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 Week 5: The Spirit Goes Mainstream  
 July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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This Summer  
 Join the Wednesday Night Crew  
 In the auditorium @6:30PM  
 For our adult bible study: BEING PENTECOSTAL  
 Ever wonder what signs and wonders have been recorded in history since Acts chapter 2?

**H.O.**

- Fruit of the Spirit (As displayed in JC Life)
- Gifts of the Spirit (Hayford)
- Spiritual Gifts Inventory
- Spiritual Gifts Test

**Foundation:**

First, need to identify the Holy Spirit as a person and part of the Trinity.  
 Then, how He works through Christ  
 The, how He works through the Disciples  
 (How can we graph this?)

**Three Measurable Goals:**

1. **Understanding** the person of the Holy Spirit
2. **Measuring** our understanding of the Holy Spirit by the amount of Fruit of the Spirit in our life.
3. **Expressing** the will of the LORD by what the Holy Spirit does through us and how He chooses to display Himself.

**Relationship/Interaction with the Holy Spirit provides the illumination of the scriptural path we walk on in our relationship/life with Jesus Christ.**

A relationship with the Holy Spirit  
 provides illumination of the scriptural path  
 we can walk on in our life with Jesus Christ.  
 A relationship with the Holy Spirit  
 illuminates the path scripture provides so  
 we can run beside, we can walk with, we can hang onto Jesus.

**Areas of Influence:** Family. Work. Hobbies. Social media. Church. Neighborhood. Events. DO YOU HAVE A LIST OF NAMES? Any testimonies....

**Practicing the Gifts:** Any testimonies...



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**Timeframe: (C. 301-500)**

**John 3:5-8 HCSB** (all verses unless otherwise noted)

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**1. Montanus (mahn.tane.us):**

Born beginning of 200AD

Pagan Priest

Converted to Christianity – accepted books of the Canon and Rule of Faith

Distinguished in working signs and miracles (Tertullian – First prolific Christian author and Apologist)

Known to be Holy & Blameless

Became concerned over this growing FORMALISM and MORAL DEPRAVITY he saw in the Church.

Movement: Montanism

Decided:

Focus on the supernatural

Called for a higher standard

Greater discipline

Sharper separation between the Church and the world

How: Additional Fast

Not honor second marriages

Live prepared for martyrdom

Self denial

Taught the Apostles had only received a portion of the HS and he and the believer were living in the Age of the Paraclete (JN 14:16, 26; 16:7).

Spiritual giftings qualified one for ministry not ecclesiastical appointments.



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Taught the the HS “suspended” your personality when speaking in the Spirit (tongues, prophecy). Critics seen this as demonic, frenzied, crazed. Tertullian called this “ecstatic prophecy”.

The Universal (Catholic) Church (Bishop of Rome) was about to embrace them as part of the orthodox church.

Until....

Praxeus.

A Monarchian (mah.narc.ean).

Devote anti-Trinitarians – Jesus only.

Convinced Bishop of Rome to take back his offer to the Montanist.

“He drove away prophecy, and brought in heresy; he put to flight the Holy Spirit, and crucified the Father.” Tertullian of Praxeus.

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John Wesley

I was fully convinced of what I had once suspected:

- #1. that the Montanist's, in the second and third centuries, were real scriptural Christians;
- #2. that the grand reason why the miraculous gifts were so soon withdrawn was not only that faith and holiness were well nigh lost, but that dry formal, orthodox men, began even then to ridicule whatever gifts they had not themselves, and to decry them all is either madness or imposture.

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Was this movement the first Charismatic Renewal within the church? Bring revival to “rapidly hardening ecclesiasticism”?

Instead of following a Pauline example of leadership training, they wrote the entire movement off. Still existed but operated outside of the ordained church.

**ASK:** “Abuse does not invalidate use.”

Fallout:

Bishops began to declare their exclusive rights to the ministry and spiritual gifts.

Division between Clergy and Laity grew rapidly until “the churches granted the bishops the power to forgive sins...the catholic Church was complete”. Ignatius



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**ASK:** Why didn't the Holy Spirit just stop Praxeus? (Gift of freewill. Evil influence.)

**2. Rome** (end of 3<sup>rd</sup> Century):

Emperor Diocletian (dai·uh·klee·shn) divided the governing of Rome to 2 sections (then, to 4)  
Ruled by Two Senior Augusti and Two Junior Caesars.

Resulted in Civil wars.

Emperor Diocletian appointed Maximian co-emperor over Western Roman Empire.  
He kept the Eastern(Turkey).

