

The Azusa Street Papers – Word of Knowledge – Message 11
March 20th, 2022

1 Corinthians 12:8; *“8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,”*

The Word of Knowledge is not found in education but rather is unknown information that is given to a Christian by the Holy Spirit alone who reveals what is needed at the specific time and place. This gift is not to be confused with the psychic powers, which are familiar evil spirits that give knowledge of the past and present to lead a person down a road of destruction in the future. A good example of this can be found in [1 Samuel 28:3-25](#), where King Saul consults a medium for direction, and the medium is used by the devil to reveal the truth about the outcome of the war that cost King Saul his life and of his sons, and the defeat of his army in battle with the Philistines on Mt. Gilboa.

Many Christians believe that Saul was actually receiving advice from dead Samuel who spoke thru the medium, but this was not Samuel, but rather an evil spirit posing as Samuel, that not only spoke of the outcome of the battle, but also spoke the lie that Saul, whom the Spirit of the Lord had departed from, would die and be with him in Abraham’s bosom, a place that the Old Testament saints went to as a temporary place to reside until Jesus redeemed them and granted them entrance into heaven. These scriptures are a must read for all Christians who are dabbling in the occult for direction, instead of relying on the Holy Spirits direction alone, who thru the Gift of Knowledge, is very able to give clear understanding that is needed in the present to help us make Godly decisions with our lives and not make the mistake like King Saul, who entered the battle already defeated. All because of meeting with this medium who lied to him, he went into the war defeated.

The devil would like to do the same to you, to give you advise about tomorrow so whatever situation you’d be going into, you’d go into it defeated from the get-go. King Saul was defeated before he went into the battle. He was convinced that he and his sons would die in battle, on top of that, he was deceived into thinking that he’d be going to paradise. It’s noteworthy that before all of this, King Saul had ordered all practicing magic arts experts, to be killed in the land, **1 Samuel 28:3-9**; *“3 Now Samuel had died, and all Israel had lamented for him and buried him in Ramah, in his own city. And Saul had put the mediums and the spiritists out of the land...9 Then the woman said to him, “Look, you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off the mediums and the spiritists from the land. Why then do you lay a snare for my life, to cause me to die?””*

But now here he is seeking out the medium because God had left him. He had no where else to go. The very spirit he was destroying in the land, ultimately destroyed him. The demon – familiar spirit – lied to him, impersonating Samuel. It was very evil what King Saul did. If there would have been any ounce of remorse and repentance, Saul would have at least thrown himself down before the Lord and ask for mercy, come what may, but there was no humility found in him.

There will always be false teachers that have rejected the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the clear understanding of what is written about these gifts in the Bible, and will be led astray by seducing occultic evil spirits that have deceived them into believing on one hand, that what they are teaching is of the Holy Spirit, when on the other hand it doesn’t line up with what is written in the Holy Bible.

In **2 Timothy 2:14-26**, the Apostle Paul write to Timothy about approved and disapprove workers; *“14 Remind them of these things, charging them before the Lord not to [a]strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers. 15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 16 But shun profane and [b]idle babblings, for they will [c]increase to more ungodliness. 17 And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus*

ILLUSTRATED MESSAGE SERIES BY PASTOR RICHARD BASED ON
THE AZUSA STREET PAPERS

are of this sort, 18 who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some. 19 Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of [d]Christ depart from iniquity." 20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. 21 Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, [e]sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. 22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 23 But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife. 24 And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, 25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, 26 and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will."

Many pastors have been ensnared by the devil, taken captive and are now teaching false teaching, rejecting the baptism in Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit should always be our consultant and He will not lead you into the opposite direction of what is written in the Bible, and will not give you new revelations to add to what is already written in it. This is why it's so important to study the Bible and know what it has to say about whatever situation you are facing in life. As well, it will not allow room for the occult to operate in, but the Gift of Knowledge will be in agreement with what is written in the Bible.

When a person who calls themselves a Christian, is rejecting what Jesus clearly taught about the Baptism of the Holy Spirit before He ascended to heaven in Acts 1:4-8, and what His disciples clearly received in Acts 2:1-4, they are operating in what I would call the same rebellion against God that King Saul operated in when he was given specific directions by God to follow, and in failing to do so, cost him his kingdom which was then given to King David. [1 Samuel 15:1-35](#).

In **1 Samuel 15:22-26** we read; "22 So Samuel said: "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of [a]witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king." 24 Then Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord and your words, **because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.** 25 Now therefore, please pardon my sin, and return with me, that I may worship the Lord." 26 But Samuel said to Saul, "I will not return with you, for you have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected you from being king over Israel."

Could fearing the people of their congregation and obeying the voice of their board members, be the reason why so many pastors are persecuting the Christians that are obeying the last words of Jesus? And just like King Saul persecuted David the future King of Israel, as a result of their stubborn rebellion to not obey Jesus' last command, are being rejected by God and are being replaced by pastors who will obey God and not grieve the Holy Spirit as they have done? All the more reason for Christians who are baptized with the Holy Spirit, to be open to the Words of Knowledge that are given for their edification, as well as their protection from the religious bullies who never received what they have as a result of disobeying Jesus' last command.

