

NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

1 CORINTHIANS – PART FIVE Worship Issues #2

Lesson 43

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Background

- Paul Starts Church. Stays 18 months.
- Earlier Letters and Messengers
- Paul Knew Church's Problems
- Paul Planned to Visit Soon
- Church was Divided. Many Questioned Paul.
- Many Thought Themselves "Super-Spiritual"

Last Week

- The Lord's Supper
- How Men and Women Pray or Prophecy
- Pagan Feasts

This Week

What Does it Mean to be “Spiritual”? Spiritual Gifts

- **A General Word First (Chapter 12)**
- **Some Necessary Theology (13)**
- **Specific Instructions (14)**

This Week

**What Does it Mean to be “Spiritual”?
Spiritual Gifts**

For Paul:

**Not WHICH Gifts You Have
But How and Why Gifts Are Used**

The General Word

I Corinthians 12

Before and After

Mute Idols



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God Who Speaks



Christ



Spirit

Words of the Spirit

No one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit (12:3).

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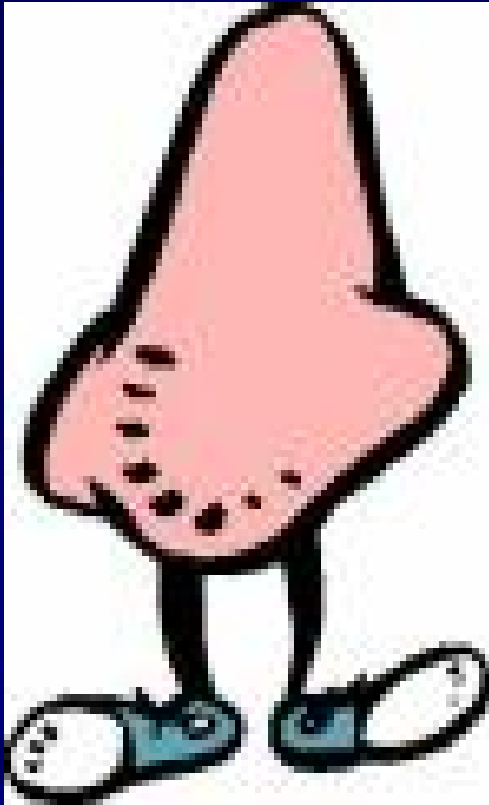
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All From One Spirit
All For Good of Church

Like A Body



- **Body is a Whole**
- **No Part is More Important**
- **The Body is Christ**

Some Necessary Theology

**It's About
Love!**

A Word on 13's Context

**“THE” Most Excellent Way
Makes All Gifts Greater**

“Love”

Agape (αγαπη):

Love Motivated by Care for Others

Eros (ερος):

Love Motivated by Effect on Self

Philos (φιλος):

Love as a Friend

I Corinthians 13

*If I speak in the tongues of men
and of angels, but have not love, I
am only a resounding gong or a
clanging cymbal.*

I Corinthians 13

*If I have the gift of prophecy and
can fathom all mysteries and all
knowledge, and if I have a faith
that can move mountains, but
have not love, I am nothing.*

I Corinthians 13

*If I give all I possess to the poor
and surrender my body to the
flames, but have not love, I gain
nothing.*

I Corinthians 13

*Love is Patient, Love is Kind.
It Does Not Envy.
It Does Not Boast.
It is Not Proud.*

I Corinthians 13

It is Not Rude

It is Not Self-seeking.

It is Not Easily Angered.

It Keeps No Record of Wrongs.

I Corinthians 13

*Love Does Not Delight in Evil but
Rejoices in Truth*

I Corinthians 13

*It Always Protects,
Always Trusts,
Always Hopes,
Always Perseveres.*

I Corinthians 13

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

I Corinthians 13

*For we know in part and we
prophecy in part, but when
perfection comes, the imperfect
disappears.*

I Corinthians 13

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.

I Corinthians 13

*Now we see but a poor reflection
as in a mirror; then we shall see
face to face. Now I know in part;
then I shall know fully, even as I
am fully known.*

I Corinthians 13

*And now these three remain:
faith, hope, and love. But the
greatest of these is love.*

Now, Specifics on Gifts in Worship

- **Motivation: Unselfish Love**
- **Consider Tongues**

Tongues in Worship



Better for Others:

**5 Words they
Understand?**

**10,000 Words
they Don't?**

Tongues in Worship



Okay if Interpreter

Tongues in Worship

- **Consider Effect on Visitors**
 - **Good Sign or Bad???**
- **Faith? Or “Out of Their Mind!”**

Orderly Worship

- **No Pulpit Minister**
- **2 or 3 -- and then 1 at a Time!**
- **Women, Shush!**

**In Worship Use the Spirit's Gifts to
Glorify Christ as we encourage and
Help the Body and Witness to the
Unsaved.**

Points for Home

Find Your Gifts

Use Your Gifts for God

Build Up Those in Church

Put Love in All You Do