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RECEIVING THE LIFE : SPIRIT (Baptism of The Holy Spirit) @Shilly

Good evening Ladies

Thank you Jesus for this beautiful gathering this evening.

As we listen to your word again, we say you bless us through in Jesus name.

Amen!

Tonight, we would be looking at The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

What does it mean to be baptized with the Holy Spirit?

This simply means having the Holy Spirit on your inside, in other words, making your *body the House of the Holy Spirit

Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself,

1 Corinthians 6:19 NLT

So when or how does the Baptism of the Holy Spirit take place?

This happens after Salvation.

And to be saved what do you have to do?

_Chorus answer please

To believe in the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ the son of God!

And to confess all of these

After this, the Holy Spirit comes and dwells in you.

One of the evidence of having the Holy Spirit is the gift of *Speaking in other tongues and also a manifestation of the fruits of the Spirit*

Note, there are other gifts besides Speaking in other tongues

So after been baptized, what happens?

The process of Submission begins

The new believer now has to be conscious of the presence of the Holy Spirit, and desire to be filled with this Spirit.

: But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

John 14:26 NLT

So the Holy Spirit is what makes us teachable

The presence of the Holy Spirit in us is what makes us Open to corrections.

It is what makes us *willing to learn* even when our body doesn't want to

It is what makes us eager to continually please God

It is what gives us power to control the flesh and flee from Sin.

It is what convicts us even when we fall into Sin.

It is the Holy Spirit that tells us we have erred and Shows us how to make amends

Now I learnt today that the question we should constantly ask ourselves is *How much of me does the Holy Spirit have* and not how much of the Holy Spirit do I have?!

When the Spirit comes upon you, you are not your own any longer.

Of course no human owns themselves, but the difference between you and an unbeliever is that you are conscious of your new identity. And you begin to live it!

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.

John 14:16 ¶ 17 NLT

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but

will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future.

John 16:13 NLT

So the Holy Spirit is what reveals the truth to us,

And from this Scripture the future.

So when a word of prophecy is said concerning you, the Holy Spirit in you confirms it.

The Spirit is one!

And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.

Romans 8:26 NLT

The Holy Spirit is our source of strength!

This is where praying in the Holy Ghost comes in.

Some of us can testify that there were times you didn't know how or what to pray for, we prayed in the Holy Ghost and soon Understanding came!

We began to pray in Understanding!

This is a gift of the Holy Spirit! And evidence that one has been baptized with the Spirit of God

: But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts of the Apostles 1:8 The Holy Spirit empowers us to witness!

With the Spirit of God comes boldness to Preach the good news!

With the Spirit comes boldness to obey instructions from God!

With the Spirit comes boldness to love!

With the Spirit comes perseverance to enjoy being persecuted!

With the Spirit comes the power to do greater signs than Christ did!

With the Spirit comes the Liberty to live to the fullest, the very life Christ has called you to

So if we are not living this, it can only mean we are Controlling the Holy Spirit, instead of being Controlled by the Holy Spirit!

But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets.

1 Corinthians 2:10 NLT

: The Holy Spirit grants us access to the deep secrets of God!

So if you don't know what God is thinking or saying per time, you are slacking!

You have access!

Unlimited!

Use it!

God is willing to get real with you, but you have to come to that place of maturity where the Holy Spirit controls your every thought

This brings us to the end of Bible Study.

I hope we learnt something

Thank you Jesus for tonight

We ask that you constantly bring to remembrance all we have learned!

Amen

RECEIVING THE LIFE : SPIRIT (THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT) Value adding Tiwatope

Tonight we continue our bible study on the fruits of the spirit

The Fruits of the Spirit*

I don't know if anyone is good at telling the differences between plants. I am not sure there is any one good at telling one tree from another without the fruits.

But it is made a lot easier when we can see the fruit hanging on the tree. Fruit marks a tree out as being of a distinct family. It also tells us something of the purpose of that tree which is to

bear fruit.

The Greek word translated “fruit” refers to the natural product of a living thing. Paul used “fruit” to help us understand the product of the Holy Spirit, who lives inside every believer.

The fruit of the Spirit is produced by the Spirit, not by the Christian. The Greek word is singular, showing that “fruit” is a unified whole, not independent characteristics. As we grow, all the characteristics of Christ will be manifested in our lives.

Yet, like physical fruit needs time to grow, the fruit of the Spirit will not ripen in our lives overnight. Like a successful gardener must battle against weeds to enjoy the sweet fruit they desire, we must constantly work to rid our lives of the “weeds” of our old sin natures that want to choke out the work of the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit gives us the power we need to reject those old sinful desires.

We can say “no” to sin and accept the “way out” God faithfully provides by following the Holy Spirit’s leading.

