

Another Spirit (Teaching Notes)

A Biblical Consideration of Modern Manifestations of Other Spirits

Introduction:

Last week, we studied the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Now, **not everything that happens in the churches of Jesus Christ is from the Holy Spirit.** Our primary text,

2 Corinthians 11:3-4,

(**2Corinthians 11:4** For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!)

The key phrase in this verse is “another spirit.”

- The Apostle Paul was deeply concerned for the Christians in the city of Corinth. He was sincerely worried that the Corinthians were not able to discern what was from the Holy Spirit and from other demonic spirits.

Look at what the Apostle Paul told Timothy.

- (**1Timothy 4:1** ¶ Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;)
 - When are the latter times? Today. There are those who “depart from the faith” because they are “receiving another spirit.”

That word *receive* in the Greek is (*lambanō (λαμβάνω)*). Where else do we see this word used? (**Acts 1:8** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.)

This reality puts it into perspective. The only Spirit we want to receive and be led by is the Holy Spirit.

The topic we are looking at today is false doctrine concerning the Holy Spirit.

In Christian circles, there is this idea that there are more than 21 gifts of the Holy Spirit. In 1 Corinthians 12, we are told of the gifts of the Spirit (the manifestation of the Spirit which is connected to the gifts.

Here are some popular examples today:

- The Anointing, Slain in the Spirit, Spiritual Covering, Dreams, Holy Laughter, Manifesting, and more which we will discuss today.

Remember, there are only 21 gifts of the Holy Spirit, the true aspects of the manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

I want to look at several examples. Why? Because we are told, (1John 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.)

Again, **Not everything that happens in the churches of Jesus Christ is from the Holy Spirit.**

All of these examples I have attached links on my teaching notes if you would like to know the resources and sources available. One resource really quick: A great book to go deeper in understanding this is (Graphic 1)



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I know for some of you, this is a sensitive topic because you came from a background that believed or practiced some of these things. But let me tell you this. It's good that you are receiving Biblical truth on these issues.

Testing the spirits as the Apostle John said we should do is not a pleasant thing, but it is commanded to God's people for our protection.

The objective: I hope that through this teaching you begin to build a biblical framework to discern and test the spirits.

New Manifestations of the Holy Spirit?

Before we go into each one, Know this: The Holy Spirit is always doing something new, but it's not "new manifestations." He always does something new for example,

(1). Salvation

Every time someone is born-again by the Holy Spirit, that person is a new creation in Christ Jesus.

(2Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.)

(2). The Illumination of God's Word

- When you take steps of faith as the Holy Spirit leads you, you are undertaking a new work of the Holy Spirit.

(John 16:13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

John 16:14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you.)

(3). God's Plan for Your Life

(Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.")

The Holy Spirit's objective is to exalt Jesus Christ. And the Holy Spirit will use us through His gifts to serve and bless others.

The Protective Grid in the Scriptures

Protection Verse #1:

(1Corinthians 12:4 ¶ There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

1Corinthians 12:5 There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord.

1Corinthians 12:6 And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.

1Corinthians 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*:

1Corinthians 12:8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,

1Corinthians 12:9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,

1Corinthians 12:10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

1Corinthians 12:11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.)

We read these verses last week. I highlight these scriptures again because these verses (along with all of 1 Corinthians 12-14, Romans 12 and Ephesians 4) provide protection for the Christian.

Notice 1 Corinthians 12:7. This verse teaches us that “the manifestation” of the Holy Spirit is limited to the 21 gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Protection Verse #2:

(Ephesians 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*.

Ephesians 5:12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.

Ephesians 5:13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.)

Protection Verse #3:

As we examine various examples, be established on this verse:

(1Corinthians 14:33 For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.)

When it comes to how the Holy Spirit works, it should never be confusing.

Contemporary Works of Other Spirits

(1). The Anointing

The Biblical View of Anointing:

- Remember, we learned that the Holy Spirit Himself is the anointing according to 1 John 2. Every true believer is marked by the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. Every believer has *The Anointing*, the Spirit of God Himself.