AZUSA PAPERS says;

VISIONS OF HELL. A sister who has been baptized with the Holy Ghost was at a church where the evangelist denounced the works of grace, the baptism with the Holy Ghost and gift of tongues. That evening she says the Lord showed her a vision of an open hell just back of the pulpit, with the awful, lurid flames coming up, and people sitting around the altar with their feet hanging over into the open hell, unconscious of their condition."

ILLUSTRATED MESSAGE SERIES BY PASTOR RICHARD BASED ON
THE AZUSA STREET PAPERS

The persecution of the Azusa Street revival was primarily by Pastors and believers who disobeyed Jesus' last command, but were upstaged by the Holy Spirit's power that operated thru the pastor and believers at the Apostolic Faith Mission.

1 Samuel 15:23 says this of King Saul; “23 *For rebellion is as the sin of [a]witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king.*”

Under the New Testament, the word of the Lord being rejected is Jesus' last words to His disciples found in **Acts 1:4-8** where it says; “4 *And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be [a]witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

Pastors that reject the last command of Jesus, are operating in witchcraft as the result of their rebellion and idolatry to that command, which is a result of stubbornness. So it's very clear that sorcery and idolatry are at the root of their rebellion and stubbornness to obey Jesus. Just like Saul. These pastors fear the congregation and the board members like Saul feared the rejection of his people.

Galatians 5:19-21 talks about the works of the flesh; “19 *Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: [a]adultery, [b]fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, [c]murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*”

In **Revelation 22:12-17**, Jesus testifies to the churches and says; “12 *And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the [a]Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.*” 14 *Blessed are those who [b]do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. 15 [c]But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie. 16 “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.” 17 And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.”*

Revelation 21:7-8 also says; “7 *He who overcomes [a]shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. 8 But the cowardly, [b]unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.*”

AZUSA PAPERS says;

Bro. Thos. Junk, while in Oakland, had a vision of hell. He seemed to leave his body and was taken to the top of Knob Hill, in the midst of the ruins of San Francisco. The Savior commanded him, "Son of man, speak." As soon as he spoke, the ground at his feet parted and moved from him, disclosing a liquid fire, like molten iron, with demons and men and women in flames. He says there came to him an awful fume of burning sulfur and he heard the screams of the damned, which were heart-rending. All around the edges of the great opening, people were

ILLUSTRATED MESSAGE SERIES BY PASTOR RICHARD BASED ON
THE AZUSA STREET PAPERS

walking, unconscious of the open pit, and a continual stream of them were falling into the lake of fire. He beheld them splashing into the fire and heard the laugh of demons as each struck the fire. While beholding all this, he saw a woman he had known for some time, a professor of holiness and one who took a prominent part in testimony and prayer, running toward the opening, looking too high to see it. She dashed right over into the flames, and a shout went up from the demons, with such roars of laughter as he had never heard before.”

It reminds me of someone who religiously walks around with their nose in the air saying, ‘I’m okay, I’m good, I don’t need the baptism in the Holy Spirit, I don’t need to obey Jesus’ last command, I’m good, I don’t want what you holy rollers have, I don’t need to be speaking in tongues, I don’t need the gifts of the Holy Spirit in operation, I received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit upon sanctification;’ so haughty and proud, so proud to even see their next step was hell for having rejected the baptism in the Holy Spirit as many a Christian has done to the point of accrediting the baptism in the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in tongues, to be that of the devil.

This is why the Word of Knowledge is such an important gift of the Holy Spirit, that not only edifies the body of Christ but will also give understanding as to what is truth and what is a lie, and how to stay on a straight and narrow road that leads to eternal life. No matter how many years you’ve been going to church and how many Bible scriptures you’ve memorized, and how many charities you’ve given to, and how good you believe you are. When the Holy Spirit gives you a Word of Knowledge that you have believed a lie and grieved the Holy Spirit, it might be a good time to repent of it and allow the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth that is found in Bible. He's giving you one more chance to not reject His Holy Spirit, giving you one more chance to obey what’s written in the Book of Acts about the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. You can receive Him or reject Him.

Don’t be like the person in this vision, a professor of holiness and one who took a prominent part in testimony and prayer, running toward the opening of the pit of hell, looking too high to see it in pride. She dashed right over into the flames, and a shout went up from the demons, with such roars of laughter as he had never heard before.

How many pastors today have and are speaking against the baptism in the Holy Spirit, against speaking in tongues, against the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and in pride, with their noses raised high, have rejected it. So long as you’ve rejected the baptism in the Holy Spirit, you’re not ‘good’. Just like Saul’s disobedience which cost him his life, the life of his sons, and cost him his eternal life, be careful that it doesn’t happen to you.

