



Ecclesiology
Session 24



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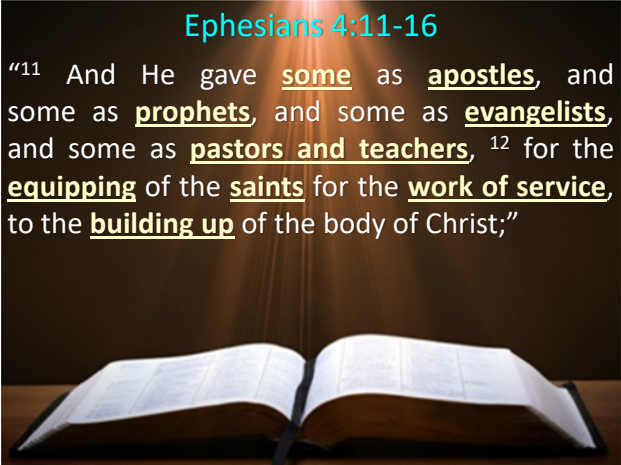


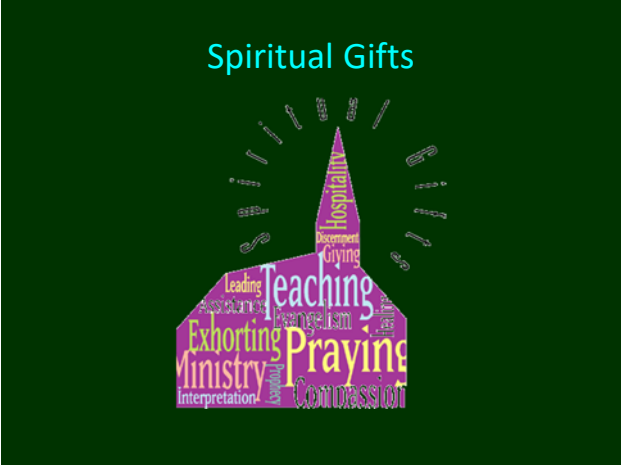
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- Romans 12
- 1 Corinthians 12
- 1 Peter 4
- Ephesians 4



The Disputed Gifts

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Two Camps

- **Charismatics** – All the spiritual gifts are in operation today
- **Cessationists** – Most of the spiritual gifts are in operation today

Preamble to Position Statements of SLBC Constitution

“Although agreement with the **POSITION STATEMENTS** is not required for membership, they are taught in this church. The **POSITION STATEMENTS** are **not meant to prohibit** honest and healthy discussions concerning what the Bible teaches about these issues; however, we believe that such discussions must be conducted under the guiding principle that believers are to strive to maintain unity.”

SLBC Position Statement No. 7

“TEMPORARY SPIRITUAL GIFTS – This church teaches that the miraculous sign gifts, including the gift of tongues, (always the ability to speak in a previously unlearned, known language) along with the gift of healings were temporal gifts, given by the Holy Spirit solely to authenticate both the apostles and their message before the close of the canon of Scripture (1 Cor. 13:8-10). We do not believe that these are active as gifts today. However, we affirm that God is sovereign and may heal and/or give someone the ability to speak in a tongue (foreign language) today. We believe that the majority of what is termed ‘miraculous’ within the contemporary charismatic movement is something other than the Biblical gifts of tongues or healing.”

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Acts 1:21-25

“²¹ Therefore it is necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us—²² beginning with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up from us—one of these *must* become **a witness with us of His resurrection.**”²³ So they put forward two men, Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus), and Matthias.²⁴ And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all men, show which one of these two You have chosen²⁵ to occupy this ministry and **apostleship** from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.”²⁶ And they drew lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.”



1 Corinthians 9:1

“Am I not free? Am I not an **apostle**? Have I not **seen Jesus** our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord?”




1 Corinthians 15:8-9

“⁸ and **last** of all, as to one **untimely born**, He appeared to me also. ⁹ For I am the **least** of the **apostles**, and not fit to be called an **apostle**, because I persecuted the church of God.”



