**Father Day Message June 2024**

**A great big hats off to the Fathers of our church: I know most of you personally and can vouch for the hard work, often working long hours to provide for your family, your dedication to the growth of your family, your love and care for the family and sacrifices that you have made to help the family to mature, be Christ like and to be successful. Financial sacrifices right here at NCL to make this church what it is! Time sacrifices to edify the body of Christ!**

 ***Ask for Fathers to stand and applaud***

**I have always tended to put myself in that category & if you do not watch yourself can start thinking pretty high of yourself *(Then I remember the following scripture)***

**Eph 5:23**  For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the **Head** of the church, his body, of which he is the **Savior**

 **Savior -** A person who saves someone or something from danger, ruin or defeat*: Deliverer, defender, guardian, rescuer a provider.*

 **Head - Not ruthless, Not bossy, not a dictator: “But A Leader”**

 **A Leader -** In general, the role of a leader is to ***coach, guide, & inspire others “To Move the Organization forward”* “*In this case the family, church & community”***

**When I look at this Christian Analogy I see a relationship: “God to Jesus” “Jesus to the Man” “The Man to his Wife”**

**I realize I haven’t arrived yet!** I can get better at being a husband, parent, grandparent & someday a great grandparent.

**I am aware that it is a growing concern in today’s culture is the absence of a strong Father or male figure in the family: One who can not only be strong, but loving, A Protector but flexible: Decisive but Caring:**

 ***However best trait is to Lead by Example:***

**But God:** *I know that God is well aware of today’s y’s culture but from the foundation of the world planned a counterattack against the devils devises: Weakness in politics, weakness in our bodies and weakness in character and weakness or inability to move things forward:*

**I believe that God has designed a counterattack against the devil & the flesh! By an Outpouring of himself through the Holy Spirit: Interjecting himself in us**

**1 Cor 3:16** Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

 *If God’s Spirit dwelleteh in you does’t spiritual gift(s) or maniferstation dwell in you?*

**Acts 2:17** And it shall come to pass in the Last Days that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh ***(all of your flesh)***

**James 5:7** Be patient therefore, brethren, **unto the coming of the Lord.** Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and **latter** **rain**.

 **Not just revivals which bring salvations, healings, deliverances, breakthroughs: but Strength of Character**

**Gal 5:23 The Fruit of the Spirit 22**But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives he will produce this kind of fruit in us love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23**gentleness and self-control

**Gifts of the Spirit or the Power of God**

**1 Cor 12:8-10** For to One is given by the Spirit the **word of wisdom**; to another the **word of knowledge**,**9**To another **special faith**, to **another healing(s)**, to another the **working of miracles**; to another **prophecy**; to another **discerning of spirits**; to another **divers kinds of tongues**; to another the **interpretation of tongues**: **11**But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, **dividing to every man** severally as he will.

**I believe there is an awakening to the Manifest Power of God that the gifts bring:**

**What we should be focused on**

**1) Gifts are to profit or for the Common Good**

 **1 Cor 12:7 7**But the **manifestation** of the Spirit is given to every man to **profit** withal *(NIV) for the* ***common good***

 **Some translations refer to the gifts as “Special endowments” or “*Manifestations* of God”**

 **Manifestations – can see by all believers**

 **Supernatural – manifestations of God (not human or learned not earned)**

 **Purpose 1) make room for God’s will his sovereignty**

 **2) lift us above realm of natural ability (can be seen in all 31 chapters of Acts**

 **3) confirm our Christian faith or testimony - 1 Cor 1:4-8**

 **4) to enable all believers to contribute to the common good 1 Cor 14:26**

 **1 Cor 12:28** So God has appointed *and* placed in the church [for His own use]: first apostles [chosen by Christ], second prophets [those who foretell the future, those who speak a new message from God to the people], third teachers, then those who work miracles, then those with the gifts of healings, the helpers, the administrators, and speakers in *various* kinds of [unknown] tongues.

 **1 Cor 12:1** Concerning spiritual gifts, I would not have you **ignoran**t (not to be informed or experienced in)

**31** **Covet the best gifts = “eagerly desire, show zeal, have attitude of deep concern, to be jealous/envious**

 **Amphd -** But earnestly desire *and* zealously cultivate the greatest *and* best gifts

 **CJB -** Eagerly seek the better gifts.

 **Easy -** But it is good if you really want the more valuable gifts from God.

 **MSG** - You are Christ’s body—that’s who you are! You must never forget this. Only as you accept your part of that body does your “part” mean anything.

