

Faith Christian Fellowship
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A Supernatural Church
2: Each for All

TEXT: Ephesians 3:10 NLT God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display His wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

1 Peter 2:9-10 / 1 Corinthians 12:4-28

When individuals are pursuing holiness and the Body is growing into the semblance of Christ, then we see supernatural impact.

It is time to step into the area of supernatural power, or into being the supernatural church God intends us to be. Last time: God wants to use the Church, and He has created us to be connected in order to fulfill our purpose: ministry gifts, prayer cover, mutual encouragement and correction, and connection for diversity of giftings. We will look a little deeper today at the "us" of the manifestation of the Spirit

- 1) The gifts function through the Body.
 - a) A body that functions together to bring supernatural power to bear on a broken humanity:
 - b) United in authority: Ephesians 1:21-23
 - c) United in peace Colossians 3:15 / Ephesians 2:16
 - d) United in purpose: Ephesians 3:10
 - e) United in Supernatural power: 1 Corinthians 12:
 - i) The power of the Church is given, orchestrated, and produced by God in three persons. It is not ever about your brilliance, wit, or strength. Verses 4-6.... the same God who produces all of them in everyone.
 - ii) The so-called "gifts of the Spirit" are supernatural manifestations given to individuals in the church to benefit the whole Body. Verses 7-11. .
 - (1) These are all supernatural, not natural abilities.
 - (2) The manifestations are to the body, not just the preacher.
 - (3) They are for the benefit of the church – it is desirable to have gifts flowing in our services, so we can benefit. (If we can't obey God in our family, how will we ever do so in the streets?)
- 2) Different Members in One Body
 - a) We are connected to one another Verses 12-14
 - i) We are one body with many diverse parts.
 - ii) We are all connected, not by culture or race, but by the universal presence of His Spirit in us and on us. WE are the people of the Spirit. Romans 12:4-5
 - b) How do body parts relate? (health is a whole body thing)
 - i) You're connected whether you recognize it or not. You are impacted by others and vice versa. Verses 15-16
 - ii) Comparison is a lousy way to identify value. V. 17
 - iii) It is God who does the placing and the gifting. Vv. 18-19
 - iv) We all need each other.
 - (1) Be aware of how you treat other members. Vv. 20-21
 - (2) The least attractive or memorable may well be essential. Vv. 22-23
 - (3) Division is the enemy, honor is the cure. Vv. 24-26
- 3) Get a whole body mentality
 - a) V. 27. You are part whether you know it or not, whether you like it or not. It takes all the you's to get the most out of the y'all.
 - b) God has provided everything we need to serve Him and fulfill His purpose for us. The problem is it takes all of us to see it
 - c) The church is supernatural. Church as we typically see it today is unknown to the early church record. The rhythm is come in to be refreshed, inspired and prepared, then go out to bear witness of the resurrection
 - d) Essential tools to unchain the supernatural church
 - i) The Word preached and received. It's not a Bible lesson, it's a divine impartation
 - ii) Taking part in the empowerment of the Spirit.
 - iii) An atmosphere of expectation. He is here!
 - iv) A throne of worship for God to inhabit
 - v) A people with a passion to find opportunities to bring the power of God into contact with human need