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Miracle Clusters In Scripture

NUM.	ERA	AUTHENTICATION
1.	Moses	Law
2.	Joshua	Conquest
3.	Elijah-Elisha	Prophet
4.	Christ	Kingdom offer
5.	Apostles	Church
6.	Tribulation & Millennium	Kingdom establishment


Luke 4:25-27

“²⁵ But I say to you in truth, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land; ²⁶ and yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but only to Zarephath, *in the land* of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷ And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”




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Hebrews 2:3-4

"³ how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the **Lord**, it was **confirmed to us** by **those who heard**, ⁴ God also **testifying** with them, both by **signs and wonders and by various miracles** and by **gifts of the Holy Spirit** according to His own will."



John 14:12

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the **works that I do**, he will do also; and **greater works than these he will do**; because I go to the Father."




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2 Corinthians 12:12

“The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.”



Acts 2:43

“Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.”



Acts 4:30

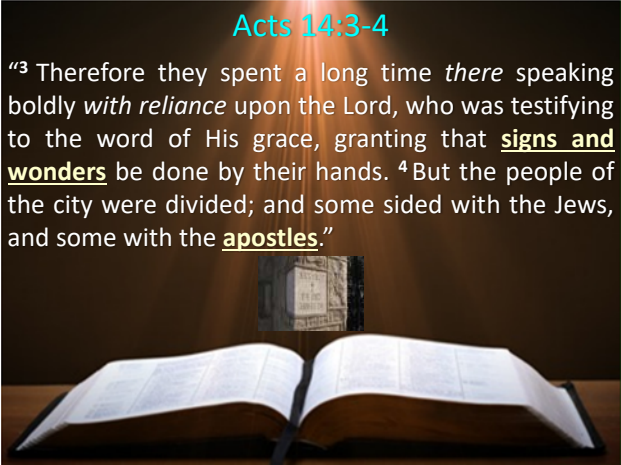
“while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus.”

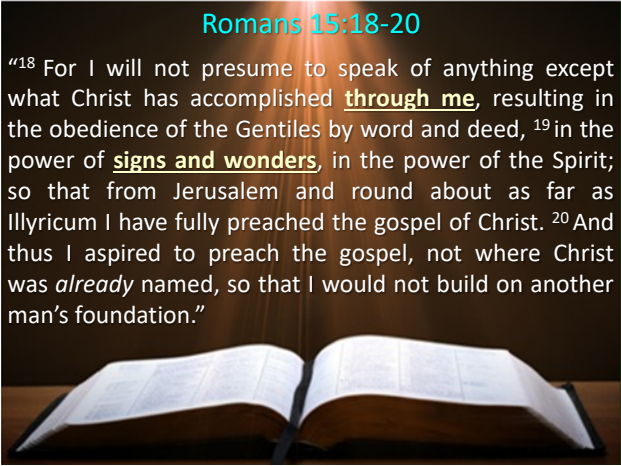


Acts 5:12

“At the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon’s portico.”











Acts 20:7-10

"⁷ On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul *began* talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight. ⁸There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered together. ⁹ And there was a young man named Eutychus sitting on the window sill, sinking into a deep sleep; and as Paul kept on talking, he was overcome by sleep and fell down from the third floor and was picked up dead. ¹⁰ But Paul went down and fell upon him, and after embracing him, he said, "Do not be troubled, for his life is in him."




Order of Paul's Letters

1. Galatians (A.D. 49)
2. 1-2 Thessalonians (A.D. 51)
3. 1-2 Corinthians (A.D. 56)
4. Romans (A.D. 57)
5. Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon, Philippians (A.D. 60-62)
6. 1 Timothy, Titus (A.D. 62-66)
7. 2 Timothy (A.D. 67)



1 Timothy 5:23

"No longer drink water *exclusively*, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments."



2 Timothy 4:20

“Erastus remained at Corinth,
but Trophimus I left sick at Miletus.”




