

“Spiritual Gifts Pt. 2”
1 Corinthians 12:1-31
7/18/21
Message 24

Introduction

- Title of the Message is: “Spiritual Gifts Pt. 2”

- **Review**

- **We have been in a Study in 1 Corinthians**
 - We have been asking What was wrong in the Church of Corinth?
 - But in Reality - We can ask - What is wrong with the church of today?
 - So MANY Similarities
- **This is a CORRECTIVE letter...**
 - **The Corinthians didn't Like it –**
 - Remember they tore up Paul's fist letter
 - **Today People are the same – Yes Sadly Even Christians**
 - They ONLY want to hear the “GOOD News” in the “WORD”
 - Sadly In Some cases - ALL they are really looking for is
 - BUT they Forget that there is a lot of bad – hard news
 - And we have to talk about that as well
 - REMEMBER - The Bible Bring Conviction
 - Not just to the Non - Believer
 - But also - to the Believer

- There will be many times when we read the Word that it will run against the grain of our flesh – Bring conviction
 - How we handle correction is the mark of your Christian Maturity
- How will we respond?
 - Look for ways out?
 - Blame the messenger?
 - Or Will you hear HIS loving voice
 - Respond to His Love and allow the correction to take place in your life?
- **Corrections SO FAR**
 - DIVISION
 - CARNALITY
 - IMMORALITY IN THE CHURCH
 - SERIOUS NATURE OF SEXUAL SINS
 - MARRIAGE
 - CHRISTIAN LIBERTIES
- **Now Chapter 11**
 - We Noted that this Marks Another Transition
 - This next section is All About
 - Correction in the church service
 - Order In The Church

- Body Life
- How a Church should function
- What we have learned and will Learn
 - 1st The Roles of Men and Women (1 Cor. 11:1-16)
 - 2nd Correction at the The Lord Super - Communion (11:17-34)
 - 3rd Gifts NOT being USED and MISUSED (1 Cor. 12)
 - 4th Using Gifts in Love (1 Cor 13)
 - 5th Using Gifts in Order (1 Cor 14)

• **Chapter 12 – Spiritual Gifts**

- **The NON - Use & MIS - Use of Spiritual Gifts**
 - Last week we gave an overview
 - PLEASE forgive me for mis - pronouncing a word
 - Cessationist vs Continuationist
 - For SOME STRANGE reason I kept say constitutionalist –
 - I BLAME THE HEAT – hahaha
 - More briefly on these 2 camps in a minute
- **2 Main Points this morning**
 - The Purpose Of Spiritual Gifts vs. 1-11
 - The Principles Of The Body Of Christ vs. 12-31

The Purpose Of Spiritual Gifts vs. 1-11

• **First: The Dispensation Comes From The Spirit v. 1a**

1 Corinthians 12:1 (NKJV)

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:

- **1st The word “gifts” is added by the translators**
 - Literally - Paul now addresses “Spirituals”
 - The Text Should Read - Now Concerning Spiritual, Brethren
 - Thing of the Spirit
 - BUT Adding gifts is justified by the context
 - Because that is what he goes onto talk about – GIFTS
- **2nd Remember 3 - Aspects of the Holy Spirit ministry**
 - It is represented by three Greek prepositions
 - ‘Para’, ‘En’, and ‘Epi.’
 - **1st “Para”**
 - Before Conversion
 - He is the One convicting him of his sin, convincing him that Jesus Christ is the only answer.
 - The Holy Spirit is constantly testifying of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment to come
 - (John 16:8)
 - **2nd “En”**
 - At the Moment of conversion
 - HS indwells us
 - Keeping us on the right track

- Comforter – Helper (John 14:26)
- 3rd “Epi”
 - Empowering us for Ministry Acts 1:8
 - This is Different from Salvation (John 20:22)
- **2nd Don't Be Ignorant v.1b**

1 Corinthians 12:1 (NKJV)

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:

- **1st The Holy Spirit was VERY Active in the church at Corinth**
 - Lack NO gifts (1Cor. 1:7)
 - Spiritual gifts were commonplace
 - But Common Sense, not SO MUCH
- **2nd BUT They were IGNORANT over the proper use of spiritual gifts.**
 - These gifts were being abused and misused
 - They used their gifts to...
 - Promote themselves
 - Show off
 - Put Others Down
 - So Paul says DON'T BE IGNORANT
- **3rd Lesson**
 - Sadly - There is Still a LOT of Ignorance in regards to Spiritual gifts

- **1st Gifts used for Competition**

- We see the same things taking place in today's church that took place in Corinth
- God intends for GIFTS to Unite US
- Instead they often lead to
 - Division
 - Schism
 - Confusion

