

5. In the meantime, redemption is a work certified and identified by the Holy Spirit as we have noted in our first discussion. (See Ephesians 1, Galatians 4, etc)

Now, as we sometimes desire to see more of the redemption materialized, we look for increased signs of the work of the Spirit in the revelation of that redemption. Even to this end we are dependent on the Spirit and the revelation he brings through the Word of God. The work of the Spirit is so defined in that word and our problem is to determine what the word says and what it means. When we look to see the on-going work of the Spirit in redemption we must be certain we are within the confines of the Word.

This is where we come to grips with the modern charismatic movement in some of its parts. (We must guard against generalization and not be condemnatory in this regard. It is not honest to make general condemnations of vast bodies of believers as if they all held identical materials. But with discernment we must not be deceived, either.) Some of the wings of the modern charismatic movement simply assign works of the Spirit to us and tell us these are necessary for the redemptive graces. They add to the basic completeness we have in Christ and may deprive us of our honest reward if we follow them. Therefore if we are going to comprehend well the deliverance of the Holy Spirit we must remember that it is defined in the Word...or if not, then any manifestation real or imagined cannot be given proper support.

B. The Basic Promise:

1. Mark 1:8
2. Luke 3:16

C. The basic fulfillment: gift and manifestation

Acts 2

D. The Deliverance Work of the Spirit:

1. From ignorance --1 Corinthians 2
2. From aimlessness...Romans 8
3. From Deficiency: 1 Corinthians 12:
 - a. a test of faith: 12:3...so that we are not deficient in knowing our stand.
 - b. A test of ability...the supply of gifts (12:4) so that we are not deficient in our aptitude)