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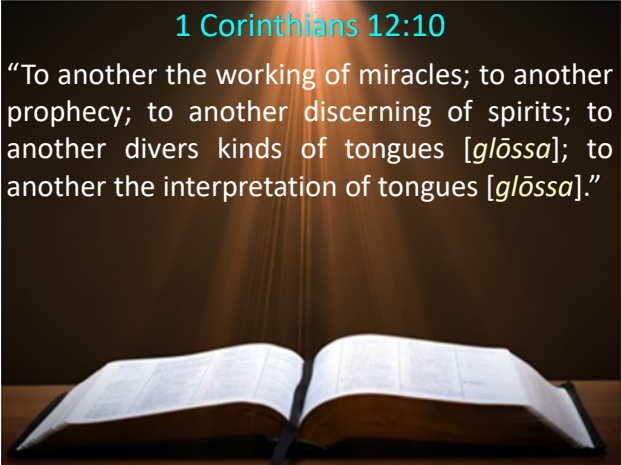
Revelation 9:11

“And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.” (KJV)



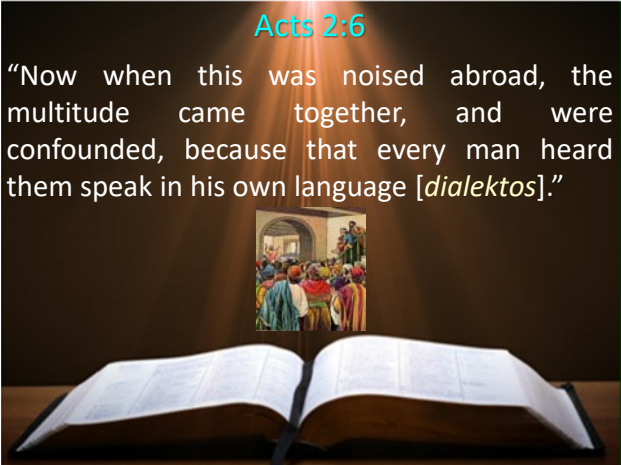
1 Corinthians 12:10

“To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues [*glōssa*]; to another the interpretation of tongues [*glōssa*].”




Acts 2:6

“Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language [*dialektos*].”



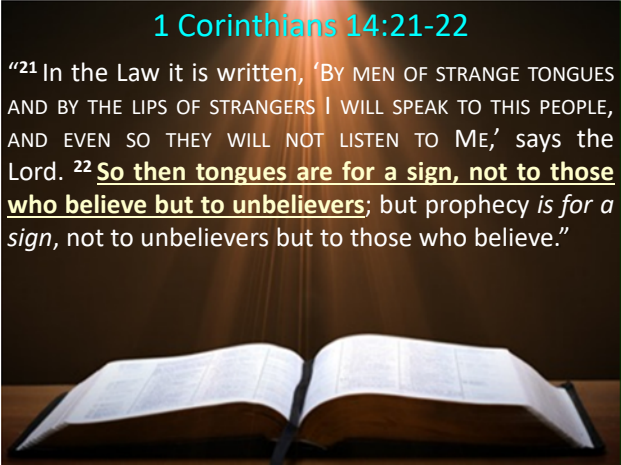
The Nations of Pentecost

Pentecost, a Jewish feast also known as the Feast of Weeks, marked the completion of the barley harvest. On this annual holiday about 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus, Jewish people from throughout the Roman Empire were gathered in the city of Jerusalem to observe this great religious holiday. When the Holy Spirit was poured out on the apostles, they began to speak with “other tongues,” and these people from other nations understood them perfectly (Acts 2:5-13). This map shows the different regions of the Roman Empire represented in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost.



1 Corinthians 14:21-22

"21 In the Law it is written, 'BY MEN OF STRANGE TONGUES AND BY THE LIPS OF STRANGERS I WILL SPEAK TO THIS PEOPLE, AND EVEN SO THEY WILL NOT LISTEN TO ME,' says the Lord. 22 So then tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophecy is for a sign, not to unbelievers but to those who believe."



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