


Ecclesiology
Session 25



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Areas of Systematic Theology

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- **Ecclesiology – Study of the Church**
- Eschatology – Study of the end




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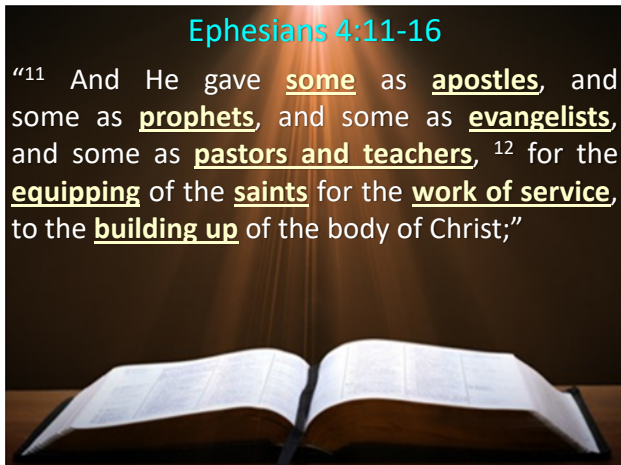


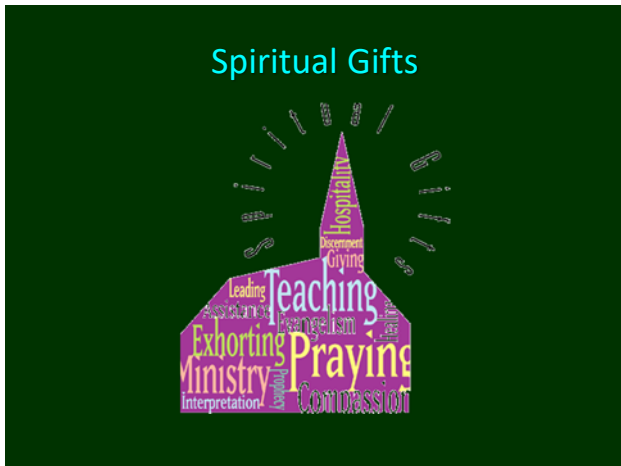
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2 Timothy 3:16-17

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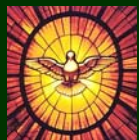
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- Romans 12
- 1 Corinthians 12
- 1 Peter 4
- Ephesians 4



The 6 Disputed Gifts

- 1. Apostle
- 2. Prophet
- 3. Worker of Miracles
- 4. Tongues
- 5. Interpretation of tongues
- 6. Healing



Two Camps

- 1. **Charismatics** – All the spiritual gifts are in operation today
- 2. **Cessationists** (selective)– Most of the spiritual gifts are in operation today



Preamble to Position Statements of SLBC Constitution

“Although agreement with the **POSITION STATEMENTS** is not required for membership, they are taught in this church. The **POSITION STATEMENTS** are **not meant to prohibit** honest and healthy discussions concerning what the Bible teaches about these issues; however, we believe that such discussions must be conducted under the guiding principle that believers are to strive to maintain unity.”

SLBC Position Statement No. 7

“TEMPORARY SPIRITUAL GIFTS – This church teaches that the miraculous sign gifts, including the gift of tongues, (always the ability to speak in a previously unlearned, known language) along with the gift of healings were temporal gifts, given by the Holy Spirit solely to authenticate both the apostles and their message before the close of the canon of Scripture (1 Cor. 13:8-10). We do not believe that these are active as gifts today. However, we affirm that God is sovereign and may heal and/or give someone the ability to speak in a tongue (foreign language) today. We believe that the majority of what is termed ‘miraculous’ within the contemporary charismatic movement is something other than the Biblical gifts of tongues or healing.”

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Ephesians 2:20

“having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*,”



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Miracle Clusters In Scripture

NUM.	ERA	AUTHENTICATION
1.	Moses	Law
2.	Joshua	Conquest
3.	Elijah-Elisha	Prophet
4.	Christ	Kingdom offer
5.	Apostles	Church
6.	Tribulation & Millennium	Kingdom establishment

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Hebrews 2:3-4

"³ how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, ⁴ God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will."



2 Corinthians 12:12

"The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles."



Acts 2:43

"Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles."



