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# 1 CORINTHIANS – PART FIVE Worship Issues #2

Lesson 43

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### Background

- Paul Starts Church. Stays 18 months.
- Earlier Letters and Messengers
- Paul Knew Church's Problems
- Paul Planned to Visit Soon
- Church was Divided. Many Questioned Paul.
- Many Thought Themselves "Super-Spiritual"

#### Last Week

- The Lord's Supper
- How Men and Women Pray or Prophesy
- Pagan Feasts

#### This Week

# What Does it Mean to be "Spiritual"? Spiritual Gifts

- A General Word First (Chapter 12)
- Some Necessary Theology (13)
- Specific Instructions (14)

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Spiritual Gifts

For Paul:

Not WHICH Gifts You Have But How and Why Gifts Are Used

# The General Word

I Corinthians 12

#### Before and After

#### **Mute Idols**



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**God Who Speaks** 







Christ



# Words of the Spirit

No one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit (12:3).

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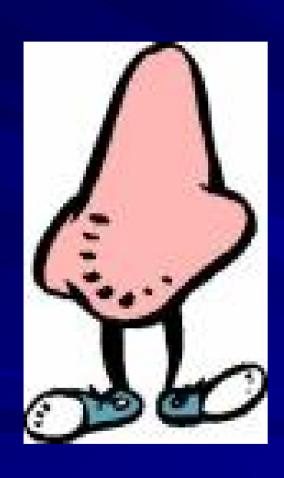
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All From One Spirit
All For Good of Church

# Like A Body



- Body is a Whole
- No Part is More Important
- The Body is Christ

# Some Necessary Theology

# It's About Love!

#### A Word on 13's Context

"THE" Most Excellent Way
Makes All Gifts Greater

#### "Love"

Agape (αγαπη):
Love Motivated by Care for Others

Eros (ερος):
Love Motivated by Effect on Self

Philos (φιλος):
Love as a Friend

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is Patient, Love is Kind.

It Does Not Envy.

It Does Not Boast.

It is Not Proud.

It is Not Rude
It is Not Self-seeking.
It is Not Easily Angered.
It Keeps No Record of Wrongs.

Love Does Not Delight in Evil but Rejoices in Truth

It Always Protects,
Always Trusts,
Always Hopes,
Always Perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears.

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.

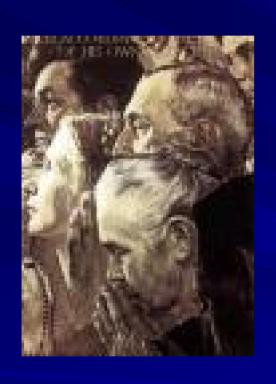
Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.

# Now, Specifics on Gifts in Worship

- Motivation: Unselfish Love
- Consider Tongues

# Tongues in Worship



**Better for Others:** 

5 Words they Understand?

10,000 Words they Don't?

# Tongues in Worship



**Okay if Interpreter** 

# Tongues in Worship

- Consider Effect on Visitors
  - —Good Sign or Bad????
- Faith? Or "Out of Their Mind!"

# Orderly Worship

- **No Pulpit Minister**
- 2 or 3 -- and then 1 at a Time!
- **Women, Shush!**

In Worship Use the Spirit's Gifts to Glorify Christ as we encourage and Help the Body and Witness to the Unsaved.

#### Points for Home

Find Your Gifts
Use Your Gifts for God
Build Up Those in Church
Put Love in All You Do