

Element 7H: The Pattern of 5 First Steps into the Kingdom of Christ / Step 3 (Continued)

91st Lesson in 8 Essential Elements of the Biblical Christian Gospel Series

Baptized in the Holy Spirit Series (2017 Version)

Chapter 6: The Ongoing Activities of Holy Spirit After the New Testament Canon

Sunday Bible Study (Special Tuesday Night Edition) Prepared by Gregory A. Weis for Tuesday, April 25, 2017

- I. **Now Element 7: Pattern of 5 First Steps into Kingdom: Focus On Steps 3, 4 & 5 (Three Parallel Series')
Step 3: Baptized in the Holy Spirit Series – Running Conterminously w/ Element 7**
 - II. **2 Weeks Ago: 8 Essential Elements of the Biblical Christian Gospel Series / Element 7F: Step 3 Continued
BHS Series Section A: The Big Picture / Why Do We Need a Greater Knowledge & Experience of Holy Spirit?
Chapter 4: The Activities of the Holy Spirit in the Hebrew Scriptures (aka Old Testament)
3 Summary Observations: (1) All Gifts Except Tongues; (2) Limited Distribution; (3) NT is Better Covenant**
 - III. **Last Sunday: 8 Essential Elements of the Biblical Christian Gospel Series / Element 7G: Step 3 Continued
BHS Series Section A: The Big Picture / Why Do We Need a Greater Knowledge & Experience of Holy Spirit?
Chapter 5: The Activities of Holy Spirit in the New Testament (Jer. 31:31-34) (Heb. 7:22; 8:6-13; 12:22-24)
A. NT is Better Covenant Enacted on Better Promises & Provisions (Why Expect Less?)
B. **The Ministry of Jesus: The Better:** Abraham, Isaac, Israel; Joseph; Elijah; David; Solomon & Much More
 1. Jesus (Priest, Prophet & King) Announces, Inaugurates & Fulfills: Law; Covenant, Etc.
 2. By the Holy Spirit, Jesus Repeated All OT Miracles (Added Healing Born Blind & Expelling Demons)
 3. By the Holy Spirit, Jesus More Frequently & Completely: Healed Sick & Expelled Demons; Prophesied; Raised Dead; Cleansed Lepers; Calmed Waters, Cursed Fig Tree; Walked on Water; Proclaimed Gospel to the Poor as the True Rabbi; Etc. (Ad Infinitum.) (John 3:34) (Acts 10:38)
 4. Jesus Model of Ministry in the Power of Holy Spirit is Transitional to Fullness of Pentecost (John 7:39)
C. **Pentecost; Continuationism & Promise of the Father** (Joel 2:28-29) (All Nations) (Acts 5:32; Cf 7:51)
 1. The Structure of Acts: (1) Acts 2 (17 Nations) / (2) Peter Acts 2-12 / (3) Paul Acts 8-28
 2. The Promise of the Father: Upcoming Entire Message
D. **The Nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit:** (1 Corinthians 12: 1-4; 7-11) (Three Groups of Three)**
- IV. **Tonight: The Ongoing Activities of Holy Spirit after the New Testament Canon
After the Apostles: Through the Centuries – To the Modern Pentecostal & Charismatic Movements**

Quotes from: Miracles and Manifestations of the Holy Spirit In The History Of The Church Edited by Jeff Doles

The Holy Spirit has never left the Church and neither have His supernatural gifts and manifestations. They have been available in every century — from the days of the Apostolic Fathers, to the desert monks of Egypt and Syria, to the missionary outreaches of the Middle Ages, to the Reformation era and the awakenings and revivals that followed, to the Pentecostal explosion of the Twentieth Century and the increase of signs and wonders in the Twenty-first.

Miracles, healings, deliverances, prophecies, dreams, visions — even raising the dead! — have all been in operation throughout the history of the Church. Anglicans, Baptists, Catholics, Congregationalists, Lutherans, Methodists, Moravians, Presbyterians, Quakers and many others have experienced the supernatural gifts and workings of the Spirit over the centuries.

