

## SERMON NOTES

THE HOLY SPIRIT: The Force Equipping You

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### Ephesians 4:11-12, 15-16

<sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be

1. apostles,                      2. some prophets,
3. some evangelists,        4. some pastors
5. and teachers,

<sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

<sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love,

we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,

<sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body,

joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped,

as each part is working properly,

promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

### Romans 12: 3-8

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you

not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think,

but to think with sober judgment,

each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

<sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members,

and not all the members have the same function,

<sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ,

and individually we are members one of another.

<sup>6-8</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us:

1. prophecy, in proportion to faith;
2. ministry, in ministering;
3. the teacher, in teaching;
4. the exhorter, in exhortation;
5. the giver, in generosity;
6. the leader, in diligence;
7. the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

### Romans 8:14-17

<sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

<sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,

but you have received a spirit of adoption.

When we cry, "Abba! Father!"

16it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit

that we are children of God.

### 1 Corinthians 12:3-4, 7-11

<sup>3</sup>I want you to understand that

no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!"

and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit . . .

<sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

<sup>8-10</sup>To one is given through the Spirit

1. the utterance of wisdom, and
2. to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,
3. to another faith by the same Spirit,
4. to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,
5. to another the working of miracles,
6. to another prophecy,
7. to another the discernment of spirits,
8. to another various kinds of tongues,
9. to another the interpretation of tongues.

<sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit,

who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

### 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:2

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

28And God has appointed in the church

1. first apostles,                      2. second prophets,
3. third teachers;                      4. then deeds of power,
5. then gifts of healing,              6. forms of assistance,
7. forms of leadership,              8. various kinds of tongues.

<sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?

<sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

[The above questions anticipate the answer "No! Of course not!"]

<sup>31</sup>But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way (i.e.):

<sup>13:1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels,

but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

<sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge,

and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains,

but do not have love, I am nothing.

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