

SUNDAY NOTES - 3-13-11  
DESIRING THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HIS GIFTS

\* Jesus desired that we do the same works that he did and all the works that Jesus did was by the power of the Holy Ghost, Acts 10:38, "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."

\* Jesus instructed his disciples to tarry in Jerusalem and receive the power of the Holy Ghost. Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you . . ." Acts 2:4, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

\* The apostles followed the instructions of Jesus, knowing the importance of being filled with the Holy Ghost. Acts 8:12-17, "But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done. Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. Acts 19:1-2,6, "And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, 2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied."

\* Believers should have a burning desire for the Holy Ghost, to speak in tongues and covet His gifts. 1Corinthians 14:39, "Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues." Covet means be jealous over, be zealous for.

\* 1Corinthians 12:1, "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant." There are nine spiritual gifts. Six are for the deliverance of God's people; gift of faith, working of miracles, and gifts of healing (power gifts); word of wisdom, word of knowledge, and discerning of spirits (revelation gifts). Three of the gifts are for edifying the church; tongues, interpretation of tongues and prophesy (utterance gifts).

\* In studying the spiritual gifts in 1Corinthians 12:1-14 we find that not all believers operate in all of the spiritual gifts. It is important to note that the speaking in tongues as a spiritual gift in chapter 12 is in reference to that which is done during a church service or in a Christian meeting and not all Christians have that gift, however, every believer should be filled with the spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues for personal edification; to stimulate ones faith (Jude 20), to be refreshed spiritually (Isaiah 28: 11-12), to have a thankful attitude towards God (1 Corinthians 14: 15-17) and to stay free from worldly contamination (1 Corinthians 14:28).

