those who believed in Jesus or such a verdict would never have been passed.

The Lord was glorified as the unity of Christians proved greater than heathen power.

B. Bond Of The Believers:

- 1-Work of the Spirit
- 2-Baptizes us into one body
- 3-~~AORIST~~ tense--A past fact
 - Already accomplished
 - Historically at Pentecost
 - Personally at salvation

For
EVERY
Believer

4-New Birth is common to all ages (Jn. 3:10)

5-But Spirit Baptism is UNIQUE to the Church to form the Body of Christ in this age only

6-Agent of both creation & sustenance of the Body---Holy Spirit

7-ORIGIN of the BODY here is explained

C. Effect Upon The Believers:

- 1-Written to Corinthian believers
- 2-Says "WE ALL"-----no exceptions
- 3-Includes--Jew and Gentile

- Bond and Free
- Male and Female
- Spiritual and Carnal
- Old and Young
- ALL born-again ones

--Gal. 3:26-28--"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ"

4-ALL ONE in Christ thru the agency of the Spirit's baptism

5-ILLUS--A Christian worker once told of her visit to the beautiful palace of an English Duchess, a very humble christian woman. On the Lord's Day morning the Duchess took the visitor to a meeting of a little group of Christian people gathered about the table of the Lord, and as they sat there, a man got up and expounded the Word to them.

The Duchess leaned over and whispered to the lady, "THAT MAN IS MY COACHMAN". The Christian worker was not a little surprised that this Duchess would go and listen to her coachman expound the Word, and said to her later: "Isn't it hard on your pride to have to listen to your coachman open the Scriptures and exhort you?"

The duchess replied, "IN THE CHURCH OF GOD THERE IS NEITHER JEW NOR GREEK, BOND NOR FREE, WE ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS."

That is the effect of the oneness in the body

II. DIVERSITY OF GIFTS IN THE BODY---(12:14-20):

A. Dissimilar Gifts:

- 1-Many, different, and dissimilar "members"
- 2-Not all feet, hands, eyes, ears, noses, etc.
- 3-No less a part of the body just because **DIFFERENT** from other functioning parts
- 4-12:14-17 employs **ridicule** to show the foolishness of identicalness between various parts

5-~~12:18~~ "Well, as I cannot do what Mrs. Jones does, I will **not do anything**,".....and with such words discontent and strife is engendered. Remember that **every member** of your physical body has its own **special function**.

Just imagine some morning when you are getting out of bed and you go to put your feet on the floor, your **left foot** should speak up and say, "I do not like being a foot, and I do not like always being shut up, having a stocking pulled over me and then being encased all day in a shoe. I have as much right to be in the open as that **hand** of yours has. I do not like it that the **hand** does all the **writing**, all the **painting**, all the **playing of the piano** while I have to be hidden away all the time. I do not like it.....and I am not going to function any longer unless you **train me to write letters and play the piano**. **I REFUSE TO WORK ANY LONGER AS A FOOT**."

You've seen **folks just like that**, folks that won't play the game unless they can do the things that other people do.

I heard of a man **born without arms** who had been so trained---so wonderfully trained---that he could hold a pen between his toes and **write** and **paint**.....but he was a **FREAK** in a **SIDE-SHOW**. A normal person does not do that. The foot cannot do the work of the hand. If the **foot is content** to do the work of a foot, **what a splendid thing it is**, **BUT** if it tries to do the work of a hand, what a **failure** it is.

6-JUST SO, the Spiritual Body's members spiritual gifts are **varied**, but according to design so that their **dissimilar characteristics function together**

7-1 Cor. 12:18--"But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body as it hath pleased Him."

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B. Designed Gifts:

- 1-Sovereign bestowal--gifts to all
--differing functions to every one
- 2-Warning against--**Discontentment** over **LITTLE** gifts
--**Pride** over **BIG** gifts
- 3-Design is to **PLEASE GOD**.....**NOT US**
Glory to God.....**not us**.
- 4-Diversity of Spiritual Gifts

--Fits our varying personalities
--Fits our varying backgrounds
--Fits our varying responsibilities
--Fits our varying ministries
AND YET, keeps the **BODY** in perspective

--Allows **contentedness** where God has put **EACH OF US**
5-That's the **DIVINE ORGANIZATION** of the Body

III. DEPENDENCY OF GIFTS IN THE BODY --- (12:21-27) :

A. Necessary Members--(12:21-22) :

- 1-Eye, hand, etc---ALL parts are necessary
- 2-Head to feet---Christ needs us as badly as we need Him *
---Acts 1:1-2---"The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after that he thought the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom He had chosen."
- Col. 2:19---"And not holding the Head, from whom all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered,"
- 3-Strong & feeble are both necessary
- 4-To SYNCHRONIZE together; To SYMPHONIZE together
- 5-No solos-----"Not solo, but symphony"

B. Various Members--(12:23) :

- 1-"Comely"---as face, hands
---showy & public gifts
- 2-"Less honorable"---as arms, legs, nose, ears
---as working gifts that are not too public
- 3-"Uncomely parts"---as inwards & vitals
---unseen, but vital

---ILLUS---Two views of a girl singing a gospel melody. One says they don't know why she doesn't sit down and let someone with a real voice sing. Another says they get such a blessing out of her use of her voice because her life shows that what she is singing is real and comes from her heart, so that it warms the hearers heart too.

REMEMBER---Those we don't appreciate are God's vessels and messengers too--to someone else. We dare not despise them.

4-ILLUS---I think of a sister of a British member of Parliament going out to the mission field at the age of 55. Why did she go? Because the Lord sent her.

She could not learn the language; she was too old and she could not accomplish it. She learned the hymns by rote memory, without understanding them, that she might sing them at the bedside of patients in the mission hospital.

But she did something else; she cared for the houses and homes of the younger missionaries so that they might have less domestic duties to attend to and would be free to go out and evangelize and teach.....

She wrote home: "I cannot learn the language, but I am cleaning the pots and pans for Christ." There are diversities of government, but the same Lord is working in all.

C. Inter-related Members--(12:24-27) :

- 1-Shame or beauty of any part is OURS, since WE are part of an inter-related body
- 2-Clothes of beauty cover unbeautiful parts
Clothes of service obscure un-showy gifts by which the service is produced

3-Dependency Tempered together as pleases God

--That there be no schism

--12:26--Natural result of inter-dependence

--Something lacking in all of us, so we need the gifts of others to "round us out"

--And.....that's putting it mildly

--No room to despise any, but to appreciate ALL

--ILLUS--In a restaurant I once saw a sign which read: "If you like our food, tell others; if you don't, tell us"

--ILLUS--A brother came to the late Leon Tucker and started telling him quite a little about another preacher. Mr. Tucker asked, "Is it because you love this brother so much that you are telling me this?"

The man turned red....very red...and did not know what to answer Mr. Tucker.

This is a very practical test, for "the members should have the same care one for another" (12:25b)

4-Dependent upon each other; Honoring others above ourselves

IV. IMPORTANCE OF GIFTS IN THE BODY---(12:28-31):

A. Purpose Of The Gifts (12:28):

1-God has done the setting in the Body

2-Gk--"set for Himself"--as He is pleased

--12:18, 28

3-That the church be as it pleases Him--Mt. 16:18

--"My church"

B. Order Of The Gifts (For limited purpose of 1 Cor 12) (12:28):

1-First--Apostles--Temporary gift for establishing the Ch.

2-Second--Prophets--Temporary gift for receiving & recording the Word of God

--Yet in the Body & given to us all as to the permanent effect of their ministry

3-Third--Teachers--Trainers of others in the Word

--High & holy privilege

--Mt. 13:52--"...Therefore every scribe

which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.

4-THEN--Miracles--Temporary gift to authenticate the message

--Healings-- ditto

--Helps--ILLUS--Bishop Thoburn was 1 of the world's greatest missionaries, & served over 50 yrs. in India & the Far East. But the world does not know so well that his brother stayed home & worked & saved to send him thru school & get Bp. Thoburn ready for his life's work.

That brother--like Peter's brother Andrew--did not become famous. He stayed back on the farm & made his brother famous as Andrew helped Peter who became the great leader. Those with the gift of helps are

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1 Come Thow Faint - 405
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My Faith clings up To Thee

3 When I Survey The Wondrous Cross - 423
2 Footsteps of Jesus - 252

Review
4
Lessons
Given Above

those who, though they cannot do great things,
help others close to them to do them!

- ~~Governments~~ - Permanent - *Administration of the Church*
- ~~Tongues~~ - **LAST** on the list
- Shows their **INFERIOR** status
- Shows the fallacy of Pentecostalism
- Temporary sign gift
- Given until a full & final revelation was in hand (*see next message*)

C. Distribution Of The Gifts - (12:29-30):

- 1-Negative questions in 12:29-30
- 2-Greek construction expects a **NEGATIVE** answer!

3-THEREFORE 4 Lessons for us

- ①-Possession of any one gift is not the norm of spirituality among believers
- ②-All believers are incomplete without all other believers
- ③-We should show balance in appreciation to God for the gifts we have & which others have
- ④-Covet the best spiritual gifts to do our very best in service for God-----12:31

CONCLUSION:

Evidence of God's **ORDER** in the Body

A. Gifts In The Body: (1 Cor. 12:12-31)

- 1-Unity of gifts in the Body by the SPIRIT
- 2-Diversity of gifts for service
- 3-Dependency of gifts in inter-relationship
- 4-Importance of gifts in Biblical evaluation
 - Each member in his proper place
 - Each member according to God's standard
 - Rom. 12:10, 16
 - Phs. 2:2-4--"Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done thru strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves."

Lessons From Spiritual Gifts:

B. Concluding Points:

- 1-No one is **UNNECESSARY** since endowed by the Spirit
- 2-No one is **SELF-SUFFICIENT** without other believers
- 3-Biblical Warnings--"Neglect not"--1 Tim. 4:14
--"Stir up"-----2 Tim. 1:6

4-Remember:

"We are laborers together"-----**HUMAN** side
"...with God"-----**DIVINE** side

5-J. M. Black--"Let us labor for the Master from the dawn to setting sun
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care
Then when all of life is over, and our work on earth is done
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there"

...and so will others thru your ministry

"WHAT ABOUT MIRACLES TODAY?"

