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A Full Apostolic-Pentecostal Teaching Manual



THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT • THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY NAME • DISCERNING THE SPIRITS

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A Full Apostolic-Pentecostal Teaching Manual on the Baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire with the evidence of speaking in tongues, Water Baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sin, gifts of the Spirit and Discerning of Spirits

Preface

This manual is written as both a doctrinal foundation and a practical ministry training guide for Apostolic-Pentecostal believers who desire to walk in the fullness of the Holy Ghost. We live in an hour of spiritual confusion, doctrinal compromise, and counterfeit manifestations. Yet God is restoring apostolic authority, spiritual gifts, and Holy-Ghost discernment. This material stands on these unshakable convictions:

1. Jesus Christ is the one true God manifested in the flesh.
2. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of Jesus Christ.
3. The new birth requires water and Spirit (Acts 2:38).
4. The gifts of the Spirit operate today.

5. Discerning of spirits is critical in the last days.

This is not merely theory—this is apostolic practice.

CHAPTER 1 JESUS CHRIST REVEALED IN THE SPIRIT

1.1 The Oneness of God and the Identity of the Spirit

The Apostolic revelation is biblical: God was manifest in the flesh (1 Timothy 3:16). Jesus Christ is the Father revealed, the Redeemer, and the Holy Ghost in indwelling power. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of Jesus — the presence and power of God operating in believers (Romans 8:9; 2 Corinthians 3:17). Misunderstanding the Spirit leads to misidentifying voices.

1.2 The Voice of the Holy Ghost

“My sheep hear my voice” (John 10:27). The Holy Ghost speaks today through Scripture, inner witness, spiritual gifts, and God-called ministry. True spiritual voice always:

- Glorifies Jesus,
- Aligns with Scripture,
- Produces holiness,

- Brings clarity, not confusion.

God is not the author of confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33).

1.3 The Nature and Operation of the Holy Ghost

The Spirit operates in truth, power, holiness, and authority. He is not chaotic, flesh-driven, or a source of spectacle. Apostolic operation is power with order, fire with doctrine, and anointing with sound teaching.

1.4 The Danger of Misidentifying Spirits

Supernatural activity does not prove divine approval (Matthew 7). Miracles or spiritual phenomena can be counterfeit. Discernment is required to distinguish Christ-centered moves from man-centered or demonic activity.

1.5 Christ-Centered vs Man-Centered Spirits

Christ-centered manifestations exalt Jesus, honor Scripture, produce holiness, and lead to truth.

Man-centered manifestations exalt personality, twist Scripture, produce pride, and lead to confusion.

Summary: To hear and obey the Holy Ghost, you must first know Him correctly.

CHAPTER 2
THE INITIAL EVIDENCE:
TONGUES AND BAPTISM IN JESUS' NAME

2.1 The Pattern in the Book of Acts

Acts provides an instructional pattern: when the Holy Ghost fell, there was a visible, audible sign. Twice the record highlights speaking with tongues as the evidence (Acts 2:4; Acts 10:44–46; Acts 19:1–6).

2.2 Why Tongues Matter

Tongues in Acts are supernatural speech and an outward sign that the Spirit has been given. They are not mere emotion or display but a God-given evidence of infilling. Paul himself valued tongues (1 Corinthians 14:18) while also teaching order in their use.

2.3 Baptism in the Name of Jesus

Every recorded baptism in Acts follows the Apostolic pattern: baptized in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38; 8:16; 10:48; 19:5). Baptism in Jesus' name applies remission of sins and identifies the believer with Christ's name and authority.

2.4 Born of Water and Spirit

John 3:5 affirms the necessity of being born of water and Spirit. Apostolic conviction holds this to mean believer's baptism and infilling with the Holy Ghost as essential elements of the new birth experience.

2.5 Doctrine and Experience

Doctrine without experience is dead religion; experience without doctrine invites deception. Apostolic truth is Word + Spirit.

Summary: The Apostolic new birth is biblical, experiential, and supernatural. Tongues as initial evidence and baptism in Jesus' name are not optional traditions but Apostolic teaching based on the Book of Acts.

CHAPTER 3

THE NINE GIFTS: *OPERATION, ORDER, AUTHENTICITY*

3.1 Purpose of the Gifts

Gifts of the Spirit are given for the profit and building up of the Church (1 Corinthians 12:7). They confirm the Word, reveal Christ, and demonstrate

the supernatural. Gifts are not for entertainment, personal branding, or spiritual superiority.

3.2 The Nine Gifts (1 Corinthians 12:8–10)

Revelation Gifts:

- Word of wisdom — supernatural insight for direction.
- Word of knowledge — supernatural facts revealed.
- Discerning of spirits — identifying the spirit behind a manifestation.