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Revelation 9:11

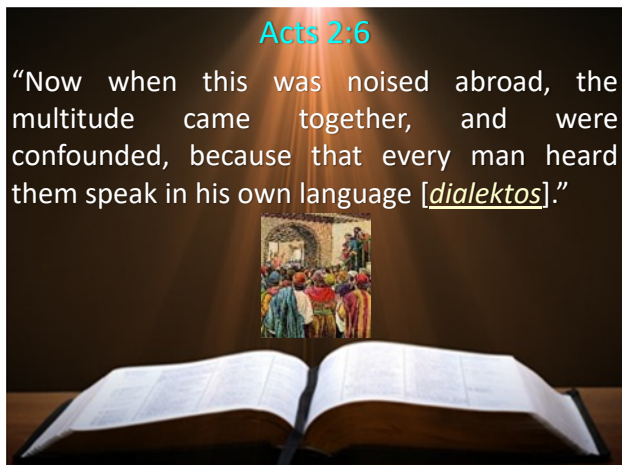
“And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.” (KJV)

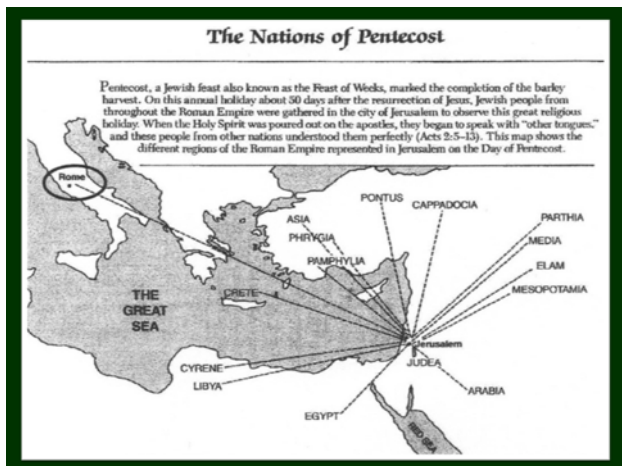


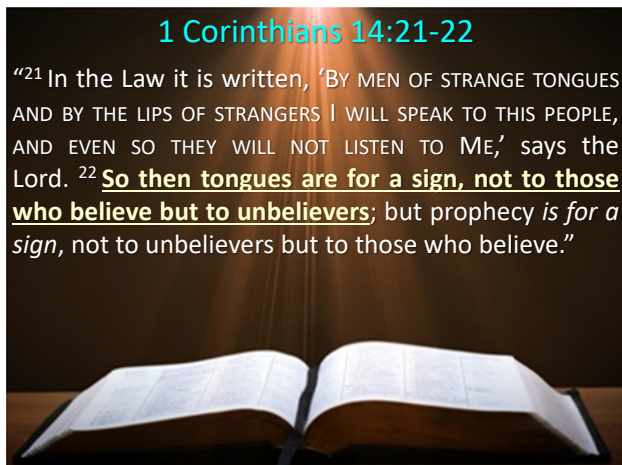
1 Corinthians 12:10

“To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues [glossa]; to another the interpretation of tongues [glossa].”









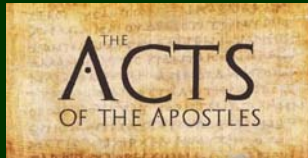
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Acts 3:1-10

1. No prayer
2. No faith
3. Indirect
4. By an apostle
5. Instantaneous
6. Automatic
7. Undeniable
8. No geographical barriers
9. Spontaneous
10. Common
11. Universal



Acts 20:7-10

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Acts 5:12, 15-16

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Acts 4:30

"while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus."




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Order of Paul's Letters

	LETTER (S)	DATE WRITTEN
1.	Galatians	A.D. 49
2.	1-2 Thessalonians	A.D. 51
3.	1-2 Corinthians	A.D. 56
4.	Romans	A.D. 57
5.	Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon, Philippians	A.D. 60-62
6.	1 Timothy, Titus	A.D. 62-66
7.	2 Timothy	A.D. 67

