

Bible Study Outline:

THE GIFTS & FRUIT OF THE HOLY GHOST

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DEDICATION

I dedicate this Book to all born again believers who thirst and hunger for the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

May this book help them all to become more effective witnesses for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I also dedicate it to all anointed and gifted Ministers of the Gospel who need to complement their Charisma with Godly Character as this will make them more Christlike.

May we all run the race and finish well and Strong in Jesus name.

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FOREWORD

I consider it a great honour and privilege to have been requested by the Author, Pastor John Ehizokhale Agenmonmen to write the foreword to his new book – a Bible Study Outline for the effective teaching about the Gifts and Fruit of the Holy Spirit. If there is anything missing in the Body of Christ today, it is a deep knowledge about the Holy Spirit. This bankruptcy in the Body of Christ is one of the root causes of both moral and spiritual decadence as evident in the lives of many Christians including some Ministers of the Gospel parading themselves as followers of Christ today without integrity.

While the presence of the Holy Spirit was occasional in the lives of the Old Testament believers, the Holy Spirit dwells in the lives of true followers of Christ in the New Dispensation. As important as the gifts of the Holy Spirit are, it is the fruit of the Holy Spirit that transforms the

believers into the image of Christ so that such a believer/follower can be suitable to inherit the Kingdom of God. Your life as a believer in Christ will be most miserable without the fruit of the Holy Spirit which is the acid test of who a true believer is.

Experience has shown in recent times (though not surprising because of the shallow knowledge about the Holy Spirit) that attendance at Bible Studies is less attractive than miracle/deliverance services. Every church that desires spiritual growth as against numerical growth of their members needs to organize and emphasize attendance and active participation in Bible Studies.

This book is timely, easy to use and inspirational. As an outline, it is very detailed on the subject matter and users will find it very useful to teach about the Holy Spirit in their congregations. I therefore highly recommend this book to all churches and denominations for their Bible Studies. This book should be treasured by all.

I have known Pastor John for more than five decades as an ardent believer, an uncompromising teacher of the word of God, an exemplary and humble believer who is eagerly waiting for the second coming of Christ. He is a co-host of our weekly virtual Bible Studies that is impacting and transforming lives for the kingdom of God. Happy usage of this wonderful book in the name of Jesus.

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PREFACE

In my walk with God these fifty-two years in the faith, I have found that many born again Christians are not Holy Ghost baptized. Thus, living a victorious triumphant life is not possible as a result. Holy Ghost baptism brings fullness of God's power and anointing into our lives guaranteeing fruitfulness in all areas of life. John 10:10. It is this burden I have for fellow believers to be enlightened and be fully immersed in God's power by embracing and being baptized in the Holy Ghost. Acts 1:8.

This Book will help believers to be more informed about the importance and benefits of Holy Ghost Baptism. The Outlines will promote personal and corporate Bible study culture in the Church. Attempt is made to state the importance of both Charisma and Character in our lives hence the inclusion of the fruit of the Spirit section. Since this is just an Outline, readers are encouraged to dig dipper in studying more about Holy Ghost Infilling and Divine Guidance.

It is my prayer that many will be more motivated to seek a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit. This will bring about a revival and greater zeal in Soul Winning and fruitfulness in the Body of Christ.

As the Lord is coming for a glorious Bride at the Rapture, being Holy Ghost filled will lead to living holy and being guided for as many as are led by the Spirit, they are the sons of God. Rom 8:14.

Pastor John Ehizokhale Agenmonmen, June 2025.

INTRODUCTION:

Holy Ghost Baptism is the empowerment that Christians should receive to make them effective and overcoming believers. Holy Ghost Baptism is a definite experience from God and is not the same as receiving Jesus into our hearts.

Holy Ghost Baptism may come when one receives Jesus Christ, before water Baptism or after water Baptism. Since Holy Ghost is the seal of God, it is important that all Christians who are aspiring to make the Rapture be filled with the Holy Ghost. (See Eph. 1: 13 & Eph. 4:30).

A Christian without Holy Ghost Baptism is like riding a bicycle through a long one distance while a Christian baptized and led by the spirit is like someone driving a car through the same long distance.

WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS AND DOES

Holy Ghost is the spirit of the Almighty God. Unlike Jesus, the Holy Ghost is in the form of a spirit. John 4:24, 1 Pet. 1:11, Rom 8:8).

- 1. He is the spirit of holiness, Rom. 1:4
- 2. He is the agent that brings about the new birth John 3:5 8, Gal. 4:29.
- 3. He is the spirit of truth. John 14:17, 1 John 4:6
- 4. He dwells in men. 1 Cor 3:16 17
- 5. Baptizes believers into Christ's body 1 Cor. 12:13
- 6. Bears witness that we are God's children Rom. 8:16
- 7. He transforms lives -2 Cor: 3:18
- 8. He is the source of sanctification. 1 Pet. 1:2
- 9. He seals believers until final redemption Eph. 1:13, Eph. 4:30
- 10. Walking in him gives victory over the flesh. Gal. 5:16-22.
- 11. He can be grieved or quenched. ! Thess. 5:19, Eph. 4:30.
- 12. He can be blasphemed Matt. 12: 31-33.
- 13. He has a law Rom. 8: 1-4.