Miracles and Manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the History of the Church Compiled and Edited by Jeff Doles, gathers up numerous accounts from a variety of historical sources and provides a handy reference for those who want to know more about: How the Church has understood and operated in the gifts and manifestations of the Holy Spirit at various times in history. Why the gifts and miracles were more frequently in manifestation in some eras than in others. The many ways the Church has ministered in healing and deliverance. How the Holy Spirit manifested in great revivals. How the river of gifts and miracles continues to flow today.

(Summary of Book from, "goodreads.com")

Justin Martyr (100-165) was an early Christian Apologist & “Apostolic Father.” He was martyred at Rome.

Three written works survive: *First Apology*, *Second Apology*, & *Dialogue With Trypho*.

Section Title: *Healing and Exorcism*. “And now you can learn from what is under your own observation. For numberless demoniacs throughout the whole world, and in your city, many of our Christian men exorcising them in the name of Jesus Christ, who was crucified under Pontius Pilate, have healed and do heal, rendering helpless and driving the possessing devils out of the men, though they could not be cured by all the other exorcists, and those who used incantations and drugs.” (From ANF Vol. 1, *Second Apology*, Chapters 6)

“For we do continually beseech God by Jesus Christ to preserve us from the demons which are hostile to the worship of God, and whom we of old time served, in order that, after our conversion by Him to God, we may be blameless. For we call Him Helper and Redeemer, the power of whose name even the demons do fear; and at this day, when they are exorcised in the name of Jesus Christ, crucified under Pontius Pilate, governor of Judaea, they are overcome. And thus, it is manifest to all, that His Father has given Him so great power, by virtue of which demons are subdued to His name, and to the dispensation of His suffering.” (ANF Vol. 1, *Dialogue With Trypho*, Chapter 30)

Section Title: *Prophetic Gifts, Healing and Teaching*. “And again, in other words, He said, ‘I give unto you power to tread on serpents, and on scorpions, and on scolopendras, and on all the might of the enemy.’ And now we, who believe on our Lord Jesus, who was crucified under Pontius Pilate, when we exorcise all demons and evil spirits, have them subjected to us.” (From ANF Vol. 1, *Dialogue With Trypho*, Chapter 76)

“For the prophetic gifts remain with us, even to the present time.” (From *Dialogue With Trypho*, Chapter 82.)

“For every demon, when exorcised in the name of this very Son of God — who is the Firstborn of every creature, who became man by the Virgin, who suffered, and was crucified under Pontius Pilate by your nation, who died, who rose from the dead, and ascended into heaven — is overcome and subdued.” / “Now, it is possible to see amongst us women and men who possess gifts of the Spirit of God. (*Dialogue With Trypho*, Chapters 85 & 88)

Doles, Jeff (Compiler & Editor). *Miracles and Manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the History of the Church* (Kindle Locations 496-518). Walking Barefoot Ministries. Kindle Edition.

Irenaeus (Born c. 115 to 142 - Died c. 202) was Bishop of Lyons; Apostolic Father & disciple of Polycarp. Irenaeus' best-known book, *Against Heresies* (c. 180), is a detailed attack on Valentinus' system of Gnosticism.

Section Title: *Miracles, Healings, Exorcisms, Visions, Prophecies, and Raising the Dead*. “Wherefore, also, those who are in truth His disciples, receiving grace from Him, do in His name perform [miracles], so as to promote the welfare of other men, according to the gift which each one has received from Him. For some do certainly and truly drive out devils, so that those who have thus been cleansed from evil spirits frequently both believe [in Christ], and join themselves to the Church. Others have foreknowledge of things to come: they see visions, and utter prophetic expressions. Others still, heal the sick by laying their hands upon them, and they are made whole. Yea, moreover, as I have said, the dead even have been raised up, and remained among us for many years. And what shall I more say? It is not possible to name the number of the gifts which the Church, [scattered] throughout the whole world, has received from God, in the name of Jesus Christ, who was crucified under Pontius Pilate, and which she exerts day by day for the benefit of the Gentiles, neither practicing deception upon any, nor taking any reward from them [on account of such miraculous interpositions]. For as she has received freely from God, freely also does she minister [to others]. Nor does she perform anything by means of angelic invocations, or by incantations, or by any other wicked curious art; but, directing her prayers to the Lord, who made all things, in a pure, sincere, and straightforward spirit, and calling upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, she has been accustomed to work miracles for the advantage of mankind, and not to lead them into error. If, therefore, the name of our Lord Jesus Christ even now confers benefits [upon men], and cures thoroughly and effectively all who anywhere believe on Him ...”

