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JESUS CHRIST - THE ONE AND ONLY

THE SUPREMACY AND SUFFICIENCY OF JESUS CHRIST.

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Hebrews 2:1-4

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Having The Best – Part 6”

In everything, the book of Hebrews presents Jesus Christ as the all-sufficient and eternal priesthood. In all things Jesus Christ is better than Moses, Angels, and the law, as being the centrality of those ministries.

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Hebrews 2:1-4

Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.

2 For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, 3 how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, 4 God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

Again,

4 God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

God “also bearing witness” (providing testimony), proof that He has sent to the world His very best in His Son, Jesus Christ.

Galatians 4:4

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

This **“Adoption Process”** originates with God Himself.
His **“Adoption Process”** becomes the **Christians Birthright, Birth Certificate**, or “documentation” in this world - until we enter into our **Full Inheritance**.

Romans 8:14-17

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” 16 The Holy Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs - - heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

So, church, listen up. Until Jesus comes for us, it is the Holy Spirit’s ministry to bring your life to the conclusion that He has purposed for you to live.
(I cannot stress this truth enough)

1 Peter 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again (gave us second birth) to a living hope (assurance) through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance (gifted ownership) incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

“Having The Best”

3.) Equips us with power and purpose

vs. 4

Hebrews 2:4

God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

He confirmed the witness of His word by giving
“signs and wonders”

Signs

grk: semeion;

distinct or distinguishing markers, (intended to arrest your attention - selah)

Wonders grk: teras;
marvels or wonders so as to cause awe and amazement – selah

He also confirmed the witness of His word by giving
“miracles and gifts”

Miracles grk: dunamis;
supernatural strength, supernatural ability, supernatural purpose or meaning.
To be supernaturally used by the supernatural God for supernatural purposes.

Gifts grk: merismos;
as in the dividing up of, or the passing out of, or the distribution of gifts
(spirituals) the spiritual gifts that “grace” the church with abilities to expend for
Christ’s sake and glory.

1 Corinthians 12:1,4-25

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:
2 You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however
you were led. 3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the
Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord
except by the Holy Spirit. :4 There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.
5 There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. 6 And there are
diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. 7 But the
manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: 8 for to one
is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of
knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to
another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, 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. 11 But
one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one
individually as He wills. :12 For as the body is one and has many members,
but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is
Christ. 13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews
or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one
Spirit. 14 For in fact the body is not one member but many. :15 If the foot
should say, “Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not
of the body? 16 And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I am not
of the body,” is it therefore not of the body. 17 If the whole body were an
eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be
the smelling? 18 But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the

body just as He pleased. 19 And if they were all one member, where would the body be? :20 But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. 21 And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." 22 No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. 23 And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable parts have greater modesty 24 but our presentable parts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, 25 that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.

Ephesians 1:13-14, 17-19

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory., 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

Verse 4

4 God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

gifts of the Holy Spirit, according
to His (Holy Spirit's) own will?

1 Corinthians 12:1a

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:

**The Origin Gifts, or the gifts that we begin with,
are listed here below.**

Ephesians 4:11-14

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine.

1 Peter 4:10

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

There are actually biblical groupings or lists of the “gifts of the Spirit,” also known as spiritual gifts. The main passages describing the spiritual gifts are...

Romans 12:6-8

6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

1 Corinthians 12:28-31

For God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. 29 Are all apostles (no)? Are all prophets? Are all teachers(no)? Are all workers of miracles(no)? 30 Do all have gifts of healings(no)? Do all speak with tongues(no)? Do all interpret(no)? 31 But earnestly desire the best gifts. (yes)

The Verbal or Speaking Gifts

Apostles / Missionary Ephesians 4:11 & Matthew 28:18-20

The ministry may have transitioned from the ministry of the twelve to those who are called to pioneer church planting and missionary outreaches to unreached people groups. “Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Prophet, Ephesians 4:11 – The Greek word translated “prophecy” in both passages properly mean “a speaking forth.” According to Thayer’s Greek Lexicon, the word refers to “discourse emanating from divine inspiration and declaring the purposes of God, whether by reproving and admonishing the wicked, or comforting the afflicted, or revealing things hidden; especially by foretelling future events.” To prophesy is to declare the divine will, to interpret the purposes of God, or to make known in any way the truth of God that is designed to influence people.

Evangelist, Ephesians 4:11

There is a multi-functional view to this gifting. (1) Those who have the special gift of an evangelist are not only able to powerfully share the power of the Gospel, they are also (2) able to powerfully share their own faith in Jesus Christ. (3) They are also able to teach other believers how to discover if they too share in the same gift. (2 Timothy 4:5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.)

Pastor, Ephesians 4:11, 1 Peter 5:2, Acts 20:28

The ministry ability to apply what the flock (church) is in need of for their own growth and development. To administer care and instruction for the betterment of the people.

Teacher, Ephesians 4:11 This gift involves the study of, the analysis of and the proclamation of the Word of God, explaining the meaning, context and application to the hearer’s life. The gifted teacher is one who has the unique ability to clearly instruct and communicate knowledge, specifically the doctrines of the faith to anyone.

Encouragement / Exhortation, Romans 12:8

This gift is evident in those who consistently call upon others to heed and follow God’s truth, which may involve correction or building others up by strengthening weak faith or comforting one’s faith in times of trial.

The word of **Wisdom**, 1 Corinthians 12:8

The fact that this gift is described as the “word” of wisdom indicates that it is one of the speaking gifts. This gift describes someone who can understand and speak forth biblical truth in such a way as to skillfully apply it to life situations with all discernment.

