



# Equipped *4life2serve*

Day 3:  
Steward-Trainer  
-Workers *Gifted*

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The God of Peace **equips** us with **tools** to serve *one another* and to please *Him*!



1. Wonderful **Shepherd** intercedes equipping us
2. Powerful **Scriptures** entrusted to equip us
3. Faithful **Servants** gifted to equip saints!
4. Useful **Suffering** allowed to **equip** us!

# The Church is like Noah's Ark!...



Jesus' *promise*: I will build... on this 'petra'  
Mt.16:18 but how? Jn. 17:6-8; 16-21

- Jesus' *pleasure*: 'given them' God's words that sets us apart makes holy, One-in-Son!
- Jesus' *prayer*: sanctify thru truth 15:3; 17:17
- = Word (cleanses) works in us until reach?  
Jesus-like *perfection* (Spirit's fruit) Eph 5:26



# Lausanne II (Manila)

## Article 14: 'Power of the Spirit'



- *We therefore call upon **all Christians** to pray for such a visitation of the **Sovereign Spirit** of God that...*
- *all his **fruit** may appear in all his people and that all his **gifts** may enrich the body of Christ only then...*
- *will the **whole church** become a fit instrument in the hands of God that the **whole earth** may hear his voice!*

# Pauline Ecclesiology 101

Acts 9:1-5; Eph.4:11-12



## *Discovery on the Damascus Rd*

- High horse, Showdown > Turnaround
- Christ <> His Church... *Inseparable!*
- *Demolition Man > Mission Mobilizer*

## *Pauline 'charismatic' theology:*

- Gracious enabling for "body-building!"
- Strengthen saints 2 reach out & serve

# Building Corpus Christi

Mt.16:18, Jh.17:21



- Jesus' **promise**: "I will build My church"
- Jesus' **prayer -2**: "may they (all) be ONE" so that... "the world may believe that You SENT (*missio*) Me (witness to only Savior)"
- JC' **pleasure-2**: working what is pleasing...
- 1 unity (not uniformity) NB: in **diversity**
- 2) maturity will work until "we" all reach!

# Bridal 'Gifts' for You /Us!

*Is it Natural Talents Or Spiritual Gift?  
charismata; pneumatika*



- Spiritual 'things/persons'..
  - Endowments (grace *gifts*)
  - Enablement (divine *ability*)
  - Equipments (powerful *tools*)



- Sovereign grace-gifts to...
  - *Benefit and Bless* other members
  - NB *Builds faith*, points to Giver's grace!



**“Feeling His Pleasure!”**

Eric Liddell 400m, 1924, Paris



# The Problem of Definition *in the* Definition of the Problem!



- *Spiritual gifts are capabilities, God's Spirit sovereignly endows on Christ's followers to graciously serve one another and to build faith and Christian fellowship*
- Spiritual grace-gifts keep on giving!
- *You are never more like God than when you are giving!* – Dr. Chris Gnanakan



# The Word + The Spirit

*Stronger, Wiser, Better Together!*



1. **Word** without the Spirit, we **dry up!**  
Objective truths, *normative...*
2. **Spirit** without the Word we **blow up!**  
Subjective experiences, *informative*
3. Word **and** the Spirit,.. we **grow up!**  
Collective reality, church *transformative*

*How to get rid of  
the Superheroes?!*

*Syndrome!*



# Spirit's Gifts and/or Fruit/s

Gal. 5:6; 5:22 'faith working in love'



- *Gifts* without the Fruit church *divided*
  - Used for 'self' think 'special, superior!'
- *Fruit* basis gifts@work church *united!*
  - Christian's goal = *Christlikeness!*
- If I have all gifts and not have love,..  
I have, gain, am *nothing!!!* (1Cor13)

**Body Works: 1Pet 4:7-11**  
**manifestations vs. ministries**  
*Corinth (Paul) Asia (Peter)*



- Those '**sign**' spectacular gifts...
  - Words: prophecy, tongues,..
  - Wonders: miracles, faith healing..
- The '**service**' each/special? gifts...
  - Works: admin, encourage, give, mercy
  - 1) Serve Up; 2) Steward Well,
  - 3) Strengthen Others 4) Shine Jesus!

'Sent2serve vs. *Sent2spread!*  
Mission = **Gifts2Go** get it Done!



- **A**postles **P**rophets **E**vangelists: *Find & Fetch*
- **P**astor-**T**eachers (Problem) many *Flock & Feed*
- **Partnership**: Need both Bringing in, Building up!
- Serving well; Sending out? To Share the Gospel!

