

"WORSHIP: SPIRITUAL GIFTS" 1 Corinthians 12-14 February 25, 2018

- I. Body <u>Building</u> Gifts. (Ch12) A. <u>The Giver determines</u> the gift.
 - B. The Giver's purpose in the gifts. 1. For the <u>common good</u>. (7)
 - 2. One body with many members (12-31) <u>Interconnected</u> and interdependent

Higher or first gifts. (28-31)

No single gift is given to <u>all members</u> of the body. (29-30)

- II. <u>Wrapped</u> in Love. (Ch13)
 - A. Giftedness without love is nothing. (13:1-3)
 - B. Love described. (13:4-7)
 - C. Love <u>never ends</u>. (13:8-13)

Body building gifts are wrapped in love. Follow the instructions.

III. Directions for Use (Ch14) A. <u>Priorities</u> (14:1-25) 1. Love 1st

- 2. Prophecy 2nd
- Tongues don't benefit the church unless <u>interpreted</u>. (2, 4-5)
- B. Frequency and Precautions (14:26-40)

How does this apply to me?

NEXT WEEK

"RESURRECTION FAITH" 1 Corinthians 15

Passage Overview:

Having addressed many challenges and false understandings that were dividing the church, it is significant that the Holy Spirit drives their attention to the gospel in this last section. The unchanging gospel is where faith begins and ends. And the gospel is not the gospel without the resurrection of Jesus.

Many people attested to Jesus' resurrection. Many of those first hand witnesses were still living when Paul wrote this letter to the church. Why was this so important? Because if Christ was not raised, their faith was completely worthless. The gospel brings salvation from more than temporary insecurities and lack of meaning in life. It saves us eternally. But without the resurrection, there is no life unto which we might be saved.

Without the resurrection, there is no good news. There is no eternity. There is no reason to believe. However, the resurrection of Jesus changes everything. It not only validates the sufficiency and efficacy of His sacrifice for us, but it is just the first of many resurrections.

The gospel is not good news without the resurrection.

Reading for Next Week: 1 Corinthians 15