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- 14. He gives boldness Acts 4:29-31.
- 15. He calls to service Acts 13:2

PROMISES OF HOLY GHOST BAPTISM

- Promises of the Father: Luke 24:49
- Receive Power: Acts 1:8
- Comforter: John 14:26; 16:7 "Parakletos" Greek
- Rivers of living water: John 7:37-39, "metaphors"
 belly heart
- Gift of the Holy Ghost: Acts 2:38
- Holy Ghost Fire: Matt. 3:11

INSTANCES OF HOLY GHOST BAPTISM

- 1. Acts 2: 1-4
- 2. Acts 8: 4-17
- 3. Acts 9: 17
- 4. Acts 10: 44-47
- 5. Acts 19: 1-6

A) CONDITIONS FOR REGEIVING THE HOLY GHOST

- 1. Repentance Acts 2:38
- 2. Only for sons Gal 4:6
- 3. For he that believeth John 7:37 39
- 4. By faith Gal 3:14
- 5. For those who ask: Luk 11:13, Acts 48,31
- 6. Prayer: Acts 4:29 31
- 7. To those who obey: Acts 5:32

B) WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES FOR US AFTER HOLY GHOST BAPTISM

- 1. Teaches us the word: Joh 14:26 _ any need for human Teachers?
- 2. Gives us power for service: Act 1:8; Joh 14:2; Mark 16:16 17 - Testimonies.
- 3. Strengthens our inner man: Eph 3:16
- 4. Quickness us: Joh 6:63 Gives eternal life
- 5. Works miracles through us: Rom 15:19, Heb 2:3 4
- 6. Imparts gifts to men 1 Cor 12:1 11
- 7. Source of true harvest: Gal 6:7 8.

- 8. Drives out fear and timidity: Act 4:13; 2 Tim 1:7; Rom. 8:15
- 9. Comforts: 2 Cor. 1: 4; Acts 9:31

 "PARAKLETOS" is the Greek word for the Counsellor, Helper, The Comforter, the Holy Spirit and the Advocate. John 14:26).

FACTS YOU MUST KNOW

In this book, I shall high light some salient facts which every Christian should know and appreciate about the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God almighty in the Spirit form, for God is one but manifests as Father, Son and Holy Ghost. (Deut. 6:4, Isa. 43:10-11, Rev 1:8, 22:13, John 14:17-18).

As salvation is a gift to the unbelievers, so Holy Ghost is a gift to believers (Acts 2:38). Every believer (born again) has the Spirit of God. I Cor. 12:13 but not all have been baptized in the Holy Ghost (but are supposed to). To be baptized in the Holy Ghost is to be fully immersed in the Spirit of God.

The early Christians had received Christ but became immersed in the Spirit on the day of Pentecost. (Acts 2:1-4, Acts 19:1-7).

10 BENEFITS OF SPEAKING IN TONGUES

Speaking in tongues (other languages not learnt or studied before) is one of the ways a Christian is different from unbelievers. It is a coded language between a Christian and the Lord Jesus Christ. Satan does not even understand the tongues, but God certainly does-

- (1) Speaking in tongues helps us to communicate with God when we don't even know what to pray about (1Cor. 14:2, Rom. 8:26).
- (2) By speaking in tongues, we build ourselves up spiritually Jude vs. 20 i.e. personal edification.
- (3) We can praise and worship God far beyond our expectations when we pray and sing in tongues 1 Cor. 14:15.
- (4) Praying in tongues helps us make necessary intercessions for divine interventions. Rom 8:26-28, Eph. 6:18.

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- (5) It helps us in thanksgiving to God 1 Cor 14:16-17.
- (6) It makes us more conscious of God and very sensitive to his will. Eph. 5:18-19, Ps. 19:10
- (7) Helps us in divine guidance when combined with the gift of interpretation. 1 Cor. 14:13-14.
- (8) Helps us stir up our gifts and anointing. I Tim. 4:14. II Tim. 1:6.
- (9) Helps us to control our natural tongues James 3:8
- (10) Helps us to praise, magnify God and sing spiritual songs Col. 3:16, Eph. 5:18-19, Acts 2:11, Acts 10:46.

BENEFITS OF HOLY GHOST BAPTISM.

- (1) He liberates us from the power of sin and death and live holy lives. Rom 8:2
- (2) Gives us an inward assurance that we are Christ's Rom 8:16.
- (3) He teaches us the things of God. John 14:26, I John 2:27
- (4) He guides us into the truth John 16:13
- (5) He gives life to our physical bodies -Rom 8:11
- (6) Gives us power for service Acts 1:8

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- (7) Helps us produce the fruit of the spirit Gal 5:21-22.
- (8) Provides gate way to spiritual gifts (I Cor. 12:1-11)
- (9) Reveals future events to us
- (10) Gives us divine revelations
- (11) Reminds us of Jesus words John 14:26.
- (12) Comforts us John 14:16
- (13) Gives us divine love I Cor. 13:4
- (14) Gives us boldness and sound mind II Tim 1:7
- (15) Causes miracles to happen
- (16) Makes it possible to have God in you (I John 4:4)
- (17) Transforms us from glory to glory II Cor. 3:18
- (18) Seals us until Jesus' coming. Eph. 4:30
- 19) Gives us counsel (Isaiah 9:6)
- (20) Preserves our spirit, soul and body unto Jesus coming. I Thess. 5:23; Rom.8.26.

QUESTION (1)

Do All Speak in Tongues? (I Cor. 12:30). This scripture is due to this scripture. Some think they may not speak with tongues at Holy Ghost Baptism. You should recognize that all who received the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost spoke in tongues. (Acts 2:4).

Jesus said all shall speak in tongues - (Mark 16:17) it is however necessary to note that in a particular service, all may not speak in tongues to impart a message to the congregation with the gift of interpretation alongside. In a congregation, all can pray in tongues. When you are speaking in tongues you address people. You cannot speak in tongues to a congregation without an interpretation or else nobody will understand you.