Word of **Knowledge**, 1 Corinthians 12:8

This is another speaking gift that involves understanding truth with an insight that only comes by revelation from God. Those with the gift of knowledge understand the deep things of God and the mysteries of His Word yet what is revealed to them will always be in perfect harmony with the Scriptures.

Discernment, 1 Corinthians 12:10

Certain individuals possess the unique ability to determine the true message of God from that of the deceiver, Satan, whose methods include purveying deceptive and erroneous doctrine. Jesus said many would come in His name and would deceive many but the gift of discerning spirits is given to the Church to protect it from such as these.

Speaking in Tongues, 1 Corinthians 12:10

The gift of tongues is one of the temporary “sign gifts” given to the early Church to enable the gospel to be preached throughout the world to all nations and in all known languages. It involved the divine ability to speak in languages previously unknown to the speaker. This gift authenticated the message of the gospel and those who preached it as coming from God. The phrase “diversity of tongues” (KJV) or “different kinds of tongues” (NIV) effectively eliminates the idea of a “personal prayer language” as a spiritual gift.

Interpretation of Tongues, 1 Corinthians 12:10, 30; 14:13, 27-28

A person with the gift of interpreting tongues would understand what a foreign tongue was saying even though he did not know the language that was being spoken. The tongues interpreter would then communicate the message of the tongues speaker to everyone else, so all could understand.

The Serving Gifts

Service, Romans 12:7 Serving – Also referred to as “ministering,” the Greek word here is where we get the English word “deacon,” meaning service of any kind, the broad application of practical help to those in need.

Mercy, Romans 12:8

Closely linked with the gift of encouragement, the gift of mercy is obvious in those who are abundantly compassionate toward others who are in distress, showing sympathy and sensitivity coupled with a desire and the resources to lessen their suffering in a kind and cheerful manner.

Helps, 1 Corinthians 12:28

Relief Helps – Closely related to the gift of mercy is the gift of helps. Those with the gift of helps are those who can aid or render assistance to others in the church with compassion and grace. This has a broad range of possibilities for application. Most importantly, this is the unique ability to identify those who are struggling with doubt, fears, and other spiritual battles; to move toward those in spiritual need with a kind word, an understanding and compassionate demeanor; and to speak scriptural truth that is both convicting and loving.

Giving, Romans 12:8

A gifted giver are those who joyfully share what they have with others, whether it is financial, material, or the giving of personal time and attention. The giver is concerned for the needs of others and seeks opportunities to share goods, money, and time with them as needs arise.

Leadership, Romans 12:8

The gifted leader is one who rules, presides over, or has the management of other people in the church. The word literally means “guide” and carries with it the idea of one who steers a ship. One with the gift of leadership rules with wisdom and grace and exhibits the fruit of the Spirit in his life as he leads by example.

Faith, 1 Corinthians 12:9

All believers possess faith in some measure because it is one of the gifts of the Spirit bestowed on all who come to Christ in faith. The spiritual gift of faith is exhibited by one with a strong and unshakeable confidence in God, His Word, His promises, and the power of prayer to effect miracles.

Administration, 1 Corinthians 12:28

Like all of the gifts, it is the Holy Spirit who gives what cannot be volunteered for or appointed to by man. The ministry gift of Administration is the ability to order, direct, organize and advance the church and or church leaders.

Healing, 1 Corinthians 12:9,28

The gift of healing is linked more to the ministry of missionary work but is not limited to. The leaders of a local a church are called to pray for the sick, such action implies that God will, according to His own will heal supernaturally.

Miracles, 1 Corinthians 12:10, 28

Separate from the miraculous gift of healing, the working of miracles relates more to such acts as the casting out of demons (Acts 16), the striking of Elymas blind (Acts 13), and the raising of Tabitha from the dead (Acts 9) these are possible examples. Some in the early church, besides the apostles, who had the gift of miracles were Stephen and Philip. Today such a gift is reported to be more present in areas where the Gospel is still unfamiliar to the people group.

Philippians 2:13

For it is God who works IN YOU

This “In You” is the total you. It means the non-physical part of you that is comprised of your intellect, emotions your will.

In grk: ejn;
the primary preposition denoting, being fixed within, “firmly positioned to” in both place and time within a person. An anchor placed inside of you.

This word also appears in its technical form - indicating separation, direction, action – from the Greco-Roman understanding of “Elliptical” meaning something hard to understand but easily seen or observe. An ongoing orbit or circular action within a course or track.

(God in me, God at work)

“En”

Noah Webster’s 1828 - Greek **EN’THUS’IASM**, the infuse of the Divine Spirit. To be inspired. To be influenced, controlled or possessed by
(a) passion or (the) passion to animate.

EN’

That which is Indwelling or internal

THUS’

God or a god(s)

IASM

action, activity, energy, passion, motivation, cause

in our modern-day vernacular’
**“What causes you to get up in the morning
and go about doing what you do – that is your god.”**

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit

is the action by which God takes up permanent residence in the body of a believer in Jesus Christ while in this world.

**(It’s something unique to the church. Hard to understand but
easy to observe)**

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

John 14:16-18

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever - - 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and shall be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

Why is this doctrine so important?

(The holy spirit’s presence in the life of the believer is the confirmation, stamp, seal of God’s ownership. Every true-heaven-bound-believer is the dwelling place of God the Holy Spirit.)

What are the reasons for this indwelling?

For power over temptation. For the operation of your spiritual gift(s). For the effective engagement of the world (witness) and for living out the Christian life with boldness until the day of redemption.

The Holy Spirit Inside the Believer
is God’s lay-away-plan

Psalms 27:4

One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek:

- (1) That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life,
(2) To behold the beauty of the LORD, (3) And to inquire in His temple.

2 Peter 1:5-8

But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

End of Study

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