

**Faith Christian Fellowship**  
**Sunday, August 12, 2012**  
**Don't Give up The Ghost! 3**  
**Don't Settle for Human Effort**

**TEXT:** Acts 19:1-7 KJV Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

1 Corinthians 14:14-15 (14) For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. (15) What is *the conclusion* then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

We discovered that you can't be a Christian without the Holy Spirit: you must be born of the Spirit. But there is more to it than that. We need the power of the Spirit in the supernatural more than ever since I have been alive. We are in a supernatural battle, living in a world of supernatural evil. Don't try to overcome using natural means.

Paul was clear, **I WILL>>>** Don't settle for less than God's best.

♥ **Don't settle for excitation when you can have inspiration.**

- Man is a three part being: spirit, soul, and body. 1 Thess 5:23
- Heb 4:12 tells us we can separate spirit and soul (mind, will, emotions) Feelings are great, but leadings are accurate.
- Speaking in tongues allows me to have direct contact and input from the part of me that contacts God. 1 Cor 14:14. My spirit prays but my head is unfruitful
- 1 Cor 14:4 When I pray in a tongue I edify myself:
  - edify = oikodomeo 1) to build a house, erect a building 1a) to build (up from the foundation) 1b) to restore by building, to rebuild, repair metaphorically 2a) to found, establish 2b) to promote growth in Christian wisdom, affection, grace, virtue, holiness, blessedness
  - Jude 20. Praying in the Spirit builds you up on the foundation of your faith.
  - Praying in tongues makes you stronger in spirit. Do it by faith until you can feel it in your soulish realm. This may require some time and commitment, but it is worth it!

♥ **Don't settle for education when you can have revelation.**

- Matt 16:18. / Eph 1:17-18
- Praying in the spirit taps into the fountain of God's wisdom and revelation
  - Jn 4:14 There is a fountain
  - 1 Cor 14:2, 14. I get my head out of the loop
  - 1 Cor 14:26. Where did they get all this stuff?
  - 1 Cor 14:18, 19, 27, 28. You can pray in tongues at will in your private time – in bed, bath and beyond.
  - Notice the whole thought in 1 Cor 14:4-6. Interpretation of tongues can come in many different ways. Here he is encouraging them to catch the flow and message for any given gathering.
  - This is how I get the vast majority of what I preach and teach to you: 1 Cor 14:13-15. I pray in the Spirit until I get a direction or a song or a teaching or ... It may come differently every time, but it always comes

♥ **Don't settle for brass when you can have gold.**

- Jn 4:23-24
  - In spirit and in reality, as opposed to soul (emotions) and outward form (flesh).
  - 1 Kings 14:25-28. We mustn't allow Egypt to steal our gold, then pretend that brass is the same thing.
- Eph 5:18-21 / Col 3:16.
  - spiritual songs = *oodais pneumatikais*. It means songs given by the Spirit. The word "with grace in your heart" is one of instrumentality – ie it is God's grace that inspires you to sing and enables you to do so in words that he gives to allow you to give thanks well.
  - The Higgsion: Ps 92:3 / 19:14

I waited patiently for the LORD; And He inclined to me, And heard my cry. He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, *And* established my steps. **He has put a new song in my mouth**— Praise to our God; Many will see *it* and fear, And will trust in the LORD.  
Psalm 40:1-3