But all can pray in tongues as prayers are addressed to God who understands the tongues. Thus, a congregation can all pray in tongues. One can pray anytime as led by the spirit whether on the pulpit, in the Church, outside, in the school, workplace etc.

QUESTION (2)

There are many Christians who say they are born again and pray and speak in tongues, but their character is something else. How can we explain this?

ANSWER:

Holy Ghost baptism in several passages indicate that speaking in tongues always accompany. In fact, by it people around knew that the baptism had taken place.

Holy Ghost helps Christians to live a fruitful overcoming life. However, being filled with the Holy Ghost does not automatically make the Christian to be spiritual.

Some Christians may still remain carnal but yielding to the influence of the Holy Spirit is what makes one to be spiritual. I Cor. 3:1-3 i.e. walking in the spirit. The spirit baptism will help the Christian to have or develop the fruit of the spirit. Gal. 5:22-23. We must therefore live in continuous obedience and devotion to God to live holy lives without which no man can see God - (Heb. 12:14).

A backslider can speak in tongues. I Cor. 13:1-3. Holy Ghost is not a dictator but persuades us to serve God acceptably. In other words, it is our eagerness and desire to live holy lives that determines how far the Holy Spirit will help us in becoming Christ-like in our lives. We must continue to trust, depend on God and be persevering in serving till Jesus comes. It is possible to fall away from the Christian faith hence the Bible warns that "He that thinketh he standeth should take heed lest he falls" (Matt. 10;22, I Cor 10:12)

NOTE: There are some people who pretend to be Christians and are really not but unbelievers in sheep clothing or outright agents of the devil in the midst of true Christians. They have "false tongues" i.e counterfeit of the genuine Holy Ghost tongue. (II Cor. 11:13-15). Ultimately by "their fruits" you shall know whether they are Christians or not. (Matt. 7:16-23).

QUESTION (3)

Can't one receive false tongue during Holy Ghost baptism?

ANSWER:

Holy Ghost Baptism is for only born-again Christians Acts 2:38. If you have sincerely repented and you are obedient to God; you don't have any reason to be afraid of receiving false tongue at all. Please read - Luke 11:13, Luke 24:49 and Acts 5:32.

STEPS TO RECEIVING HOLY GHOST BAPTISM

- (1) Genuine sincere repentance from dead works II Cor. 4:2
- (2) Relax on the word of God but expecting. Banish all fear from your heart.
- (3) Receive by faith Mk 11:24
- (4) Respond by speaking God will not open your mouth for you neither speak for you you just cooperate with God.

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (1 COR. 12:8 - 10)

"But now in the next revival God will lead the bride closer to perfection gifts" "Each person upon receiving the Holy Ghost receives one or more gifts, but sometimes a person needs to stir up the gifts by seeking a heavier anointing (There are different "Spirit Degrees", first salvation, then Holy Ghost, then seeking more anointing). The "three stages" of each group of gifts are in degrees, like a fire or the sun getting hotter and hotter. And each one of the gifts can blend or overlap, merge and co-ordinate in their operation one -with another" Neal Frisby.

According to 1 Cor. 12: 4 - 7, there are 9 (nine) Spiritual gifts. For the purpose of studying them, we can classify them into three groups:

A) Power Gifts

- (1) Gifts of Healing
- (2) Gift: of Miracles
- (3) Gift of Faith

B) Revelative Gifts

(1) Discerning of Spirits

- (2) Gift of word of Knowledge
- (3) Gift of word of Wisdom

C) Vocal Gifts

- (1) The Gift of Tongues
- (2) Interpretation of tongues
- (3) Gift of prophecy

A) THE POWER GIFTS

- 1. **The Gifts of Healing -** This is a supernatural power to heal all manners of sickness without human aid or medicine. Mk 16:18, John 14:12, 1 Cror12:9. One person can have part of them or all of the gifts (notice(s)) of healing. The gifts of healing work slower but in cooperation with the gift of miracles, healing happens more quickly.
- 2. The Gift of Miracles This is a supernatural power to intervene in the ordinary course of nature and to counteract natural laws if necessary 1 Cor 12:10, Mk 9:23.

 Note "working of miracles" like creating, changing deformed cases into normal, like cripples suddenly walking like when JESUS raised Lazarus, the working of

miracles overlapped into the gift of faith and he came forth!

Also, when JESUS turned water into wine.

3. The Gift of Faith - This is supernatural ability to believe God without human doubt, unbelief and reasoning Rom 4:17, James 1:5 - 8, Matt 17:20, Mk 9:23.

This gift can operate all nine (9) gifts reaching the realm of the 7th magnitude of the Spirit, going beyond mortal reasoning, stopping the Sun and the Moon as was in the case of Joshua 10:12.

The gift of faith does not give up (Elijah used it to call down fire, JESUS used it to stop the storm (1 Kgs 18:38 – 39; Mk 4:38 - 41). The person who operates this could ask and receive almost anything. 1 Cor. 12:10.