The Unbiblical View of Anointing:

In church circles, there is a dangerous misinterpretation of “the anointing” where people state there is a powerful presence upon a person, a supernatural spiritual energy.

In other words, there are Christians who are anointed and there are Christians who are not anointed. And then there are Christians who are very anointed.

This is not biblical. Let me prove it to you. If there is such a thing as this anointing, why did Jesus not have it?

(John 18:1 When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples over the Brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered.

John 18:2 And Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples.

John 18:3 Then Judas, having received a detachment of troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.

John 18:4 Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, “Whom are you seeking?”

John 18:5 ¶¶ They answered Him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” ¶¶ Jesus said to them, “*I am He.*” And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them.)

These hired soldiers sensed nothing different in the person of Christ in comparison to the other apostles.

Why do false teachers teach this idea of the anointing?

To spiritually manipulate people to believe that they are,

- (1). God’s chosen servant, worthy of your loyalty and complete submission.
- (2). Untouchable, outside of criticism.

There are so many scandals where the pastor/leader of a church had no accountability. Because when it comes to God’s anointed, they are above accountability. This is dangerous.

- Side note: These are not true pastors. They are actors.

(2). Passing the Anointing

This one is interesting. It is called “passing the mantle...” “Passing the baton...” “The Moses to Joshua effect...” “The double portion...” “Receiving impartation,”

Their supportive verse is 2 Kings 2:9-10,

(2Kings 2:9 ¶¶ And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?” ¶¶ Elisha said, “Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.”

2Kings 2:10 ¶¶ So he said, “You have asked a hard thing. *Nevertheless*, if you see me *when I am* taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so.”)

The first thing that must be addressed is context. Elijah and Elisha lived around 800 BC. The Holy Spirit did not come to Pentecost until at least 800 years later, after Christ’s ascension. When the Holy Spirit came to the Upper room in Jerusalem in Acts 2, the time where believers receive the anointing and the power of the Holy Spirit began.

What verse dismantles this idea of imparting another person's anointing?

(**1John 2:27** But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.)

- This verse clearly teaches us that you don't need another person's anointing and power.
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(3). Grave Soaking¹

There are people who believe that you can receive the anointing from a dead person by receiving their anointing by going to their grave? Where do they get this from?

(**2Kings 13:20** ¶ Then Elisha died, and they buried him. And the *raiding* bands from Moab invaded the land in the spring of the year.

2Kings 13:21 So it was, as they were burying a man, that suddenly they spied a band of *raiders*; and they put the man in the tomb of Elisha; and when the man was let down and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood on his feet.)

By going to a person's grave, can you receive the same anointing that they have? No!

- (**1John 2:27** **But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you**, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.)

For example, are all of you familiar with the "Jesus Revolution"? All of you probably wondered why I stayed very silent on talking about the "Jesus Revolution" from the pulpit when everyone was talking about it.

Here's why: I avoid talking about what's popular from the pulpit because it's usually never safe to discuss the newest thing. I like to do my thorough investigation before I jump on any bandwagon. My mom has a great saying - "Before you recommend something, let it stand the test of time. Let time expose darkness.

¹ Got Questions has a thorough [article](#) on this.

- An interview came out after the movie was played in theaters for some time.
- Before the filming of the movie, Jonathan Roumie (the actor who played Lonnie Frisbee) went to the grave of Lonnie Frisbee seeking Lonnie Frisbee's blessing, seeking Lonnie's anointing, and explicitly requested a sign from Lonnie to show him if he should play Lonnie in the movie.
- What did Mr. Roumie do here? **Necromancy**: communicating with the dead.

That's why I cannot recommend this movie to anyone.

- By the way, in my teaching notes, I have the link to the video which talks about it.²

And Jonathan Roumie is not the only one doing this. There are other churches and ministries who were caught up in this. It's essentially sorcery.