INTRO: A.-The Understanding Of Miracles:

- 1-Miracles come from God
- 2-Miracles cannot be understood apart from God
- 3-To know the POWER of God it is essential to know the PERSON of God
- 4-The WHO is important.....not the HOW
- 5-Dr. John R. Brobeck, Chairman of the Dept. of Physiology at the U. of Pa. School of Medicine.

"One of the essences of science is reproductibility. If I can't observe the miracles of 2,000 years ago and reproduce them, as a scientist, I can't believe them possible.

BUT as a christian, a MIRACLE HAS HAPPENED to me which makes me accept these miracles. This miracle is the new birth, which every one of us who is a Christian has experienced. It is the application of God's power which brings about this change which is a miracle. It cannot be accomplished by any biological or psychological force. It creates within us the will to believe"

B.-The Meaning Of Miracles:

- 1-Biblically classed as a "SIGN" Acts 2:22
Heb. 2:4
- 2-"Sign" indicates a symbolic meaning behind it
- 3-Points to something beyond itself
- 4-Points not merely to the POWER, but the PERSON of God

C.-The Explanation Of Miracles:

- 1-History of miracles
- 2-Two types of miracles
- 3-Two purposes of miracles
- 4-End of the gift of miracles

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So we know -
• What to expect
• What to seek
• What to follow
• What to do in our own experiences.

I.-THE HISTORY OF MIRACLES:

A.-God-Given Miracles: (FOUR periods past & ONE period future when both miraculous & imitative wonders take place)

- 1-Moses--Means of deliverance of Israel from Egyptian bondage & sustenance in the wilderness
 - 2-Elijah & Elisha--Remedy for apostasy
 - 3-Captivity in Babylon--Preservation of His own (Daniel & other young men from furnace & Mordecai)
 - 4-Jesus Christ--Manifestation of salvation
 - 5-Apostles-----Extension of salvation
 - 6-Tribulation--Rev. 11:3-12; Miracles by the 2 witnesses
- FINAL WARNING before judgment

B.-Satanic Miracles: (Rom. 1:18--"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness.")

Days of the Judges

N.T. Times

Future

- 1-Magicians in Egypt-----Ex. 7:11, 22 -- Against Moses
- 2-Prophets of Baal-----1 Kings 18--Against Elijah
- 3-Simon Magus-----Acts 8:9-11--Against Apostles
- 4-Elymas the Sorcerer-----Acts 13:6-8--Against Apostles
- 5-Anti-Christ & False Prophet

--Mt. 24:24--"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

--2 Th. 2:8-10--"And then shall that Wicked (One) be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming: even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved."

--Rev. 13
 -13:3 - Resurrection
 -13:7 - Power in War
 13:13-14 - Miracles
 13:15 - Breath to the image

6-~~ILLUS~~---Miracles claimed by the Roman Catholic Church in connection with Lourdes & Fatima.

7-Purpose of Satanic miracles

---COUNTERFEIT to mislead

---Deut. 13:1-3---READ

TYPES

II.--TWO ~~WAYS~~ OF MIRACLES:

A.--Directly By God---DIVINE FIAT that is unassisted
 --An expression of absolute Divine Sovereignty

- 1-Creation
- 2-Consisting of the world
- 3-Control of nature
- 4-Salvation of lost souls
- 5-Care for His own
- 6-Not needing any intermediate person with a GIFT OF MIRACLES in order for these to be performed
- 7-Blessed abundance of these

But NOT in nature's processes
 (i.e., John Peterson's "I BELIEVE IN MIRACLES")

B.--Gift Of Miracles

- 1-Lesser one of the gifts
- 2-1 Cor. 12:28--"And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues."
- 3-Power to perform miracles is RESIDENT IN THE MAN with the gift
- 4-Always the gift of miracles is associated with signs
- 5-Always the gift of miracles is in a context with TEMPORARY gifts---1 Cor. 12:8-10
- 6-Mark 16:17-18---READ

- Given as an AID to believers
- Confirming the WORD with signs following
- Other signs ceased (1 Cor. 13:8)
- Only to be UNTIL the N. T. was completed
- STEGALL (The Modern Tongues & Healing Movement--Pp. 52-53)

Explain the problem w/ this passage.

"Snake handlers. These are found along the Kentucky-Tennessee border in greatest strength. They take the end of Mark, regarding taking up snakes, & apply it as a test of faith. They use the American rattlesnakes mostly, which are by comparison with African or Indian snakes, relatively mild in their poison.

"Nevertheless, my file has a number of cases in which individuals are bitten and die, faithfully refusing to have a doctor to the end. A good number suffer mild bites, and survive, as a majority of rattle-snake-bite cases do without treatment anyway, according to Raymond Ditmars, curator of the American Museum of Natural History for reptiles.

"I have a solution for this cult's problems. Let them handle African Gaboon Vipers. NOBODY has ever been fairly bitten by one of these and SURVIVED."

C.-Modern Miracles----These DO Still Happen! :

- 1-Salvation
- 2-Healings
- 3-Providential happenings
- 4-BUT, NO MEN are given the GIFT of being Miracle Workers

YES!

How Do we know?

III.-TWO PURPOSES OF MIRACLES:

A.-To Draw A Crowd:

- 1-ILLUS---Accordian or Band at a street meeting. Not to provide a concert, but to attract a crowd to HEAR THE MESSAGE
- 2-Many cases in the experiences of Jesus of Apostles

Mt. 4:23-5:2
24 of 36 miracles were related to HEALING, Acts 5:12-14

B.-To Authenticate Both The Messenger & The Message:

- 1-Miracles had been unknown in Israel since the days of Elijah
- 2-Jesus---Jn. 3:2
---Jn. 5:36
---Jn. 9:16, 33
---Acts 2:22
- 3-Apostles---Acts 14:3
---Heb. 2:4
---2 Cor. 12:12
- 4-THUS-----People drawn
-----People amazed
-----People listen
-----People are SAVED
- 5-Message produced either.....RIOT or REVIVAL

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IV.-END OF THE GIFT OF MIRACLES:

A.-Not Due To:

Inadequate Reasons:

- 1-Lack of spirituality in the church
- 2-Lack of Power in God

These accusations are often leveled.

B. --But Due To:

Biblical Reasons!

① Sovereign purpose of God

2-ONCE given to the BODY--Body is ONE

--Then all have shared in it

--ILLUS--Appendix in the body

--ILLUS--Wedding ring in marriage

③ End of need--Canon completed

--Record of miracles is WRITTEN

--Jn. 20:30-31--"And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life thru His Name."

--READ.....AND....BELIEVE now

--Nothing more could be--or need be--added to the incontrovertable weight of evidence

④ Final Message--Has been given

--Word is final

--Isa. 8:19-20--"And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them"

--Heb. 1:1-2--"God, who at sundry times & in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son..."

--Rev. 22:18-19--"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book. And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the tree of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

--NO MORE WORD FROM HEAVEN

--BURIT (Types of Religious Philosophy, P.150)

"Since God designed His book to be the sole supernatural revelation to man, and since miracles are needed merely to authenticate such a revelation, there has been no call for special intervention since the canon of Scripture became complete."

--SPURGEON (Gems, Pp. 61-62)--

"The Canon of revelation is closed; there is no more to be added; God does not give a fresh revelation, but He rivets the old one. When it has been forgotten, & laid in the dusty chamber of our memory, He fetches it out & cleans the picture,

Be very sure
of THIS !!

but does not paint a new one. There are no new doctrines, but the old ones are often revived.

"It is not, I say, by any new revelation that the Spirit comforts. He does so by telling us old things over again; He brings a fresh lamp to manifest the treasures hidden in Scripture; He unlocks the strong chest in which the truth has long lain, and he points to secret chambers filled with untold riches; but He coins no more, for enough is done.

"Believer! there is enough in the Bible for thee to live upon forever. If thou shouldst outnumber the years of Methuselah, there would be no need for a fresh revelation; if thou shouldst live until Christ should come upon the earth, there would be no necessity for the addition of a single word; if thou shouldst go down as deep as Jonah, or even descend as David said he did, into the belly of hell, still there would be enough in the Bible to comfort thee without a supplementary sentence."

5-THUS--Return to the WORD as in 2 Kings 22:1-23:3

--The "silence of God" from heaven today

KING JOSIAH "stood" & then
THE PEOPLE "stood" with him
to obey God's Word

C.-Present Purpose (Instead of Miracles):

1-NOT EXPERIENCE

- Experience can be misunderstood as to FACTS
- Experience can be misinterpreted as to MEANING
- 1 Th. 5:21--"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

2-PREACH THE WORD

- Rom. 10:17
- Jas. 1:18--"...of His own will begat He us with the WORD of truth"
- 1 Pet. 1:23--"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the WORD of God, which liveth & abideth forever."
- Jn. 17:17--"Sanctify them thru Thy truth; Thy WORD is truth."

3-CONVICTION of the Spirit---Jn. 16:7-11

CONCLUSION:

A.-Our Attitude Toward Miracles:

- 1-A "Hopped-Up" experience?
- 2-Need to straighten out our attitudes & bring them into harmony with the WORD OF GOD
- 3-Not according to the dictates of our conscience, but according to the dictates of the WORD
- 4-ILLUS--Someone came to the preacher & said, "I don't like to hear you preach, because you always rub the fur the wrong way."

He replied: "Not at all sister; JUST TURN AROUND, and your fur won't always be being ruffled

B.-Proper Biblical Attitude:

- 1-God does miracles
- 2-No man any longer has the GIFT OF MIRACLES

SOVEREIGNLY, as it
pleases God

3-Believers are to be IN THE WORD, not running after signs & miracles

4-Signs never satisfy ^{Breeds a "CAN YOU TOP THIS" approach}

5-2 Pet. 1:19-"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; wherunto ye do well that ye take heed..."

6-Why not "take heed" TODAY ??

