

CLASS 7 – WALKING IN THE POWER OF THE WORD AND SPIRIT

REVIEW AND CONCLUSION

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I. SOUND DOCTRINE

From the Bible must come sound Doctrine

The biblical canon is made up of the books Christian regard as divinely inspired and making up the biblical canon. The current Protestant canon was generally accepted by the second century and formally decided by the Catholic (universal) church by the 5th century. The books of the Apocrypha were included by the Roman Catholic church in 1547, at the Council of Trent in the midst of the Protestant Reformation, which sought to correct the biblical ignorance, the teaching of salvation by works and grace, and the corruption in the church.

The foundational doctrinal statements of Evangelical Pentecostals and Charismatics are harmonious with the Apostles Creed and Nicene Creed, universally accepted statements of Christian faith, but also includes doctrinal statements relating to the continued operation of the Spirit in giving spiritual gifts such as, miracles, prophecy, healing and tongues. Sound doctrine includes the continued enduement of the Holy Spirit spiritual gifts, but does not include miscellaneous Pentecostal/Charismatic teachings that do not apply sound principles of biblical interpretation.

Sound Doctrine and Teaching can only come through the application of sound principles of biblical interpretation, summarized as:

CONTEXT RULES - You must consider the historical, geographical, political and cultural context, in relation to the passage/chapter/book.

SCRIPTURE INTERPRETS SCRIPTURE - Obscure passages must be understood in the light of clearer ones. Remember that no part of the Bible can contradict any other part. If one passage seems to contradict another, one of the passages is being misinterpreted, or even both. As God's Word, the Bible must be consistent with itself. Don't base convictions on an obscure passage of Scripture.

INTERPRET SCRIPTURE LITERALLY - Scripture is to be read in its literal sense.

Understand God's words just as you would interpret the language of normal discourse. Look first for the literal meaning, not some mystical, deeper, hidden, secret or spiritualized interpretation. If there is symbolic meaning, use Scripture to interpret Scripture.

CONSIDER GRAMMER/ORIGINAL LANGUAGE TO DETERMINE MEANING - Be aware of the sequences of the words and phrases, tenses, and part of speech (verb or noun), to determine meaning. Often it is necessary to consider the original language to fully understand the passage. (Today, there are Greek/Hebrew lexicons, Bible study software, or free sites like www.blueletterbible.org , www.biblegateway.com, etc. that can help you understand.)

(Sound principles do not include dismissing narrative accounts or applying Cessationism theory to development of sound doctrine or teaching.)

II. THE POWER OF THE WORD

Melvin Worthington gives us a wonderful lesson entitled "The Wonderful Word" based on [2 Timothy 3:14, 15, 16, 17](#)...

Introduction: The Bible is an amazing book, a living book. It provides information which can be found in no other book.

1. **The Nature of the Bible** ([2Ti 3:16](#)); [Ps. 119:1, 2, 3, 4, 5ff](#); [1Pe 1:20, 21](#)). The attributes which make the Bible a unique book include its author, authority, accuracy, adequacy, appeal, and agenda.

2. **The Need for the Bible** ([1Pe 1:23, 24, 25](#); [1Pe1:23; 24; 25](#); [Jas 1:18, John 5:24](#)). The Bible addresses all the needs of the human being. It is essential for life, likeness, liberty, light, and labor.

3. **The Nourishment from the Bible** (see [1Pe 2:2](#)). The Bible reveals and regulates the development God planned, the diet God provided, the disposition God prescribed, and the diadem God promised.

4. **The Neglect of the Bible** ([1Cor 3:1, 2](#)). Neglect of the Bible leads to dullness, drifting, disobedience, despising, denouncing, and departing from the Lord.

We can only walk in power if we know the truth that will set us free. That means we need to breathe Scripture every day.

