

## THE KING & HIS KINGDOM

### Part 8 | The Holy Spirit: Kingdom Revealer

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#### TEXT:

#### JOHN 16:12-15

*"I still have many things to say to you but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."*

#### 1. It all comes back to Grace

A. Everything we receive from God is:

- Given by God's grace
- Received by our faith
- Without faith it is impossible to please God (HEBREWS 11:6)

B. The salvation experience and new nature (righteousness) - Work of Holy Spirit

*"The Holy Spirit does in me internally all that Jesus Christ did for me externally"*  
- Oswald Chambers

C. Holy Spirit - Revealer and releaser of God's Kingdom and will in our lives

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 2:10&12

*"These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things... Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God that we might understand the things freely given to us by God."*

**We are receiving a Kingdom that cannot be shaken:**

#### HEBREWS 12:28-29

*"Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire."*

**There is a hope, an inheritance and a power:**

#### EPHESIANS 1:13-14

*"In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it."*

D. Overflow - Allowing Christ to live through us, living from the inside out

- Overflowing - From Christ *within us* to Christ *from us*
- Two Dynamics - *Fruit of the Spirit* and *gifts of the Spirit*

**2. Fruit of the Holy Spirit - Evidence of God's person/character in us**

#### GALATIANS 5:22-26

*The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.*

## RADIANT CHURCH | PASTOR LEE CUMMINGS

- A. List of the *fruit* of Holy Spirit - Characteristics of God's personality and nature
- B. *Under control* or *under the influence* - Take the sobriety test
  - FLESH - Works (Greek Ergon) - Performance and mechanical
  - SPIRIT - Fruits (Greek Karpos) - Outcome, fruit of *life*
- C. Fruit is not about us *trying* to be this- it is the result of *relationship*

### **JOHN 15:4**

*"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me."*

### **3. Gifts of the Holy Spirit - Evidence of God's empowerment - supernaturally**

#### **1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11**

*Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. Therefore I want you to know that 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. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.*

- A. Controversial topic - Many grew up with seeing *no use* or the *abuse* of these gifts
- B. Gifts of Holy Spirit - Overflow of the power of God, motivated by love of God
  - "If I have not love...no gain" (1 CORINTHIANS 13:3)

#### **Five truths about these "Grace Gifts"**

1. There are multiple gifts (9 expressed in verse 4)
  - Some are more prominent than others
  - Some are more controversial than others
2. All These Gifts Are God's Idea and His will (Verse 11)
3. These gifts [grace manifestations] are for everyone (Verse 7)
4. They are all for others benefit - common good (Verse 7)
5. We should *want them* and *pursue them*

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## **COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. *If we cannot see the Kingdom with our naked eyes, how are we to understand Gods Kingdom reality in our lives?*
2. *How have you established a relationship with the Holy Spirit that helps in understanding Gods will and voice in your life?*