

# THE HOLY SPIRIT

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## The Holy Spirit in confirmation of the word

- The Holy Spirit revealed the mind of God in words which the Holy Spirit teaches, but how would the world know these are the words breathed out by God? Through confirmation.
- To confirm is to establish or to stabilize. We get our word “base” and “basis” from this word. It is from the root word for “foot” used in Acts 3:7.
- “The idea is that the Holy Spirit was engaged in setting the Scripture upon its feet that they might stand on their own.” (Jeff Asher, The Holy Spirit, 2018, page 10)

# The Holy Spirit in confirmation

- ◎ The Spirit confirmed God's word with signs, wonders, various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit.
  - Hebrews 2:1-4
  
- ◎ The words of Jesus were confirmed by His miraculous works which He accomplished by the Holy Spirit
  - Acts 2:22
  - John 5:36
  - Matthew 12:28

# The Holy Spirit in confirmation

- ◎ The Holy Spirit confirmed words of the apostles with miraculous signs
  - Purpose of the miraculous: Mark 16:15-20
  - Acts 1:8; 2:33
  - 2 Corinthians 12:12
- ◎ The Holy Spirit worked through the apostles as they laid hands on other saints to give miraculous, spiritual gifts.
  - Acts 8:13-18

# The Holy Spirit and Spiritual Gifts in Apostolic Days

- ◎ In lesson 6, we saw, regarding the apostles:
  - They received a baptism with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4)
  - They were given power when the Holy Spirit came upon them (Acts 1:8)
  - The Holy Spirit revealed the gospel to them (Ephesians 3:1-5)
  - Confirming miracles were worked through them (Acts 2:43)
    - Other examples: Acts 3:6-8; 5:12-16; 9:40
- ◎ So we know that the apostles had miraculous, spiritual gifts. Did others also?

# Miraculous, spiritual gifts were promised

- ◎ Joel 2:28-32
  - Acts 2:16-21
- ◎ Mark 16:17-20

# The purpose of miraculous, spiritual gifts

- ◎ Reveal truth

- John 16:13; 1 Corinthians 12:8-11

- ◎ Confirm the word

- Mark 16:20; Hebrews 2:1-4

- ◎ Edification in absence of the written word

- 1 Corinthians 14:12-13

- ◎ Compare Ephesians 4:8-14

# Miraculous, spiritual gifts were given (administered) through the laying on of the apostles' hands

- ⦿ (The apostles of the Lord Jesus received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, administered from heaven)
- ⦿ Acts 8:14-18
- ⦿ Acts 19:1-7
- ⦿ Romans 1:11
- ⦿ 2 Timothy 1:6
- ⦿ 2 Corinthians 12:12



## Miraculous, spiritual gifts were diverse and their use regulated

- ⦿ 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
- ⦿ Many manifestations, but one Spirit
- ⦿ Nine gifts enumerated here:
  - word of wisdom
  - word of knowledge
  - faith
  - gifts of healings
  - working of miracles
  - prophecy
  - discerning of spirits
  - tongues
  - interpretation of tongues
- ⦿ Regulations in 1 Corinthians 14

## The duration of miraculous, spiritual gifts

- ⦿ Since they could only be imparted to other saints through the laying on of the apostles' hands, they were not perpetual in duration.
- ⦿ Remember their purpose:
  - To reveal all truth. All truth was revealed to the apostles and prophets.
  - To confirm the word. The word has been confirmed.
  - To enable edification in the absence of the written word. The written word is complete.
- ⦿ 1 Corinthians 13:8-13 tells when miraculous, spiritual gifts would cease. They would cease when that which is perfect has come. That which is perfect is the complete will of God in Christ Jesus, the New Testament.

# The duration of miraculous, spiritual gifts

REVELATION



But  
When

IN PART  
(Spiritual gifts active)

REVELATION



Then

COMPLETENESS  
IS COME.....

Prophecy  
Tongues  
Knowledge  
et. al.  
*To Cease*

Gene Frost, Gospel Anchor, P. 24.