--Believe the Word and be SAVED

--Get into the Word and GROW

Overhead outline filed at 1 Cor. 12:10

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#9 "The Name Of Jesus"

INTRO:

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A.-Clarifications:

- 1-Walvoord - "Of the various works of the Holy Spirit related to the salvation of the believer, the work of baptism is most difficult to present. While in its nature it is far more simple than the work of efficacious grace, it has been given such divergent interpretation that its essential character is widely misunderstood. The difference of opinion which exists on this doctrine is often found among writers who are essentially agreed on the doctrine of the Holy Spirit as a whole, and at the same time, the attitude of any writer on the doctrine of the baptism of the Holy Spirit may well be considered a definite basis of classifying his whole position. The recent work by Merrill F. Unger, THE BAPTIZING WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, has done much to correct the prevailing misunderstanding." (P. 138, THE HOLY SPIRIT)
- 2-Baptism of the Spirit
 - Not found in the O.T. at all
 - DISTINCTIVE feature of this age
 - Not found in the prophecies of the Millennium
 - DISTINGUISHING characteristic of the Church, the Body of Christ

B.-Confusions:

- 1-In terminology
 - Baptism of the Holy Spirit
 - Filling of the Spirit
 - Infilling
 - R. A. Torrey - "The baptism with the Holy Spirit is an operation of the Holy Spirit distinct from and subsequent and additional to His regenerating work, ... an impartation of power, and the one who receives it is fitted for service, ... not merely for the apostles, nor merely for those of the apostolic age, but for 'all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call,' as well; i.e., it is for every believer in every age of the Church's history." (What The Bible Teaches, P. 271, 278) (Brumbach, P183)
 - FAILURE TO DISTINGUISH different terms and concepts
- 2-In linking the Baptism of the Spirit as a second work of grace with tongues as "THE INITIAL, PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY GHOST." (Brumbach, P. 183+)
- *** 3-Reading into Scripture assumptions that are not stated in order to reinforce a position held

C.-Content:

- 1-Eleven specific references to the Baptism of the Spirit
- 2-PRIOR to Pentecost they are PROPHETIC
 - Matt. 3:11
 - Mk. 1:8

- Luke 3:16
- John 1:33
- Acts 1:5

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3-AFTER Pentecost they present the Baptism of the Holy Spirit as an EXISTING REALITY

- Acts 11:16
- Rom. 6:1-4
- 1 Cor. 12:12-13
- Gal. 3:26-28
- Eph. 4:5
- Col. 2:12

4-Prop: --MEANING of these verses discovered
 --MESSAGE of this doctrine discerned and applied to our lives, and distinguished from false teaching

5-Outline:

- I.-THE KEY PASSAGE (1 Cor. 12:12-13)
- II.-THE KEY POINTS
- III.-THE CONFUSIONS AND THE CLARIFICATIONS

I.-THE KEY PASSAGE (1 Cor. 12:12-13):

A.-Exposition Given:

- 1-"ONE" is a key term --"One Body"; 4 times
 --"One Spirit"; 2 times
 --ONENESS
 --truth of the spiritual unity of the saints is set forth clearly

2-ILLUS of the BODY

- Many members or parts
- Still all are members or elements that make up the one body
- Similarity to that figure of speech with THE CHRIST (definite article is used in 12:12)

3-Instrumentality of the unity of the Body is the Holy Spirit

- *--Not yet given during Christ's earthly ministry
- John 7:37-39--"...Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink. He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)"
- Promise of the Father in response to Jesus' prayers

4-The Baptism with or by the Spirit:

- "United"=="Identified"
- Results in "ONE BODY"

- ** Formation of the Church by this means
- ** Not Two bodies as hyper-dispensationalists teach of a Jewish Body and a Gentile Body

***--EQUALIZATION of position

- ** Whether Jew or Gentile))) 1 Cor. 12:13
- ** Whether bond or free
- ** Whether male or female--Gal. 3:28
- ** "ye are all one in Christ": UNITED in Christ!

③

** Regardless of race, rank or sex

** ILLUS---In O.T. days the saints were often very close to each other, but there was no organic link between them. They were like apples in a barrel---pressed together, but no union between the apples. If the barrel falls over, apples roll in every direction.

NOTHING BINDS THEM TOGETHER in "one".

In christianity the human body is used as a figure to set forth the relations of one christian to another. Fellow-member of one body. If a man falls down, his eyes & ears & fingers & feet do not go rolling away like apples tipped out of a barrel. They are UNITED TOGETHER, for they are part of an organism.

WHEN??

** Some say as an experience subsequent to salvation

(KJV) ** Scriptures say "are we all baptized into one body"

** RV translates it "WERE" & so does NASB

HOW MANY??

** "ALL members of that one body" (12:12)

** "ALL baptized into one body" (12:13)

** "ALL made to drink into one Spirit" (12:13)

** COMMON PROPERTY of the whole Church

** Eph. 4:5--"One Lord, one faith, one baptism,"

5-Baptism with the Spirit--Co-extensive with salvation

--Never repeated

--ONCE FOR ALL in a believer's life

B.-Explanation Given:

① UNIQUE to this age

② UNIVERSAL to all believers in this age

--Gal. 3:26-27

--1 Cor 12:12-13

--ALL believers: ** Regardless of whether spiritual or carnal

** Regardless of what gifts they possess or lack

** Addressed to the Corinthian Church, which was guilty of gross sins, carnality and divisions

③ UNITES a believer

--To the HEAD of the Body (Relation to Christ Himself)

--To the BODY of Christ (Relation to other Christians)

④ QUESTIONS: --How many have this Baptism??... ALL

--What happened??

** "Baptized"=="United"=="Identified"

** Walvoord--"It is the active joining of a soul to the body of Christ in a point of time. While it can be said that Christ died for all, even before they are saved, it cannot be said that individuals are baptized into the body of Christ until they come to the moment of saving faith."

(P. 145, THE HOLY SPIRIT

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- When?? ** At conversion!

** James M. Gray - "In my opinion, the baptism of the Holy Ghost came upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2) once and forever, and it is of that baptism that all believers partake as soon as they come to Christ by faith." (Intro to D. H. Dolman's SIMPLE TALKS ON THE HOLY SPIRIT)

- How??::: By the Holy Spirit

5-Items to Note:

- Nowhere in Scripture are present-day believers ever told to seek the Spirit or to tarry for the Spirit
** Disciples at the ascension were told to tarry
** But now we are 19 centuries late & 8000 miles off course!

- None of the Apostles or N.T. writers ever refer to "receiving their baptisms" or to "Having their Pentecosts" ** Happened ONCE historically

*** Non-experiential ***

- The command of Scripture as it relates to the Holy Spirit
** No occasion of command to be baptized with the Holy Spirit

** Clear command to BE FILLED (Eph. 5:18)

** Repeated example of the filling in the Book of Acts and the experience of the Church

- Baptism of the Spirit

** Not an experiential truth, but POSITIONAL

** Not a question of spiritual maturity, yieldedness or indoctrination

** Universal among all Christians

** Instantaneous act of God at one's salvation---along with Regeneration, Indwelling and Sealing.

II.-THE KEY POINTS:

A.-A New Union:

1-Union with the members of the family of God "into one body"

- Figure of the human body

- Relationship of intimacy & interdependence

- 1 Cor. 12:14-27

- Every believer has his proper place

- Each christian is essential to the proper functioning of the whole as the Body is "fitly joined together" (Eph. 4:16)

2-Union with the Head of the Body

- Christ is the Head of the Body

- Col. 1:18--"And He is the head of the body, the Church: Who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead that in all things He might have the preeminence"

- Direct relationship to the Lord as the Head of us personally & corporately

- Anticipated in John 14:20--"Ye in Me and I in you"

** No longer "in Adam"

** Now "in Christ", which is a distinctive of the N.T. Christian stated 164 times in N.T.

-All I now have is because of my new union with my new Head **

** Justification

** Sanctification

** Deliverance

** Access to God

** Inheritance

** Glorification

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3- POSITION - In the Body

- In Christ

Walvoord - "Failure to recognize the importance and significance of this doctrine has issued in many false teachings and has denied to many Christians the joy of their salvation."

UNIQUE
to this age NB

B.-A New Identification:

1- Primary meaning of "baptism" is

IDENTIFICATION

- Identifies with Christ

- In His righteousness of character

- In His death

- In His burial

- In His resurrection

ILLUS - Declaration of Indep
MADE A NEW NATION
once & for all

2- Romans 6:1-4

- Much disputed passage

- Many see water baptism here

** BUT WATER WON'T DO IT!!

NOT REPEATED

- However, if we see that the baptism with the

Spirit identifies the believer with Christ,

then it becomes clear

3- BIBLICAL ORDER

- Spirit baptism at salvation

- Water baptism soon thereafter

- Why water baptism??

- SYMBOL of our identification with Christ

4- Companion text

- Col. 2:12 - "Buried with Him in baptism,

wherein also ye are risen with Him through the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead."

- Complementary revelation

- Adds that the burial is included in the essentials of the gospel

- INTO the grave as "dead to sin"

- OUT of the grave in "newness of life"

5- This identification by the Baptism of the Spirit is also a

UNION OF LIFE

- Through regeneration I partake of eternal life

- I receive the very life of Christ

- Col. 1:27 - "Christ in you the hope of glory"

- Col. 3:4 - "When Christ, Who is our life shall appear..."

- Foundation of many precious realities

* Fellowship with Father & Son

* Fruitbearing

* Strength for victory

* Direction for daily life

6- ILLUS

- Vine and Branches in John 15

C.-A New Association:

1-Not only a new union and relation with CHRIST

2-ALSO a new relationship with people

--Formerly concerned for "ME FIRST"

--Now a part of a heavenly family

--Part of the BODY

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Natural
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3-What does that mean?

--I have a function to fulfill through my gifts

--Others have ministries to me

--Together we have a common task

--The Body is to be edified

--The world is to be won

--A new enemy---SATAN

--A new dynamic power---HOLY SPIRIT

--A new standard of life---WORD OF GOD

MUTUAL
EDIFICATION

4-In brief it means that by means of that instantaneous operation of the Spirit in baptizing me into the Body of Christ each of us has...

...HAD HIS LIFE RADICALLY CHANGED!!

5-What a transforming truth:

--A new UNION

--A new IDENTIFICATION

--A new ASSOCIATION

III.-THE CONFUSIONS AND THE CLARIFICATIONS:

A.-The Confusions:

1-Summary by Burdick (TONGUES--TO SPEAK OR NOT TO SPEAK, Pp.49-50) of Brumbach's position (WHAT MEANETH THIS?, Pp.261-72)

2-"Nearly all would agree that the tongues of 1 Corinthians were not intended for every Christian. However, many Pentecostals make a distinction between the tongues which come as a sign of the baptism with the Holy Spirit, and thus occur but once and the gift of tongues which is a continuing possession. Every believer, they say, can and should be baptized in the Holy Spirit and manifest the same by speaking in tongues. On the other hand, in addition to the initial experience at the time of Spirit baptism, the Spirit gives the continuing gift of speaking in tongues. It is the claim of Pentecostals that the initial experience of tongues is the type of glossolalia seen in Acts 2, 10 and 19. The continuing gift is said to be the kind of glossolalia discussed in 1 Corinthians 12-14."