**1 Cor 14:1**  **Desire spiritual gifts = things pertaining to the Spirit**

 **AMPHD -** Pursue love, with eagerness, make it your goal: ***Yet earnestly desire & cultivate the spiritual gifts*** [to be used by believers for the benefit of the church],

 **ERV -** Love should be the goal of your life, but you should also want to have the gifts that come from the Spirit. And the gift you should want most is to be able to prophesy.

 **12 Ye are zealous of spiritual gifts**

 **TLB** - Since you are so anxious to have special gifts from the Holy Spirit, ask him for the very best, for those that will be of real help to the whole church.

 **CEB** - The same holds true for you: since you are ambitious for spiritual gifts, use your ambition to try to work toward being the best at building up the church.

**Put yourself in a position to need them Pray for people, get involved in Ministry stuff, start believing for miracles in the church or for others**

**Love puts Other People first: The Gifts are focused on others & edifying (building up) the body of Christ**

**Matt 6:33 Seek ye first the kingdom of God & all these things will be added unto you!**

**Exercise a Little Faith: Rom 12:6** Having then gifts differing **according** to the grace that is given to us, whether **prophecy**, let us prophesy **according** to the proportion of faith;

**Let’s Make the Awakening of Spiritual Gifts a Reality at New Covenant Living Church**

**Application of the Holy Spirit (sjm 6-9-2024)**

**Acts 1:8** But ye shall receive **power***,* ***(dunamis)*** after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

 **Witnesses – one who has witnessed something or has a testimony**

**Question:** What is the common denominator of successful people? (David, Elijah, Daniel, Stephen, Barnabus, Philip, Paul?)

 **Answer:** They at times operated under the anointing of the Holy Spirit

 **O/T=** **2 Peter 1:21** Men spoke (or acted) as they were moved by the H/S

 **N/T=** **Matt 9:17 & Acts 2 & 4:** All filled with H/S after being re-created;

**Joel 2:28** Prophesied of a day when H/S would be poured out on all flesh; *(New Testament Acts 2:17-18)*

**27**And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed. **28**And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

 **[ Ashamed = disgraced or embarrassed or overwhelmed]**

The Holy Spirit could not be poured out on all flesh (a term meaning to be filled or indwelt) until man was re-recreated

**Matt 9:17** Neither do men put new wine into old bottles else the bottles break & the wine runneth out

**Fulfilled in Acts 2:1-4** And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

**2**And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. **3**And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. **4**And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

**The Importance of the Holy Spirit?**

 **Brings Boldness Acts 4:13** Now when they saw the **boldness** of Peter & John & perceived they were unlearned & ignorant men, they marvelled & took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus

 **It Is a sign to unbeliever**

 **Acts 10:46** Jews knew Cornelius had received the Holy Spirit

 **Mark 16:17** These signs shall follow .. they shall speak with new tongues **1 Cor 14:22** Tongues are a sign to the unbeliever

 **Seals us:** **Eph 1:14** Sealed with H/S, (earnest of our down payment until the redemption of the purchased possession

 [**Seal**= An emblem of ownership & security, together with destination Evidence of eternal inheritance:]

 **Gives Hope:** **Rom 15:13 .** ..that ye may abound in hope thru power of Holy Spirit [Hope is measure of better things to come]

 **Hope** = Vines: "The happy anticipation of good"

 Hope leads to faith; opposite of faith is fear & doubt

 **Gives Power:** **Matt 12:28** Jesus said "If I cast out devils by the Spirit of God"

 **:29** Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house?

 **Rom 15:19** Through many signs/wonders by the Power of the Spirit of God

 **Acts 1:8** You shall receive POWER (*dunamis)* after the H/G is come upon you

 **Dunamis** = Strength or Mighty works & deeds; **Miracles = works of power:**

 [See acts 2:22, 8:13 & 2 Cor 12:12 & Mark 9:39]

 **Eph 1:17-19** What is the exceeding greatness of his power to us who believe

 **Eph 3:20b** (See 3:20 **HOW?**) According to the Power that works in us!

**Gives Authority** **Matt 28:18** All power **[exeusia] =** (authority) given unto me in heaven/earth

 **2 Cor 10:8** For though I should boost somewhat more of our authority **(exeusia)**, which the lord has given us for edification: *(Give policeman example):*

 \***Provides Comfort** **John 16:7** It is expedient that I go .. for I will send the Comforter unto you.

