

FROM HIS INNERMOST BEING WILL FLOW RIVERS OF LIVING WATER

John 8:44 (NASB95)

44. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 10:10 (NASB95)
10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy......

2 Peter 1:2–3 (NASB95)

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; 3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

Romans 1:21–22 (NASB95) 21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools.....

Truth is that which corresponds to reality.

- Nothing can be true and untrue at the same time.
- Nothing can exist and not exist at the same time.

John 14:9 (NASB95)
9 Jesus *said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and *yet* you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has

seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?

A belief is what you accept to be true.

- Unbelief is rejecting what God says is true.
- We are always believing something: either the truth of God of the lies of the world.
- Unbelief is nonexistent!

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Romans 1:21–24 (NASB95) 23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and fourfooted animals and crawling creatures. 24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.

Rejecting God and falling into unbelief has t major issues:

- First we dishonor god.
- Second by rejecting the truth we only hurt ourselves because by rejecting the truth we begin the process of self disintegration.

Ephesians 6:11–12 (NASB95) 11Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the

heavenly *places*.

1 Corinthians 12:1–3 (NASB95)

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- 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. 6 There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. 7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

The greatest blessing has become the greatest curse: the church has fallen prey to the schemes of the devil!

- Some people believe that the gifts exist but they ceased after Pentecost.
- Some revel in the gifts and their ignorance of the gifts do more harm to the church that they help.
- Our knowledge of the gifts cannot be on personal opinion, personal emotions, but only on the precepts written between the pages of God's Holy Word!

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The real question for the church in 2018: do the gifts exist or have they ceased?

- Romans 12 does not mention tongues.
- Revelation
- Some believe at the death of John the gifts ceased.

1 Corinthians 14:23 (NASB95)
23 Therefore if the whole church assembles together and all speak in tongues, and ungifted men or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are mad?

Acts 2:38 (NASB95)

38 Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:20 (NASB95)

20 But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!

1 Corinthians 13:10–11 (NASB95) 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away. 11 When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.

How do we know that the gift is real and from the Holy Spirit?

- When a spiritual gift is manifested in a spiritual way the gift will always focus peoples heart of Jesus Christ.
- When a gift is given and the attention is drawn to the person instead of the Lord the gifts needs to be questioned.
- A true manifestation of the Holy Spirit will always exalt the person Jesus Christ.

- 1 Corinthians 12:7 (NASB95)
- 7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

John 7:37–39 (NASB95)

37 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. 38 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water." 39 But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Luke 11:13 (NASB95)

13 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"

Ephesians 6:10–11 (NASB95)

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

May nothing stand in the way of the Holy Spirit imparting to us His gifts that might benefit us and edify us the church.