NO!

Terms are the SAME in Acts + 1 Cor.

B.-The Clarifications:

1-In 1 Cor. 12:13 Paul declares that all believers (even carnal Corinthians) have been baptized by the Holy Sp.

2-The apostle does not command the Christians to be baptized by the Spirit---rather he declares it to be a fact that ALL of them are ALREADY baptized with the Spirit

3-No doubt left that this occurs SIMULTANEOUSLY with the believer's introduction into the Body of Christ

4-Baptism of 1 Cor. 12:13 is tied to the promised baptism of Acts 1:5 & its repetition in 11:15-16

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5- In neither 1 Cor. nor Acts do all who receive the Holy Spirit speak with tongues

--12:13 says ALL are baptized

--12:30 says "All do not speak with tongues, do they

--Acts 2:38 Peter stated that if his hearers repented & were baptized they would receive the gift of the Spirit. They did repent & were baptized, but no word is said of them receiving tongues

--Acts 8:17 there is a receiving of the Spirit, but no glossolalia followed, and with the context of miracles (8:13) Luke would surely have mentioned the gift of tongues if it had occurred

--Acts 9:17-19 at conversion of Saul he was filled with the Spirit, but without any manifestation of tongues

CONCLUSION:

A.-Therefore:

1-No sound basis Biblically

• For a distinction between Tongues in Acts as a sign and in 1 Cor. as a gift

• For tongues as an "initial, physical sign of the baptism of the the Spirit"

• QUOTE (Report of the Special Committee On The Work Of The HOLY Spirit---182nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church--P. 46)

"Since only some of the Corinthian believers spoke in tongues (1 Cor. 12:8-10), yet all of them (as Paul here--12:13--specifically declares) had been baptized by one Spirit, it is unwarranted to teach that the speaking in tongues is an indispensable sign of having received the Spirit."

2-Realize our riches in Christ

3-Seek what we are commanded to seek---THE FILLING of the Holy Spirit (Eph. 5:18)

4-John R. W. Stott:

"We should look for it (i.e., the revelation of the purpose of God) in the teaching of Jesus, and in the sermons and writings of the apostles, and not in the purely narrative portions of the Acts. What is

DESCRIBED in Scripture as having happened to others is not necessarily intended for us, whereas what is

PROMISED to us we are to appropriate, and what is COMMANDED us we are to obey."

(THE BAPTISM AND THE FULLNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, P. 4, Chicago, 1964)

B.- Why Does God Provide Spirit Baptism?

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B.--WHY DOES GOD PROVIDE SPIRIT BAPTISM??

①--To effect organic union. Relationship of parts to whole.

1-unite each believer to the Head--Christ--1 Cor 12:21

2-unite each believer with all other believers so we can do God's work cooperatively--each at his own appointed task

②--To answer Christ's prayer in John 17:11 for our UNITY.

1-We are never told to make unity--organizational sense.

2-We are told to KEEP the unity of the Spirit which has already been made--Eph. 4:3. *Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

③--Ground of imputed righteousness.--Rom. 10:1-12

1-Gentiles who followed not the law have attained unto righteousness which is by faith.

2-Jews followed the law and stumbled at the Stumbling Stone-X

3-Christ is the only acceptable righteousness for any one to stand with in the sight of the Father--1 Cor. 1:30.

***** 1-It is impossible to be united to Christ and not partake of what Christ is. That is why we partake of His righteousness for we are inseparably united with Christ by means of the Baptism of the Spirit.

④--Spirit Baptism is the ground of appeal for a holy life in the believer.

1-live not to become accepted, but live because we are already accepted.---Contra. Rom. 10:5

2-Our need is to walk worthy of the completeness and perfection we have in Christ....Col. 2:9-10; 3:1

What is TEAM's attitude toward the Charismatic emphasis?

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From time to time it becomes necessary to clarify a position which has been held by TEAM for many years. Such clarification has become necessary with the rise of the charismatic emphasis of the present day.

What follows is a setting forth of the policy which has governed TEAM in regard to this subject over many years. Candidates have been informed of it individually and collectively in Candidate Orientation Classes and, where necessary, it has been the subject of correspondence between field leaders and the office of the General Director. Therefore, this presentation does not indicate any change of position, but rather with an increased emphasis on the subject, it has been felt wise to make clear TEAM's attitude, position, and practice.

This is a REAFFIRMATION of their position, not a RE-EXAMINATION of it.

Due process has been followed in consultation

A.B.C. has also done this on:

- ① Timing of the rapture
- ② Baptism means immersion
- ③ Extent of the atonement - UNLIMITED
- ④ Tongues speaking + healing in the atonement

The attitude of TEAM toward the charismatic emphasis.

Definition—There is at present in Christendom an observed phenomenon variously called the Pentecostal Movement, Neo-Pentecostalism, Pentecostal Renewal, Charismatic Movement, Charismatic Emphasis or Interpretation, tongues movement, glossolalia, etc. Many common characteristics are observed among the various aspects of this movement: the seeking after and promotion of the baptism of or in the Holy Spirit as an experience distinct and subsequent to conversion, the seeking after, manifesting of, and promotion of tongues as the evidence of such baptism or as the mark of a higher and more spiritual experience, the acceptance of so-called new revelations as providing instruction and guidance equal in validity to the Scriptures, and the unifying nature of commonly shared experiences even where serious doctrinal and ecclesiastical differences would otherwise preclude association.

For the purpose of this statement the term "charismatic emphasis" is intended to refer to the broad sweep of such phenomena.

Open + clear to all, including supporting constituencies

- ① Experience of Sp. baptism to + distinct from conversion
1 Cor. 12; 12-13
Gal. 3:26-29
Rom. 8:9
- ② Tongues as evidence of higher spiritual exp.
 - ⓐ - Apostles did at Pentecost - Acts 2:4
 - ⓑ - Peter did not at Pentecost - Acts 2:14
 - ⓒ - Paul apparently did - 1 Cor. 14:18 - but he did not glory in it, 1 Cor. 14:19-20
 - ⓓ - Contrary to purpose of God for the gift - 1 Cor. 14:21-22

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- ② - Not according to the RULES set forth by Paul to govern tongues - speaking.
- ① Only 2 or 3 to speak - 1 Cor. 14:27
 - ② Only speak by course, or one-at-a-time - 14:27
 - ③ Must have an interpreter present or there is to be no tongues - speaking - 14:27; 14:13; 12:10, 30
 - ④ Women were not to speak in tongues at all - 14:34, 23; 1 Tim 2:11-12
 - ⑤ To be done decently + orderly when done - 14:32, 36-40
 - ⑥ Self-control expected of the speaker - 14:32-33
- [f] - Not intended to be for all believers - 1 Cor. 12:28-30
- [g] - Not experienced except in early Acts (2, 10 + 19) + Corinth, but nowhere else recorded in N.T.
- [h] - Not experienced by Barnabas, Timothy, Titus, Epaphroas, Epaphroditus, etc.
- [i] - Not intended to continue in + through the church age - 1 Cor. 13:8-13
- [j] - Historically ceased before the end of the 1st century when the canon of Scripture closed. Thereafter only professed and practiced by heretics. Total silence from 400 A.D. to 1900 A.D.

- ③ Acceptance of new revelations on a par + equally valid with the N.T.
- [a] Foundation of faith has been laid - Eph. 2:20
 - [b] Method of prophecy was by the Holy Spirit thru "holy men of God" - 2 Pet. 1:19-21
 - [c] Product of that revelation is called "All Scripture" - 2 Tim. 3:16-17, + does not leave an open-ended Bible - **COMPLETED CANON**
 - [d] Paul indicated that "prophecies, they shall fail" - 1 Cor. 13:8 - meaning "PHASE OUT, FALL OFF"
 - [e] Paul warned against any further revelation or purported revelation that preached another gospel which was different - Gal. 1:6-9
 - [f] John warns about tampering with the Word of God by addition or subtraction - Rev. 22:18-19
 - [g] Other similar warnings are given elsewhere: Deut. 4:1-2; 12:32; Prov. 30:5-6

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Observation—As a corollary of the charismatic emphasis, there has been the seeking after, the manifesting of, and promotion of tongues, the dependence upon new revelation, and the bringing about of ecumenical relationships based on shared experience irrespective of basic doctrinal positions with the result that confusion and division have been fostered in many churches in the homeland and on the mission field.

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Identification—TEAM is in no way a part of, related to, or identified with the above defined charismatic emphasis.

The rallying point of Charismatics is EXPERIENCE, not doctrinal truth. There is no doubt they have experienced something, but there is no proof their experience is from God. In fact, their experience cannot be from God because it contradicts His revealed Word.

It is necessary to

① Stand for the truth, which they do by this statement

② Stand against error, which they do by repudiating those whose doctrine or practice are not in harmony with God's Word

The practice of TEAM

based on its stated position and attitude.

Appointments—TEAM appoints only those who believe that the baptism of the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ is experienced at the moment of conversion and, therefore, does not appoint those who believe that baptism in, with, or by the Spirit is a "second work of grace" or who believe tongues to

ECUMENICAL relates to "the whole world".
INCLUSIVE activities with Roman Catholics, Mormons, Presbyterians, Methodists, Lutherans + Episcopalians.

Saved + unsaved together

when a breakdown of doctrinal beliefs occurs people "get together" without an underlying foundation of agreement on truth.

The author is correct that CONFUSION and DIVISION are the outcome.

To cooperate with such activity is to become a house divided against itself—which can not stand.

Consistency demands that a group stand together. Otherwise confusion will follow.
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TEAM appoints as missionaries or staff only those who adhere to the position herein set forth and, therefore, does not appoint those who seek the experience of speaking in tongues, or who purpose to manifest it or promote it. Applicants of such persuasion are advised to affiliate with groups of similar emphasis.

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"The position herein set forth" is their Doctrinal Statement as it relates to the truth relating to the Holy Spirit. It is simple, clear, & comprehensive without becoming nit-picky.