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

1 Corinthians 10:13 KJV

As we give the Spirit more control of our lives, He begins to do in and through us what only He can do -which is to shape us and grow us to look like Jesus

: _But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord._

2 Corinthians 3:18 KJV

Since God’s goal for all His children is for us to be like Jesus, the Holy Spirit constantly works to rid our lives of the “acts of the sinful nature” and display His fruit instead.

Therefore, the presence of the “fruit of the Spirit” is evidence that our character is becoming more like Christ’s.

So the fruit of the Spirit is something that happens as we walk in the light of the Lord learning what it is that He wants us to do.

In order to understand the process of bearing the fruit of the Spirit in our lives, we need to look

at this from an agrarian/agricultural point of view. We need to think like the owner of an orchard.

Trees bear a fruit because certain things happen in their lives. These same things have spiritual equivalents.

1. The seed is planted and dies

The first thing that happens in the life of a fruit tree is that its seed is planted in the ground.

Jesus made an illustration concerning this when talking about our fruitfulness. He used the example of a grain of wheat.

: John 12:24

"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain."

The first thing that has to happen if we are to have the fruit of the Spirit in our lives is that we have to die to self

We have to come to the place where it is no longer us and our will that is controlling our lives but we have to come to the point of considering ourselves dead and letting Jesus live through us.

Galatians 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Until we die to self, we cannot have the seed that has been planted in us germinate and come to life.

2. The new fruit tree goes through a season of growth

I think all of us would feel pretty foolish if we went out and planted an apple seed and 3 weeks later expected apples. There is a season of growth before apples naturally appear or any fruit.

It is the same with the Christian life. The fruit of the Spirit does not happen without a season of growth. Now it may not take years like the apple tree, but it does take a season where God *builds up* on the inside of you a tree to bear fruit.

Jesus put it this way in the gospel of Mark.

Mark 4:26

“And He said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, 27 “and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. 28 “For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. 29 “But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”_

Notice that Jesus said the man did not know how the process happens that causes the earth to yield the crop. It is a natural process that we know happens but how something can die and then become alive is beyond our understanding.

This is where faith comes in. You have to have faith that God will bring forth the fruit in your life. Be content that since you are surrendered and allowing Him to live instead of yourself, the fruit will come.

3. Fruit comes with the coming of age

Fruit trees bear fruit when they are of age to do so. Wheat bears its grain when it is harvest time. The same with corn, peas, and even people.

Even in our natural bodies, people are not able to bear fruit until they reach a certain age. The same is true with spiritual fruit.

The list of the fruit of the Spirit that Paul gave us in the book of Galatians is a list of things we can watch for to tell if we are bearing spiritual fruit.

James talks of becoming mature in the first chapter of his book.

James 1:2-4

2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

The word perfect used in verse 4 is actually better translated mature. Trials and tests bring on maturity. In fact, I have found that the more trials and testing you go through the faster you become mature.

It is through those trials and tests that you go through that your fruit has a chance to ripen. Until then there is no real need for the fruit. Let me ask you some questions.

When do you need to show love?

When do you need joy?

When do you need peace?

When do you need patience?

When do you need to be kind?

: You get my point?

So, the fruit of the Spirit is something that naturally comes out of us as we mature and go through trials.

So there is only one question that remains.

Are we willing to allow God to prune and shape us to be more fruitful?

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23 KJV

Please not the use of the verb *is*. This means that all the fruits of the spirit as many as they are, nine of them in number are all one

: This means that we are to bear them all without neglecting any

Convulsively, we can't pick and choose from these fruit. And these fruit don't go in and out of season, they're meant to be lived out ALL day, EVERY day. If we know Jesus, they're a MUST.

RECEIVING THE LIFE : SPIRIT (THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT.) Mr Aremo

If we were to touch this deeply, we can be at it for two weeks, so I will focus on simplifying this

theme as much as possible and see what we can glean in one session

What we will be looking at.

1. The journey to the gift of the Spirit

2. What is the gift of the Spirit.

- It is a gift.

- It is of the Spirit

3. Who gets the gift?

4. Don't pursue the gift.

5. The gifts of the Spirit explained briefly.

: Lord Jesus, we ask that you minister your word to our heart.

Teach us your word and let us be the better for it in Jesus name!

Amen!!

Alright, let's get into it taking it one at a time.

1. The journey to the gift of the Spirit.*

We have looked at how we came to receive the life of God, not because we deserve it but by grace we have been saved, through faith.

Jesus came to earth to show us a pattern of life that we had the capacity to live and he checked all the necessary boxes and it was time for him to leave, however he decided he wasn't going to leave without giving us help as we navigate this new life.

He sent us the Holy Spirit.

