Prologue

Spiritual Gifts are the Primary instrument of manifesting the Royal Priesthood after the Order of Melchizedek! To fully understand the Royal Priesthood after the Order of Melchizedeck, we need to reflect on a foundational truth: Holy Spirit needs and uses human vessels to fulfil the Divine Purpose in the earth realm!

He demonstrated this principle in the earthly life of the High Priest of the Order, Yeshua, Jesus Himself. It was Holy Spirit Who planted Him in the womb of Mary according to the Word.

Luke 1:26-35 (KJV) 26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, 27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. 29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. 30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. 31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: 33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. 34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? 35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Yeshua did no miracle until Holy Spirit came upon Him bodily at the baptism of John.

Matthew 3:16 (KJV) 16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

John 3:34 (KJV) 34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.

It was Holy Spirit Who led Him into the wilderness and strengthened Him for the epic encounter with Satan:

Matthew 4:1 (KJV) 1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

Yeshua went in the strength of The Spirit to do all the good deeds recorded in the gospels written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Acts 10:38 (KJV) 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.

Interestingly, none of those authors of the gospel accounts could write anything of enduring value except the fact Holy Spirit inspired them to capture essential aspects of the life and ministry of Yeshua, Jesus! Here is how Peter described this inspiration:

2 Peter 1:16, 20-21 (KJV) 16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

In His teaching ministry, Yeshua shared with the disciples, extensive details of Who the Holy Spirit Is; His assignments in exalting Him and clarifying the essence and context of the truths He shared with them. Before He ascended to heaven, Yeshua forbade His disciples from going forth with zeal to preach. He rather charged them to wait for Holy Spirit to indwell them. The idea was for Holy Spirit to use them as well as all saints as vessels for manifesting Him (Yeshua, Jesus) in all the realms of dominion or Domain assigned to them!

Acts 1:4-8 (KJV) 4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. 6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? 7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

The Divine Principle is for Holy Spirit to use the vessels of saints as instruments to say and do what Yeshua, Jesus would have said and done, if He were physically present! Since Yeshua was glorified, sitting at the right hand of the Father, Yahweh on the Throne of Grace, those who are called to His Melchizedek order of Priesthood are not left on earth to proclaim and demonstrate the Gospel on the strength of their natural abilities and ideas.

Rather, each is to receive a measure of the unsurpassable power of Holy Spirit as primary means of their identification as part of His Body as well as instruments to release a measure of His power to impact fellow saints, other humans and nature. It is in this context of His exaltation in the heavenlies and the reality that saints are His personal representatives or Ambassadors imbued with the same Holy Spirit Who manifested through His Own vessel that He gave the awesome promise which few saints are laying hold of due to the limitations imposed by religiosity and false humility:

John 14:12 (KJV) 12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

It is not only religiosity that is the limitation, the truth is to walk in this authority, the basic starting point is to emulate Him and die to self so Holy Spirit can use the surrendered vessel to do whatever Yeshua would have done!

John 12:24 (KJV) 24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

The Omega Church with which Yeshua, Jesus will close out the human age will recapture the essence of true Kingdom life and ministry across the earth realm! As the leaven of Babylon and its organizational structures are identified and torn down, the organic Body of Yeshua, Jesus which operates as a living, loving organism of mutually dependent and empowering cells or body parts will arise to manifest its Head again.

In a subsequent book, we undertake in depth study of Who Holy Spirit Is and the vast spectrum of His assignment on earth. Let us however take note of the reality Holy Spirit Is He Who:

- Seals saints into the Body of Yeshua after convicting them of Sin and revealing Him as only solution to their sin;
- Transforms all saints from inside out, if given the right of way to work through their lively consciences
- Unites all saints to have a spirit of kinship in Yeshua, Jesus.
- Demonstrates the reality of Yeshua, Jesus – His awesome power through the surrendered and yielded vessels of those who embrace the fullness of Him

  The signature of Holy Spirit upon all believers – His Seal happens to come with evidence called the root or basic gifts to use the words of Dr. Cosmas Ilechukwu in his epic book, the Church of His Vision. When saints received the gift of Baptism in Holy Spirit and are immersed fully in Him, He releases what is called the enabling or power gifts with which Charismatic manifestation is made possible.

  The subject of Spiritual Gifts is so fundamental to the reality of New Life in Yeshua, Jesus to ignore it is to court the spirit of religion and dead works. Because of its origin (Holy Spirit) and essence (to make saints functional parts of the organism which is the Body of Yeshua, Jesus in the earth realm), it is needful to do a systematic study of Spiritual Gifts which essentially constitute the fulcrum of all other factors which make up the unique spiritual DNA of all saints.

Assignment

(1). Please share 3 main things you received from this first chapter.