Clear articulation that those whose doctrine or practice differs may not be appointed and should find another agency with which they are harmonious in belief. See WEF statement

Maintenance of position—The TEAM field administration will counsel with any missionary on whose part there may be manifestation of tongues or where there may be associations with those of charismatic emphasis in such a way as to identify him with or cause him to become involved in such emphasis. If he is unwilling to adhere to TEAM's position, his case will be dealt with by the TEAM home administration, and he may be required to withdraw from the Mission. It is better that he serve with others who have views similar to his than that he cause doctrinal confusion and division in TEAM.

Home administration with broader experience and authority will review a case decided against a missionary by his field leaders. Checks & balances are for protection of the personnel and the Mission

A group must protect its ministry and name & avoid doctrinal confusion & division

Honorable practice for a church, mission or school to GUARD ITS FRONT GATE & not accept those who are not in agreement w/ a clear Doctrinal Statement

Fairness of treatment is essential. No summary dismissal without hearing and counsel.

Unwillingness to adhere to a group's doctrine or practice is insubordination, and must be faced

Withdrawal if one is not in harmony is the honorable procedure. It is not stated, but implied, that dismissal will occur if harmony is not achieved

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⑥ Problems must be faced and dealt with. They will not just go away. They will be like an infection that fester and spread.

Association and cooperation—While many in the charismatic movement are brethren in Christ, cooperation in a spiritual ministry could bring about doctrinal confusion in our own ranks and in the national churches we serve. It could set an example which we would not want the churches to follow. Therefore, to avoid setting the wrong example and to avoid confusion and division, missionaries must refrain from any association or cooperation which, in the judgment of the field administration or the national churches, would give rise to doctrinal confusion or lead to division.

The independence of the national churches must be recognized, however, and where churches choose to go ahead with such cooperation, the Mission must maintain a position that will enable it to give corrective counsel and teaching from the Word.

In judging cooperation there needs to be careful definition so that friendships, acts of helpfulness, such as lending of equipment, showing hospitality, participating in study sessions, etc., are not defined as close cooperation.

The need for missionaries and national Christians to receive positive Biblical instruction on the ministry of the Holy Spirit must ever be kept in view. A genuinely Spirit-filled life based on the authority of the Word of God is the best protection against entanglement in that which is not in full agreement with the Word of God.

Our final authority

Finally, this statement is not intended to under-emphasize or deny the Scriptural teaching of the Holy Spirit's essential role in redemption, baptizing the believer into the body of Christ at the time of his conversion, filling and empowering him for godly living and effective service, and sovereignly bestowing gifts which enable the believer to exercise a fruitful spiritual ministry. All believers have Spirit-endowed "charisma" and should respond properly and with responsibility to the gifts of the Spirit with a life truly charismatic in the Scriptural sense.

BALANCE in belief and in experience needs always to be a goal.

Richard Winchell
General Director

Eph. 5:18

1 Cor. 12-14
1 Pet. 4:10
Eph 4:7-16
Rom. 12:6-8

Treat them as "IN THE FAMILY"

Not able to have identical relationships w/ all who are Christians. Must guard against CONFUSION.

- In mission ranks
- In national churches

Stated POSITION is to matched by their PRACTICE.

You are seeking to develop ability to discern & decide in these people. They learn by their own experiences in making decisions. Let us evidence a BROTHERLINESS to all who are BROTHERS, but such is not expected toward enemies.

We need always to be learning and obeying God's Word. This is a never-ending experience.

ENDOWMENT brings

- Responsibility
- Responsibility

Fifteen Things God Wants Christians to Know and to Experience Concerning the Holy Spirit

By Homer Duncan

1. The great ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ (John 16:14).

2. He wants to make the Lord Jesus real to believers (Eph. 1:17).

3. He is a Person, not an "it," or "an invisible power." He has the attributes of personality.

4. He is a Divine Person; He is one with the Father and one with the Son. He is the Spirit of God; He is the Spirit of Christ.

5. The Holy Spirit convicts of sin, both believers and unbelievers (John 16:8).

6. Since you have been born-again by the Holy Spirit (John 3:3,5), you are a partaker of the Divine nature (2 Peter 1:4).

7. You are now indwelt by the Holy Spirit; you "have" the Holy Spirit; you do not have to "get" the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:19; Rom. 8:9).

8. God wants to fill you with His Spirit (Eph. 5:18). To be filled with the Spirit means to be controlled by the Spirit. God wants to teach you to be led by the Spirit (Rom. 8:14).

9. The Holy Spirit desires to produce His wonderful fruit in your life (Gal. 5:22,23).

10. The love of God is shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:5).

11. God wants you to exercise the gift, or gifts of the Spirit He has given to you (1 Cor. 12:7).

12. Since the Holy Spirit is the Author of the Holy Scriptures; He wants to take the things of Christ and show them to you (John 16:14,15). He is our teacher (1 Cor 2:12).

13. No matter what our spiritual attainments may be, there is always higher ground. The Holy Spirit wants to change us from glory to glory (2 Cor. 3:18).

14. You have been baptized by the Holy Spirit into the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:13).

15. You have been sealed with the Holy Spirit (not merely until you sin), but unto the day of redemption (Eph. 4:30). (H.D.)

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INTRO: A.-A Question of "WHAT IS LOVE?":

1-~~HOW~~ do you define LOVE?

2-~~Three~~ answers are possible

3--- EROS Love==Passion, sensual love, LUST

--Burning desire based on animal instincts of personal satisfaction

--Comes from the Greek mythology where the god of love was named EROS

--MEANING--"I love you for what you can do for me."

--This term is never used in the N.T. so that no confusion dare exist

4-PHILEO Love

--Brotherly love, friendship, KINDLY AFFECTION

--Cherishing, manifesting concern

--Used in John 21:15-17

--MEANING--"I love you for what we can do for each other"

--Never used in N.T. in a command to men to love God

5-AGAPE Love==Deeply love, Divinely love

--Never found in heathen writings, for they had no such concept

--116 times in N.T.

** Attitude of God toward His Son

** Jn. 17:26--"And I have declared unto them thy name, & will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, & I in them."

** Essential nature of God

** 1 Jn. 4:8--"God is love"

** Attitude of believer to believer

** Jn. 13:34--"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."

--Expression of AGAPE Love is in sacrifice & self-denial which completely dominates the whole being

--MEANING--"I love you for what I can do FOR YOU" !!

B.-A Question of "WHO CAN LOVE?":

1-Eros love--Unsaved people can

--Saved people can

--Relates to our "old nature"

2-Phileo love--Unsaved can

--Saved can

--Relates to our "better side", but certainly it is no evidence of a "DIVINE SPARK"

--Essentially phileo love is

still selfish, because it involves a RECIPROCAL devotion and good

3-Agape love--Unsaved cannot

--Why?

--Because no relation to God, Who is the source of Divine love

--The Saved can

--1 John 4:7--"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God

C.-Our Purpose In This Study:

1-Series on MARRIAGE and the CHRISTIAN HOME

--Marriage Union (Gen. 2)

--Wife's Role In Marriage (Eph. 5)

--The Christian Ladies (1 Tim. 2)

--NEXT----"Husbands, Love Your Wives"

2-Preparation for knowing what is involved in LOVING, according to God's standards

3-Classic passage--1 Cor. 13

--Shows love in action

--Section on Spiritual Gifts (1 Cor 12-14)

--Mode of operation of those gifts---IS LOVE

--Some things of 1 Cor. 13 will be omitted because related to subject of gifts

--We'll seek to get to be.....

4-"KNOWING WHAT LOVE IS"

--The NECESSITY Of Love (13:1-3)

--The NATURE Of Love (13:4-7)

--ILLUS--When Dr. Lionel Beal wished to

show what life was, he applied the microscope to our bodies and found at last "BIOPLASTS", or life-workers so small that 10 of them could move side by side on a razor's edge of 1/1000-th of an inch broad. And yet, he can only tell us what life IS by showing us what it DOES.

Just so...No one can define what love is, except as Paul does in 1 Cor. 13, by showing what love does, how it acts, what qualities it has.

I.-THE NECESSITY OF LOVE (13:1-3):

A.-Without Love; No Good To Saints: (13:1)

1-Cannot substitute talents for love

2-Cannot substitute gifts for love

3-Love is ESSENTIAL to the exercise of "mouth gifts"

4-All voices of heaven & earth are USELESS without love

5-"Sounding brass"--clanging of an untuned instrument;
CLATTERING of a chunk of metal

6-"Tinkling cymbal"==Loud, but not harmony

--Just a JANGLE!!

7-VALUE--Love is the STRENGTH of service.

B.-Without Love; No Good To God: (13:2)

1-Cannot substitute ministering for love

2-Cannot substitute "results" for love

3-Love is ESSENTIAL in gifts relating to dependence on God

4-Prophecies, Mysteries, Knowledge & Faith

-Must operate by love

-Otherwise NOTHING is accomplished; WORTHLESS

5-We're not prone to such an evaluation

-Think "SOMETHING" is accomplished

-But God doesn't agree

-C. HODGE--"Neither intellectual gifts nor attainments, nor power, without love are of any real value." (P. 268)

6-ILLUS--Balaam; a prophet who had no life of love; only hate. No profit for the prophet

7-VALUE--Love is the ENERGIZER of your spiritual equipment.

C.-Without Love; No Good To Self: (13:3)

1-Giving of benevolence to needy is no substitute for love

2-Giving of body for martyrdom is no substitute for love

3-Being seen & applauded of men might be the motive

4-ILLUS--Pharisees

-Mt. 6:2--"Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the streets that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, THEY HAVE THEIR REWARD."

-Mt. 6:5--"And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues & in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, THEY HAVE THEIR REWARD."

-"Religion" and its duties won't purchase heaven or blessing. God requires a CHANGED HEART.

5-VALUE--Love is the DYNAMIC of devotion

6-Otherwise.....NO PROFIT

7-Gift without the giver is BARE

-Don't substitute WORKS for LOVE

-Piety minus love == Nothing

-ILLUS--2 Cor. 8:5--"And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves unto the Lord, and unto us by the will of God."