B) THE REVELATIVE GIFTS

Angel of Light -2 Cor. 11:14

1). **Discerning of Spirits** - This will let you know what Spirit (Not Suspicion) is operating, good or evil. This gift can discern the evil spirit causing sickness, cancer, tumor, etc. With this gift JESUS knew the evil

spirit in Judas. (Matt 9:4, Luke 13:16, Jn 2:25, Acts 139 – 10; (23-25); Acts 16:16-18

- 2). **The Word of Knowledge** This is supernatural revelation of Divine knowledge or insight into the divine, will or plan and also the plans of others that man could not know of himself. Matt 17:27, I Sam 3:7 -15, Acts 9:11 12, Matt 16:16, (14-27; 2 Kgs 6:8 12, Acts 5:3 4, Acts 21: 11; Acts 16:16.
- 3). **Gift of the Word of Wisdom** This is supernatural revelation or insight into divine will and purpose showing how to solve any problem that may arise (1 Kgs 3:16 28). Matt 2:19-20; Luke 22:10 12, John 2:22 24; Acts 27:21 25; Luke 20: 22-26- Paying tribute or not, Matt. 22-15-22. This gift is divinely given power to appropriate spiritual intuition in problem solving. Joseph used the word of wisdom when he told Pharaoh how to survive the future seven years of famine Gen 41: 33-37

Acts: 27; 31-34 Paul encouraged the people on the ship and gave instructions to eat because they would not die.

C) THE VOCAL GIFTS: (1 Cor. 12:10)

- 1. The gift of tongues (diverse kinds of tongues)
- 2. The gift of interpretation of tongues
- 3. The gift of prophecy (E.E.C.) Edify, Exhort and Comfort.

The gift of prophecy is the supernatural ability to give a "right now" word from the LORD. It must Edify, Exhort and Comfort the body of Christ (E.E.C). It is not fortune telling or divination which is strictly forbidden in the scriptures. Like any form of consulting spirits, necromancy, soothsaying, praying to angels, witchcraft, palm reading, tarot, cards, etc. 1 Chron. 10:13; Lev. 19:31, 20:6, Lev. 20:27. Spiritual divination: Acts 16: 16-18. Prophetic utterances and revelation like dreams, visions, angelic visits are much more different than preparing a sermon and delivering it. This gift has an incredible

supernatural ability to strengthen individuals and churches.

Three Main Purposes of the Prophetic Gift: (1 Cor. 14:31)

- 1. **To Edify-** to build up, strengthen to make more effective
- 2. **To Exhort-** To stimulate (stair up) to encourage, to admonish
- To Comfort To cheer up, gives instructions and learning

NB: The gift of prophecy should never reflect shame, alienate, hurt, condemn or cause division even if the person is an unbeliever.

Examples:

- 1. 1 Tim 1:18
- 2. Acts 19:6
- 3. Luke 1:67 Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost and prophesized.

4. Acts 21:8-9- Philip had four daughters that all prophesized.

Satan Can Pose as an Angel of light to deceive.

Examples:

• The LORD told me to divorce my wife. But the word of the LORD says "... that he hates divorces (Matt. 5:31-32, Mal. 2:16, Matt. 19:3-6).

God will never go against his word. Never! The prophetic word **MUST** line up with the word of God.

It must be judged if it is the word of the LORD- It must edify, exhort and comfort.

Why is it important? 1 Cor. 14:3-4

- Don't despise prophecies: 1 Thes. 5:20-21:
- Test all spirits 1 John 4:1-3;
- Desire spiritual gifts: 1 Cor. 14: 1; 29-33.
- Let others judge: 1 Cor. 14:24-25; 1 Peter 4:10-11;
 Rom. 12:6; Acts 16: 16-24; Deut. 13:1-5; 1 Cor. 12:10

 The prophecy should be judged. That helps us to grow, and it protects us.

QUESTIONS: -AS a SIGN and as GIFT?

There is difference between praying in tongues and speaking in tongues as a message from God.

As a Sign: Every spirit filled Christian speaks or prays in tongues according to Mark 16:17. All the disciples spoke in tongues on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:4).

- Tongues spoken for personal edification- praying in tongues
- Tongues spoken as a message from God (Gift of tongues) 1 Cor. 14:27-28. This refers to tongues spoken as a message from God (gift of tongues) as different from speaking to God for personal edification.
- 1 Cor. 14:4 He that speaks in an unknown tongue edifies himself but he that prophesy edifies the church.

1 Cor. 12: 30 – Do all speak in tongue? This is speaking in tongues to communicate God's message to the church as a GIFT.

"Praying in tongues"; "Praying in the spirit" "Praying in the Holy Ghost", they all mean the same. Rom. 8:26; Jude 20; Eph. 6:18; 1 Cor. 14:1-"... if I pray in an unknown tongues, my spirit..." Acts 2:11. Speaking in tongues refers to both earthly languages and angelic languages.

GIFT OF SPEAKING IN TONGUES + GIFT OF INTERPRETATION = GIFT OF PROPHECY

NB:

- Every believer exercises faith in our work with God according to the measure God gives us but there is the GIFT of faith in a special measure! Rom. 12:3
 "Measure of faith"
- Everyone can pray and have wisdom yet there is the gift of the word of wisdom – Gift (James 1:5, 1 Cor. 12:8)

 Holy Spirit convicts into repentance 1 Cor. 12:13 at new birth (Rom. 12:3).

Baptism into Christ:

- Baptism of the Holy Spirit is an endowment of power. Acts 19: 1-2. Baptism into his fullnesssalvation.
- Acts 18: 14-17- They had received Christ; there was the need for Holy Ghost baptism hence Peter & Paul (Acts 9:15) were sent to minister to the Disciples.

TESTIMONY: Devotional Tongues Vs. Gift of Tongues:

A Ghanaian was walking along when a church service was going on in Lagos, Nigeria. They were all worshipping in tongues. He felt led to go join the worship and stood by a woman who was just speaking in tongues but she was speaking a "Ghanaian" language and saying to the young man, whose name was Kofi, that he is being warned not to go to where he was going, that the girl he was going to meet had poisoned the food and drink already made for him – she called the name several times and warned him

and told him of the consequences if he disobeyed the voice.

