

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Gifts Part 1: Who is the Holy Spirit?

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (CSB)

The question for today is: who is the Holy Spirit? It is not: what is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is not an it...He is a person.

Observations about the Holy Spirit from this passage:

1. Confessing Jesus is Lord (Romans 10:9)...salvation...by the Holy Spirit. (v.3)
2. The Spirit gives different gifts to different believers. (v.4)
3. The Spirit, the Lord and God are used together...meaning the Holy Spirit is God. (v.4-6)
4. The Spirit uses gifts to work through believers for the common good. (v.7-10)
5. The Spirit gives gifts to God's people as He wills (desires). (v.11)

1. The Holy Spirit is a person of the Godhead.

- a. He searches everything (1 Corinthians 2:10)
- b. He can be grieved (Ephesians 4:30)
- c. He helps and intercedes for us (Romans 8:26-27)
- d. He gives gifts according to His will (1 Corinthians 12:11)

2. The Holy Spirit is the seal of our salvation.

- a. Meaning...all believers have the Holy Spirit at the time of conversion.
- b. 2 Corinthians 1:21-22
- c. 2 Corinthians 5:5
- d. Ephesians 1:13-14
- e. Ephesians 4:30
- f. And since He is a person...you either get all of Him or none of Him.

John Wesley (1703-1791): coined the term "second blessing".

Charles Parham (1873-1929): coined the term "second baptism of the Holy Spirit as evidenced by tongues".

3. The Holy Spirit works through believers for our good.

- a. The fruit of the Spirit is the evidence of having the Holy Spirit – Galatians 5:22-23
- b. Teacher/Helper – John 14:26
- c. Seals – Ephesians 1:13; 4:30
- d. Prays for us – Romans 8:26-27
- e. Joyful Comforts – 1 Thessalonians 1:6
- f. Fills with joy, peace and hope – Romans 15:13
- g. Sanctification – Galatians 5:16-18
- h. Fills believers – Ephesians 5:18
- i. Gives gifts – 1 Corinthians 12:11