II.-NATURE OF LOVE (13:4-7):

A.-Explanation:

1-Love is here PERSONIFIED + Shown as a PERSON

+Graces enumerated

2-Contrast was intended with the deformities of character the Corinthians had "naturally"

3-ILLUS--Love is a compound thing, Paul tells us. It is like LIGHT. As you have seen in scientific experiments, a beam of light passing thru a prism, you have seen it come out on the other side of the prism broken into its component colors

--Red, Blue, Yellow, Violet, Orange, and all the colors of the rainbow.

So Paul passes this AGAPE LOVE thru his inspired intellect & shows the elements of love.

B.-Negative Virtues (10 of Them) (13:4-6a):

- 1-Love suffereth long--Not impatient; Not resentful
--FORGIVES 70 times 7 occasions
- 2-Love is kind--Not unkind
--Good natured AFTER suffering long
- 3-Love envieth not--No jealousy or envy because of some good another is enjoying
- 4-Love vaunteth not itself--Not seeking admiration
--Not boasting, bragging or conceited
- 5-Love is not puffed up--Sweetly reasonable; HUMBLE
--Contrasted with pride
--1 Cor. 8:1--Knowledge puffeth up, but love buildeth up (edifieth)
- 6-Love doth not behave itself unseemly
--Always thinking of others
--Always polite & courteous
--Always considerate
--Never rough or brusque
- 7-Love seeketh not her own--Notice the SELF-EMPTYING character of love
- 8-Love is not easily provoked--RV omits "easily"
--No excuse for a bad temper AT ALL
--Not provoked; not exasperated
--Not aroused to resentment
- 9-Love thinketh no evil--Not imputing evil; Not jumping to conclusions
--Not "GLAD" when someone gets "CAUGHT"
--Keeps no ledger of wrongs to be dealt with at a later date
--Plans no evil
- 10-Love ~~thinketh no evil~~--Other side of #9 above
- 11-ILLUS--You have probably heard of the man who bought a farm & soon after met his nearest neighbor. "Have you bought this place?" asked the neighbor. "YES" was the reply. "Well, you've bought a lawsuit." "HOW IS THAT?"

"Well, sir, I claim your fence down there is 10 ft on my side of the line, & I'm going to take the matter to court & prove it."

But the newcomer said, "Oh, no, you needn't do that. If the fence is on your side of the line, we will just take it up & move it."

For a moment the other man was nonplussed. Then he said, "Do you mean that?" "OF COURSE I DO", was the reply. "Then," said the man who a moment before had been so pugnacious, "by George, that fence stays just where it is."

Christian brotherly love had made a friend and accomplished what no trial before the highest court in the land could have brought about.

C.-Positive Virtues (5 of them) (13:6b-7):

1-Love rejoices in (with) the truth

- This is the reason why it is unable to be glad when in the presence of evil
- Happy in the presence of God & of truth
- NO LIES
- Sympathy of LOVE is with righteousness

2-Love bears all things

- Able to stand the tests of life
- 1 Cor. 10:13--"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."
- Love "puts an umbrella" to protect other people; shielding them from the storms of life
- Puts up with ANYTHING

3-Love believeth all things

- Not gullible or credulous because LOVING
- But full of faith
- Absence of a suspicious nature
- Doesn't put the wrong construction on every word
- TRUST, even when not trustworthy.

4-Love hopes all things--Optimism of LOVE

- In spite of appearances
- Trust is in God to perform
- HOPEFUL; not continually discouraged at everything

5-Love endures all things

- Remains strong thru the processes of refinement
- CHEERFUL; Never withers
- Military term--"to sustain the assault of an enemy"
- Hence, "Bearing up under the assaults of persecution & suffering & doing so patiently"
- Eternally young; eternally fresh
- Love comes thru victorious thru every experience

6-NOTICE--These are the 15 things LOVE IS

- Not just some things
- Not even most things
- But ALL THINGS
- Love is not a failure ---- "Love never faileth"

7-ILLUS--Dr. C. H. Parkhurst has a chapter in his book,

LOVE AS A LUBRICANT, in which he relates this little story. One day there was a workman aboard a trolley car, & he noticed that every time the door was pushed open, IT SQUEAKED. Rising from his seat, he took a little can from his pocket, & dropped oil on the offending spot. He sat down again, quietly remarking, "I always carry an oil can in my pocket, for there are so many squaky things that a drop of oil will correct."

LOVE is the oil which alone can make everyday life in home and business & society harmonious.

D.-Continuing Virtue (13:8, 13):

- 1-"Love never faileth"--Love endures forever

--Love outwears all else

--Love doesn't wither or fade

2-GIFTS--"Prophecies shall be done away" (cease to be necessary)

--"Tongues shall fall off (STOP)

--"Knowledge shall vanish away" (Cease as a sign gift)

3-1 Cor. 13:13

--"GREATEST of these is LOVE"

** Not in the sense of more permanent

** But, "more excellent" as 12:31

** Because the Love dominated life is MORE USEFUL

** Godet--"The best proof of the absolute value of love is its eternal permanence..." (P. 249)

--Faith saves ourselves

Hope reassures ourselves

Love benefits OTHERS

--We hear a good deal about the power of LOVE in this

"love generation". If you really want to put it to the test, see what happens when it is applied to an enemy"

4-1 Cor. 14:1--"Follow after love..."

---Not an easygoing exhortation

---Speaks of passionate devotion

---"Are there some Christians that you just don't like? Remember that they are the

Lord's possession, & then love them for HIS sake. To grasp this truth is to walk as the saints should walk." (Unknown)

CONCLUSION:

A.-Recapitulation:

1-Def. of Agape love==Deep, Divine love that sacrifices for OTHERS

2-Necessity of Agape love

--Without love; no good to the saints

--Without love; no good to God

--Without love; no good to yourself

3-Nature of Agape love--Personified in its characteristics

---Negative virtues

---Positive virtues

---Love is seen acting in relation to other individuals

---Those who DESERVE love least, need it MOST !!

B.-Realization:

1-Love is EXPANSIVE in its outreach

2-Love is SACRIFICIAL of itself

3-Peter Makenzie--"Two striking things about John 3:16.

(1) When God loves, He loves a WORLD

(2) When God gives, He gives His SON."

4-Indeed, "The best measuring cup for love is SACRIFICE."

(Marlene Dietrich)

5-What does Scripture say about love???

--Lev. 19:18--"...thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself: I am the LORD"

--Deut. 6:4-5--"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one

LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."

--Matt. 22:35-40

5-ILLUS--I walked into an auto repair shop & saw a mechanic looking intently at a car that was lopsided. When I asked him what was the matter with it, he said, "It's all out of alignment. That is, it won't track. The front wheels go up the middle of the road, and the rear wheels will be way out on one side.

Laughingly, I remarked, "What difference does that make, except that it would look a little funny?"

My observation almost made the mechanic mad. He answered "It will make all the difference in the world in the power, because everything in it will be pulling against everything else. There will be a tug of war inside & the power will be cut in half."

When Jesus said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with ALL THY HEART, and...thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," He was insisting that we get our lives in alignment.

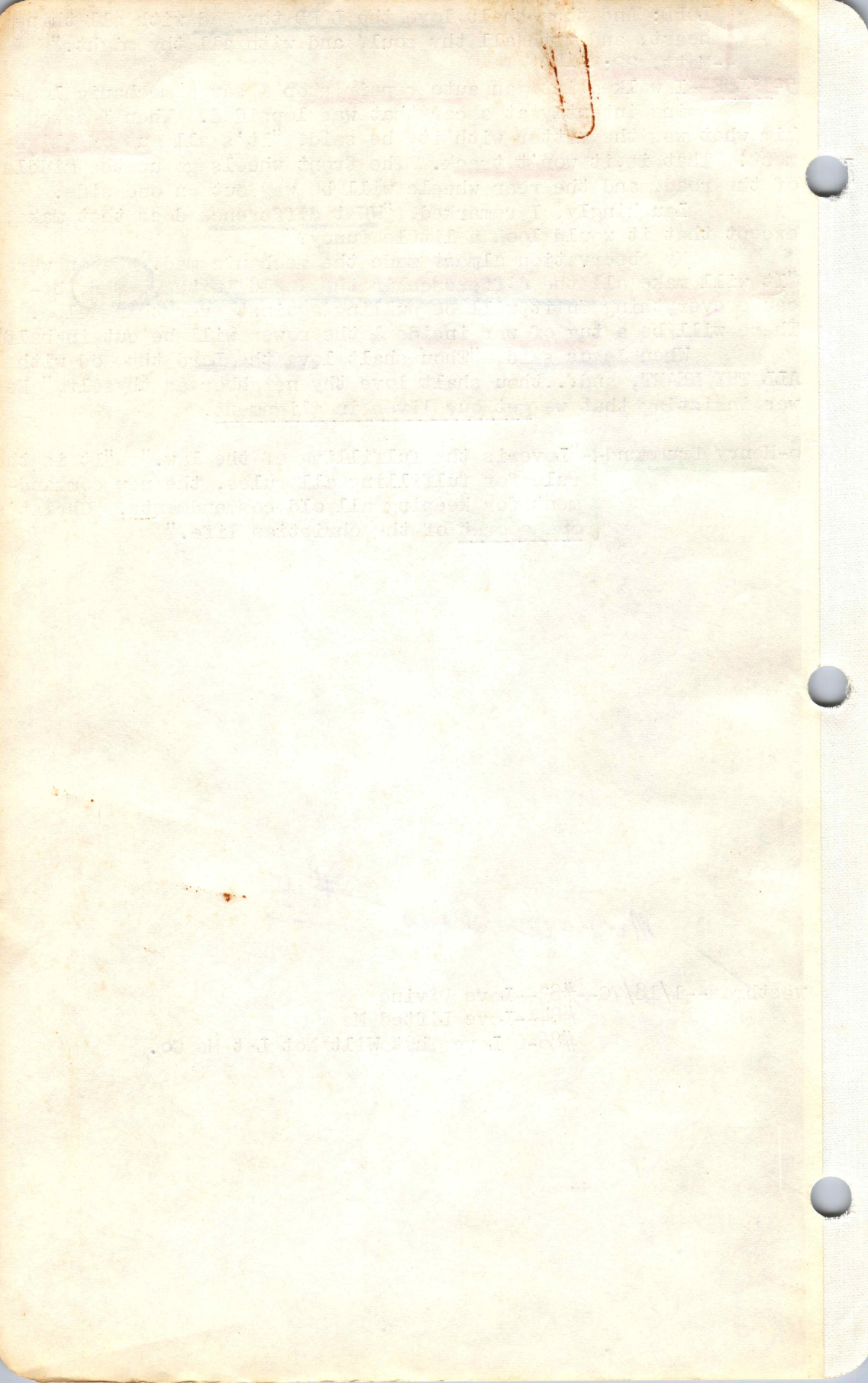
6-Henry Drummond--"Love is the fulfilling of the law." "It is the rule for fulfilling all rules, the new commandment for keeping all old commandments. Christ's one secret of the christian life."