(4). Spiritual Covering

There are churches that believe that you need the spiritual covering of a pastor/leader of a ministry. If you are not under their spiritual covering, then you are unsafe, open to all kinds of darkness. This is false. Because, (1John 2:27 But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.)

Aren't you so thankful that we have 1 John 2:27 that protects us from many false doctrines?

(5). Slain in the Spirit

² This was not the original clip I watched... I didn't have time to watch the whole [thing](#). Just skip to the points where J. Roumie talks.

This is related to the anointing because when a pastor/leader is anointed, their anointing is usually confirmed by their ability to make people come under “the power of God,” or popularly known as, “slain in the spirit.”

- It's where someone is immediately taken aback by a powerful energy and presence claiming to be the Holy Spirit.
- For example, a person begins to weep uncontrollably, begins to shake uncontrollably, stays for hours on the floor unable to move, or is stuck, with no ability to escape, speaking in tongues.

Where do we see the reasoning of “slain in the spirit” in scripture?

(**John 18:4** Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, *Whom seek ye?*

John 18:5 They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, *I am he*. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them.

John 18:6 As soon then as he had said unto them, *I am he*, they went backward, and fell to the ground.)

I'd simply respond and say, the apostles never tried to repeat this, nor spoke of this in the New Testament, nor alluded to its possible connection to the Holy Spirit. It seems that this was simply a display of the person and power of Jesus Christ, as the Son of God.

- You can't make a doctrine out of a biblical occurrence. You can't say grave soaking is biblical because of what happened to the man as he came in contact with Elisha's bones. You can't say “slain in the Spirit” is biblical based on John 18:4-6 where Jesus revealed His power.
- If we followed this logic, things could get weird, and they have...
 - Another weird example are those churches who misinterpret Mark 16. At church services, they will practice snake handling and drink poison to exercise the strength of their faith so that they can see signs, miracles, and wonders.³

What is a verse that proves to us that this cannot be the Holy Spirit, but another spirit?

³ Wiki has a simple [introduction](#) to this movement.

(**Galatians 5:22** ¶ But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Galatians 5:23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.)

- The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of self-control.

Now, some of you might think: Is “slain in the spirit” fake? Yes, some of it is fake. However, there is much data to show that this powerful presence and energy of “slain in the Spirit” is real.⁴

What is this occurrence? **It is a demonic spell whereby a spirit entity comes upon a person.**

Some of you were “slain in the spirit” some time ago. So I want to be sensitive to you. Some of you might say, “But it was a blissful experience.”

(**2Corinthians 11:13** For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.

2Corinthians 11:14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

2Corinthians 11:15 Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.)

Just because it seemed righteous or looked pure does not mean that it is righteous or pure. A light-filled supernatural experience could be demonic. On my teaching notes which you can retrieve on my website via the church website, you can read a factual account of the dark side of “slain in the spirit.”⁵

(6). Hidden Knowledge

One of the works of other spirits is giving the anointing of a false teacher who is able to excellently allegorize the scriptures to convince the hearer that he has a hidden knowledge.

⁴ Here’s an interesting [video](#) of someone teaching it.

⁵ The amazon [link](#). Also, here’s an [article](#) that might be worth reading. I don’t agree with C. Hinn on various theological issues, but regarding this he is very insightful (since this is his background).

The false teacher reveals things “in the Bible” that are not actually in the Bible. This is dangerous. They have videos like, “How to interpret your dreams,” “how to exercise the gift of knowledge,” “How to know if God’s angels are speaking to you through your dreams.”⁶ These things are not scriptural.

They use Biblical terms that we are familiar with, but they input their own knowledge. Now, what I find interesting about their knowledge is I don’t doubt they have knowledge, but it’s not knowledge from the Holy Spirit. It’s a demonic knowledge.

What does this sound like? It sounds like Gnosticism. What is Gnotisticism?

