*Monday, March 14, 2011*

**Don’t Settle For Less**

1 Corinthians 12:1-3 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. (2) Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led. (3) Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. (KJV)

This week our goal is to look at the Holy Spirit, or Ghost is another term for it, to show what was given to us when we accepted the Lord’s plan of salvation. Now in order to be given an accurate account of this it can only come through the Holy Ghost, while any other interpretation will be considered cursed. Please do take note of verse 1 and the word ‘gifts’, because this word is misleading and is not a part of the original text, rather an added word.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. (5) And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. (6) And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. (7) But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. (KJV)

As we continue on in this chapter the word ‘gifts’ comes up again, this time referring to a spiritual endowment, or a gift of grace. Even though there are diversities, do keep in mind the fact that the word ‘same’ keeps getting mentioned. The end result Church, is that the manifestation of the Spirit, the Holy Spirit that was poured out on all mankind, is there for the taking for those that seek those things above.

Ephesians 1:3-4 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: (4) According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: (KJV)

Do take note of just how many spiritual blessings God has made available to His people; and that would be summed up in one word, ‘all’. As we continue in our study today, you will see that the things we are referring to are Spiritual, and I would definitely categorize them in the blessing column also.

1 Corinthians 12:8-11 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; (9) To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; (10) 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: (11) But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. (KJV)

We bring this point up today because there are those that claim only certain people get certain gifts. Ah nonsense Church, because that would be settling for something less than what our Lord says is yours for the taking. Whatever situation is taking place the Lord has an answer for His people, whether it results in healing, to a word of prophecy; simply put, reminding someone of what they have been blessed with, it’s all on the table and there for the taking. Now it’s a matter of learning to see and hear how to allow the Spirit to work in and through you so that this manifestation can take place.

1 John 2:26-27 These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. (27) But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. (KJV)

You know God poured out His Spirit on mankind so that they would utilize what He provided for them so that they could be whole; Spirit, soul, and body. If you listen to those that would try to seduce you with fallen doctrines you will fall for a lie; however, if you let the Spirit teach you, then you will see all that our Lord provided for His people to operate in. When our Lord says all, don’t settle for less.