

Restoration of the Gifts (Part 1)

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God's endtime plan includes a time of restoration of His power, and a time of restoration of His gifts and ministries to the Church.

I've seen occasional manifestations of the glory of God through my years of ministry. I've frequently seen the presence of God come into the building appearing like a cloud. About four times I've seen something like waves roll in from the back of the building and hover over the people. Although it looked like waves, it was a white cloud – a manifestation of His glory.

I'm firmly convinced we're going to see more of that in these end times. We're going to move into a greater manifestation of signs and wonders than we've seen before. I believe there's going to be a revival of the supernatural.

In Ephesians 4:11, you'll find that when Christ ascended on High, He gave gifts to men: some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers for the perfecting – or maturing – of the Body of Christ.

Our mistake has been that we've only recognized three of these ministry gifts: the pastor, the evangelist, and the teacher. For the Church to ever be what She ought to be, and for us to have the ministry and do the work God intended, we must have the manifestation of the five fold ministry. We must recognize the ministry gifts, honor them, and permit them to function in the way God wants them to function. We also must recognize what we

call the gifts or manifestations of the Holy Spirit: the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, faith, gifts of healings, the working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, divers kinds of tongues, and interpretation of tongues (1.Cor. 12:8-10). Now notice the next verse, 1. Cor. 12:11, "*But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.*"

Notice He is not dividing the gift; He is dividing the manifestation of the gift. What we call the gifts of the Spirit belong to the Church. They have existed all the time; they have just been lying dormant. The manifestation of them is given to individual members of the Body of Christ as the Spirit wills.

We also need to understand this: Those who stand in the fivefold ministry offices are more or less equipped with some of these spiritual gifts in order to function in their offices. For instance, to stand in the office of a prophet, one must have a consistent manifestation of at least two of the revelation gifts (word of wisdom, word of knowledge, or discerning of spirits) plus prophecy. A prophet is one who has visions and revelations; the word of knowledge operates in prophets. On the other hand, any believer may have a manifestation of the word of knowledge as the need arises.

There is going to be a renewal of the spiritual gifts. They're going to be in manifestation even more. I'm seeing it in my own ministry, and others are seeing it in theirs.

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