After service, the brother went to the woman and asked if she knew he was a Ghanaian, but she replied "No." He spoke Ghanaian language to her, expecting the woman to reply to him in Ghanaian language but to his amazement, the woman could not reply. To the young man, it was a puzzle, but to the woman, it was just a devotional language which graduated into tongues as a gift of the Holy Spirit.

CASES OF PEOPLE SPEAKING IN TONGUES AT RECEPTION OF THE HOLY GHOST BAPTISM

- 1. Acts 2:1-4 All Disciples present
- 2. Acts 8:18-21 Simon observed that through the laying on of hands, the Holy Ghost was given noticeable...
- 3. Acts 10:44-46 "...For they heard them speak in tongues..."
- 4. Acts 19:2-7 "... and they spoke with tongues and prophesied..."

Remember Mark 16:17 - "...And these signs shall follow them that believe...and they shall speak with new tongues..."

• In the mouth of two or three scriptures, let this matter be established. Can every Christian speak in tongues?

TONGUE:

What is tongue? It is from the Greek word "GLOSSOLALIA" which means speaking an unknown tongue, language or "ECSTATIC UTTERANCE." – "Estacy" – A state of emotion so intense that a person is carried beyond rational thought and self-control. Isa. 28:11 – other tongues, unknown tongues, strange tongues.

When one is baptized in the Holy Ghost, he receives:

- 1. Inherent power
- 2. Strength
- 3. Ability for the service of God
- 4. You receive God

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5. You receive his nature (divine nature and power). 2

Peter 1:3-4

6. Healing power – miracle working power. Jesus

performed no miracles until he received the Holy

Ghost baptism. Jesus carried power Acts 10:38. We

are the conduits of his power. When you speak in

tongues, you stair up the power you received during

baptism. Speaking in tongues acts as a propelling

force that ensures **continuous** infilling.

Old Testament: Holy Spirit Comes Upon you.

New Testament: Holy Spirit Comes Into you.

John 7:37-39 – Holy Spirit is the Christ in you, Rivers

of living waters; 1 John 4:4 – "Greater is he that is in

you..." Isa. 58:11. Before the day of Pentecost, the

Holy Spirit "dwelleth with you" but on the day of

Pentecost, the Holy Spirit now is in you – now resides

in us not just with us. John 14:16-17.

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GOD WITH US Vs. GOD IN US.

"God with US" – Old Testament.

"God in Us" – New Testament

Talking in Tongues & Praying in Tongues

Diverse kinds of Tongues.

Different kinds of Tongues.

The Gift of Tongues - Is Spontaneous inspired by utterance by the Holy Ghost where the normal Voice organs are used, the Conscious mind plays no part-entirely unlearned by the speaker.

Purpose of the Gift of Tongues

- 1. To Give God praises, worship and sing in tongues Acts 2:5-12; 1 Cor. 14:15
- 2. Praying to Good Supernaturally (Praying in tongues) 1 Cor. 14:28; Rom 8, 26-27
- 3. To Edify yourself Jude 1:20; 1 Cor. 14:4, 15-16
- 4. With Interpretation, brings edification Exhortation and comfort 1 Cor 14.5
- 5. A Sign to the Unbelievers 1 Cor 14:22

Examples of Speaking in Tongues/Interpretation of

tongues: 1 Cor 14:18, Acts 2:1-4, Acts 19:1-7, 22-25

Speaking in Tongues: Mark 16:17; 1 Cor 12: 10; Acts 19:6.

Interpretation of Tongues: 1 Cor. 12, 28-30; 1 Cor 12.9;

Acts 10:46; Rom 8:26; 1 Cor. 14: 13-27

It is not word for word Interpretation

e.g. Daniel "Mene, Mene tekel" Daniel 5:13-29

Psa. 22:1; Matt. 27:46 "Eloi, Eloi Sabathani.

It is not a "Polyglot" - Someone who knows multiple languages.

Desire spiritual gifts: 1 Cor 14:1

Be zealous or passionate:1 Cor 14, 26-28; 1 Cor. 12: 10, 30.

SOURCES & JUDGEMENT OF PROPHECIES:

- Man's Own Spirit: Deut. 13:1 18; 18:20 21; Jer.
 23:15 17, 25 40; Ezekiel 13:1 2
- Satan Through Demonic Inspiration: Gen. 3:4 -5; 1
 Chron. 10:13 14; Matt. 24:24; 2 Thess. 2:8 12; Rev. 13:11 18
- 3. God Through the Holy Spirit: Acts 3:21; 2 Tim. 3:15
 17; I Pet. 1:10 13; 2 Pet. 1:21

- 4. **Judging Prophecies**: I Cor. 14:29 33; I John 4:1 2;
- 5. **By their Fruits**: Matt. 7:15; 2 Cor. 11:13 15; 2 Pet. 2:1 3.
- 6. **Does it glorify God?** John 16:14; Rev. 19:10
- 7. **Does it agree with the Scriptures? -** 2 Pet 1:21; Matt. 16:23
- 8. **Are the Prophecies fulfilled?** Deut. 18:20 22; Deut. 13:1 5
- Does Prophecy lead to bondage? Rom 8:15; 2 Cor.
 3:17; 2 Cor. 11:20; Acts 20:28 30; 1 John 2:20 27
- 10. **Does the prophecy lead you to Jesus** Check the Source & Circumstances that led to the prophecy. Jean Dixon 85% of her testimonies/prophesies came to pass. A serpent coiled around her while she received the prophecies. She was given a crystal ball while young.