- This was a Christian group very popular in the 2nd-4th century AD. Gnostics claim to possess an elevated knowledge, a “higher truth” known only to a certain few. Gnostics claim to possess a higher knowledge, not from the Bible, but acquired on some mystical higher plane of existence. Gnostics see themselves as a privileged class elevated above everybody else by their higher, deeper knowledge of God... Gnosticism is based on a mystical, intuitive, subjective, inward, emotional approach to truth which is not new at all.⁷)
 - The spirits behind gnosticism are still around today.
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(7). Numerology

(1). Some people believe that chapters and verses are ways to discern what God is saying. They start adding up numbers or start correlating numbers and verses to decode something that God is attempting to speak to His church today. Fun fact. Chapters and verses did not appear until AD 1227 (the earliest document).⁸

(2). There are those who see repeated numbers throughout scripture as ways to decode an allegorical truth whereby God is trying to speak to His church today. The significance of the number 3 or the number 7.

⁶ This is Kissinger Araque’s [channel](#). And D. Hernandez has very similar [videos](#).

⁷ Got Questions [Definition](#).

⁸ Fun fact: Chapters and verses came centuries after the scriptures were written and were created to help people reference better and memorize more efficiently. Here’s a GQ [link](#).

What is the only scripture where we are specifically commanded to be wise by being mindful of a number?

(**Revelation 13:18** ¶ Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number *is* 666.)

The only number I consider significant is 666 because the Bible commands me to pay attention to that number. Other than that number, no number should be considered significant.

(3). There are those who see numbers in scripture and numbers in their life (receipts, bank statements, billboards, etc.) as a way for them to hear God's voice.

Who practices numerology? The occult. The New Age. Numerology and direction by angels and spiritual entities through numbers are very popular. As Christians, we don't engage in sorcery, which includes numerology.

(8). Does God Speak Through Signs and Dreams?

False teachers talk much about waiting on the Holy Spirit to give you a sign, Yt video titles such as "Knowledge at the Feet of the Spirit."

Signs are extremely dangerous. Why? Because God doesn't speak through signs and hidden meanings. He's not taking you on rabbit trails. God is logical and clear.

(**Hebrews 1:1** ¶ God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,

Hebrews 1:2 has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;)

This whole push for hearing God through dreams and signs has heretical roots, especially in Gnosticism where God gave people higher knowledge through

dreams and signs. Because God says you only need His word, you don't have to look for signs and dreams.

Side note:

As I shared last week on dreams, now today with signs,

All you need is God's word.

Are supernatural, spiritual occurrences real? Yes, but you don't need them.

All you need is God's word.

Whenever I make a decision, I study His word, I seek Godly counsel, pray, and wait or move forward, depending on the situation and whether I have God's peace.

After these things are met, I simply take a step of faith and don't look back.

(9). Holy Laughter, Barking, and Howling

What about the phenomenon where people begin to randomly laugh in the service? It has been deemed as holy laughter. It is a moment where supposedly the Holy Spirit inspires the people to laugh.⁹

Is this scriptural?

- There's no scripture to support holy laughter.
- They like to say this is when someone is "drunk in the Spirit." Here's the thing. As Galatians 5 teaches us, the fruit of the Spirit is self-control. Acts 2 only supports the controlled gift of tongues and the power of the Holy Spirit to be an effective witness for Christ (Acts 1:8).

Barking and Howling:

Personally, I have not been in a room where I have heard people bark or howl. But it's similar to holy laughter that someone does these things when they are "drunk in the spirit" encountering God.

⁹ Here's [one](#) of the strangest examples.

- (1). These occurrences are behavior to draw attention to self,
 - (2). It is a demonic spirit using a person in the room to bring in another spirit.
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(10). Declaring

There is an idea that's popular today. It's where people declare God's word but it's not actually God's word.

There's a remarkable verse in scripture:

(Mark 11:23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, "Be removed and be cast into the sea," and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*.)

Biblical View of Declaration:

Now, as Christians we believe God's word to be true and we can and should declare His promises.

