

# The Holy Spirit Weekend

## **1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

***<sup>4</sup> There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. <sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.***

***<sup>7</sup> Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,<sup>[a]</sup> and to still another the interpretation of tongues.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>11</sup> All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.***

I recently had an opportunity to participate as a helper during a discussion period on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It gave me an opportunity to re-learn what I already knew and to learn some new things about people and how the Holy spirit has worked and is working in their lives.

It reinforced my belief that testimonies are an important part of church life. They not only give us examples of how the Holy Spirit has worked and is working in peoples lives. It gives us the real sense of God at work in the world today, through the Holy Spirit.

As we age in life, we constantly pray for renewal and revival in our churches. The presence of the Holy Spirit and how He is working in and through different people, ethnic groups and the diverse nations of the earth; it becomes abundantly more real to us with each encounter with others and with each testimony.

We see the preparation for the future in our churches and the everyday living of church families. We see God and His Holy Spirit at work in the generational aspect and in the development of new leaders and future leaders. If we look around, we see families in our churches and in our families and our neighbourhood, from new believers to first generation believers, to second, third, fourth and remarkably sometimes fifth generations of faithful believers in Jesus Christ and the salvation He provided by His death on Calvary's cross.

This all starts, when grandparents take their children's children to church, when families dedicate their children, when non-believers come to Christ and are baptized. This also happens when we continually and earnestly repent and pray for those who don't have a relationship with God through Jesus. Also, when we see people living out their lives as Christ followers so others can see Christ working in their lives.

Jesus came to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Salvation, Forgiveness and Truth, He came to heal the sick, the blind and the lame. He came to bring hope to the lost and the marginalized of society. He came that all peoples of the earth would receive these benefits. Foremost, He came to bring the gift of salvation and the restoration relationship with God, through a relationship with and through Himself.

The one remaining factor in Jesus's ministry was He gave us hope for the future and a Comforter, Teacher, Leader and Companion and Guide to help us after His ascension to the Father. One passage in scripture tells us the Holy Spirit is the finisher and author of our faith. Just as the Holy Spirit and Jesus

were with the Father in the beginning, He, The Holy Spirit, will be with us right up to the last days of earth as we now know it. He (The Holy Spirit) will be the one that leads us home when the circumstances of the Last Days start to appear.

God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are inseparable. They form the basis for everything God wants us to know and to believe. Pray diligently, confess our sins earnestly and honestly believe and be open to the intercession and the Holy Spirit through God will accomplish great things in our lives and the lives of our churches, and bring others to believe through faith.

#### Our Prayer

- Heavenly Father, we acknowledge You as the One, True and Living God
- We pray that Your Will be done on earth and in us as it is in Heaven
- We earnestly confess our sins and humbly ask for Your forgiveness
- We thank you that Jesus came to earth and that when he returned to heaven, You sent us Your Holy Spirit as a Helper, Comforter, Teacher and Guide
- We thank the Holy Spirit for interceding on our behalf when we have no words of our own
- Thank You for guiding us in life through the indwelling of Your Holy Spirit
- Thank You for closing doors in our lives and opening new doors of growth and opportunity
- Thank You for the gifts of The Holy Spirit Wisdom, Knowledge, Faith, Miraculous Powers, Healing, Prophecy, Distinguishing between spirits, Speaking in tongues and Interpreting tongues
- Thank You that Jesus came to baptise with the Holy Spirit
- Thank You that as Your Holy Spirit who speaks through us, we are given new languages to speak, new boldness in delivering the Word of God, and a new of assurance of power when we speak or when You speak through us
- Thank You for giving us a power of discernment in navigating through life with You
- Thank You that the Holy Spirit helps us to pray boldly, humbly and sincerely

We give You all the Power, all the Glory and our heart-felt thanks, We pray these things in the precious name of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen& Amen

John 16:12-15

<sup>12</sup>“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. <sup>13</sup>But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. <sup>15</sup>All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”