

## wednesday, january 20, 2015-7:00 pm the open door ~ contemporary worship

...in a religion born in a barn, an open door goes without saying

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1 corinthians 12:1-11 [msg]

What I want to talk about now is the various ways God's Spirit gets worked into our lives. This is complex and often misunderstood, but I want you to be informed and knowledgeable. Remember how you were when you didn't know God, led from one phony god to another, never knowing what you were doing, just doing it because everybody else did it? It's different in this life. God wants us to use our intelligence, to seek to understand as well as we can. For instance, by using your heads, you know perfectly well that the Spirit of God would never prompt anyone to say "Jesus be damned!" Nor would anyone be inclined to say "Jesus is Master!" without the insight of the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4-11</sup> God's various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit. God's various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit. God's various expressions of power are in action everywhere; but God himself is behind it all. Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people!

The variety is wonderful:
wise counsel
clear understanding
simple trust
healing the sick
miraculous acts
proclamation
distinguishing between spirits
tongues
interpretation of tongues.

All these gifts have a common origin, but are handed out one by one by the one Spirit of God. He decides who gets what, and when.

## children's moment

"gifts from God"

pastor alex

## john 2:1-11 [msg]

- Three days later there was a wedding in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. Jesus and his disciples were guests also. When they started running low on wine at the wedding banquet, Jesus' mother told him, "They're just about out of wine."
- <sup>4</sup> Jesus said, "Is that any of our business, Mother—yours or mine? This isn't my time. Don't push me."
- <sup>5</sup> She went ahead anyway, telling the servants, "Whatever he tells you, do it."
- <sup>6-7</sup> Six stoneware water pots were there, used by the Jews for ritual washings. Each held twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus ordered the servants, "Fill the pots with water." And they filled them to the brim.
- <sup>8</sup> "Now fill your pitchers and take them to the host," Jesus said, and they did.
- <sup>9-10</sup> When the host tasted the water that had become wine (he didn't know what had just happened but the servants, of course, knew), he called out to the bridegroom, "Everybody I know begins with their finest wines and after the guests have had their fill brings in the cheap stuff. But you've saved the best till now!"
- This act in Cana of Galilee was the first sign Jesus gave, the first glimpse of his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

reflecting on God's message "gifts for transformation"

presentation of the offerings

song "Jesus, lover of my soul"

song "hallelujah"

dance party with Jesus "rise up and praise Him"

benediction & passing the peace