293AD Diocletian appointed two more Jr Emperors:

Constantius(kahn.stan.tius) (N.W. Gaul and Britain) = Tolerant to Christians

Galerius - (gah.lair.ree.us) (Eastern Europe) = Romans hate Christians

302AD

dai·uh·klee·shn

Diocletian: Forbidding Christians from bureaucracy and Military was sufficient to appease the gods. (18 year reign. Wife and daughter were Tians.)

Galerius (gah.lair.ree.us): Total extermination.

What is the HS going to do here?

Pagan Prophet was consulted: He told them that the Christians were preventing the gods from giving them advice.

So Emperor Diocletian authorized scriptures and places of worship to burned and forbid Christians from assembling.

303AD

A mysterious fire broke out and burned a portion of Emperor Diocletian's palace.

Galerius blamed the Christians.

The last and the greatest Roman persecution of Christians began.

Diocletian ordered the Caesars and Augustus to do:

Purge the Court and Army of Tians.

Imprison

Torture

Execute the Christians Bishops

The persecution was to intense that pagans protested and asked for it to stop.

Galerius loved it!



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Constantius ignored it. Tians in France and Britain were safe.

On his death bed(8 yrs later), Galerius said the persecution had failed and he ordered tolerance towards Tians.

In 312

**3. Constantine** (son of Constantius) was appointed Caesar after his father. Marched his armies across the Alps to remove Maxentius (son of Maximian) as ruler over intolerant Rome even though his armies outnumbered him 2 to 1.

Believed he heard from God to do this. (Father tolerant of Tians and mother, Helena, was a Tian.)

Eusebius:

Right outside of Rome, he paused and turned to the God of the Tians and asked for help. "he saw with his own eyes in the heavens a trophy of the cross arising from the light of the sun carrying the message, In Hoc Signo=With this Sign you will conquer. Sign = First two letters of Christos. Chi (X) and Rho (P).



10/28/312 Constantine ordered his calvary to charge and they push the infantry back into the river and they drowned.

He was cheered as he entered Rome.

He showed favor towards Christians:

Allowed the same tax exemptions as pagan priests.

Crucifixions abolished.

Gladiator fights eradicated.

Sundays were declared a public holiday.

Churches BUILT: St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

Edict of Milan: Tolerance toward all religions and an order to return any confiscated property to Tians.

Victorious in battle:

Degeated his rival emperor's

Franks (2X).

Visgoths (Germans)



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Sarmatina (Irnians).  
Reoccupeid Romania.

His kingdom was tired of war and Constantine was looking for Christianity to bring peace and new life to these weary people.

It could not because it was in disunity. Mainly over the doctrine of the Trinity.  
This time not Jesus only but Christ was human, not God.

325 – He called the Council of Nicaea.

Most of the bishops in attendance had been victims of the persecution and were permanently maimed by their wounds. (eyes missing, hands. Etc.)

Constantine opened the conference with: “Division in the Church is worse than war.”

### The Nicene Creed

- We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, ...
- We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, ...
- We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

### ORTHODOXY: Right by Majority (Rule of Faith)

The Apostle’s Creed (baptism confession in 2<sup>nd</sup> century Rome)

“I believe in **God Almighty**, and in Christ Jesus, his only Son our Lord, who is born of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, who was crucified under Pontius Pilate, and was buried, and the third day rose from the dead, who ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father whence he comes to judge the living and the dead, I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy church, the remission of sins, the resurrection of the flesh, and the life everlasting.”

First time in history for the Head of State to sit with the Bishops of the Church.

“Constantine’s reign was the single most important event in history of the church since Pentecost.” **A/DA**

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### State Ran Church

- >Constantine felt he needed to step in and help
- >Bishops who once were persecuted began making demands that dissenting bishops be exiled
- >Rewards for Tians were replace with penalties for non-Tian.  
(Religious tolerance for “all” meant zero tolerance for others)



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>Churches went from the minority to the popular majority.

Committed Believers to a mixture with:

- This will be good for my business attenders.
- Pagans needing to make a good show in the community.
- Shallow believers not interested in growing: Superstitious. Shallow. Ignorant.
- Political attenders.

John Chrysostom (kre.sos.tum), archbishop of Constantinople. 349–407.

**#1.** If anyone is trying or intending to corrupt a woman, there is no place that seems to him more suitable than the church.

**#2.** If anything is to be bought or sold the church appears more convenient than the market.

**#3.** If anyone wishes to see or hear any scandal, you will find this to be had here more in the church than the forum without.