III. THE HISTORY OF THE PENTECOSTAL MOVEMENT

In 2013, with an estimated 600 million followers¹, Pentecostalism comprised the second largest communion of Christians in the world. It started from students who, after studying the Bible, saw no reason that the gifts should not be available to today's Christians.

¹ www.pewforum.org/2011/12/19/global-christianity-movement-and-denominations. Retrieved August 28, 2014.

Though Pentecostalism and Charismatics come from the same roots, there are important distinctions. Briefly, Classical Pentecostals were those who pioneered and popularized the idea of a baptism in the Holy Spirit with the necessary sign of speaking in tongues. Initially, Pentecostals were expelled from the mainline denominations and founded their own churches and denominations. “Charismatic” was first used around 1963 to represent “neo-Pentecostals” in the mainline Protestant and Catholic churches who spoke in tongues but did not see tongues as the mandatory evidence of the Pentecostal experience.²

Key Christian leaders who recognized the validity of spiritual gifts, and even experienced their power, include John Wesley and D. L. Moody.

We praise God for those 20th century Bible college students, so hungry for everything God had for them, who led the way. Today we are the beneficiaries of the results that came from their hunger.

IV. THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: AN INTRODUCTION

- A. **He is God** (Gen 1:2, Ps 104:30, He 9:14, Ps 139:7-10, Lk 1:35, and I Cor 2:1-11).
- B. **He has been at work in people’s lives throughout biblical history** (Ex 31:3, Nu 11:17, 25-29; Nu 27:18, De 34:9, I Sa 10:6, 10, I Sa 16:13-14, Ju 3:10, Nu 24:2).
- C. **As the Third Member of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit is a Person, with personal names** (Comforter, Counselor, Helper – Jn 14:16 and 16:7) **and** characteristics (He can be grieved, resisted, lied to and has His own desires and will. Acts 7:51, He 10:29, Ep 4:30-31, Acts 5:3-4, and I Cor 12:11).
- D. **He teaches, convicts, and empowers** (Jn 14:26, 16:8, 13; Lk 24:49; Acts 1:8; Ro 8:2, 10-11; and 1 Jn 4:4).
- E. **He is the Agent of Salvation, bears FRUIT in our lives and gives GIFTS** (Ro 8:9, 1 Cor 12:13, 2 Cor 3:18, Ga 5:22-24).
- F. **The three baptisms:**
 - 1. **The First Baptism – Salvation** (1 Cor 12:13. This is baptism INTO the body of Christ. The Holy Spirit is the one who performs it. The body of Christ is the element.)
 - 2. **The Second Baptism – Water Baptism** (Mat 28:19-20, Acts 2:38-41. The DISCIPLES are performing this baptism, as instructed by Jesus!)
 - 3. **The Third Baptism – Baptism in the Holy Spirit** (The words of John the Baptist...Mat 3:11, Mk 1:8, Lk 3:16, Jn 1:33. The words of Jesus...Lk 24:49, Acts 1:4. Who performs this baptism? JESUS is doing the baptism here.

² Ibid.

Before Jesus ascending to the Father and sending the Holy Spirit, the spirit had descended but never remained.)

Luke 24:49 - *I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but **stay in the city until** you have been clothed with power from on high."*

Acts 1:4 - *On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but **wait** for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.*

V. THE HOLY SPIRIT KNOWS, SPEAKS, DOES MIRACLES AND EMPOWERS

Cor 12:1 - *Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant.*

12:4 - *Now there are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.*

12:7-11 - *There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.*

A. GENERAL: The Holy Spirit owns all the gifts all the time. They are gifts, not earned or deserved but given, granted, by the grace of God. The SPIRITUAL GIFTS are not a sign of spirituality

1 Cor. 14:1- "Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts..."

In Chapter 13 Paul is saying "I don't care how gifted you are, if you don't have love, keep your mouth shut." **Then he says we are to DESIRE spiritual gifts...**

B. Most of the gifts are for the edification (building up) of the Body.

1 Corinthians 14:12 (KJV) - *Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.*

1. Christ's gifts to the Church - Eph. 4:11-13

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

2. The Father's gifts to mankind - Rom. 12:6-8

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is servicing, let him serve;

if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, or another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

“Tongues” is the only gift that has both public and private use.