- **2nd Body Life Ignorance – Non-Use of the GIFTS**

- Sadly many Christians Aren't using their GIFTS
- Reasons WHY – Who knows...
 - Maybe because they don't believe they have them
 - They don't feel qualified
 - Or Just lazy

- **3rd Confusion in the Modern Church**

- Many see church as Organization not an Organism
 - Many treat the church like Consumers
- Point out a FEW areas of concern
 - 1st The NON - Committed
 - Consumers – Not Contributors
 - Sad to see – they are ripping themselves off from being used by God
 - 2nd Half Way – Committed

- The Bumble Bee Mentality –
- Leads to a lack of commitment
- Perhaps even lazy
- Produces Lack of Spiritual Maturity
- BE CLEAR
 - YOU need to have a HOME church – be plugged in – committed to
 - Yes we can visit other church and yes we even help other churches
 - But to grow we need to be committed to one body
- 3rd Pastors / Staff they do all the work
 - That's why we PAY them
 - There is are a LOT of Problems with this Attitude
 - 1st Pastor Generally Don't have ALL the gifts
 - 2nd Pastor who try – BURN OUT
 - 3rd Produces LAZY believers
- 4th Critical we get this right – WHY? –
 - 1st Christian Growth, Maturity and Reward are what we are talking about
 - 2nd Church Health and Growth

- The Church is an Organism – The BODY of CHRIST
 - We must be Contributors (Eph. 4:16)
- **3rd There Are Different Views In Regards to Spiritual Gift**
 - The Camps - Cessationist vs Continuationist
 - **1st Cessationist –**
 - Believe the “SIGN” (healings, tongues, and miracles, etc...) Ended at the Apostolic Age
 - That they were only need to APPROVE the Apostles work
 - After their work was done - Scripture was written – the GIFTS Ended
 - John MacArthur and other well-respected pastors are in this camp
 - **2nd Continuationist -**
 - Continuationist - is the belief that all the spiritual gifts, including healings, tongues, and miracles, are still in operation today
 - Just as they were in the days of the early church.
 - This Camp is called “Charismatics” or “Pentecostals”
 - **3rd At Calvary Chapel**
 - Calvary Chapels have sometimes been called
 - Too Pentecostal for the Baptists
 - Too Baptist for the Pentecostals
 - We have been called “Pentebaptist” or “Bapticostal.”

- We're Charismatic not Pentecostal
 - We Do believe that ALL the GIFTS are for TODAY
 - But we also Believe that many of the “Sign” Gift are being misused and abused
- **4th Let's Look the Issue**
- 1st Virtually NO Christian believes ALL the gifts have ceased in the church today.
 - All Christians believe the gifts of teaching and administration are given and needed in the church today.
 - It is ONLY the “SIGN” gifts that are in dispute.
 - 2nd What does the Bible say about the continuation of all the gifts of the Spirit?
 - Look at Acts 2:33 & 39

Acts 2:33 (NKJV)

33 *Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.*

Acts 2:39 (NKJV)

39 *For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”*

1 Corinthians 14:12 (NKJV)

12 *Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.*

- The purpose for spiritual gifts, even miraculous gifts, is the building up of the body of Christ and individual Christians; that need remains today.
- *Martyn Lloyd – Jones; “The Scriptures never anywhere say that these things were only temporary*

— never! There is no such statement anywhere. I think it is quite without scriptural warrant to say that all these gifts ended with the apostles or the Apostolic Era.”

- 3rd Why do some Christians believe some gifts of the Holy Spirit are no longer given by God today?
 - We believe - They have a wrong understanding of 1 Corinthians 13:8-10 which says that tongues will cease

1 Corinthians 13:8–10 (NKJV)

8 *Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.*

9 *For we know in part and we prophesy in part.*

10 *But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.*

- That which is perfect:
 - Paul says when that which is perfect has come, then the gifts will be “discontinued.”
 - But what is that which is perfect?
- Cessationist
 - Believe the SIGN gifts ceased with the apostles say it refers to the completion of the New Testament!
- Continuationist
 - Perfect = Greek word - Teleios
 - The New Testament uses Teleios in other passages
 - When you look at this word and the way it is used in other passages, it certainly seems to speak about the coming of Jesus

- (1 Corinthians 1:8, 15:24, James 5:11, Revelation 20:5, 20:7, 21:6, and 22:13)

- 4th Does Church History say about the Gifts?