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"THE THREE LOVES OF MARRIAGE"

or

1 Cor. 13:1-13

"LOVE TAKES WORKING AT"

1 John 4:7-11

OR

"THIS THING CALLED LOVE"

INTRO:

Series on Family Living brings up the subject of LOVE. Not just important to teenagers, but to all of us

A. - This Thing Called Love:

1-February is the month when Cupid gets into the limelight with VALENTINE'S DAY. What better time to talk about a subject dear to the heart---not only of teenagers---but also of all the rest of us-----"LOVE"

2-What is love??--Question ever since Adam & Eve

--Discussed by philosophers

--Embellished by poets

--Experienced by almost all in the human race

--Hardly anyone who does not want to

BE LOVED

3-Henry Drummond was certainly right when he called love--

"THE GREATEST THING IN THE WORLD."

4-What true love is NOT--Not just an emotion

--Not merely a physical attraction

--Not only compatibility

--Not just intellectual rapport

--"She loves me...She loves me not"

* Never REALLY know about love until we bring God into it!!!

5-Dr. Karl Menninger has written: "If we can love enough, this is the touchstone. Love is the medicine for the sickness of the world."

6-Indeed, it is love which can flush out the fear, the hate & misery which plague the inner man & rob of sweetness & joy.

B. BUT--WHAT IS MEANT BY "I LOVE YOU"?:

①--"I must have you"--Possession; Lust; Passion

②--"I want a relationship with you"--Companionship; Communication; Sharing

③--"I am concerned about what is good for you"--Self-giving Others-oriented

4-Our Message--Deals with these EXPRESSIONS of

"I love you"

I. -The KINDS Of Love:

II. -The CONTRIBUTIONS Of Love:

III. -The APPLICATIONS Of Love To Life:

5-Prop:--To understand love more fully

--To share in the experience & expression of love

I. -THE KINDS OF LOVE:

A. Introduction:

1-You've heard the phrase: "The Greeks had a word for it"

2-That's because Greek is a very expressive language for shades of meaning.

② 3-In fact, very often the Greek has **MANY WORDS** with which to separate shades & gradations of meaning
4- **ILLUS** - **Greek terms** used in the N. T. for **"SIN"** - 10 of them

- (1) Transgression
- (2) Iniquity==That which is wrong
- (3) Error==Goes astray
- (4) Sin==Coming short
- (5) Wickedness==Depravity
- (6) Evil==Opposing God
- (7) Ungodliness==Lacking a worthy fear of God
- (8) Disobedience
- (9) Unbelief
- (10) Lawlessness==Contempt for Divine Law

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TERMS

5-The same sort of thing is true of **"LOVE"** in the Greek
- Eros
- Philia
- Agape-----.....Let's look at them one at a time...

B. -EROS-Love:

- 1-This word is **not** actually found in the **N.T.**, but its sense is used - **EROS** is **romantic** love; **Sensual** love
 - Inspired by the **biological** structure of human nature
 - **Glandular** in its arousalment
 - **PHYSICAL** - **ROMANTIC**
 - We get our English word **"EROTIC"** from this root
 - A very **badly misused word** today. Aldous Huxley has pointed out in his book TOMORROW AND TOMORROW AND TOMORROW, "Of all the worn, smudged, dog-eared words in our vocabulary, **"LOVE"** is surely the grubbier, smellier, slimier."
 - This is **exactly** true if the word is used as it is often used in popular communication

- 2-**Physical attraction** - Husband & wife will love each other romantically & erotically
 - * **Proper** to have this kind of love expressed & fulfilled **ONLY INSIDE OF MARRIAGE**
 - * **Hep. 13:4** - "Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."
 - * **SMALL** component of life
 - * But certainly a **potent** one!!

- 3-**Seeks SENSUAL EXPRESSION**
 - Touches
 - Kisses
 - Carresses
 - Obviously, it can be **LUST**
 - Inherent in the fact that God created us **MALE** and **FEMALE**
 - **Seeks a sexual union**

- 4- **A good marriage** does not exist without this Eros aspect of love--- **unless** the lack of such love consummation is because of something God has allowed to come into the lives of the marriage partners which would prevent it.

- Physical or mental breakdown
- Polio stricken / Accident - **Quadraplegic**
- Separation caused by war (POW's; MIA's) etc
- " " " traveling ministry

3 5-Generally one can say that - Restricted to marriage bounds
- EXPECTED to be a vibrant part of marriage life
- OFF LIMITS otherwise !!

6- 1 Cor. 7:1-5:

- Significant passage on this subject
- MASKED by the language of KJV; almost unbelievably coy in the translation
- Speaks of conugal rights + responsibility
- F.F. Bruce's translation:-- "Now let me deal one by one with the matters you have raised in your letter. First of all, the marriage question. 'It is a good thing,' some of you say, 'for a man to have nothing at all to do with a woman.' Quite so; but if only because of the illicit unions that would be contracted if relations between the sexes were left unregulated, let every man have his own wife and every woman her own husband. Let the husband give the wife her due, and let her give her husband his. A wife has not unfettered control over her own body, for her husband's rights must be considered; in exactly the same way he has not unfettered authority over his body, for his wife's rights must be considered. Do not deprive each other of these rights. You may, of course, practise abstinence for a period by mutual consent, in order to give yourselves time for prayer; but then you should come together again, so that Satan may not make your incontinence an occasion for tempting you."

- FREE ACCESS to the sexual needs being met

*- Conditions for abstinence:

- ** (1) "Perhaps" - Not essential or required to abstain
- ** (2) "By agreement" by God's requirement.
- ** (3) "For a season" TEMPORARY!
- ** (4) "That you may give yourself to prayer"
- ** (5) "Then come together again"!

VERY LIMITED

NB

- OTHERWISE you are giving Satan an avenue of attack

*- Doesn't leave much room for excuses (Headache, Tired,)

- POINTS: ● Satan will seek to pervert sex, for he loves to degrade God's good gifts, twisting that which is good into an instrument of our destruction

● Healthy EROS in marriage will squeeze Satan out

7- Far more than sexual intercourse is involved in Eros inside marriage - Love Pats

- Pecks
- Expressions of maleness & femaleness
- A touch
- A look
- Appreciative words (Valentine Card)
- Romantic moments

- Eros should be kept CREATIVE, not DESTRUCTIVE, but it needs to be KEPT!

C. - PHILIA-Love:

1- Word used often in the N.T.

= "Friendly Love"; Comradeship; FAMILY

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- Love motivated by common interests & goals
- *--In this love 2 persons will "LIKE" and "RESPECT" one another
- *--In other words; they will be FRIENDS
- Not only love one another, but like each other too
- Enjoy one another's company

COMPATIBILITY

2- Not limited to marriage

- Men with men
- Women with women
- Men with women

ALL ARE APPROPRIATE

NB!

- * Nothing of sex involved at all!!
- ILLUS--Jn. 11:3--"Lord, behold, he whom Thou lovest is sick."

- ought to have quite a circle of people with whom we share PHILIA-Love (Family; Friends---MANY of them)

- NOW going to deal with it within the marriage context, but what is said is equally applicable to other relationships

* THREE INGREDIENTS:

- ** Companionship
 - ** Communication
 - ** Cooperation
- Be together
• Talk together
• Work together.

3 COMPANIONSHIP & COMMUNICATION go together

- *--Gen. 2:18--"It is not good that man should be alone"

- Human beings crave closeness of relationships

- "ALONE" is one of the most desolate words in the human vocabulary-----it even sounds lonely

- Man & wife are friends of each other

- ** Enjoy one another's company
- ** Share by talking of what is important to them

- *--This should be their CLOSEST HUMAN RELATIONSHIP !!!

- ** Closer than with parents
- ** Closer than with "one of the girls"
- ** Closer than with one of the "old gang" of fellows

- Singles, Widows and Widowers will have this with someone of either sex; but marrieds ought to have it with their own partner.

HOW?

AND LISTEN!

TALK

- TALK with each other--as you did when you were courting
- Keep lines of communication OPEN

- Roper Poll on words that express "LOVE"

- * First deep love--47% spoke of "closeness"
- 49% spoke of "companionship"
- 4% spoke of passion

- * Mature love--71% spoke of companionship
- 14 spoke of excitement
- 15% used various other terms

Avoid the SPOUSE GAP!

- ILLUS--One wife's present to her husband on his birthday: "TO BILL, FOR BEING SUCH A WONDERFUL FRIEND"

- ILLUS--J. Ellwood Evans' affectionate term for his wife, Harriett-----"PAL"

--"Friend wife" of PCR

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4-Another ingredient of Philia is **COOPERATION:**

*--Gen. 2:18--"I will make him a help meet for him"
--In addition to a **LOVER**, a man also needs a **HELPER** to stand with him & to balance out his inadequacies & his shortcomings = "One who fills in the empty space"

CONTRAST

** EROS is "face-to-face"
** PHILIA is "shoulder-to-shoulder"

--In working together they make a **TEAM** that is more than the sum of a man and a woman--It is a **Family**
--Oneness in their **COMMON CAUSE !!**

- ** New car
- ** New sofa
- ** New house
- ** New baby
- ** Child-rearing
- ** Budget-balancing
- ** Room painting — **HOUSE BUILDING**
- ** Lawn landscaping
- ** Bible College Education
- ** Seminary Education
- ** Christian Service

*** **Key word is TOGETHER !!!**

** Keep in mind **W H Y** you married by doing things together thru the years.....OR.....you'll be in **bad trouble** when the kids are reared & have flown the coop

** **Second** most dangerous time for the stability of a is when the **kids leave**

** **First** greatest danger is the **first year** of **beginning adjustments**

NB

HOW

to cultivate this **cooperation:**

- ** Breakfast together
- ** Book together
- ** Deciding child-discipline together
- ** Weeding together
- ** Painting together
- ** Fun together
- ** Dinner out together
- ** Church together
- ** Prayer together
- ** Make it a **TEAM EFFORT**

NB

5-By all means **emphasize** these **SPIRITUAL ASPECTS:**

--No segment of life can so effectively unite a couple together as the **cause of Christ**
--No deeper communion than of **holding hands** in the **service** of our Savior

** No wonder God is **so explicit** & **so repeated** in His insistence that believers **not** be mismatched with unbelievers

D. - AGAPE - Love:

1-Def = "Self-giving love"; "Self-sacrificing love"

- Seeks the highest good of the **OTHER PARTY**
- Love that **goes on loving** even though the other party is-----or becomes unlovable
- Love that finds its **motivation** not in the loved, but **in the lover** — **Act of the WILL !**

* **DIVINE** in source

--1 John 4:8--"God is love" (Agape)

--The character of God.