 **Comforter** = Vine: Capability or adaptability of giving aid counsel, advocate, legal assistant;

 **NCL?** **Acts 9:31** Walked in the fear of the Lord & the Comfort of Holy Ghost (churches then multiplied)

 **Teaches Us** **Luke 12:11-12** (To Disciples) For the H/S shall teach you .. what you ought to say [To give instruction!]

**Brings Remembrance** **John 14:26** But the Comforter, whom the father shall send in my name, shall teach you all things & bring all things to your remembrance:

**Provides Refreshing: Is 28:11** For with stammering lips & another tongue will he speak to his people

 **12** This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest, & this is this refreshing

 **Refreshing** = To give intermission from labor, give rest, refresh

 **Builds Ourselves Up**

 **1 Corn 14:4** He that speaks in an unknown tongue edifies himself stimulates your capacity for faith)

 **Jude 17-20** Building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.

**Helps us Pray According to the Will of God:**

 **Rom 8:26** Likewise the Spirit helpeth our infirmities (Gr: weaknesses), for we know not what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit maketh intercession for us with groaning that cannot be uttered

 **27** And he that searcheth the heart knows what is the mind of the spirit for he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God

**What We Should Not Do**

 **Grieve the H/S** **Eph 4:30** And grieve not the H/S of God (mourn, sorrow) whereby you are sealed unto the day of redemption

 **TLB** Don’t cause the Holy Spirit sorrow by the way you live. Remember, he is the one who marks you to be present on that day when salvation from sin will be complete.

 **Resist H/S** **Acts 7:51** Ye stiff-necked (hard) people, ye do always resist or oppose the Holy Spirit?

 **HOW TO RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT(H/S):**

 **Acts 8:17** ..Then laid they there hands on them & they received the H/G. **(An act subsequent to Salvation);** Phillip went to Samaria after people were already baptized in the Name of Jesus

 **1)** **Acts 8:20** The Holy spirit is a Gift from God

 **2) 2 Tim 1:6** Stir up the Gift of God which is in thee by the laying on of hands

**Creator Saviour Indweller**

"Grieve the Holy Spirit" is a phrase from the Bible, Ephesians 4:30, that means to act in a way that is harmful to one's spiritual growth, either intentionally or unintentionally. The phrase is similar to how a parent might feel when their child behaves in a self-destructive way. The Greek word lupeo, which is used in the phrase, means "to be sad" or "to be

### **The Friend Will Come John 16 MSB**

**4-7**“I didn’t tell you this earlier because I was with you every day. But now I am on my way to the One who sent me. Not one of you has asked, ‘Where are you going?’ Instead, the longer I’ve talked, the sadder you’ve become. So let me say it again, this truth: It’s better for you that I leave. If I don’t leave, the Friend won’t come. But if I go, I’ll send him to you.

**8-11**“When he comes, he’ll expose the error of the godless world’s view of sin, righteousness, and judgment: He’ll show them that their refusal to believe in me is their basic sin; that righteousness comes from above, where I am with the Father, out of their sight and control; that judgment takes place as the ruler of this godless world is brought to trial and convicted.

**12-15**“I still have many things to tell you, but you can’t handle them now. But when the Friend comes, the Spirit of the Truth, he will take you by the hand and guide you into all the truth there is. He won’t draw attention to himself, but will make sense out of what is about to happen and, indeed, out of all that I have done and said. He will honor me; he will take from me and deliver it to you. Everything the Father has is also mine. That is why I’ve said, ‘He takes from me and delivers to you.’

**CONCERNING SPIRITUAL GIFTS** **(sjm 6-16-2024)**

**Heb 8:6** But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a **better** **covenant**, which was established upon **better** promises

**John 16:7** Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is **expedient** for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. *(read reference from MSG version)*

**Acts 2:1-4** And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

**2**And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. **3**And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. **4**And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

**Filled Acts 2:17-19 17**And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: **18**And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

**19**And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

**Refilled Acts 4:31** And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

**After Salvation: “Phillip went down to Samaria” 15**Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: **16**(For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

**Joel 2:28** Prophesied of a day when H/S would be poured out on all flesh; (The Holy Spirit could not be poured out on all flesh (a term meaning to be filled or indwelt) until man was re-recreated

**Matt 9:17** Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.

**Names & references to the Holy Spirit: Comforter / Counselor / Advocate: guide, convictor God’s seal, intercessor, revealer of truth, and teacher**

