

Meeting the Holy Spirit

Who Is He, and Why Don't We Know Him So Well?



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 - Summarize what we've said about what Paul is teaching about spiritual gifts in 1 Corinthians 12-13
 - If chapter 13 isn't a *tangent*, then why does Paul appear to be even bringing up the subject of spiritual gifts in chapters 12 and 14 in the *first* place?



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 - Describe the functional difference(s) between the gifts of “tongues” and “prophecy” here
 - Why does Paul seem to consider prophecy to be a greater—i.e.; more important—gift than tongues?
 - And how does that fit into the overarching “*koinonia*” (fellowship) context of why Paul is talking about spiritual gifts in the first place?



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 - Read 1 Corinthians 14:6-9
 - Summarize Paul's argument here
 - Is this a *valid* argument? Why or why not?
 - Again, remember that this was originally read as one continuous letter, not a series of chopped-up chapters—so compare and contrast Paul's imagery in 14:7-8 with his imagery that he had *just used* in 13:1
 - Why did the church in Corinth desperately need to hear these nuances, priorities, and perspectives?
 - Why does our church today desperately need to hear these nuances, priorities, and perspectives?



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 - **Read 1 Corinthians 14:10-12**
 - Again, let's put this summation in its larger context—
 - How would Paul calling them functionally “foreigners” toward one another in their use of spiritual gifts act as a sharp counterpoint to his “body” analogy in chapter 12?
 - What does it say that—even though they're literally *alienating* one another with them—they're nonetheless still “eager” about getting and practicing spiritual gifts?
 - Link 1 Corinthians 12:31, 14:1, and 14:12—
 - Paul tells them to eagerly desire spiritual gifts, but then says that he's saying this because he knows that they *already* eagerly desire spiritual gifts—so what is he trying to get at here?



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 - **What problems do you think Paul's admonishments here would help to prevent in *our* church today?**



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 - Read 1 Corinthians 14:13
 - For *what* reason—and why is that context important?
 - Go back and read 12:29-30 and 14:5 again
 - How do we reconcile all of these verses? Are *you* supposed to be interpreting your utterance, or is someone *e/se* supposed to be doing it?
 - What does all of this suggest to you?



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 - Read 1 Corinthians 14:13
 - **Read 1 Corinthians 14:14-17**
 - What balance(s) would Paul be trying to strike here?
 - What sorts of things can we do to strike a similar kind of healthy balance today?
 - And how does Paul conclude this reiteration of the argument in vs. 16-17?
 - Why does he keep harping on this same *koinonia* context over and over and over again?
 - And if we can't get through even a handful of verses in this section without running into that same context over and over, then how is it that the Church has so successfully *forgotten* that context over the centuries?



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 - Read 1 Corinthians 14:18-19
 - How does Paul express his balance and perspective—on tongues and in general—here?
 - How does he help answer our question from last week (“What is Paul's perspective on speaking in “the tongues of angels” here?”)?
 - Why does he again present this as a hierarchy—with *Paul himself* being the “best” at what the *Corinthians* were wanting to “excel” at?



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 - **And how does he conclude in vs. 20?**
 - Again, reading this as one continuous letter instead of a series of chopped-up chapters, compare and contrast what Paul says here with what he had *just said* in 13:11
 - Was the “love chapter” a tangent?
 - How does Paul use that slap in the face to make his point to the Corinthians?
 - How can we stop being childish *today*...?



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 - Read 1 Corinthians 14:21-25
 - What's Paul's argument here?
 - So who all is attending their worship services?
 - To what degree, then, should a worship service be designed for *believers*, and to what degree should it be designed for *unbelievers*?
 - How does all of this still focus on the "*koinonia*" context that Paul has been hammering on—now even extended toward *unbelievers*?



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 - Read 1 Corinthians 14:26-28
 - First off, what's going on in Corinth?
 - In vs. 26, does Paul mean to say that God has given everyone there something to share in their services? Or does he mean that everyone in Corinth seems to *think* that they need to get up and share something in every service?
 - Why would people wrongly feel this way?
 - Why would that last "*koinonia*" line in vs. 26 help to correct that wrong thinking?
 - What does all of this "*koinonia*"-ing suggest about *why* the Holy Spirit is *giving* these gifts?



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 - Second, how does this all work, procedurally?
 - How do you *know* if anyone else is going to interpret before you speak?
 - And what does all of *that* suggest about what your relationship should be with not only the rest of the Body, but also with the *Holy Spirit*, long before you open your mouth?
(HINT: Check out vs. 31, or 39-40)
 - How can we apply that concept today?



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(given verses like 1 Corinthians 14:32, or Jeremiah 20:8-9, or 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, or even 2 Timothy 1:5-7, etc.)



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 - How should we as the *Church* work?
(given verses like Ephesians 2:19-22, or Galatians 2:20, or 1 Corinthians 12:27, or 1 Corinthians 6:15-20, etc.)
 - How should that make us think about how we live today—especially in our relationship with the Holy Spirit?

