

The Truth in Love

1 Cor 13:1-2

- 1 Though I **speak with the tongues of men and of angels**, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.
- 2 And though I have **the gift of prophecy**, and **understand all mysteries**, and **all knowledge**; and though I have **all faith**, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

Speaking the Truth in Love

Eph 4:14-15

- 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
- 15 But **speaking the truth in love**, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

- Speaking the Truth in itself is not enough
 - It must be accompanied by Agape Love (“speaking the truth *with love*”)
- It’s the atmosphere that brings the results
- **“Don’t just tell me what he said, but also tell me in the Spirit he said it in”**

Discernment of spirit

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11 Now, we do have... And I think it's a good thing for us, as ministers, to follow our order, when we see such things in the world as we see today. And we have an order from God, is for the discerning of spirit, trying the spirit. I believe that that is a very great lesson for the church today, is to try the spirit of anything, have discernment of the spirit. I do not think that we should ever, by any means, ever try to judge a person by the denomination they belong to, or by the group that they are assembled with, whether they be Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, or--or whatever they are. We should never judge the man by the denomination that he belongs to. We should always judge him by the spirit he has (See?), the spirit. Whether he's latter rain or former rain or inner, outer rain, or no rain, or whatever it might be, we should never judge him by that, but by his spirit. We are to discern spirits. Watch what the man has in mind, what he has--what he's trying to achieve. If the man, by a gift, no matter how great the gift is...

12 Now, I want to get this to the church this morning, which in the different denominations you are still the church of the living God together. And this is the thing I want to get to you (See?), that we are really not divided. We are the stones that's cut in different forms, all to the glory of God. Now, there is so much in the day that we live in pertaining to gifts. So many people judge people by gifts that they have. Well, I believe that these things are gifts. I believe that what we see take place is gifts, and they are God-given gifts. But we--if we do not use them in the right way that God intended them to be used, then we can do more harm with the gifts than we could if we did not have the gifts. The other night I made a statement at the pulpit, saying this, that I would rather see brotherly love existing among the church, if we didn't have one case of healing or anything else. See, we must know what these things are for.

14 Now, if a man comes and he has a great gift, no matter if he belongs to our denomination or another denomination, don't judge him by what denomination he come from, how he dresses, but what you want to see is what he's trying to do with that gift, what purpose he has. If he's trying to take his influence and build himself a great name out of it, I'd have discernment of spirit enough to know that's wrong. No matter how great a teacher he is, how powerful he is, how intellectual he is, or how his gift operates, if he isn't trying to achieve something for the benefit of the body of Christ, your own spiritual discernment would tell you that that's wrong. No matter how accurate, how perfect, how it is, it's wrong if it isn't used for the body of Jesus Christ.

15 To achieve something, maybe he's got a great gift that he could draw people together with a great intellectual or a spiritual power, that he could draw people together, and maybe he's trying to take that gift and make himself famous so that he'll have a big name, so that other brethren will look up to him as some big person. Then that's wrong. Maybe he's trying to--to edify a certain thing here that he wants everybody else to get out of the picture and let him and his group be the picture. That's still wrong. See?

16 But if he has a gift of God and he's trying to edify the Body of Christ, then I don't care what he belongs to. You're not discerning the man, you're discerning the spirit, the life that's in the man. And that's what God told us to do. Not one time was we ever commissioned to discern the--the man's group. But we was constrained and commanded by God to discern the spirit in the man, what he's trying to do, what the spirit in his life is trying to lead him to.

Principles of Restoration

- **One of the most difficult things for a person to bear** is for the Lord to **gift him**, or **reveal things to him beyond his brethren**
 - And for him to be able to **keep the anointing on him** and the correct attitude to be able to win others over to that revelation
- In restoration some will receive things ahead of others
 - Azusa and the gifts
 - The Oneness brethren and the revelation of the Godhead
- But when He blesses a group – “You don’t have what we’ve got!”

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E-26 If the old general council, **when the Pentecostal move was first brought in, issued in by speaking with tongues (the bottom of the gifts, bringing it up), if they would've just stayed put and would've never organized,** and just let it be **a Pentecostal fellowship**, in the stead of **any organization**, we'd have been a million times better off, brethren. And let it stay an experience and not a denomination...