**Roman 8:11** But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also **quicken** **your** **mortal** bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

**Were not yet there but we going there!!**

**If you being evil how much more will he give the H/S**

**UTTERANCE GIFTS**:

**Gift of Tongues** = **Supernaturally inspired utterance in an unknown tongue**

(not foreign language, not learned, not mimicking, not personal prayer language)

1 Cor 14:14 For if I pray in an unknown tongue my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful

1 Cor 14:2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men but unto God

1 Cor 14:4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself, but he that prophesieth edifies the church

**Jude 1:20** But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

# Rom 8:26

**1 Cor 1:27** But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound (embarrass) the wise;

**1 Cor 14:12** For as much as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church

 **13** Therefore, let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret

**Interpretation of Tongues** = **Supernatural showing forth of the meaning of tongues**

 (Not learned, not studied for, not language interpretation)

**1 Cor 14:27** If any man speak in an unknown tongue (vs 23 in the church) let it be by 2 or 3 & let one interpret

 **28** But if there be no interpretation, let him keep silence in the church, & let him speak to himself & to God

**Prophecy** = **Supernatural inspired utterance in an known tongue**

**1 Cor 14:4)** **Prophecy** edifies the church How?

 **Edification**= to build up (battery)

 **Exhortation**= move to action

 **Comfort**= Satisfy emotions

**Office of Prophet**= more revelation, often has other gifts in operation

 [More of a permanent, consistent ministry]

**1 Cor 14:29** Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.

 30 If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace.

 31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.

 32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

 33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

**2 Pet 1:19** We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take

**Rom 12:6** Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

## **2 Pet 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.**

**REVELATION GIFTS:**

**Word of Wisdom=** Supernatural revelation by the Holy Spirit; - **of things to come**,

 - **Wisdom=** Insight concerning individuals, churches, nations:

 - [not human wisdom, learned or through experience]

 - **Manifested By:**: Visions, audible voice, dreams, angels, or to your spirit

 **Acts 11:28** Agabus, signified that there would be a great famine in the land

**Word of Knowledge=** Supernatural revelation by H/S concerning facts **- past/present Things are are**

 - Knowledge is facts, past or present:

**2 Kings 6:9-11** King of Syria warred against Israel with a ambush

**Discerning of Spirits**= Insight into the Spiritual Realm of Spirits

 - often can distinguish between Good & evil spirits Angels & human spirits

 - Gift is not discerning of people, judging or fault finding-criticalness

 - turn the gift on yourself for 10 minutes

 **2 Kings 6:17** Elisha & his servant saw who was with him

**POWER GIFTS:**

**Working of Miracles**= Supernatural intervention into the ordinary course of nature

 - **Joshua 10:13** Commanded the sun & moon to stand still for one day

 - **Kings 17:14** Barrel of oil & meal that lasted until it rained

 - **John 6:5** Jesus fed 5,000

 - **Mark 4:39** Jesus commanded the sea to be still

**Gift of Faith**= Supernatural endowment from God so that we are able to believe God in such a way that what is uttered or desired is miraculously brought to pass

 **Special Faith – vs common or scriptural faith Is to enable you to receive a miracle to help others (generally you will know what God is going to do ahead of time) WILL MANIFEST AT TIMES!**

 - **Mostly** to meet a need or for protection; **Closely** associated with miracles

 - **Daniel 3** Daniel saved in Lions den **Daniel 6:** Shadrach, Mechach, Abednego;

 - **1 Kings 17:4** Elijah fed by the ravens **EXAMPLE:** at Dry cleaning place:

**Gift(s) of Healing(s)**= Power to deliver the sick & to destroy works of the Devil in the body

 **- Acts 14:** Paul healed cripple at Lystra "stand upright on thy feet"

 - **Generally** through person operating in the 5 fold ministry

 - **Generally** instantaneous, complete; **Often** for unbelievers & new christians

**1 Cor 12:28** Read

 **31a**  Covet earnestly the best gifts,  **Covet:** overly desirous of something, especially something belonging to another: Be Greedy!:

 **31b** Yet I show you a more excellent way(not than gifts, *but into Gifts)*

**1 Thes 5:19** Quench not the Spirit HOW? By holding back on your gift(s)

**Rom 11:29** Gifts and calling of God are without repentance

 Unto the church of God with is at Corinth(gifts given to whole church)

Why do certain churches prophecy, tongues, healings?