# Parts and Partnership (2 Pet.1:4)



1. **Life** we *share* together

Its Divine, yet Demanding - 1Pet. 3:7

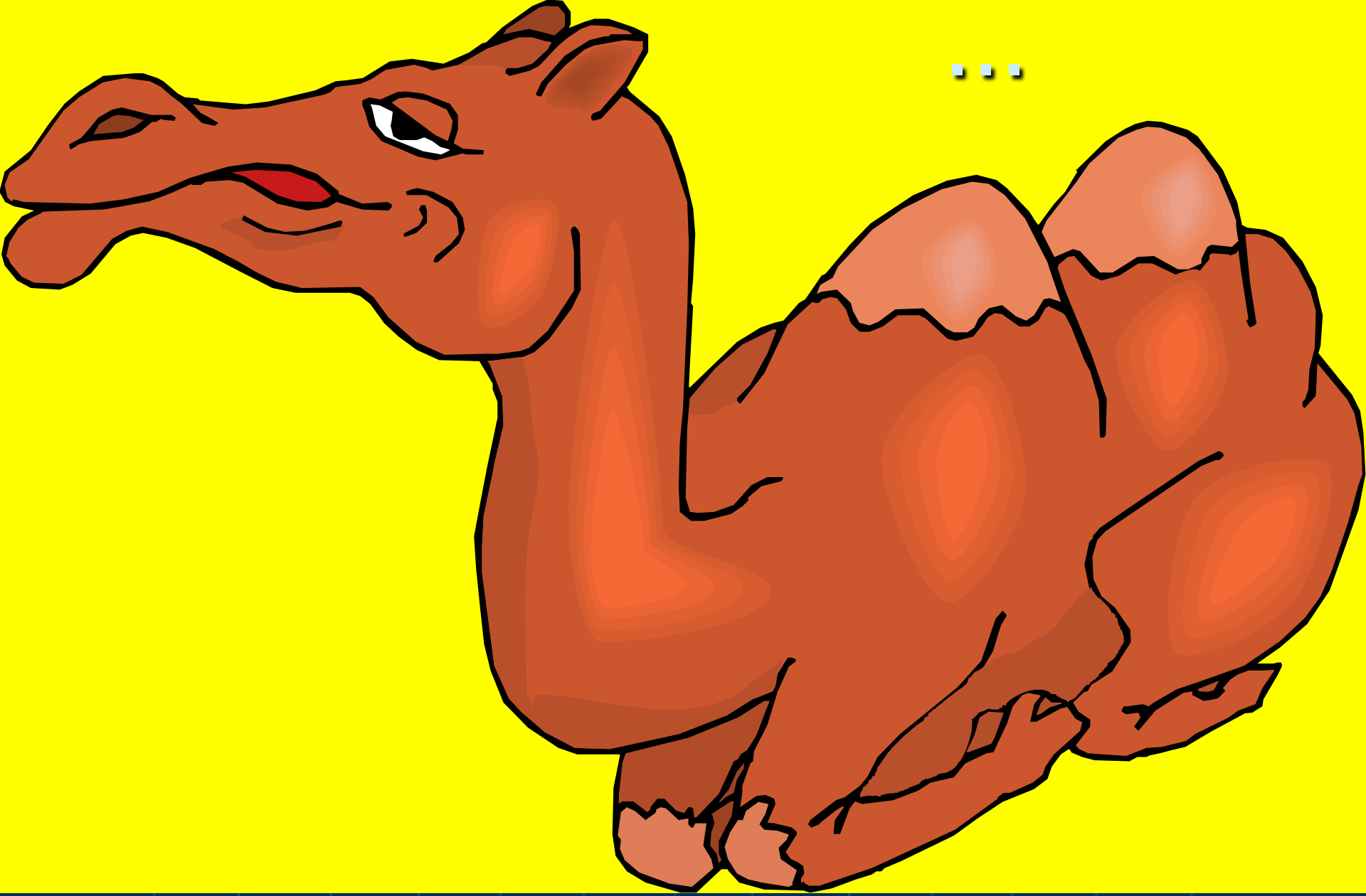
2. **Love** we *show* together

Old Concerns, New Constraints - Col. 2:2

3. **Lord** we *serve* together

Doin' God's Work, God's Way - Phil.1:29





Why? Why **NOT?** Why not **ME?!** Why not **Now!!**