- Clement of Rome, Ignatius, Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, and Tertullian all speak to the existence of miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit in their own day.
- The position they CEASED didn't arise in the church until the middle of the Fourth Century

- **4th Their Confusion in Corinth vs. 2-3**

- Verse 2

1 Corinthians 12:2 (NKJV)

2 You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led.

- Their past of pagan idolatry did not prepare them for an accurate understanding of spiritual gifts
- The Corinthians were particularly enamored with the SIGN Gifts
 - Here we learn why...
 - They had lived their whole life serving mute idols – gods with no voice.
 - Now they had embraced an audible God.
 - The Holy Spirit spoke to them and through them.
 - No wonder they'd gotten a little carried away?

- Verse 3 Paul warns them

1 Corinthians 12:3 (NKJV)

3 *Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.*

- Judge things by how they Relate to Jesus Christ
 - Does a supposed spiritual gift glorify Jesus?
 - Does it promote the true Jesus or a false one?
 - In other words, every time you hear
 - "Thus says the Lord"
 - Don't assume what comes next is really from the Lord
 - Test – Be Bereans
 - Does it LINE up with God's Word
 - This is why Paul says no one speaking by the Holy Spirit will ever speak ill of Jesus.
 - The Spirit moves upon a person's heart to submit to His Lordship - not deny His authority.

• **Second: The Differences Of Spiritual Gifts vs. 4-7**

1 Corinthians 12:4–7 (NKJV)

4 *There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.*

5 *There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord.*

6 *And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.*

7 *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:*

- **1st When we study spiritual gifts remember miracles can be counterfeited.**
 - The pagan priests in Egypt were able to duplicate Moses' miracles – up to a point...
 - The end-times Antichrist will work "lying wonders..."

- The gifts of the Holy Spirit build-up of the Body of Christ - they're good –
- That's why Satan does his best to discredit them
- **2nd Spiritual gifts are not talents.**
 - Natural talents, skills, and abilities are granted by God just as everything good is a gift from Him.
 - But those things are natural abilities shared by believers and unbelievers.
 - Spiritual Gifts
 - However, are not natural, but rather are supernaturally given by the Holy Spirit only and always to believers in Jesus Christ.
 - Spiritual gifts are special capacities bestowed on believers to equip them to minister supernaturally to others, especially to each other
 - Illustration –
 - A VERY gifted Musician – Tried to lead worship

○ **3rd Every believer has a gift**

1 Peter 4:10 (NKJV)

10 *As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

- Important to use
- **4th Not every believer has the same gifts there are “Diversity of Gifts”**
 - God gives His gifts to be used in varieties of ministries. V. 5
 - Christians with the same gift may be led to use that gift in many different ways.

- One teacher may be especially gifted in teaching young children
 - Another may have special ability to teach adults.
- One evangelist may be able to powerfully address large crowds
 - While another's strength is in one-on-one witnessing.
- And the use of the gifts will yield different effects
 - God uses us and gifts us for His glory
 - His purposes and to benefit the Body of Christ

• **Third: Paul's Description Of Spiritual Gifts vs. 8-11**

- **1st There are 4 passages of Scripture that identify these "gifts"**
 - Romans 12:3, 1 Corinthians 12:4, Ephesians 4:11 and 1 Peter 4:10
 - Bible scholars don't agree on the exact number and distinction of kinds of gifts.
 - Last week we gave a brief overview of the Spiritual Gifts
- **2nd Gifts Of Wisdom & Knowledge v. 8**

1 Corinthians 12:8 (NKJV)

8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,

- Wisdom
 - The ability to understand God's perspective on life's situations and share those insights in a simple understandable way.

- The ability to explain what to do and how to do it based on Scripture.
- Knowledge
 - Special supernatural knowledge of persons, places, or things that you didn't get from anyone but God.
 - Illustrations
 - Jesus knew things about this woman He met at a well.
 - Daniel 1:17 says "To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning."
 - He gave it to them It was a gift.
- **3rd The Gift Of Faith v. 9a**

1 Corinthians 12:9 (NKJV)

9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,

- The spiritual gift of FAITH is exhibited by one with a strong and unshakeable confidence in God, His Word, His promises, and the power of prayer to effect miracles.
- Examples
 - Joseph
 - Joshua & Caleb
 - David
 - Peter walking on the water

- George Mueller, who in 19th century England provided for thousands of orphans completely by prayer, without even asking for donations
- These people have the ability to believe God when other people are hesitant

○ **4th The Gifts Of Healings v. 9b**

1 Corinthians 12:9 (NKJV)

9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,

- Most Important Healing – The SOUL
- Times when God doesn't heal.
 - We all die at some point!
- Times when God Does Heal
 - God can also work thru doctors
 - God will heal us supernaturally...There is a gift of healing.
- Illustration
 - Pastor Chuck Prayer over Mike Macintosh healed his mind

○ **5th The Gift Of Miracles v. 10a**

1 Corinthians 12:10 (NKJV)

10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

- The ability to pray in faith specifically for God's supernatural intervention into an impossible situation and see God answer.
- If you believe Genesis 1:1, "God created the heavens and the earth" you should have no problem with miracles.