- **Organisations form around dogmatic ideas**
 - Almost always the “minor points of a major doctrine that they all hold together”
 - The Coming of the Lord

E-32 ... **Instead of coming like brethren with brotherly love and with unity, the first one** begin to see that **the three Persons of the Godhead was in one Person, Christ Jesus;** ... And then you set up and **got the little dogmatic idea of the Oneness**, so-called. Then you **started on that, begin to harp on it**, and you made God one like your finger, one, and you know that's wrong. ... But what was it? **It was because the palmerworm begin to eat first.**

- **“Dogmatic idea”**
 - **Dogma** - A statement of a point of view as if it were an established fact.
 - “He’s coming on a white horse”
 - **Dogmatic** - Arrogant, stubborn assertion of opinion or belief.
- **“Harp on”**
 - To talk about to an excessive and tedious degree; dwell on.
- **The palmerworm** – eating away brotherly love
 - No more holding the Truth in Love
 - The assertiveness of the human spirit
 - Failing to master the thought of human ability

Instead of **setting and reasoning together** when I come into the factions of the Pentecostals they set a table bigger than that, with their heads around, "You go this, and you can't go to this. You preach for them, you can't preach for me."

I said, "We are brethren. Absolutely."

E-33 And if the Oneness faction hadn't have **went off to one side**, and **made an issue out of it**, and would've **stayed with their brethren**, and **let the Holy Ghost anoint them**, that thing would've never spattered and **broke up brotherhood the way it did**. But what happened? **The locusts begin to fly. It broke up brotherhood**. You had to have **a little unity of your own**. Unity is not an isolated thing, brethren. **Unity is for the whole body of Christ**.

It started in the early days. Paul said, "When I come among you, one has this and one has that. **One said, 'I'm of Cephas.' and, 'I'm of Paul.'** Was Cephas crucified? Would you baptize in the name of Paul?" Why, that stuff had already started. It was eating into the church.

Go at it Gentle

- A few pointers to what it takes to win someone over to your point of view
- **Go at it gentle**

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108 And don't go out, saying, "Bless God, if you don't repent, you're going to perish." No.

Go at it gentle. "Be as wise as a serpent, as harmless as a dove." See, that's the way to go. Approach the person, if he's raising chickens, talk about chickens, to him, for a while. See? And then, first thing you know, you'll be talking about the Lord. If he's a farmer, talk about his farm.

- **God has to be working on both sides**
 - It's got to be the correct season

109 If he sells automobiles, talk about his automobiles, for a while, "What nice cars you got," and so forth. See?

110 **Till you catch the Spirit, when Father says, "Now is the time to approach him about his soul."**

- **You've got to feel for someone before you can help them**

GOD.PROJECTING.HIS.LOVE_ EDMONTON.ALBERTA TUESDAY_ 57-0806

E-26 If ever I had a time of success of praying for anyone, **is when I could enter into the fellowship with them**, feel their infirmities, feel their conditions. Then something in you goes down beyond the reasoning and prays the prayer of faith for the sick. **You've got to feel for a man**. You've got to sympathize with him. **You've got to be with him before you can help him**. Then you enter into some sort of a deepness; it's the love of God. It's beyond human love.

The Pentecostal and the Baptist

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81 ... **You know what my theology is? Redeeming love, when you got love one for another**. See? No matter what these other things are, **how many gifts we got, or how much this we got, or how much that; if we haven't got love one for the another, we're lost. That's all**.

... I went to a fellow that belonged to **the Assemblies of God**. He didn't know me. It's been years ago. I walked up to him; I said, "Howdy do, sir."

He said, "Howdy do."

I said, "I understand you're a preacher."

He said, "I am." ... **A great man in the Assemblies of God, he wanted me to join the Assemblies of God.** He said, "Come, join, because **we're the biggest** Pentecostal organization in the world."

I said, "That may be so, my brother, **but I like to stand between all of you, and say, 'We're brothers,' see?**" I said, "**I may be way off the road on some of mine, you may be too, but let's be brothers, anyhow. See? Let's be brothers.**"

... "Oh," he said, "all right. **We got the church.**"

85 **So I just happened to investigate.** ... **I just taken the negative side on both sides, to test out.** I went up to this brother, and I said, "I hear that you belong to the Assemblies of God, a minister."