DISCUSSIONS:

1. Signs and wonders are no guarantee of a person's holiness (Matt. 7:21-24):

2. The Gifts and Calling of God are without repentance (Rom. 11:29).

IDENTIFYING FALSE PROPHETS

False Prophets are very evil. They cause people to be deceived, scatter marriages, lead people away from God and go into perdition. The difference between Psychics and True Prophets is the source of their prophecies or Revelations. By their fruits ye shall know them.

Evils fruits of false Prophets include Sexual immorality, Greed, Covetousness, Pride and Popularity.

Some modern - day Prophets have the following Characteristics:

- 1. They are motivated by self-interests. Fame. IKings 22:13-14.
- 2. They tell people what is nice. Isaiah 30:10.
- 3. They often speak for the purpose of financial gains. 2Pet 2:1-3. Eze 13:19.
- 4. They are Adulterous. Jer 23:14.
- 5. They are treacherous. Zeph 3:4.

- 6. They are drunkards. Isaiah 28:7
- 7. They are wicked. Jer23:11
- 8. They are liars. Jer 23:14
- 9. They are associated with Divination and Witchcraft.

 Jer. 14:14
- 10. They downplay Jesus Divinity, his sacrificial death and his humanity. 1John 2:22.
- 11. They don't preach the true Gospel but pervert it. Gal1:9
- 12. They are proud, greedy and rebellious. Jude 1:11, Mat 7:15-20
- 13. They masquerade as servants of Righteousness & as Angels of light.2Cor11:14-15.
- 14. Another trait of false Prophets is instilling fear in the hearts of the deceived with a view to extorting money from them.
- 15. They also charge money for prayers/ fasting.
- Several of them sell commodities like Holy water, Candles, oil, wrist bands, Hand kerchiefs etc. for money.

- 17. Some even extort money by asking people to buy plots in heaven as laughable as it seems
- 18. They make people do weird things like bathing opposite sex for rituals, kissing opposite sex in the name of deliverance.
- 19. I have watched a video of a false lady Pastor asking men to suck her breast all in the name of deliverance.
- 20. Many other things not listed here are done to achieve their evil goals. Let's all of us be filled with the Holy Spirit and be sensitive to his leadership as well as be knowledgeable in the Word of God. 2 Tim 2: 15. Rom 8:14.
- 21. They boast of blessings, emphasize wealth, comfort, prosperity, and love praise and worship of men.
- 22. They hardly preach about Repentance, Consecration and Judgment.

Signs and Wonders are insufficient proof one is from God. Deuteronomy 13:1-5. Thus, not all Prophecies that come to pass are necessarily from God! In both OT and NT, false

Prophets are always in the majority. Fear not little flock... Luke 12:32.

We are to test Prophets and Prophecies. I John 4:1-3. If we know the fruit of true Prophets, we shall easily recognize the false ones. Matt. 7:15-20. True Prophecies can never lead you to compromise with evil or Sin.

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

The fruit of the Spirit is the result of the Holy spirit operating on the new life (2 Cor. 5:17). The fruit of the Spirit is spoken of in the singular signifying the oneness of fruit (9 attributes). It is not complete until all nine are present. The Christian is not complete without these nine attributes.

KINDS OF FRUIT: Gal. 5: 22 - 23

- Love Agape-love divine love 1 John 4:16, 1 Cor.
 13
- 2. **Peace** Col. 3:15
- 3. **Longsuffering** (Patience) the natural man is impatient. Christian is the opposite.
- 4. **Gentleness** (Kindness or Graciousness) Jesus was gentle.
- 5. **Goodness** (benevolence) The Christian should be full of good works.
- 6. **Joy** deep-deep gladness Phil. 4:4.
- 7. **Faith** (Faithfulness) Dependable and reliable at all times.

- 8. **Meekness** (Mildness of Temper), 11 Tim. 2:25
- 9. **Temperance** (Self-Control) Moderation in one's way of life.

This fruit is the evidence of the death of Adamic nature John 12:24. If we are not dead, we will merely bring forth, the works of the flesh. (Read: Gal: 2:20).

This fruit is necessary - John 15:2; Luke 13:9; Matt 7:16 – 20; James 3:9 - 12.

LOVE:

The first of the nine traits of the Fruit of the Spirit is Love. There are various types of Love as follows.

- 1. **Phileo** love is brotherly love amongst Siblings, friends and Associates.
- 2. **Romantic love or Erotic love**. This is found amongst Couples; Prov 5:19. It is sexual love.
- 3. **Philautia**. This is self-love but when taken to extreme it can become negative. Egocentrism, Selfishness and Narcissism can result.
- 4. **Storge**. This is love between parents and children, familiar love.

- 5. **Ludus**. This is regarded as playful love, flirting or seductive love.
- 6. **Maniac**... This is obsessive love and can reach the level of madness, unhealthy mental love.
- 8. **Pragmatic love** is also called Practical love .and lastly
- 9. **Agape love**. This also called Divine love, God's kind of love, Unconditional love, Sacrificial love, or Perfect love. This kind of love covers multitude of sins. It is the kind of love shown to mankind in John 3:16; Proverbs 10:12,17:9; Titus 2:3-4; Col 3:19.

The characteristics of this kind of love are described in 1 Cor 13.

John chapter 4 also describes this type of love. Thus, this Agape love is the one referred to in Gal 5:22.

This is the kind of love that raptures the Bride at the Translation; 2Thess 4:16-18.

JOY:

The second attribute of the fruit of the Spirit is **Joy**. Gal 5:22.