But we also understand that God's will supersedes our own will. In other words, while God has given power through prayer, there are times where our prayers are not to fulfill God's will, but our will. And in response, God doesn't answer prayers that are outside of His will.

(James 4:3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend *it* on your pleasures.)

We learn that it is possible to pray for things that are outside of God's will because these are things that are according to our will.

(1John 5:14 ¶ Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

1John 5:15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.)

The key is, "according to His will," He hears us.

Unbiblical View of Declaration:

False teachers twist scripture and misinterpret scripture.

They encourage you to declare things which are not true nor in accordance with God's will.¹⁰

This is where you have to be extremely careful. And that's why it's important to know God's word and God's will so that you are not deceived by them.

(11). Manifesting

This is similar to declaring. But manifesting is dangerous because it's more than just declaring a misinterpretation of scripture, it's by your own words and power in the spiritual realm bringing things into existence (manifesting).

If you come from an occult background, you know that manifesting is not Biblical, it's demonic.

(12). Oil Dripping

A few months back, I heard that a church had a supernatural occurrence where the Bible on the preaching lectern suddenly became drenched in oil (with no human tampering). It was described as a miracle and that the Holy Spirit's presence finally fell upon that church. The anointing had come for that fellowship.

- Hopefully you understand how bizarre this sounds. These types of occurrences happen in the occult or Far East religions that are heavily influenced by demonic entities. Nowhere in scripture do we have reason to believe that this is from God's Holy Spirit.
 - And it's not just oil dripping, there's those other angelic manifestations: Gold powder (dust), sacred ash, gems, jewelry, etc.
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¹⁰ Mike Winger's [video](#) is a good example.

And More

I hope you understand that we don't have enough time to go into

- Christian yoga
- Breath prayers
- Imagining
- Vision Casting
- Visualizing
- Lectio Divina
- Experiencing the divine

The list goes on and on what other spirits are bringing into the churches of Jesus Christ.

The Genuinely Saved

There are people who come to faith in Jesus Christ under the preaching of those who are heretical and receiving other spirits.

The Apostle Paul did not let everything we are studying today discourage him. (**Philippians 1:18** What then? Only *that* in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.)

The Apostle Paul was simply happy (rejoicing) that the gospel of Jesus Christ was preached! And yes, it was preached by bad people, but that is not to startle us. As long as we live in a sinful planet, where the devil controls the air and people are under his sway, there will be false doctrine.

So we simply rejoice that God is still sovereign and on His throne, saving people through the gospel of Jesus Christ, even when the preacher is a hypocrite.

Some of you came from churches that practiced these things, churches that received another spirit, not the Holy Spirit.

- But, even though you got saved in such a ministry, the Lord took you out of such a church and brought you to Calvary Chapel.

Remember, at Calvary Chapel we exalt the word of God, exalt Jesus Christ, exalt the true gospel. We strive to be biblical and faithfully teach you the word of God, and nothing else.

And there are other churches that do the same.

More and more, year after year, there are testimonial videos of people coming out of false doctrine churches because as they read the word of God and balanced them with these “spiritual occurrences,” they could not reconcile the two.

Application

Why did we spend a Wednesday night studying these things?

(1John 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.)

We are commanded to test the spirits, to these things that claim to be of God, of the Holy Spirit.

Not everything that happens in the churches of Jesus Christ is from the Holy Spirit.

When you study Revelation 2-3, you understand one thing:

A good, Bible-teaching church can begin to entertain heresy, false doctrine, and receive other spirits (worth repeating).

As God’s church, we need to be warned against receiving people and spirits with other views, ideologies, heresies, interpretations of scripture, etc.

I know a friend whose church is now leaving their denomination because the denomination now exalts the sin of homosexuality and no longer calls homosexuality a sin.

This is an example of the doctrine of demons. The whole gender confusion topic is what we will go deeper into next week.

We see the doctrine of demons all around us. No matter how charismatic or convincing a person may seem, we balance everything with God's word. God's word is our protection:

(**Galatians 1:8** But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

Galatians 1:9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.)