C. The Holy Spirit Empowers

Acts 1:8 – *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

Luke 24:49 – *“I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”*

VI. THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: TONGUES

A. The Promise

In Luke 24:49, Jesus tells his disciples, *“I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”* Again, this followed the events of John 20:22, when He breathed on them and said, “Receive the Spirit.”

Acts 1:4 and 5 report Jesus as saying, *“Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized into the Holy Spirit.”*

The Great Commission, Jesus said *“they will speak in new tongues”* (Mk. 16:17).

B. The Immersion

In Acts 2:1-4 we read the account of how this promise came to pass. On the Day of Pentecost, the believers were baptized by and immersed in the Spirit.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (NIV, Acts 2:4)

The Result of the Immersion:

1. **Worship** - The crowds saw and heard a group of 120 people worshipping God in languages they had never learned, but which the observers recognized!
2. **The Word was Proclaimed with Power** - The purpose went beyond the launching of the church, but it was to proclaim His message to the lost.
3. **People Repented and Many Were Saved (Acts 2:37-39)**

C. General

1. In the New Testament “Tongues” Seemed to be the Biblical Norm.

Examples: PENTECOST (Acts 2:4), SAMARIA (Acts 8:5, 12) Acts 8:14-17, SIMON THE SORCERER (8:18), SAUL (Acts 9:17) 1 Cor 14 - tongues were a regular part of Paul’s prayer life, CORNELIUS (Acts 10 and 11) Acts 10:43-48 (NIV), Acts 19:1-5 - EPHESUS.

2. The Purpose of Tongues

Tongues are the only gift that has both a personal and public dimension.

- a. **Public, during a Service (1 Corinthians 14:23-28, NIV)** - Only With Interpretation
- b. **Private Use** – Praying in the Holy Spirit
1 Corinthians 14:2-6 - *For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God...*
- c. **The Power of Praying in the Spirit** - Romans 8:26-28

VII. THE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (Gal 5:16-25)

A. Being filled/baptized with the Spirit calls us to CHARACTER as much as it does to CHARISMATIC activity.

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1 Cor 14:1- *“Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts...”*

In Chapter 13 Paul is saying *“I don't care how gifted you are, if you don't have love, keep your mouth shut.”*

B. The difference in GIFTS and FRUIT is...GIFTS are deposited into our lives by the Holy Spirit. FRUIT is produced from our lives from the Holy Spirit in us.

Galatians 5:16-25 (NIV)

¹⁶ So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever^[a] you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

C. Love

Love is the blossom that produces the fruit. In other words all the manifestations of the fruit of the spirit flow out of love. *Agape* – Godlike love, self-sacrificing love, not requiring something back in return.

1 Cor 13:1-13 - If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing.

1. Joy (love rejoicing)

Isaiah 12:3 - *With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.*

3. Peace (love trusting)

Jn 14:27 - *Peace I leave with you; **my peace** I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

Ph 4:6-7 - *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

4. Patience (love waiting)

Ep 4:2 - *Be completely humble and gentle; be **patient, bearing with one another in love.***

5. Kindness (love forgiving)

Eph 4:32 - *Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

6. Goodness (love extending)

7. Faithfulness (love proving)

Faithfulness is just forging ahead in the face of pain, difficulty, opposition doing the RIGHT THING not just when it feels good.

Matt 25:21 (NIV) - *His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful."*

8. Gentleness (love touching)

Jn 3:17 (NLT) - *God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it.*

Ga 6:1 (NIV) - *Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.*

9. Self-control (love restraining)

Titus 2:11-12 - *For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,*

CONCLUSION:

2 Peter 1:3-9 - *His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.*

Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.

For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins.