

Receive The Holy Spirit pt5 – Operating With The Spirit
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[Jhn 20:22 NASB95] 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

[1Co 12:11 NASB95] 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

[Exo 28:32-35 NASB95] 32 "There shall be an opening at its top in the middle of it; around its opening there shall be a binding of woven work, like the opening of a coat of mail, so that it will not be torn. 33 "You shall make on its hem pomegranates of blue and purple and scarlet [material,] all around on its hem, and bells of gold between them all around: 34 a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, all around on the hem of the robe. 35 "It shall be on Aaron when he ministers; and its tinkling shall be heard when he enters and leaves the holy place before the LORD, so that he will not die.

[1Co 12:4-6 NASB95] 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. 6 There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all [persons.]

[1Co 12:8-10 NASB95] 8 For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another [various] kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues.

- God reveals Himself through the Scriptures, by His Son, in the Holy Spirit, and through what is seen in the world around us.
- Cessation – John Calvin – after apostles or NT canon – the reformers did not want to be associated with the Catholics and their practices.
- Stanley Horton – the gifts are God working through humans.
- Word – spirituals – I Cor 12:1 – gifts added – v4 gifts, v5 ministries, v6 effects – operations of the spirit.
- Oral Roberts – the spiritual gifts of healings also work upon our natural healing and that both natural and supernatural healings are God's.
- "The power behind the spiritual gifts is God."
- Peter's list is just two: whoever speaks... whoever ministers... 1 Pet 4:11
- Horton: "the body of Christ without the Gifts of the Spirit is a limbless trunk, blind, deaf, dumb, and helpless.
- The normal Christian life is Charismatic.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:19-20 – "Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings."
 - Word of wisdom, word of knowledge, prophesy
 - Faith, Miracles, Healings
 - Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues, Discernment of spirits
- We feel closer to God when we operate in the spirituals.

What are some thoughts that help us operate in the Spirit?

Here are two thoughts that will help us operate in the Spirit.

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- I. What is the interaction between humans and the Holy Spirit concerning the operations of the Spirit?**
- a. [1Co 12:11, 31 NASB95] 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills. ... 31 But earnestly desire the greater gifts. And I show you a still more excellent way.
 - b. [1Co 14:1, 39 NASB95] 1 Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual [gifts,] but especially that you may prophesy. ... 39 Therefore, my brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak in tongues.
 - c. [1Co 14:27-33 NASB95] 27 If anyone speaks in a tongue, [it should be] by two or at the most three, and [each] in turn, and one must interpret; 28 but if there is no interpreter, he must keep silent in the church; and let him speak to himself and to God. 29 Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others pass judgment. 30 But if a revelation is made to another who is seated, the first one must keep silent. 31 For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all may be exhorted; 32 and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets; 33 for God is not [a God] of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.
 - d. Does the Spirit cause confusion?
 - e. Notice: earnestly desire, must interpret, keep silent, subject. How does that connect with as He wills? Is it situational or is it universal?
 - f. God typically works with us. It's not all Him. It's not all us. There is cooperation.
 - g. He wants to work. We must want Him to work.
- II. How do we develop the operations of the Spirit in our lives?**
- a. [1Co 14:3 NASB95] 3 But one who prophesies speaks to men for edification and exhortation and consolation.
 - b. Pray.
 - c. Learn about the GME in our lives.
 - d. Mentors. Relationships. Associations.
 - e. Start using them. Find opportunities.
 - f. Endure. Don't quit.
- **Flow and boundaries are two words that will help you operate with the Spirit.**