

Holy Spirit Series
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Opening

-honoring Ceniah...

-realizing now why God's been pushing this message...March is the 28th anniversary of my baptism in the Holy Spirit...

Introduction

-March of 1991... (tell my story of that Sunday at MCC that morning and night...Curtis saying "wear it out!")

-share few syllables I received...

-mystical = beyond human understanding (Greek "pneu-matt-ikose")

- Only in Revelation, once, poor translation!
- Trinity...but still some understanding possible
- Term risks discouraging people from trying to understand

-supernatural = attributed to some force beyond scientific understanding

- But has elements of this natural world...
- Healing...a part of the human experience
- Language...Ah...a part of the human experience!

-Science was never intended by God to displace our awareness and understanding of forces at work in this world beyond nature, unfortunately we've lost much of the understanding held by those in ancient times.

-word "supernatural" doesn't appear in Scripture...only in modern translations like NLT in 2 Peter twice and Jude once referring to angels.

-supernatural and scientific cannot be mutually exclusive because they are both created by God!!!!

-(Acts 2:1-13) reference

...different from salvation? (1)

- **John 20:20-22**...50 days later we come to Acts 2... (Great C postponed!)
- (comment here that we believe the narrative portions of scripture give us doctrine, not just the didactic portions...)
- We don't get more of God, He gets more of us! Randy Hurst
- ...spiritual chiropractic experience...the Holy Spirit gaining ground in becoming the dominant influencer of your will...

-this is why I believe God connects spiritual language with being baptized in the Holy Spirit...because it necessitates you and I giving up a greater measure of control of our lives to the Holy Spirit living inside of us!

...not heard this before? (2)

- ¹Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, ²instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.
Hebrews 6:1-2
- *acceptance among our secular culture over the last 2000 years...it's not odd to follow a spiritual leader such as Jesus, it's not odd to believe that difficult circumstances build character, it's not odd to join and be devoted to a spiritual community...it is however still considered quite odd to be professing having had a supernatural spiritual encounter that leaves a person with the ability to pray and worship in a spiritual language!*
- **Acts 2:38-39** (a possible gift for me!)
- Luke 24:28-31 (the possibility of continued revelation...that Jesus is going to open our eyes to things we did not formally understand...it's interesting too that their journey began with them trying to teach Him, may we always let Him be the one who decides what we should expect!)

...losing control? (3)

- You will be in control of yourself to the degree you are now...Galatians 5:22-23 and that self-control is a fruit of the Spirit!

- 1 Corinthians 14:32,40
- in control but also in step = in The Spirit
 - o **my volume**
 - o **my posture**
 - o **my place**
 - o **my impact** (explain King David was the leader in the room!)

...is this for everyone? (4)

- *There is the person whose primary gift to the Body of Christ is a prophetic ministry of declaring a message from God that must be accompanied by an interpretation...this may not be your calling. (1 Corinthians 12:29-30 ref.)*
- *There are moments when people are compelled by God to be an instrument of His being manifested to the world...this may not happen to you. (1 Corinthians 12:7,11 ref.)* (tell story of Tonya at Starbucks and the musician about to kill himself...)
- *There is the ability to express ourselves to God in times of prayer and worship unencumbered by human intellect and earthly language...this is for us all! (1 Corinthians 14:18 ref.)*
 - o *(verses 1-17 is Paul teaching on the spiritual gift as a prophetic ministry in church gatherings. Verse 18 he is referencing spiritual language for personal life then back to verse 19 he says "But in a church meeting..." Also, "all of you" is the right translation here, not "any of you" of "some of you." Also, verse 2 is about prophetic ministry and verse 4 is connected to verse 22.*

...what am I saying? (5)

- 1 Corinthians 14:26
- Missions trip to Niger...preaching with two translators...are those men odd for speaking a language we don't understand...let's stop labeling people odd who pray and worship in a Heavenly language...

Band

-(read quote from Jack Hayford's "The Beauty of Spiritual Language")

Close

-Malachi 3:10 (up coming series)