Power Gifts:

- Faith — extraordinary trust that effects the will of God.
- Gifts of healing — supernatural restoration.
- Working of miracles — interventions beyond natural laws.

Utterance Gifts:

- Prophecy — edifying, exhorting, comforting speech aligned with Scripture.
- Diverse kinds of tongues — supernatural languages.
- Interpretation of tongues — bringing understanding to a tongues message.

3.3 Tongues: Evidence vs Gift

- Tongues in Acts function as initial evidence of Spirit infilling.
- Tongues listed among the gifts in 1 Corinthians are a ministry gift that not all receive. Distinguish personal witness tongues from public gifted tongues used for edifying the church.

3.4 Authenticity and Counterfeits

Counterfeit operations are marked by:

- Focus on personalities,
- Doctrinal error,
- Emotional manipulation,
- Lack of submission to Scripture.

Great signs can be used by false prophets (Matthew 24:24). Gifts must be exercised with holiness and order (1 Corinthians 14:40).

3.5 Stirring Up and Stewarding Gifts

Gifts are stewarded by prayer, fasting, faith, obedience, and submission. Paul exhorts Timothy to stir up his gift (2 Timothy 1:6).

Summary: Gifts are real and necessary but must be governed by truth, directed by the Spirit, and focused

on glorifying Jesus.

CHAPTER 4
DISCERNING OF SPIRITS:
ADVANCED APOSTOLIC UNDERSTANDING

4.1 What the Gift Is and Is Not

Discerning of spirits is a supernatural ability to identify the source of spiritual activity—not mere suspicion, but revelation.

4.2 Three Realms of Discernment

- Human spirits: discerning motives, hypocrisy, and agendas.
- Demonic spirits: identifying oppression, divination, and deception (Acts 16:16–18).
- Angelic/divine activity: recognizing true moves of God and distinguishing counterfeit light (2 Corinthians 11:14).

4.3 How Discernment Manifests

Discernment may come as an inner check, grief in the Spirit, sudden knowing, or clarity while the natural senses remain unchanged. Paul's grief in Acts 16 is an example of spiritual sensitivity alerting ministry to a wrong spirit despite accurate testimony from the

person.

4.4 Practical Responses

- Test prophetic words against Scripture and whether they glorify Jesus (1 John 4:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:21).
- Reject manipulation and emotional pressure.
- When demonic influence is present, exercise authority in Jesus' name and command the spirit to depart (Acts 16; Luke 10:17–20).

4.5 Growing in Discernment

Discernment grows through prayer, Word study, ministry experience, and submission to leadership. It is accurate, humble, and scriptural—not a license for judgmentalism.

Summary: Discerning of spirits protects the church from deception, preserves holiness, and enables effective ministry.

CHAPTER 5

PAUL'S TEACHING ON SPIRITUAL POWERS

5.1 Spiritual Hierarchy Is Real

Paul teaches that spiritual forces are organized and strategic. Ephesians 6:12 lists archai (principalities),

exousiai (authorities), kosmokratōr (rulers of this darkness), and pneumatikai tes ponērias (spiritual wickedness in high places). These terms indicate ranks and spheres of influence among hostile spirits.

5.2 Scriptural Terms and Meanings (Selected)

- archē (ἀρχή) — principality, a ruling order.
- exousia (ἐξουσία) — delegated authority or power.
- kosmokratōr (κοσμοκράτορας) — world-ruler; systemic spiritual influencers.
- logismos (λογισμός) — reasoning, deceptive imaginations (2 Corinthians 10:3–5).

5.3 The Believer's Authority

Christ disarmed and triumphed over principalities and powers (Colossians 2:15). Believers exercise authority in Jesus' name and with Holy-Ghost power (Luke 10:19). Warfare must be fought with spiritual weapons: Word, prayer, and obedience.

5.4 Strongholds and the Mind

Paul speaks of pulling down strongholds of thought and belief (2 Corinthians 10:3–5). Strongholds are formed by false teaching, trauma, sin, and repetition; they are broken by truth, the Word, and the Spirit.

Summary: The battle is real but Christ is supreme; the church is to display God’s manifold wisdom to the spiritual powers.

CHAPTER 6 DELUSION, THE SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST, AND END-TIME DECEPTION

6.1 The Increasing Danger of Deception

2 Thessalonians 2 warns of a falling away and a “man of sin.” Verse 11 declares God may send a strong delusion to those who refuse the love of the truth. Delusion often follows willful rejection of truth.

6.2 The Spirit of Antichrist

The spirit of antichrist is present now (1 John 4:3). It denies the fullness of Jesus, seeks to replace truth with religious systems, and produces doctrinal compromise and spiritual blindness. It often appears religious and persuasive but leads to powerlessness and moral drift.