- If God created the laws of nature, then He can suspend them or override them when and if He desires!
- Illustration –
 - I heard that pastor Chuck tells a story that a girl didn't have gas to get to church. She really wanted to come so she took the garden hose, filled her tank with water, and asked God to turn the water into gasoline. When she finished praying, she drove her car to Calvary Chapel.

○ **6th The Gift Of Prophecy v. 10b**

1 Corinthians 12:10 (NKJV)

10 to another the working of miracles, **to another prophecy**, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

- Forth-telling His Word vs. Foretelling God's Word...
- The telling-forth of God's message in a particular situation
 - Always in accord with His Word and His current work.
 - Sometimes this has the character of foretelling the future, as in
 - (Acts 21:10-11 and Acts 27:21-26)

Acts 21:10–11 (NKJV)

10 And as we stayed many days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea.

11 When he had come to us, he took Paul's belt, bound his own hands and feet, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.' "

○ **7th The Gift Of Discernment v. 10c**

1 Corinthians 12:10 (NKJV)

10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, **to another discerning of spirits**, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

- Discernment is the ability to distinguish
 - Right from wrong
 - Truth from error
 - Whether the source of an experience is Satan, self, or God's Spirit.
 - A false prophet comes as "a wolf in sheep's clothing."
 - So To give an immediate evaluation based on God's Word
- Dave Hunt – Berean Call Had this gift
- This gift protects the church from swinging to one extreme of experience or teaching to another.

○ **8th The Gift of Tongues & Interpretation Of Tongues v. 10d -11**

1 Corinthians 12:10 (NKJV)

10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

- Brief Definition on Tongues –
 - The ability to pray in a language understood only by God
 - Or by one who is given the gift of interpretation at that time.
 - Is a personal language of prayer given by God,
 - Whereby the believer can communicate with God beyond the limits of knowledge and understanding (1 Corinthians 14:14-15)
 - The ability to pray in an unknown tongue is not a gift given to every believer (1 Corinthians 12:20)
- Tongues

- Have an important place in the devotional life of the believer
- But a small place in the corporate life of the church
 - (1 Corinthians 14:18-19)
 - Especially in “public” meetings (1 Corinthians 14:23)
- When tongues are practiced in the corporate life of the church,
 - It is to be carefully controlled, and never without an interpretation given by the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 14:27-28).
- Many teach that the gift of tongues is for everyone
 - That it’s the evidence someone is “baptized”, filled with the Holy Spirit
 - Some even say it’s a proof of being saved
 - That’s total nonsense...just read what Paul says
 - A Quick Read through Acts will show you that
- **Verse 11**

1 Corinthians 12:11 (NKJV)

11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

- In other words you or I don’t get to pick the gift we want.
 - You can’t say, “Oh, I’d like healing... How cool would it be to run around healing folks.”
 - It doesn’t work that way.

- The Holy Spirit chooses what gifts to distribute to each person.
- Spiritual gifts are ours to use, but they remain God's gifts.
- He is the power behind them – not you.
- So, when we exercise them we need to rely on the Holy Spirit's direction...the Spirit is sovereign over His gifts

The Principles Of The Body Of Christ vs. 12-31

• First: The Importance Of The Body Of Christ vs. 12-13

1 Corinthians 12:12–13 (NKJV)

12 *For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.*

13 *For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.*

○ **1st The Body**

▪ Illustration

- If you're an average adult here's what you accomplish every 24 hours...
- "Your heart beats 103,689 times
- Your blood travels 168,000,000 miles
- You breathe 23,040 times
- You inhale 438 cubic feet of air
- You eat 3.5 pounds of food
- You drink 2.9 quarts of liquid
- You lose 7/8 pound of waste
- You speak 4,800 words (Women More)

- You move 750 muscles
- Your nails grow .000046 inches
- Your hair grows .017 inches
- You use 7,000,000 brain cells
- No wonder you feel exhausted at the end of the day!
- Seriously - Your body is a miracle of engineering
 - It consists of several trillion cells, and ten major organs working in precise synchronization with one another.
 - The human body is a blend of unity and diversity –
- So IS the Body of Christ.
 - **We're many members, but one body.**
 - Look around at the people in this room – we're different folks, from divergent backgrounds, with varied gifts, and diverse callings - yet God has put us all together in one Body.
 - And He wants us to function and work in harmony with each other
 - In Christ – We have been BAPTIZED into His Body ☺☺

• **Second: The Interdependency Of The Body Of Christ vs. 14-27**

- **1st It's Characterized By Diversity & Unity vs. 14-17, 19-20**

1 Corinthians 12:14–17 (NKJV)

14 For in fact the body is not one member but many.

15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body?

