

Holy Spirit means to consent that your whole life be taken over.

There are certain things that you cannot do but other Christians can. There are certain gifts of the spirit that must be given to somebody else. And some must be given to you. Altogether, the church marches on towards Heaven. The Holy Spirit equips us for this victory. And observe that the victory is in the group. It is not in isolation. One of the most damaging things that is done today is done often by fundamentalism. As well as modernism which grieves the Holy Spirit and divides the body.

For victory, the body must work together in harmony. In fellowship of love, and in the authority of the Holy Spirit.

And I need the gift, you and I need the gift - to see through me and I need yours. And God forbid that any of us should do one thing or say one thing that would harm the Lord's body of the church.

Providing these gifts, how do we get the gifts. That is an important question - because people make a pretense. Or they profess that they have healing gifts, or tongue gifts. And the public often is exploited by them. How can you know that you have a gift or the sign of reality, or that you possess the gift.

The answer is clearly given in V. 3 - no man speaking of the spirit called Jesus accursed. The first part of the verse, no man speaking by the spirit of God is indifferent to the Lord Jesus Christ. The man who speaks by the spirit, will put the Lord Jesus Christ in his rightful place. I can speak the words, Jesus is Lord - and so can you and everyone who listens to me. Anybody can say that. But no one can check our vocabulary.