He said, "I am." **He said, "What are you?"**

I said, "**I'm a Baptist.**"

And he said, "**Well, have you received the Holy Ghost?**" I said, "Yes." I said, "I received the Holy Ghost?"

He said, "**You speak in tongues?**"

I said, "Yeah. Yeah, I spoke in tongues."

He said, "**Brother, you've got It. Hallelujah. Praise the Lord. That's It.**"

I said, "Yeah," I said, "I received the Holy Ghost, and spoke in tongues, and for the evidence of it." And I said...

He said, "**Oh, you'll come out of that old, stiff, formal Baptist church, then. Hallelujah.**" **And he spoke in tongues a few times.**

I said, "Yeah, I received the Holy Ghost, was baptized in Jesus Christ's Name. And..."

He said, "You what?"

And I said, "I received the Holy Ghost, and was baptized in Jesus Christ's Name."

He said, "You don't get the Holy Ghost like that."

I said, "**You told me a little too late.**" I said, "**I done done it.**" ...

And he said, "Oh, you can 't get That like that." **Said "You believe that kind of heresy?"** See?

I said, "Oh, I wouldn't call it heresy." I said, "It teaches in the Bible."

He said, "Get out of my house. I don't even want nothing to do with you."

I said, "Okay. The Lord be with you, brother." Walked out.

95 Not long ago, **an old Baptist preacher** out there... That was my first trip to Phoenix, Curtis. **I went to see this old boy.** Walked into him, and I said, "Howdy do, sir."

He said, "Howdy do."

I said, "**I hear you're a Baptist preacher.**" ...

He said, "Yeah."

I said, "Have you received the Holy Ghost?"

He said, "**Well, what are you, Pentecost?**"

And I said, "**Yeah, I'm Pentecost.**" **I was a Baptist to the other one, but I was a Pentecost to this one.** I said,

"Yeah," I said, "I'm Pentecost." I said, "**You got the Holy Ghost? Evidence, speaking in tongues?**"

He said, "Uh-huh," he said, "well," he said, "I tell you, brother," **he said, "that's all right."** He said, "But, you know ... **Somehow, I just never could see it just like that.**" He said...

And I said, "Oh, you haven't got nothing then. That's all there is to it. You ain't got a thing, 'less you do it. That's all."

He walked over to me, took a hold of my hand, looked me right in the eye and put his arm around me. He said, "But we're brothers, aren't we? We're going to heaven, aren't we, brother?"

I said, "Yes. And, brother, **happen to be, I'm on your side.**" See?

102 Now, I said, "**That man proved, by that, that he did have the Holy Ghost, and the other one proved he didn't have the Holy Ghost.**" That's right. See? That's exactly. See? **The man had theology,** but as soon as I told him something to **cross up his theology, then he flew to pieces, 'cause he didn't have nothing else but his theology.** I crossed this other man's theology, **and he had Christ to hold him there.** Amen. Oh, my.

Be a good wagon, loaded up full of good things, and have faith with one another, faith in God, and love one another, and the Lord will bless us. Don't you believe so? Amen.

Great men

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208 You know what? I've noticed this in my travels. **You usually find, great men are little men.** I go around where there's great men, **really great men, and I know they're great men.** But when I start to leave them, **they make you think you're the great man; they ain't nothing.** But you take a little two-by-four, **don't know nothing; he thinks he's all of it. He ain't nothing to begin with.** It's great men are little men. They **never brag or take honor.** They make you feel that you're great. That's great men.

- The last enemy to overcome is yourself

One thing we've got to Master

PERFECT.STRENGTH.BY.PERFECT.WEAKNESS_ JEFF.IN V-8 N-1 SUNDAY_ 61-1119

56 ... Now, remember this, and **especially you young preachers,** and lay members alike. **There's one thing that we've got to master if we expect to fulfill God's desire in our life; that is, we have to master the thought of human ability.** If we ever get to a spot where **we think that we can do it** with our own intelligence and our own abilities, **we've got to master that in such a way that we can get rid of the thing and lay it aside** so that God can use us. That's right.

