

LIVING SUPERNATURALLY

Through the Gifts of the Holy Ghost

Numbers 6:24-26 "The Lord bless you and keep you! May the LORD make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! May the Lord turn his face upon you and give you peace!"

In the Old Testament the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the judges, kings and prophets and manifested itself temporarily and usually brought prophetic words for the people of God, only a few privileged men had it within them; Among them Abraham, Joseph son of Jacob, Gideon, the prophet Azariah, Daniel, Joshua, David, Ezekiel, Zechariah his wife Elizabeth and his son John the Baptist. In the book of the prophet Isaiah we find the prophecy of the Spirit of God who would come upon Jesus.

Is 11:2 "The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord."

There are seven manifestations of the Spirit, the Spirit of the Lord, the One who reveals and glorifies the Lord, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding to discern and minister in righteousness, the Spirit of counsel and strength to receive the Father's direction and minister with power, the Spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord to know the Father's will and obey His voice.

The dispensation of the Holy Ghost for believers was prophesied by the prophets Isaiah, Ezekiel, and the prophet Joel.

Jol 2:28 "After this, it will come to pass, that I will pour out my Spirit on every person: your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions.²⁹ Also on the male and female servants, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

In fact, in the New Testament it is revealed that the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus at His baptism, after which He was received by the Jews at Pentecost, apostles and disciples where there were a hundred and

twenty in all; Later he was received by the Gentiles in Samaria, Caesarea and Ephesus.

If we truly want to know God, we cannot only know the Father and the Son, but we must also know the Holy Spirit in a real and personal way. God is One, and at the same time He is revealed with three distinct and separate identities. Each separately revealed identity of the Deity has a different function from each other. The Holy Spirit, like the Father and the Son, desires that we come to develop a personal relationship with Him. He wants us to walk and live in intimacy with Him, recognizing the importance of His involvement in our daily lives.

Example of a prayer to receive baptism in the Holy Spirit:

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank you for the gift of salvation! I desire every gift you have prepared for me. I ask you for the gift of the Holy Spirit! I need His power in my life! Lord Jesus, I ask you to baptize me in the Holy Spirit! I receive this gift by faith! Now, Father, I raise my hands to praise you; I open my mouth and begin to praise you, but not in a language I know; As on the day of Pentecost, I will begin to speak, and by faith I know and thank you in advance, Father, that the Holy Spirit will help me, giving me the ability to speak in the language of heaven!

The Holy Spirit identifies us totally with Jesus Christ at the moment of salvation; He baptizes believers in Jesus Christ who become intimately united to Christ as members of His Body. Water baptism, which God Himself commands all believers to do, is a testimony before men that we have already been identified with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. However, when Jesus baptizes us with the Holy Spirit, we identify ourselves totally with the Holy Spirit. We receive the power of the Spirit in our lives. If a person is baptized in the Holy Spirit, all the gifts of the Spirit are available to him. When we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, we speak in tongues; This is the exercise of the first gift; Then we must pray for the gift of interpretation; This is the second gift; Then we must desire to prophesy; This is the third gift; Then we move on to the second group of gifts, those of revelation; Through these, God reveals many things to us; Then we go further, to the gifts of power that release the power of God to care for needs. These gifts are useful for building up the entire Body of Christ, and not for making the person God uses proud. Every

believer has a ministry; Some believers are called by God to one of the five ministries of Jesus (Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Doctor or Teacher). The nine spiritual gifts can work most through a believer allowing the Holy Spirit to flow as he or she wants through his or her life. As the believer allows himself to be used more and more in a particular gift, it is discovered that this becomes the most active and effective gift in his ministry. Every believer should work in all nine gifts.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 "Now there is diversity of charisms, but there is one Spirit. There is a diversity of ministries, but there is only one and the same Lord. There is a variety of operations, but there is but one and the same God, who works all things in all. Now the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the common good. For to one is given, by the Spirit, the word of wisdom; to another word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit; to another, faith, by the same Spirit; to another, charisms of healing, through the same Spirit; to another, the power to work miracles; to another, prophecy; to another, the discernment of spirits; to another, diversity of languages and to another, the interpretation of languages; but all these things are done by the one and the same Spirit, distributing the gifts to each one in particular as he wishes.