God → ME → You

2-Literature, Music & Movies speak of "FALLING IN LOVE"

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- That approach implies it is something over which we have no power - No control!
- Appears as if love "just happens"
- Also implies that if you "fall OUT of love", nothing can be done about it except to separate and divorce and try again

*3-BIBLE never once speaks of "falling in love"

NB!

4-But it does speak of LOVING

Eph. 5:25--"Husbands, love your wives even as Christ loved the Church & gave Himself for it."

*-That's the place where God commands THE MAN to take the lead

*-Young women are to be TRAINED by the older women

Tit. 2:4--"That they may teach the younger women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children..."

-Love is not something that "happens"

*-Love is something YOU MAKE HAPPEN !!

NB

DECISION
OF THE
WILL

-Agape is not something fallen into

-Agape is something TRAINED INTO !!

-Not a matter of fate or biological chemistry

-Agape is a matter of A PERSONAL COMMITMENT

XX-It is a matter of CHOICE

** The mind will lead you farther in the right direction than the emotions ever will

** Not a case of sitting back and waiting for AGAPE "to happen"

** YOU bring it to pass !!

** Not happenstance

NB ** Agape is a deliberate act of the will as GOD'S LOVE THRU YOU is brought to bear in life

5-Pattern for Agape is CHRIST HIMSELF (Eph. 5:25) *

-Christ's sacrifice was a LOVE GIFT

-He had nothing to gain for Himself

-Loved us for OUR sake; not for His own sake

-His love was SACRIFICIAL

** It cost !!

** Cost His coming down from heaven

** Cost His time among men on earth

** Cost His energy expended in behalf of

PEOPLE

** Cost His suffering and death as

OUR SUBSTITUTE

-His love was UNCONDITIONAL ** Not that we deserved it

** Not that we merited His love

** BUT IN SPITE OF what we are in God's sight

** Rom. 5:6-8; John 13:1

-His love was ETERNAL ** Originating in God

** Partakes of the character of God

** Sets the pattern for human relationships

** Example to the world in the man with his wife

** We read about this kind of LOVE in 1 Cor. 13:4-8a

Read it!

6-Reasons that marriages fail

- Sexual incompatibility
- Money problems
- In-Law relationships
- Psychological hangups
- Spiritual mis-matches

SUMMARY

FAILURE TO LOVE with Agape-Love :

Q → 7-What happens in these times of stress??

- There are times in a marriage when **EROS** wanes or loses its excitement
- Times when **PHILIA** is at a low-ebb
- THEN** ----** all that holds a marriage together

"GLUE" of the marriage bond

is **AGAPE**

** And if Agape is absent, probably the marriage will split

8-**ILLUS** -A worried husband came into the office of a fellow-Pastor some time ago. He got right to the point: "I'm in love with another woman," he said.

The story slowly unfolded. He had 3 children whom he adored. He had a wife whom he was "no longer in love with". There were a number of reasons. **SEXUALLY**, she was tepid at best. As a **HOUSEKEEPER** she had become increasingly sloppy. She took **LITTLE INTEREST** in his work or hobbies. She constantly **COMPLAINED** of one ailment after another. In short, she just "turned him off."

About this same time he had become acquainted with a woman at his place of work. It began with **philia**; he enjoyed her presence, her conversation, her interest in HIM. It led to **eros** ----eros of a kind more exciting than he had known with his wife.

By secular standards, this man had every right to forsake his wife for the new lover. After all, what more is there to love than eros and philia? The Bible says there is more ---- **THERE IS AGAPE!!** Even when the first two loves fail the third can be present.

That Pastor explained to this man that the Christian concept of married love goes beyond the secular concept. He explained the differences among the three loves. He pointed out that **the vow**: "for better, for worse; for richer; for poorer; in sickness and in health" is an **EXPRESSION OF AGAPE** love. He told that man: "Agape doesn't 'just happen', It takes moral and spiritual **courage**. Agape is not dependent on the other person. Agape means **taking the initiative TO CREATE LOVE** ----

-----Indeed---Agape was the **only** thing that could save the marriage---the wife---the children---the home---and himself.

9-Well,.....WHAT HAPPENED??

- *-Husband **DECIDED TO LOVE** his wife again.
- Wife knew of the "affair" and **forgave him** for his unfaithfulness
- *-IT **WASN'T EASY** ----for either of them
- (But neither was the Cross)
- When **AGAPE** takes the lead, then **gradually** both **PHILIA** and **EROS** can be **resurrected**
- Today they have a happy home & a loving home

HUSBAND'S TASK

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10-Agape is the only thing that will be a continuing answer to interpersonal relations

- Between husband & wife
- Between parents & children
- At work; At school; At home; In neighborhoods; With in-laws

- 11-BUT-----You can't give agape.....
~~XX~~ Until you have received it
-You really first experience this agape-love when you become a christian.

II. -THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF LOVE:

A. -Balance Is Needed:

1-All of us know about vitamins

- Heard of them from childhood
- Get them in our daily food
- Need them for balanced body-chemistry
- Some of us even "TAKE VITAMINS" to supplement our diet so as to "be sure"

2-What do vitamins do for us???

- Nutrition experts may know
- Doctors may know
- But all that most of us know is that we need them, & that we need them IN BALANCE
- Won't take 10 One-A-Day and forget everything else
- Won't take 5 Calcium & forget everything else
- But we take a BALANCE OF ALL....and (not an OVERDOSE of any

3-JUST SO with love -Not Eros, or Philia, or Agape alone
-But a proper balance of all three

B. -What Each Kind Of Love Gives & Gets:

Look at chart in notes

EROS

PHILIA

AGAPE

1) Self-gratifying	Mutually-Satisfying	Others-concerned
2) PHYSICAL	INTERACTING	OUTGOING <u>OTHER-ORIENTED</u>
3) Need-love	Companion-love	Gift-love
4) FLESHLY	COOPERATIVE	SPIRITUAL
5) Gets	Shares	Gives
6) "IF....THEN"	"BECAUSE OF SOMETHING"	"IN SPITE OF"

C. -Our Problem:

1-"Naturally" capable of eros & philia

NB * 2-INCAPABLE of agape - Flow of agape is plugged by SIN
(in the flesh) - Unwillingness to see ourselves as alienated wretches with nothing to commend us to God
- Self-centered selfishness

ALL MEN + WOMEN - Naturally

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NOTE THESE

3-What are those commands?

- De. 6:5--"Thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." (also Mt. 22:37)
- Lev. 19:18--";...Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." (also Mt. 22:39)
- Lk. 6:27--"Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you."

4-Can any natural man fulfill such commands??--**NO !!**

5-How then, can our problem be solved ??

III. THE APPLICATIONS OF LOVE TO LIFE:

A. Our Personal Need:

1-Basically it is a SPIRITUAL problem--man is born without connection to the Agape-love of God

2-HOW SOLVED ??

3-1 John 4:19--"We love Him, because He first loved us."

-Reciprocity

-But GOD took the initiative !

-Rom. 5:5...the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the H.S. which

-Love is embodied in Jesus Christ

-How can I enter into this Agape-love? it is given to us

4-ONLY by receiving Jesus Christ as God's gracious provided love-gift because of your tremendous need

-1 John 4:9-10

-1 John 3:16a, b

5-That's God's ONLY WAY for you

If never before

we are

-To receive His love

-To share His love

-To express His love

6-Won't you receive God's love-gift----Jesus Christ as

YOUR PERSONAL SAV'G

B. Our Family Need:

1-This is where we go to "retreat" & "let down our hair"

2-Often more of a GROUCH at home with those we love than we'd ever be with strangers or the boss at work

3-What does God's Word say?:

-1 Cor. 16:14--"Let all things be done in love"

-1 Jn. 4:18--There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear."

-Eph. 5:25--"Husbands, love your wives..."

4-This is the HIGHEST ARENA for testing & proving the love of God

5-Let us seek to see God's Agape-love ENSHRINED in our homes!!

C. Our "OTHERS" Need:

1-Can't begin here as the unsaved & religious seek to do

2-Rather, this is the expression outwardly of what is already at work in our hearts & homes

-1 John 4:11

-1 John 4:7-8

-1 John 4:20-21

-Rom. 13:8

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3-Process of growth

- Agape has to be RECEIVED
- Agape has to be experienced personally
- Agape has to be LIVED & SHARED in the inner circle of the home
- Matter of learning (2 Pet. 3:18)

4-BADGE of the true Christian: LOVE

Jn. 13:34-35--"A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

CONCLUSION:

Henry Ward Beecher:

Young love is a flame—very pretty—often very hot and fierce, but still only light and flickering. The love of the older and disciplined heart is as coals, deep-burning, unquenchable.

A.-Review Of Three Kinds Of Love:

- 1-Eros
- 2-Philia
- 3-Agape

4-BALANCE IS NEEDED !!

B.-Personal Examination:

- 1-Be honest.....Be hard on yourself
- 2-Don't think about anyone else.....JUST YOU !!
- 3-What about your relationships???

- To the Agape-love of God; ARE YOU SAVED ??
- To your mate; your kids; your home ??
- To others.

- 4-Are you THIS DAY --A recipient ??
- An enjoyer ??
- A show-er ??
- A share-er??

Biblical + normal
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- 5-Remember: John 13:35--"By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another."

WHAT DECISIONS?

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5/25/82 - Grace Gospel Ch., Daniels, WV
2/1/82 - Forrest View Bible Ch., T.C., Tenn.
6/20/82 - W. River Rd. Bapt. Ch., Mpls, MN.
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