69 **We need a place of yielding to the Spirit** and instead of so much depending upon schooling and upon our programs, and our campaigns and all that we have. ...

So we got to get away from that, that human ability. We got to get to a place where we can surrender our souls and lives, even to the housewife, to the farmer, to the mechanic, or whoever we are, **we got to surrender completely to God and know that "we are nothing."** **Then let God start from there.** Then He starts moving, working. And that includes all of us, everyone. That's the thing that we got to do.

Gifts

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255 Now what is this? It's a gift. See? **A gift isn't something like a stick or a sword, you cut with and things. A gift is a way to get yourself out of the way.** See? You just... **I have to get myself out of the way, then the Holy Spirit takes over.** See? It isn't what you take and do something with. It's a gift to get yourself out of the way, then God uses you. See? After you get yourself..

- Watch what you do with a Divine gift
 - Get yourself in trouble with God
 - Moses, Balaam
- Elisha the angry prophet
 - "That wasn't the character of Christ"

WHEN.DIVINE.LOVE.IS.PROJECTED.SOVEREIGN.GRACE.TAKES.ITS.PLACE_ LIMA.OH SATURDAY_ 57-0126E

E-36 ... Oh, friends, that's what the church needs. It's not a new organization, not a bunch of fantastics, not an argument, not a debate, **it needs the baptism of love, to love one another.** It **doesn't need new gifts; it needs love to operate the gifts it's got.** That's what it needs.

- "Don't seek for gifts"
 - You will become a stuffed shirt
- We need wisdom and knowledge to handle the lesser gifts

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E-15 And now, in the Pentecostal church of today, comparing the two and what's happened... Now, if you'll notice the routine of the gifts: the first is a gift of wisdom. (Thank you.) The first is the gift of wisdom. That is the best gift of the group. And if we don't have wisdom, we won't know how to use knowledge, is the second gift. And if we can't use the second gift without wisdom, how are we going to use the last gift, interpretation? or next to the last, speaking in tongues? Our zeal has eat up our wisdom, and our zeal for our denominations and our enthusiasm has eat up the wisdom off of the vine, brotherly love.

Gifts must Operate from within the Shekinah Glory

THE.SUPERNATURAL_ OWENSBORO.KY SUNDAY_ 56-0129

E-35 You see **the failures of the church...**? It's a **failing to that abiding grace of God**. Tonight you'll shout and clap your hands, and dance in the aisles, speak in tongues. That's gifts. Gifts is no good unless you're abiding in the Shekinah Glory. See?

Those things are fine. I have nothing to say against them; they're of God. Shouting and blessing God is wonderful. Speaking in tongues, or ... interpretation of tongues... gifts of healing, prophecies, and all these things are marvellous, but **they're no good**, they're **not fruitful**, they **can't yield the right**, unless **you're living in the Presence of the Shekinah**, the atmosphere around you is godly.

- Gifts used incorrectly can do more harm than good

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS_ JEFF.IN SATURDAY_ 54-0515

200-Q-50 ... Listen, my children. Those gifts are wonderful. ... **But those gifts can be a harm to you if you don't use them in the right place.**

A man that'll stay humble

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS_ JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY_ 59-0628E

376-70 And isn't that just the way that people get today? Let God just bless a fellow and put a little confidence in him, **and he gets to be a know-it-all**. He gets to be... He's got to start an organization, or he's got to do something that's different. "Why art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer."

God has a hard time trying to get somebody that He can deal with, **that'll stay humble, and meek**, and stay in the place until God calls him to do something (you believe that? See?), **a man that God can bless and he'll still keep himself a man**, not be an angel or a god. **As soon as man gets blessed and has a little something given to him, he wants to become a god**; he wants to become a--a angel. **He wants to become some great person**. "What I do, what... Me and me and mine..." all that. **That's the wrong attitude**. **God's hunting for somebody who He could bless and pour out the blessings, and--and more He blessed, the littler the man will become.**

And you'll never get more of God until you become nothing. You've got to belittle yourself. He that will exalt himself, God will bring abase. He that will humble himself, God will exalt. You've got to get little before you can get big. **And you'll never be big in your own self; you'll only be as big as God will be big in you. See?**