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

John 16:13

Just the way Jesus wasn't saying or doing things of himself, the Holy Spirit was also doing the same.

So Jesus explained, "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does

John 5:19

It therefore implied that we too cannot do anything of ourself except what we see the Father do.

: By the life of Jesus, it was obvious that we were the light of the world.

You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden

Matthew 5:14.

Note, the scripture didn't say *"You are to be"*, it says in the affirmative that *"You are"*.

It therefore means that there is darkness in the land and *we are the hope for the world!*

Amen?

Please declare with me,

I AM THE HOPE FOR THIS WORLD!

`` Jesus was never ashamed or worried about calling us what he made us, we also shouldn't be.``

Since the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit captures all the elements that should make up our new nature hence the *fruit of the Spirit* that @ Value Adding Tiwatitope taught during the week (Love, joy, peace.....)

The fruit is who we become, the gift is what we do.

2. What are the gifts of the Spirit.*

First, they are gifts.

A gift is not something you work for.

If it is, then it's simply wages or salary.

A gift says more about the giver than the receiver.

If you are celebrating birthday and I buy you a coaster biscuit with one ribena to go, that gift doesn't mean you are a baby, it only shows that is who I see you as or that's the value I place on you or at the least, it shows that that is what I can afford.

: Same happens if I buy you a diamond laced wristwatch, it doesn't mean you are a wealthy person, it only means that is the value I perceive you have or just because I can afford it.

So, a gift usually reflects more of the giver than the receiver.

The gifts of the Spirit is about God, the giver. It is not about you.

It is not about making you popular.

It is not about getting you the fame you so crave for.

It isn't about bringing in the money.

It is about God.

Many get to a place where they chase the gift and forget the Giver, and since the gift of God are without repentance, they still think they are in God's will whilst they have derailed.

: *Don't mistake God's patience for Approval.*

Secondly, *these gifts are of the Spirit*. He chooses.

If it is of the Spirit, that means you can only receive it in the Spirit, you can only understand it by the Spirit. It is not of self and should not be used for self.

Since it is of the Spirit, There is no male or female, he can wire you for an assignment even if the world has tagged it male.

education is not a factor. The Spirit decides. Your gender does not matter. It is of the Spirit.

And you don't have to lose your femininity because God has given you an assignment.

There was a woman called Deborah, she was wife and yet Judge (what was considered a male role), yet with wisdom she was able to handle both roles. She didn't stop being Judge of a nation like Israel, a nation that frustrated the meekest man alive in his time, Moses.

Being a judge didn't even stop her from being a wife. She carried both roles with power.

There is neither male nor female, but there is husband and there is wife. (Another conversation for another day)

3. Who gets the gift?*

Every believer can operate in all the gifts. Be available for it. You will operate in some more than some.

As long as you are born of the Spirit, then you have access to these gifts. You can operate in them.

4. Don't pursue the gift.

Allow me reemphasize here that The gift is not equal to Christ. Christ is the focus.

Don't be carried away by the gift of men that you miss out on their source.

One of the reasons many will be misled is because they focus their eyes on the gift of a (wo)man and they couldn't see that the source was a polluted one.

Infact, you can't even train yourself into growth by the gift of a man, it has to be by the source, Christ.

If you watch Nollywood, you will find how Kanayo O Kanayo will take somebody to the shrine to make blood money after giving the person money for while, "Let me show you how to fish" he would say.

Why?

If you are only living on the substance, you can't last, but when you are connected to the source, you can get stuff yourself for longer.

These guys understand these things.

If it is the gift of your Pastor, Mentor, Coach etc that trips you, you might be able to operate in this gifts but you will find that you can't have that staying power as this person.

Look beyond the gift to the becoming process that person went through- the nights of prayer, times of fasting, days of bible study, times of silence - if you really want to glean from a person, don't be focused on the gift, find the source.

Don't just say I want to be able to teach Bible like Oluwatosin, and begin to copy her style or ask her to teach you Bible. Those can help yeah, but better still, ask her, how did she get here. What was the culture she had to establish to get there

While you are copying and pasting that culture, you will find yours... *and then you will break forth into that expression.*

Don't be carried away by the gift that you forget the source.

5. The gifts of the Spirit explained briefly.*

Let's note here that for every gift, the Spirit of God releases, *there is a release of the faith to operate in it.*

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you.

Romans 12:6 NLT

Don't be so bothered about whether you are getting the big gift or the small gift.

Each gift has its job to do in the body.

If God has made you hand, don't want to kidney. If he has made you foot, don't want to be eye.

If the foot says, "I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand," that does not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear says, "I am not part of the body because I am not an eye," would that make it any less a part of the body?

If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything?

But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. How strange a body would be if it had only one part!

Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you."

The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you."

1 Corinthians 12:15 ¶ 22 NLT

Spiritual gifts are sovereignly given as gifts of grace. *These gifts are not an evidence of your spirituality.*

For by the grace [of God] given to me I say to everyone of you not to think more highly of himself [and of his importance and ability] than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has apportioned to each a degree of faith [and a purpose designed for service].

Romans 12:3 AMP

Spiritual gifts are God's means for sustaining His body, the church.

With Spiritual gift, we are required to think 'interdependently'

_For just as in one [physical] body we have many parts, and these parts do not all have the same

function or special use, so we, who are many, are [nevertheless just] one body in Christ, and individually [we are] parts one of another [mutually dependent on each other]._

Romans 12:4 ¶ 5 AMP

So when you receive a gift, the focus isn't on self *but on how can I adequately participate in equipping the church with my gift*. Some need your gift just the same you need the gift of others.

If the foot says, "I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand," that does not make it any less a part of the body.

And if the ear says, "I am not part of the body because I am not an eye," would that make it any less a part of the body?

If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything?

But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. How strange a body would be if it had only one part! Yes, there are many parts, but only one body.

The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you."

1 Corinthians 12:15 ¶ 21 NLT

This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other.

If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad.

All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12:25 ¶ 27 NLT

The gift is about cohesion not division.

The Purpose of Spiritual gift is SERVICE!

As I wrap up, let's look at the GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT according to *1 Corinthians 12:7-12*

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:7 ¶ 12 KJV

All these gifts are broken down into three categories

1. Utterance gifts; Basically gifts that SAY something

2. Power gifts; Basically gifts that DO something

3. Revelation gifts.; Gifts that REVEAL something.

Utterance Gifts

- Gift of Prophecy

Summary: This is basically speaking the specific word of God to his people.

“But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.” (1 Corinthians 14:4)*

That's the purpose of prophecy. Any prophecy that doesn't tick any of these boxes should be watched.

“Having the gift of prophecy doesn't mean you have the office of a Prophet.”

- Different Kinds of Tongues*

Summary: This is simply being able to speak in languages you never learnt (earthly or heavenly)

This could mean, a Yoruba person speaking Swahili. *It is usually a great evangelical tool.*

If also implies what we call 'speaking in tongues', that is speaking in heavenly language.

“For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.”

1 Corinthians 14:2

-The Interpretation of Tongues*

“Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.”

1 Corinthians 14:13-14

Summary: This is a divine ability to interpret the mysteries being spoke in heavenly language.

You can interpret your own and/or you can interpret for others.

Tongues + interpretation = Prophecy.

Why?

Because it brings edification to the body.

Tongues uninterpreted, edifies just you.

B. Power Gifts

-The Gift of Faith

Summary: The gift of faith enables some people to have an extraordinary amount of faith that God uses to show us His power.

An example is Paul.

All the things he went through showed he had the gift of faith in operation in Him.

[4/30, 8:05 PM] Uncle Lekan: *The Gifts of Healings*

Summary: This gift imparts the divine ability to heal the sick irrespective of the sickness.

Sometimes, some people are gifted in healing particular types of ailment than others. Note, it is 'gifts'. If you have this gift, you might have noticed that some certain types of ailment are healed 'faster' than some.

This doesn't mean God wants the believer to only focus on one type of disease, but remember we talked about the gifts being about the community.

If you are available, God will use you.

: The Working of Miracles

Summary: it is God expressing the supernatural through a believer.

Examples: Multiplying 5 loaves of bread and two fishes.

Raising the dead.

Getting pregnant without a womb

Finally, *Revelation gifts*

- The Word of Knowledge

Summary: This is God imparting the believer with a knowledge of *past or present events* that the believer wasn't aware of.

Example: Jesus and the samaritan woman. When he told her she had 5 husbands.

Word of Knowledge can cover all range of subject from seemingly trivial things like where you lost your car key or how to solve that tough accounting issue Or to bigger issues like what specifically to say whilst evangelizing to someone.

I remember a number of times when I am teaching a class and every example I give was actually the specific issue someone in the class was facing. That's WOK in play.

The Word of Wisdom

Summary: This is God imparting the believer with information *about the future and sometimes it might include a line of action to take.*

Example: Joseph and the Angel.

When Joseph was going to leave Mary because of her being pregnant.

Same applies for Joseph's dream that saved Egypt.

[4/30, 8:11 PM] Uncle Lekan: _The Discerning of Spirits_

Summary: This isn't same discernment.

This is God imparting in the believer the ability to detect the spirit in operation in a person or in a place.

This gift can be visual and can be by inward witness. It can be by smell too.

This gift simply exposes what is going on behind the scene.

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