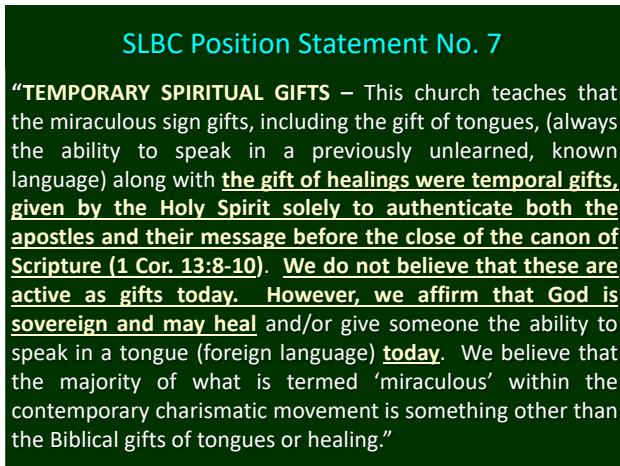


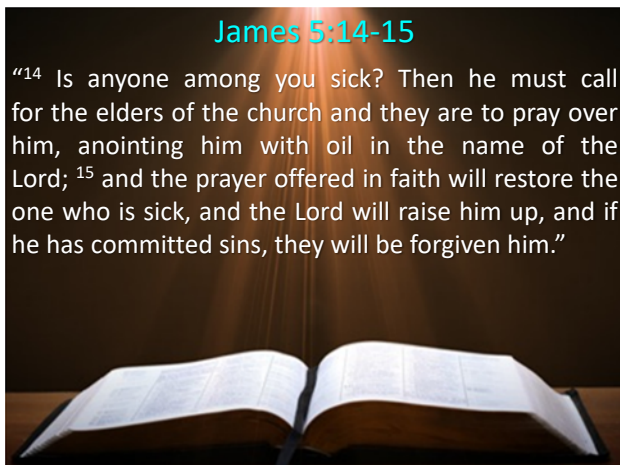
1 Timothy 5:23

"No longer drink water *exclusively*, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments."









APOSTOLIC GIFT OF HEALING	HEALING TODAY
No prayer	Prayer
Indirect	Direct
Apostles	Physicians
Instantaneous	Gradual
Common	Less common
Automatic	Non-automatic

Automatic Healing Today?

1. Scripture – Gal. 4:13; 2 Cor. 12:7-9; 1 Tim. 5:23; 2 Tim. 4:20
2. False guilt
3. False view of God
4. Sickness is sometimes caused by sin – John 5:14; 1 Cor. 11:30
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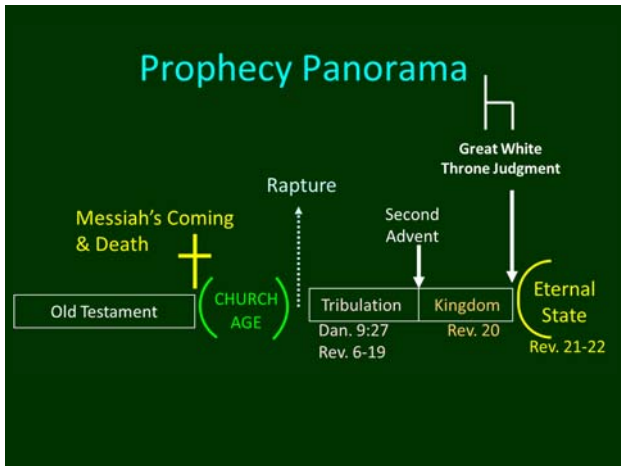
1. Sympathy – 2 Cor. 1:3-4
2. Christ-like character – Jas. 1:2-4
3. Testimony to unbelievers – John 11:4; 12:10-11
4. Dependence upon God – Deut. 6:10-12; 8:3; 2 Cor. 12:6-9
5. Prayer – Acts 12:5

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Millennium and Eternal State	
Millennium Rev.20	Eternal State Rev.21-22
Sin restrained	Sin removed
Curse restrained	Curse removed
Death	No death
Mortals / resurrected	Resurrected only
Destinies undecided	Destinies sealed
Renovation	Recreation
Temporary	Eternal
Transitional	Non-transitional

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	Millennium	Eternal State
Passage	Rev 20:1-10	Rev 21-22
Time	20:4	22:5
Luminaries	Isa 30:26	21:23; 22:5
Temple	Ezek 40-48	21:22
Death	Isa 65:20	21:4
Satanic activity	20:7	20:10
Rebellion	20:8-9	21:27


Revelation 21:4

“and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”




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