

Signs and Wonders #13

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Elements of Our Spiritual DNA

- **The Kingdom** - Seek it First - Because a foundational understanding of the Kingdom helps to put everything else in proper order
- **Relationship with the Father** - *The Cure for Mankind*
 - *It was, from the beginning, always about the Father wanting an intimate relationship with us, and He has made it insanely EASY!*
- **Grace** - Unmerited Favor
 - Resting in the finished work of Jesus
 - You're not 'trying' to earn your salvation; you're learning to walk
- **Family & Relationships** - Relationship x 3
 - The Kingdom of God is worked out in relationships
 - It's there we learn how to love
- **Equipping the Saints**
 - It's the 'Blueprint' of how the Church is to be built
 - Exponential growth happens as the Body functions correctly
 - Bible-belt mentality vs Kingdom mentality
 - The Lord is 'breathing' on this now
- **Signs and Wonders** - We're hardwired for the supernatural realm
- **The Poor**
 - Whatever you do to/with/for the poor....you're doing it 'as unto Jesus'!

Last Week:

Baptism in the Holy Spirit

- **Acts 15** - "*John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.*"
- **Acts 1:8** - "*You shall receive **power** after the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be witnesses unto Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*"
- Immersion - You into Him; Him into you
- Baptism in the Holy Spirit - A supernatural empowering *for the work of the ministry* - - **(you shall be My witnesses....)*
- How do you receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit? - Ask!

- **Matthew 7:7-11** - *"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!"*
- **Mark 11:24** - *"Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them"*
- Walk in it, beginning NOW!
- When the opportunities (*open doors*) arise, remember that you're empowered; It's not *'your'* ability, nor your reputation that's on the line!
- What if nothing happens?
- Lessons I've learned: Even though nothing visibly happened in the moment
- I think it's the Lord protecting us from pride
- **Chapter 12** lists the gifts - **Chapter 14** explains how the gifts are to be used in the corporate gathering
- But....right in the middle is **Chapter 13** known as *"The Love Chapter"*
- The gifts must be exercised in love or they're out of order!
- If they're not exercised in love, you're not being led by the Spirit!!

Initial infilling of the Spirit

- They were Filled with the Spirit on the day of Pentecost, but there were, with some of the same people, subsequent incidents of infilling by the Spirit
 - Power
 - And they prophesied
 - Spoke the word of God with boldness
 - Experienced great joy
 - Filled with the Holy Spirit and wisdom
 - Continual process of being filled up and poured out
 - That's why sometimes we pray for a fresh infilling!
 - You're pouring out (*personal ministry*) and you need to get filled back up!
- There's a fair argument over the initial evidence:
- Controversial - Polarizing
 - On the Day of Pentecost with the Jews - Tongues

- With Cornelius in **Acts 10** - with the Gentiles - Tongues
- The phrase used most often in modern times: *"Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues"*
- *"Do you have the Holy Ghost??"*
- Remember: The GIFT is the Holy Spirit; the potential for all 9 manifestations is resident in you
- So, that gift IS relevant in you whether you exercise it or not
- So,what is the evidence??
- Any one of the nine manifestations listed
- But, ultimately,power. Supernatural power!

Why would I want to speak in tongues?

- More is said about tongues - - Why?
- Biblical uses of tongues:
 - **1 Cor 14:4** - Self-edification - Builds one up spiritually
 - My opinion: If you're going to be an edifying factor to others, it makes sense that you're edified
 - The central theme of **Chapter 14** is - Edification; It's used 7 times!
 - Revelation (vs 6)
 - Knowledge
 - Prophecy
 - Teaching
 -but to be effective and edifying it must be interpreted
- Prayer (vs 15)
- **1 Corinthians 14:14** - *"....my spirit prays but my understanding is unfruitful"*
- One of the most powerful methods of prayer - praying in the Spirit
- Navajo code talkers in WW II
- Tongues = Spiritual language
- Your *'prayer language'* most often develops over time
- Singing/worship (vs 15)
- **1 Corinthians 14:15** - **Paul concludes:** *"What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding"*
- Conclusion: The gift IS for today; it IS for you,but only if you want it

1 Corinthians 12:7 - “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all”

- Word of knowledge
 - Word of Wisdom
 - Faith
 - Healing
 - Miracles
 - Prophecy
 - Discerning of Spirits
 - Tongues
 - Interpretation of tongues
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- **1 Corinthians 12:31** - “But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way”
 - The more excellent way....Love!
 - **1 Corinthians 14:1-5** - “Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries. But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men. He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; or he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.
 - Prophecy - Edification, exhortation, comfort
 - Prophetic teaching - Saying what God is saying

Earnestly desire:

- To burn with zeal, to be deeply committed
- Continuous, intentional pursuit
- Something “*boiling over*” with spiritual passion or hunger
- To burn inwardly with zeal, to passionately pursue, and to be consumed with longing for the things of the Spirit
- To be zealously lustful for

If you believe that you're being equipped for the work of the ministry, it only makes sense that you would want to do it with the supernatural help of the Holy Spirit.

Remember,the Holy. Spirit distributes these gifts (*as they're needed*) as He wills. But, ONLY in cooperation with your will, and ONLY activated by your faith!

Who wants to be baptized in the Holy Spirit