Examining the Interpretation of Languages and Prophecy

The only precaution is to examine the authenticity of the interpretation of tongues and prophecy, that is, to submit the spirit of prophecy to the prophet. If a prophecy is received, it must be verified through seven tests. Only after receiving confirmation can it be received within our spirit as a true word from God.

Seven Tests:

Does it agree with the scriptures?

Gal 1:8 "But even if we or an angel from heaven preach to you a gospel other than that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

A "word" from God never contradicts the written Word. God does not change His teaching. We must judge any word in order to compare it to Scripture. They should never oppose each other.

What fruits are evident in the life of the person who prophesies?

Mt 7:15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 And ye shall know them by their fruits.

It is true that only God can judge a person, but each of us is responsible for knowing the fruit of those from whom we receive "truth" in our lives.

Does it glorify Christ?

Jn 16:13-14 "But when he, the Spirit of truth, has come, he will guide you into all truth, for he will not speak of himself, but will speak all that he has heard, and will tell you things to come. He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and announce it to you.

If it proceeds from the Spirit of truth, it will glorify Christ.

Does it lead us to God, or does it distance us from God?

Deut 13:1-5 "When a prophet or a dreamer arises from among you and tells you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or wonder of which he has spoken to you is fulfilled, and he says to you, 'Let us go after foreign gods whom you have never known, and let us serve them,' you will not listen to the words of that prophet or dreamer, for the Lord your God tests you to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. You will follow the Lord your God, you will fear him, you will keep his commandments, you will obey his voice, you will serve him and you will stick to him. That prophet or dreamer will be put to death, because he will have preached apostasy.

There are false prophecies and false prophets. A prophecy from God brings us closer and closer to him, while a message from satan makes us distance ourselves from God!

Does it lead to freedom, slavery or fear?

1 Corinthians 14:3 But he who prophesies speaks to men a language of edification, of exhortation, and of consolation.

If the message causes depression, anguish, or heaviness in the spirit of a person who truly wants to serve God, it is not from God.

What is the testimony of the Spirit within us?

1 Jn 2:20 "As for you, you have received the anointing from the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. 27 But as for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you have no need of anyone's teaching; but since his anointing teaches you all things and is true, and is not a lie, abide in him as he taught you.

We have the Holy Spirit within us and if we learn to listen, He will confirm to us that the message is from God.

Is it fulfilled?

Grub 28:9 "As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when his word is fulfilled, he will be recognized as one who is truly sent by the Lord."

Ezek 33:33 "But when it comes to pass, and behold, it is about to happen, they will know that there was a prophet among them."

If a message is from God, it will come to completion. Perhaps, not according to our time, but it will certainly be fulfilled.

Some details about the Word of Knowledge and Wisdom:

The word of knowledge is the supernatural revelation of the Holy Spirit of certain facts, present or past, of a person or situation, which could not be learned through the human mind. By this gift God informs of things that naturally could not be known.

The word of wisdom is a supernatural revelation of the Holy Spirit that gives the believer wisdom or wisdom, for how to move or act, based on natural or supernatural knowledge. It reveals God's plan and purpose for our life and ministry. It reveals what God desires to be accomplished now, before long, or at some future time. It reveals how a person or group is to proceed or deal with God's will. The

The word of wisdom often works with the word of knowledge.

In the early church, faith in the guidance of the Holy Spirit was deeply rooted. There was no aspect of life in which His right to control was not recognized and where it was not experienced; The church committed its entire life to the guidance of the Spirit; It continued to reject any pre-established form of worship; The great missionary movements of the early church were willed and approved by the Holy Spirit; (Ac 8:29; 10:19-44; 13:2-4.) Paul was aware that his entire ministry was inspired by the Holy

Spirit; ([Rom 15:18-19](#)). In all his travels he recognized the guidance of the Spirit; ([Ac 16:6-7](#)). The Spirit guided the church in its organization; ([Ac 6:3](#); [20:28](#).) The Christians of the apostolic church were accustomed to hearing the gospel preached by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven; ([1 Peter 1:12](#); [1 Thess 1:5](#)); and they received him with joy of the Spirit; ([1 Thess 1:6](#)).