6.3 Doctrines of Demons and Form Without Power

1 Timothy 4:1 warns of deceiving spirits. 2 Timothy 3:5 describes those “having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.” These warnings

expose the danger of religious activity without Spirit empowerment.

6.4 Mixture and How Delusion Spreads

Mixture—truth plus error—is especially deceptive because it appears balanced. Delusion spreads through false teaching, compromised leadership, cultural pressure, and spiritual laziness.

6.5 Apostolic Protection

The safeguard is love for truth, submission to Scripture, Holy-Ghost infilling, and operation of discernment.

Summary: Delusion is real and increasing but truth, proclaimed and guarded by Spirit-filled believers, exposes and overcomes it.

CHAPTER 7

PRACTICAL TRAINING FOR DISCERNMENT AND MINISTRY APPLICATION

7.1 Build a Strong Spiritual Foundation

Be born again (repentance, baptism in Jesus' name) and filled with the Holy Ghost. Ground yourself in apostolic doctrine.

7.2 Develop Sensitivity to the Spirit

Recognize the peace of God, the check of the Spirit, and the leading of the Holy Ghost through prayer, worship, and separation from carnality.

7.3 Test Quickly and Biblically

Ask: Does this align with Scripture? Does it glorify Jesus? What fruit is produced? Test prophecy and manifestations immediately, using Scripture and communal counsel.

7.4 Recognize Red Flags

Confusion, pressure, pride, disorder, and doctrinal compromise are red flags. Respond swiftly but with humility.

7.5 Use Your Authority

Speak clearly and command in the name of Jesus when ministering deliverance or rebuking demonic activity. Walk in the authority given (Luke 10:19; Mark 16:17).

7.6 Minister Deliverance Properly

Stay calm, authoritative, Scriptural, and

compassionate. Use the name of Jesus, keep the focus on liberation and restoration, and involve pastoral oversight and follow-up.

7.7 Maintain Humility and Submission

Discernment is a tool for protection and truth, not a badge of superiority. Operate under apostolic leadership and biblical order.

7.8 Avoid Extremes

Balance is required: do not ignore spiritual activity nor become obsessed with it. Keep Word + Spirit together.

Summary: Move from knowledge to operation by cultivating spiritual foundations, sensitivity, practice, and accountability.

CHAPTER 8

APPENDIX:

SCRIPTURES, PRAYERS, & TEACHING TOOLS

8.1 Key Scripture List

New Birth & Spirit: Acts 2:4, 38; Acts 10:44–48; Acts 19:1–6; John 3:5.

Spiritual Gifts: 1 Corinthians 12–14.

Discernment: 1 John 4:1–3; Acts 16:16–18.

Spiritual Warfare: Ephesians 6:10–18; 2 Corinthians 10:3–5.

End-Time Warning: 2 Thessalonians 2; 1 Timothy 4; 2 Timothy 3.

8.2 Greek Word Insights (for teaching)

- archē — principality, ruling order.
- exousia — authority, jurisdiction.
- kosmokratōr — world-ruler; systemic influence.
- logismos — reasoning, thought pattern; used regarding demolishing arguments and imaginations.

8.3 Apostolic Prayer Patterns

Prayer for Infilling:

“Lord Jesus, I repent and surrender all. Fill me with your Holy Ghost. Let your Spirit come upon me and let me speak as your Spirit gives utterance.”

Prayer for Discernment:

“Lord Jesus, open my spiritual eyes. Help me discern what is of you and what is not. Grant me wisdom, clarity, and boldness to stand in truth.”

Prayer for Authority:

“In the name of Jesus Christ, I take authority over every unclean spirit and power of darkness. I declare the victory of the cross over this situation.”

8.4 Suggested Teaching Outline (7-week course)

Week 1: Identity of the Holy Ghost.

Week 2: New Birth, Baptism in Jesus’ Name, and Tongues.

Week 3: The Nine Gifts and Their Operation.

Week 4: Discerning of Spirits—Practical Cases.

Week 5: Spiritual Warfare—Weapons and Strategy.

Week 6: End-Time Deception and Apostolic Response.

Week 7: Practical Ministry—Deliverance, Accountability, and Follow-Up.

Final Admonition

Hold fast to apostolic Pentecostal truth, seek the baptism in the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues , and cultivate sensitivity to His voice. The Holy Ghost is speaking through the Word, gifts, and discernment. The question is not whether God is speaking, but whether we are hearing correctly.

Benediction

May the Lord Jesus Christ fill you with the Holy

Ghost, establish you in Apostolic truth, grant you discernment, and empower you to stand in authority against all deception in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ

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