16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body?

17 *If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling?*

1 Corinthians 12:19–20 (NKJV)

19 *And if they were all one member, where would the body be?*

20 *But now indeed there are many members, yet one body.*

- Again –
 - Which Part of the BODY would you like to find missing tomorrow when you wake up?
- So NO EGOS
 - Paul mentions the eye...and I'm afraid that's what becomes of many churches - they turn into one big "I" - "I want this" or "I deserve that."
 - Some churches suffer from I-strain!
 - We need to be led by the Holy Spirit, not our egos

○ **2nd It's Controlled By God Himself v. 18**

1 Corinthians 12:18 (NKJV)

18 *But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.*

- No Accidents where God places you

○ **3rd It's Concerned With How We Respond To Each Other vs. 21-26**

1 Corinthians 12:21 (NKJV)

21 *And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."*

- We all have a place... we all need each other!
- Illustration:
 - One day the ship's captain and chief engineer were arguing over whose job was most vital.

- They decided to swap places to prove their point.
- The engineer ascended to the bridge.
- The captain went to the engine room.
- An hour later the captain appeared on deck covered with oil and grease, and waving a monkey wrench.
- He shouted to the engineer, "Chief, you need to get down there. I can't make her go!"
- The engineer shouted back, "Of course you can't I just ran her aground." Both men needed each other!
- You have gifts that can bless and benefit me, and I have gifts that can bless and benefit you - we should recognize that we need each other!

▪ Verse 22-26

1 Corinthians 12:22–26 (NKJV)

22 *No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary.*

23 *And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable parts have greater modesty,*

24 *but our presentable parts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it,*

25 *that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.*

26 *And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.*

▪ Illustration

- There's a tiny valve that acts as a lid to your stomach.
- When the valve weakens stomach acids float back up into your esophagus.

- The result is called "esophageal reflux" - or in layman's terms, "major league heartburn!"
- I understand when that happens its no laughing matter!
- Every Part of your body is important

• **Third: The Inference Paul Gives Regarding Diversity vs. 27-31**

○ **Verse 27-28**

1 Corinthians 12:27–28 (NKJV)

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.

28 And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

- Paul mentions a few More Gifts
- **Apostles**
 - These are “special ambassadors” of the church.
 - Paul and others in his day had a unique apostolic authority, which will never be repeated because the foundation of the church has already been set (Ephesians 2:20).
 - However, God still has His “special ambassadors” in the church today, though not with the same authority as the original apostles.
- **Prophets**
 - These are those particularly called to speak forth for God with the gift of prophecy.
 - There was a unique, foundational authority to this gift as well (Ephesians 2:19-20).
 - However, God raises up those to speak to the church and the world with a special blessing and power.

- **Teachers**

- The ability to EDUCATE God's people by clearly explaining and applying the Bible in a way that causes them to learn.
- The ability to EQUIP and train other believers for ministry.
- I believe many Christian's have this gift but it needs to be developed.

- **Helps**

- Here's a gift I believe we all have!
- However, there are some who are FANTASTIC servers who take initiative to provide practical assistance quickly, cheerfully, and without a need for recognition.

- **Administrations**

- The Greek word for administration is literally means "to steer a ship."
- It's to guide, to pilot.
- This administrative gift is the ability to organize and structure.
- The ability to organize and manage people, resources, and time for effective ministry.
- The ability to coordinate many details and execute the plans of leadership.
- An administrator sees the details and the big picture!

- **Verse 29 - 30**

1 Corinthians 12:29–30 (NKJV)

29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles?

30 Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

- The obvious answer is the same as it is to the previous five questions
 - "No"
 - No one Person has ALL the GIFTS
- NOTE Paul's last two rhetorical questions:
 - Do all speak with tongues?
 - Do all interpret?
 - This is why I don't agree with the Pentecostals who believe that everyone filled or baptized with the Spirit will speak in tongues.

○ **Verse 31**

1 Corinthian 12:31 (NKJV)

31 But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

- Earnestly desire the BEST GIFTS
 - What we need in the moment
- Never FORGET the MORE Excellent WAY – LOVE

Closing

- If you're In CHRIST – you are a part of the BODY of Christ
- Make sure you are DOING your part to BUILD the BODY