Biblical Joy is a deep abiding sense of happiness and Contentment often connected to spiritual realities rather than temporary circumstances. Unlike fleeting happiness, biblical Joy is enduring and can be experienced even amidst trials. Biblical Joy is not based on external factors like possessions or Achievements but rather on one's relationship with God. It is a natural product of living in communion with God. It comes from the Holy Spirit dwelling within. The joy of the Lord is my strength. Nehemiah 8:10.

It is our Divine legacy, and we should let no one or circumstances steal our joy. Count it all joy when ye fall into diverse temptations.... James 1:2., Matt. 5:10-12; Acts 5:41-42. Acts 4:29-32; I Pet 4:13.

PEACE:

Peace is a fruit of the Spirit. This peace is not just the absence of conflict but a deeper inner Tranquility that comes from a relationship with God and a reliance on the Holy Spirit. This peace is a feeling of Calm and

Contentment that transcends Circumstances and allows individuals to remain at peace even amidst challenges.

This peace is beyond human understanding. Phil 4:7.

Jesus is the "Prince of peace" Isaiah 9:6.

We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom 5:1.

Trusting in the Lord brings peace...Isaiah 26:3.

The Gospel that we preach brings peace...Eph 6:15.

God's peace comes from Jesus. John 14:27.

The alternative to this peace brings

- Alarm
- Doubts
- Dread and fear,
- Worry and Anxiety.

Perfect peace is found when our focus is on Jesus and not the waves or Circumstances. Matt 5:9; Rom 14:19; I Pet.3:10-11.

To continually have this peace, we must continually abide in Christ Jesus. Allow God's peace to rule in your hearts continuously.

PATIENCE:

Patience is a virtue of the fruit of the spirit. It is the ability to endure hardship and wait calmly for God's timing. It is being able to wait calmly and accept delays or difficulties without getting upset. It suggests having the ability to tolerate waiting or ending hardship without becoming frustrated. Patience can be seen in situations like teaching a child, waiting in line, helping the elderly and listening to someone who is upset.

Patience fosters resilience gives us the strength and determination to remain optimistic. It helps us handle adversity with grace. It also promotes greater peace and contentment. Psalm 37: 7-9. Rom 8: 25; James 5:7-8; 1 Tim 2:12, Eph 4:2, Col 3:13, Prov 15:18, & Ecclesiastes 7:9

Abraham waited for 25 years, while Moses waited for 40 years before commencing his ministry.

KINDNESS:

Kindness is a disposition to be compassionate and considerate towards others. It is nice and others. It is an active form of Evangelism.

When we embody kindness, we reflect the nature of God who is Love... I John 4:8. Acts of kindness break down barriers and open hearts to the message of the Gospel in ways that words alone cannot. It means being patient, understanding, and offering words of encouragement. Being a listener, showing empathy and offering a supportive ear can be a powerful expression of kindness. **References**: Col 3:12., Prov 31:36, Rom 12:10, Prov 19:22, &

Give examples of kind people in the Bible.

GOODNESS:

Eph 2:7.

Goodness is a fruit of the spirit. It is described as a natural inclination to do good particularly for the benefit of others. It is not just avoiding evil but rather a zealous effort to promote the well-being of others. This goodness is rooted in an upright heart and a desire to reflect the

character of Christ. Goodness is demonstrated though acts of kindness, compassion and righteousness. Goodness can be seen in acts of Self less ness, like placing the needs of others before one's own or in confronting sin with love and compassion. Living a life of goodness is a way to glorify God and show case his love to others.

Goodness comes from the Greek word "Agathosune" which is uprightness of heart. Matt 5:14, Rom 15:14, Psalm 119:68, Psalm 23:6.

GENTLENESS:

Gentleness involves kindness, consideration and a tender compassionate approach to others even when speaking the truth. It is a manifestation of Strength under control demonstrating humility and self-restraint. Gentleness is not a weakness but requires strength, self-control and humility.

Matt 21:5, Gal 6:1, Phil 4:5.

SELF CONTROL:

This describes the trait that exercises restraint, moderation and disciplined control over desires, impulses and emotions enabling individuals to resist temptations and live a more Christ like life. It is the ability to exercise restraint and moderation in various aspects of life including thoughts, words, actions and desires.

Self-Control allows one to resist sinful impulses, make wise decisions and live in a way that glorifies God. We need Self Control in Managing Anger, resisting temptations and exercising restraint in consumption or spending. It helps in making good choices in life. It is also called Self Discipline or Temperance. 2 Tim 1:7,

Give various examples of how we can exercise Self Control in our lives.

REVIEW QUESTIONS:

- Holy Ghost is same as Holy Spirit and is God himself.
 True/False.
- 2. God Almighty manifests as father, Son and Holy Ghost 1Tim 3:16. **True/False**.
- 3. Every Believer has the Holy Spirit at the new birth **True/False**.
- 4. The Promise of Holy Ghost Baptism is found in both Old Testament and New Testament **True/False**.
- 5. Holy Ghost Baptism is meant for both Believers and Unbelievers **True/False**.
- 6. Holy Ghost Baptism only happens when one is Water baptized **True/False**.
- 7. All who receive Holy Ghost Baptism in the Bible spake in Tongues **True/False**.
- 8. No one can have the gifts of the Holy Ghost without being baptized in the Holy Ghost **True/False**.
- 9. One can be Holy Ghost baptized and yet be carnal **True/False**.
- 10. All who are Holy Ghost baptized have the nine gifts of the Spirit **True/False**.