Going to church grows my business.

No asking Jesus where do I go? What are you calling me to?

ASKING the HS for help and direction.

John Chrysostom: Commentary on 1 Corinthians

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.... This whole passage is very obscure, but the obscurity is produced by:

1. our own ignorance of the facts referred to and
2. by their cessation, being such as that **used to occur** but now no longer take place.”

We say cessation is truth, because that is **our experience** not because of the Holy Spirit.

So...where did the HS move to?

**When the Spirit shifts** (what are signs of this happening?)

Disunity embraced.

Church shopping instead of praying where you are called.

#### 4. Monasticism. Monks

**Antony the Great** (C251-356):

Born in Egypt to wealthy parents.

At 18 parents died. Leaving him the family fortune and the responsibility to take care of his unmarried sister.

Listening to a sermon, Antony, heard Jesus's word to the rich young ruler from Matthew 19:21.

“Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven, and come follow me.”



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He sold his families estate, giving all the proceeds to the poor and placed a sister in a Christian community of women. And then he moved to the Libyan desert where he became a disciple of a local hermit. Soon, others followed his example.

He was known for a powerful prayer life and holy living.

He was known to have the gift of discerning of spirits and to know things super naturally.

He lived to be 105. Remained physically, strong until he died. His eyes never damaged. Any retained all of his teeth.

They lived in solitary cells.

Singing Psalms and studying and fasting and praying and rejoicing in the life to come.

Working hard at persevering, love and harmony among themselves.

[Reminds me of the Prayer cells in South Korea.]

Healings.

Deliverances.

“Antony...healed not by commanding, but by prayer and speaking the name of Christ. So that it was clear to all that it was not he himself who worked, but the Lord who showed mercy by His means and healed the sufferers.

Athanasius, Life of Antony.

**Note:** Love for people drives the movement of the Holy Spirit. **A/DA**

**Prayer for healings** using the wording above.

List the names we are praying for in our notebooks and ???

### 5. Pachomius the Great – First to Established Monasteries.

Was impressed by local Tians who brought food and comforts to him and his fellow inmates who were prisoner’s in Rome.

Joined the hermits and lived 7 years in a cave.

Angel appeared to him in that cave:

“You have successfully ordered you own life. So it is superfluous to remain sitting in your cave.

Up! Go out and collect all the young monks and dwell with them, and according to the model which I now give you, so legislate them.”

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Cured the idleness and self-absorption and extreme eccentricity of hermits.

Open the doors for monasticism among women (alone in caves. Not among hermits)

Died in 346 there were 3,000 monasteries. He built nine of them.





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Notes: Steps towards Jesus (HS leads)

**6. Augustine of Hippo (354-430)**

Raised by Tian mother and heathen father in modern day Algeria North Africa.  
Limited means but wanted to make sure Augustine was well educated sent to school in Carthage.

As a teenager, sexual temptation won out and he lived with a girl for 13 yrs.

She bore him a son.

Lived a very indulgent lifestyle.

How does one gain mastery over the flesh?

- Tried Manichaeism (Eastern dualist religion. Body is evil. Deny it. Jesus never could have lived in a physical body then.)
- Neoplatonism – teachings of Plato. Became a teacher of them.
- Was encouraged to move to Rome.
- Became a professor at the State University of Milan where he met and was influenced by Ambrose, Bishop of Milan (c340-397).

Ambrose was one of the first western authors to teach the HS and all His gifts were present now and a normal part of Tian experience.

- Augustine found a XXXXX whose rhetoric and intelligence rivaled his own.

(386) A friend was reading to him the accounts of the Monks and how they overcame the temptations of the world.

Conviction fell on Augustine.

“How could these unlearned men enjoy spirit victory while he, with all his education, new only defeat?” [Why? To truly understand man and his nature?]

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Read page 138-139.

For the next 33 yrs until his death, Augustine lived the celibate life of a priest and Bishop of Hippo.

Noted as one of the greatest thinkers of all time.

One of the greatest of our church fathers.

One of the most prolific Latin authors

The greatest theologians and teachers of the ancient Christian church

Miracles: Felt they were for times past until....HS healed people during his church services.



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Seen miracles in his own life. He listed: Blindness. Cancer. Gout. Hemorrhoids. Paralysis.  
Demon possession. Raising the dead.

“The same God who wrought those we read of...still performing them

Intellect v.s. the Holy Spirit

Speaking in tongues listed as Jubilation (unpremeditated, incoherent singing that sounded much like modern day sung glossolalia – singing in tongues)