There are Christians that are going to heaven and there are professing Christians that are going to hell. The Holy Spirit is grieved by your rejecting Him and rejecting Jesus’ last command, it’s not about dying ignorant in having just believed in Christ having made Him Lord of your life, it’s about dying having purposefully rejected His plan for you and His command to receive the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues and operating in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It’s one thing to die without that knowledge, but it’s another thing to know the truth, having hardened your heart and become stiff-necked, stubborn and reject truth, there is a serious outcome for that attitude. How much speaking evil of and gossiping about and bad-mouthing those who are baptized in the Holy Spirit is going on today in denominations around the world? Do you think it’s going to go well on judgment day for those who do this? Do you really think Jesus is just going to turn a blind eye, and say ‘it’s ok, you were just having a bad moment’, no, you grieved the Holy Spirit and disobeyed Jesus’ command? It doesn’t matter how ‘good’ you say you are and that you don’t need the baptism in the Holy Spirit, no, you’re not good. You need it because that was Jesus’ last command.

An example of rejecting the baptism in the Holy Spirit would be like a female foreigner wanting to come to Canada by marrying a Canadian. However, they’re marrying that person for the paperwork only – to become a citizen – not because of love nor do they desire the intimacy of marriage, they’re doing it on their terms and

ILLUSTRATED MESSAGE SERIES BY PASTOR RICHARD BASED ON
THE AZUSA STREET PAPERS

conditions, not on the terms and conditions of what marriage means. They want the benefits of being a Canadian but they still want to live their life independently of their new husband. This is not twisted but an example. Many come to Jesus for the ticket into heaven, but there is more than that. It's the intimacy with Jesus and the Father through Holy Spirit. It's not just head knowledge and the assurance of salvation, but wholeheartedly and intimately knowing Him. We must follow Jesus' terms, conditions and commandments.

When you became a Christian, you didn't do it on your terms did you? No, you became a Christian on His terms, all your terms and conditions you laid at the foot of the cross and now are a dead man/woman walking. Dead to self and obeying what He says. Laying down your life and terms and conditions so that Christ can live in you. If any man wants to follow Jesus, he has pick up his cross to die to self, to the world, to the flesh, taking every thought captive to the obedience of Jesus. No more saying, 'I'm good, I've got this', no, you're not good and you don't have it. Will you be 'good' when they come to your home to persecute you to throw you in jail and you have no power to stand?

God has the gifts of the Holy Spirit for you to operate in plus you can receive from others who are baptized in the Holy Spirit the gifts in operation toward you; wisdom, knowledge, miracles etc. It's reciprocal. All of these gifts the devil has perverted and turned them into the occult.

Stop listening to lies, stop disobeying Jesus' command, get back into the Bible and study it, ask Him to baptize you in the Holy Spirit and fire and He'll do it! Repent of all of the false teaching that you've taught from the pulpit, pastors and preachers, give it up and repent of it, get baptized in the Holy Ghost, start over. Watch how the Holy Spirit works on you, your congregation, your family and all around you. Don't be like the woman walking off the edge into hell according to the vision we read about.

We're specifically speaking about Christians who are purposely rejecting the baptism in the Holy Spirit, not those who don't know anything about it. I can't see Jesus saying, 'oh, come on in, enter into your rest, I know who you are'.

A powerful story of this is like we read in **Acts 19:1-7** where Paul was in Ephesus, where they hadn't heard of the Holy Spirit and gladly received Him, it says; *"And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples ² he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, *"We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."* ³ *And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?"* So they said, *"Into John's baptism."* ⁴ *Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."* ⁵ **When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.** ⁷ *Now the men were about twelve in all."**

These are things to seriously consider today.

Prophetic word by tongues and interpretation at the end of the message by Pastor Richard; *"Everything sounds so extreme, says the Lord, everything sounds so extreme, says the Lord, everything sounds so unrational, says the Lord, everything sounds so extreme. That's who I am, says the Lord, I'm holy, I'm separate, I'm the Alpha and the Omega, I'm the beginning and the end, I'm extreme. There is none like Me, says the Lord, none.*

Oh, but you say, it's so extreme, oh you're just being so extreme, you're requiring way too much of us. Obey Me, says the Lord, I'll bless your life, obey Me from the time you get up until the time you go to bed, says the Lord, obey Me. I'll bless you; you'll be blessed coming in, you'll be blessed going out, the blessings of Abraham will overtake you wherever you go, the power of My Holy Spirit will follow you, signs, wonders and miracles

ILLUSTRATED MESSAGE SERIES BY PASTOR RICHARD BASED ON
THE AZUSA STREET PAPERS

will be performed through you by the power of My Holy Spirit, prophecies will come out of you, tongues will come out of you, interpretation will come out of you, says the Lord. But obey Me, obey all of My commands today, and you'll be blessed, at all times in every situation that you're in. I'll be with you even unto the very end of your life. I'll be with you, I'll be with you, I'll be with you, says the Lord."

For more information and teaching on the Gift of Knowledge, please go to The Holy Spirit Series on our website. [Here is the link.](#)

To read more from The Azusa Street Papers, [please click on this link to read Vol.1, No.3](#)