- 11. Name the three power gifts
- 12. Name the three Revelative gifts
- 13. What are the utterances gifts?
- 14. Anyone who has the gift of the word of Knowledge knows all things **True/False**.
- 15. If one has the gifts of the Holy Ghost, one is very spiritual **True/False**.
- 16. One must fast Ten days before receiving Holy Ghost Baptism **True/False**.
- 17. Once you are born again, you have all the fruit of the Spirit **True/False**.
- 18. To be Christ like, one must have the nine attributes of the fruit of the Spirit **True/False**.
- 19. One can make heaven without the fruit of the Spirit **True/False**.
- 20. We should all aim to have both the gifts of the Spirit and the fruit of the Spirit to be very effective as a child of God **True/False**.

VICTORY OVER QUICK OR HOT TEMPER.

Temperaments are ways of classifying people's emotional attitudes, the foundations of their personality.

Temperament and personality are not synonyms. Temperaments are merely one of the many facets of a person's personality.

COPING WITH ANGER:

Anger is a strong feeling of displeasure, hostility or antagonism towards someone or something usually combined with the urge to harm.

There are four anger dispositions, we need to consider and determine by God's grace which one you would desire to have.

In simple terms they are:

Group A: Easily angered but not easily pacified

Group B: Easily angered but easy to be pacified

Group C: Not easily angered but easy to be pacified

Group D: Not easily angered and not easily pacified

A look at these shows that the Christian must conform to only one of these dispositions to be Christ like.

It is obvious that "A" is not Christ like for the Lord is not easily provoked or angered. 1 Cor. 13:5 says "Love (God is love) is not easily provoked or angered".

Even though "B" has the Christ like virtue of easy to forgive or pacified the fact that it easily angered makes it not Christ like.

"C" this is an enviable anger disposition that every matured Christian should have. God himself is not easily provoked or angered. The Bible says specifically that God is slow to anger Psalm 103:8, Psalm 145: 8, Number. 14:18 Neh. 9:31. God is slow to anger and can forgive any sin (1) John. 1:9) No matter the sins, if one comes to the Lord in sincere repentance he forgives. He does not desire the death of the sinner but desire all to be saved. The story of the prodigal son very well illustrates this beautiful attribute of God (Luke 15:11-23). Children of God are enjoined to have the character of Christ James 1:19"My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry." Eccl. 7:9 says "Be not hasty in the spirit to be angry for anger resteth in the bosom of fools"

Disposition D: is not Christ like since God easily forgives repentant sinners. Please take a good look at yourself and see which anger temperament is dominant in you. You don't need to give excuses or rationalize, repent of every negative trait in you and ask God to help you conform to His will. Whether you inherited the negative traits or developed them ask for Divine intervention to have disposition "C" above.

Anger itself is not a sin but how you treat it when it comes determines the level of your spirituality Eph. 4:26 "In your anger do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry" Uncontrolled anger is one of the works of the flesh in Gal. 5:19-21 - wrath which means excessive anger. "; "A hot-tempered man commits many sins" Prov. 29:22 - We are to get rid of uncontrolled anger" Col. 3:8, Eph. 4:31-32.

Uncontrolled anger is not expected of us at all "A fool gives full vent to his anger but a wise man

keeps himself under control" Prov. 29:11. Avoiding anger requires proceeding slowly and not reacting. Prov. 14:17 "It is to a man's honour to avoid strife, but every fool is

quick to quarrel." We need to listen more, talk less and slow down anger" James 1:19-20.

HOW TO RESPOND TO ANGER:

The practice of answering gently will for the most times reduce chances of anger Prov. 15:1 "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger" Do not respond to anger with anger - Rom. 12:19, Prov. 20:22. Patience helps to subdue anger Prov. 14:29 "A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly" Prov. 15:18 "A hot tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel" See Prov. 16:32. Uncontrolled temper can prevent a man or lady from getting a suitor or partner. It can tear down existing marriage and terminate friendship. Uncontrolled anger made Alexander the Great to kill his very best friend. Dear reader, ask the Lord to help you control your anger or your anger will control you. For peaceful relationships we need to exercise dominion over hot or quick temper.

Listen:

"A hot-tempered man must pay the penalty, if you rescue him, you will have to do it again" Prov. 19:19.

Prov. 22:24 "Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man; do not associate with one easily angered."

"The heart of the righteous studieth to answer but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things" Psa. 15:28; Proverbs 15:28.

The word "SORRY" is very therapeutic in healing offences that cause anger to arise. Couples, Children and friends should learn to use it as often as necessary to heal emotional wounds of anger. I hope the Lord has spoken to you through this write up. If hot temper has held you captive through the years you can be delivered from it as you ask for God's mercy and determine never to be enslaved again. As you do this, yokes of quarrelling and nagging will be destroyed forever in your home. I declare any young man or lady reading this will experience total deliverance from the evil of quick or hot temper. You shall henceforth experience a Divine break through as you turn

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it over to Jesus. Self-control or temperance is the virtue you need to combat these evil traits

May the Lord help you in Jesus's name.

Appendix 1:

Preparation for the Rapture or Translation.

- Ensure you are genuinely born again. John 3:3,7
- Be Holy Ghost baptized. Act 1:8.
- Walk in the Spirit. Rom 8:14.
- Occupy till he comes. Witnessing & service to fellow brethren. Luke 19:13.
- Watch and pray in the Holy Ghost...Jude 1:3; Luke
 21:36. Watch "comes a Greek word "Agrupneo"
 which means to be attentive:
 - To be ready
 - To be circumspect
 - To be awake
 - To be sleepless
- Be expectant. Heb 9:28. Be intimate with God. spending time in his presence, reading the word and meditating on the word. Psalm 1:1-3, Joshua 1:8; Live holy lives. Heb 12:14, Psalm 15:1-5.

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