

THREE REASONS WHY GOD GAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

Scripture: John 14:16, 26

Introduction

When God decided to build his church, it was his intent that the church be a vital organism. It was to have life: it was to be an active organism.

Jesus had said, "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Matthew 16:18

It was to be the office of the Holy Spirit to produce such an organism.

I. To motivate the body

A. To give authority (Greek--exousia)

Behold I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy.

Luke 10:19a

B. To give ability (Greek--dunamis)

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:

Acts 1:8a

1. Supernatural knowledge

But the Comforter...shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance....

John 14:26

2. Signs following

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues

They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Mark 16:17-18

AUTHORITY
COMES AT
SALVATION

ABILITY COMES
AT PENTECOST

II. To edify the body

A. Through the gifts of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12)

For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit

To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

1 Corinthians 12:8-10

B. By producing the fruit of the Spirit

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Meekness, temperance, against such there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-24

III. To effect reproduction in the Body

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

A. A healthy body will reproduce

1. God doesn't want an impotent church
2. A church in love with the Saviour will bear children

B. Childbearing necessitates Travail

1. Lyle Noah's praying mother
2. Travail pays dividends

C. God demands Fruition

When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but HIS BLOOD WILL I REQUIRE AT THINE HAND.

Ezekiel 3:18