Let us also allow the Holy Spirit to guide our path just as the primitive community did. When the Holy Spirit comes into us, He begins to change our lives, first He declares that we are children of God ([Rom 8:16](#)) and that God loves us ([Rom 5:5](#)), then the source of love and life is revealed to us which is the Father, and the One who gives love and life His Son Jesus Christ. After the Holy Spirit will begin in a radical and progressive way His work of restoration in us, the soul is gradually renewed because faith must be strengthened through many trials; love must be strengthened and survive difficulties and temptations; sanctification must be sought and made constant, the seductions of sin must be overcome and tendencies and habits must be corrected. In this regard, the Holy Spirit will make us know and understand the Word of God:

[Pr 1:23](#) "Turn to listen to my reproof; behold, I will make my Spirit flow upon you, I will make my words known to you..."

[Heb 10:15-16](#) The Holy Spirit also testifies to us. In fact, after saying, "This is the covenant I will make with them after those days, says the Lord, I will put my laws in their hearts and write them in their minds"

[Jn 14:26](#) "But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

He will teach us to pray ([Rom 8:26-27](#)), and He will intercede for us because we do not know how to pray, trying to fill this lack ([Heb 7:25](#)). [Eph 6:18](#) Pray at all times, by the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication; watch to this end with all perseverance. Pray for all the saints.

It will help us to apply God's Word:

[Eze 36:27](#) "I will put my Spirit within you, and I will cause you to walk according to my statutes, and keep and do my statutes."

It will help us to overcome many trials and temptations that we will encounter in our lives, obviously doing our part too, through prayer and obedience:

Mr 14:38 Watch and pray, lest you fall into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Heb 2:18 "For because He (Christ) Himself suffered temptation, He can come to the aid of those who are tempted."

Ps 119:11 "I have kept thy word in my heart, that I may not sin against thee."

He will make us witnesses of the gospel of Jesus Christ:

Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

He will confirm our testimony with signs and wonders:

Heb 2:4 "While God himself added his testimony to their signs and wonders, with powerful works of every kind and with gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to his will.

He will give us wisdom and intelligence to carry out any task, for the common good:

Ex 31:3 "I filled him with the Spirit of God, to give him wisdom, understanding, and knowledge for all kinds of works."

He will reveal and distribute His gifts to believers to manifest His love and power in the church and to show the world His sins.

1 Pet 4:10-11 "As good stewards of the varied grace of God, each one, according to the charism he has received, should put it at the service of others. If anyone speaks, let him do so as the oracles of God are proclaimed; if anyone performs a service, let him do it as one performs a service by the power that God provides, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and power forever and ever. Amen. He will produce His fruit in us:

Gal 5:22-25 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against these things

there is no law. Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, we also walk guided by the Spirit.

Another fruit that must be part of our life is sanctification:

Rom 6:22 "But now, having been freed from sin and made servants of God, you have your sanctification for your fruit, and eternal life for your end;

The work of the Holy Spirit is progressive, He expects nothing more than for us to surrender ourselves totally to Him to manifest His presence and His power as He did with the apostles, transforming our lives in the image of Christ from glory to glory (2 Corinthians 3:17-18), so that we bear much fruit, and that we do not lose the fruit of the works already done, but we receive full reward, until one day the complete man, glorified by the Spirit, shall shine with the life of God.

Why did Jesus say you will do greater works?

Jn 14:12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and he will make greater ones, because I am going to the Father;

According to His words, we can do "greater" things through the power of the gifts of the Holy Ghost that are manifested in our lives. God desires to confirm His Word through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, released through our faith, and He will receive all the glory.

2 Corinthians 13:13 "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." Amen.