*Tuesday, February 11, 2014*

**Still the One**

1 Corinthians 14:1-3 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy. 2 For he that speaks in an unknown tongue speaks not unto men, but unto God: for no man understands him; howbeit in the spirit he speaks mysteries. 3 But he that prophesies speaks unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. (KJV)

Here is another term that gets a bit misconstrued, gifts, plural. Actually the word ‘gifts’ in verse 1 is an added word, because any gift of God is a result of the one gift which He sent to mankind. Some people speak great swelling words to try to impress others, an unknown tongue to God because it is not edifying to the Church. Those that truly know the love of God and His gift are looking to speak words of life.

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 works all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. (KJV)

Strong’s definition for Gifts - 5486 charisma (khar'-is-mah); From 5483; a (divine) gratuity, i.e. deliverance (from danger or passion); (specifically) a (spiritual) endowment, i.e. (subjectively) religious qualification, or (objectively) miraculous faculty: KJV-- (free) gift.

As we see this word ‘gifts’ is actually derived from the term gift, and as we are about to find out this gift is singular. Some claim to have certain gifts of the Spirit and have chosen to limit God thinking they don’t have access to the entire gift. Verse 7 above is quite clear to point out that the manifestation of everything spoken about in this chapter is Spiritual and is given to all, now the question is who is willing to receive it all?

John 4:9-10 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, how is it that thou, being a Jew, asks drink of me, which is a woman of Samaria? For the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. 10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knew the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou would have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. (KJV)

The gift of God is now seated at the right hand of our Father. God’s gift to mankind is not some hot shot preacher, but His Son who died to give you access to all spiritual blessings in heavenly places. Are you going to His well to get a drink that will last forever?

Romans 5:15-18 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. 16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. 17 For if by one man's offence death reined by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) 18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. (KJV)

God is clear to point out who and what this gift is that was given to mankind. We see this is a free gift that God provided so that we could have life, an abundant spiritual life instead of the dead-end carnal one which we had settled for in the past. For those that put a price on this gift are nothing more than hucksters who have sold out for an inferior gift instead. So take hold of what was freely given to you by walking past all the cheap imitations that think they can serve God and mammon.

God bless dearly loved and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.