(From ANF Vol. 1, *Against Heresies*, Book 2, Chapter 32, Sections 4-5.)

Section Title: *Prophecy and Tongues*. In like manner we do also hear many brethren in the Church, who possess prophetic gifts, and through the Spirit speak all kinds of languages, and bring to light for the general benefit the hidden things of men, and declare the mysteries of God, whom the apostle terms “spiritual,” they being spiritual because they partake of the Spirit.” (From ANF Vol. 1, *Against Heresies*, Book 5, Chapter 6, Section 1.)

Doles, Jeff (Compiler & Editor). *Miracles and Manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the History of the Church* (Kindle Locations 578-595). Walking Barefoot Ministries. Kindle Edition.

Gregory the “Wonder Worker” (aka Gregory Thaumaturgus & Gregory of Neocaesarea) **(213-270)** was converted to Christ under the teaching of Origen and later became bishop of Neocaesarea.

Section Title: *Abundance of Signs, Wonders and Miracles.* “But where shall I rank the great Gregory, and the words uttered by him?... For by the fellow-working of the Spirit, the power which he had over demons was tremendous, and so gifted was he with the grace of the Word “for obedience to the faith among ... the nations,” that although only seventeen Christians were handed over to him, he brought the whole people alike in town and country through knowledge to God. He too by Christ’s mighty name commanded even rivers to change their course, and caused a lake, which afforded a ground of quarrel to some covetous brethren, to dry up. Moreover, his predictions of things to come were such as in no wise to fall short of those of the great prophets. To recount all his wonderful works in detail would be too long a task. By the superabundance of gifts, wrought in him by the Spirit in all power and in signs and in marvels, he was styled a second Moses by the very enemies of the Church. Thus, in all that he through grace accomplished, alike by word and deed, a light seemed ever to be shining, token of the heavenly power from the unseen which followed him. (From NPNF, Vol. 8, *The Book of St. Basil on the Spirit*, Chapter 29, Section 74)

This Gregory’s fame was celebrated at Athens, at Berytus, throughout the entire diocese of Pontus, and I might almost add in the whole world. When he had finished his education in the schools of Athens, he went to Berytus to study civil law, where hearing that Origen expounded the Holy Scriptures at Caesarea, he quickly proceeded thither, and after his understanding had been opened to perceive the grandeur of these Divine books, bidding adieu to all further cultivation of the Roman laws, he became thenceforth inseparable from Origen, from whom having acquired a knowledge of the true philosophy, he was recalled soon after by his parents and returned to his own country. And there, while still a layman, he performed many miracles, healing the sick, and casting out devils even by his letters, insomuch that the pagans were no less attracted to the faith by his acts, than by his discourses.

(From NPNF Second Series, Vol. 2, *Ecclesiastical History* by Socrates Scholasticus, Book 4, Chapter 27)

Doles, Jeff (Compiler & Editor). *Miracles and Manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the History of the Church* (Kindle Locations 834-853). Walking Barefoot Ministries. Kindle Edition.

Gregory Nazianzus (aka Gregory the Theologian) **(329–389)** was Bishop of Constantinople. Remembered as the “Trinitarian Theologian.” Gregory, Basil the Great and Gregory of Nyssa, are known as the Cappadocian Fathers. In the Roman Catholic Church he is numbered among the Doctors of the Church; in Eastern Orthodoxy and the Eastern Catholic Churches he is revered one of the Three Holy Hierarchs, along with Basil the Great and John Chrysostom. Jeff Doles includes a number of writings from Gregory Nazianzus demonstrating present activities of the Holy Spirit. Here is one such account. Section Title: *Dreams and Visions, and a Pregnant Woman Raised from the Dead.*

The name of Anastasia was given to this church, because, as I believe, the Nicene doctrines which were fallen into disuse in Constantinople, and, so to speak, buried by reason of the power of the heterodox, arose from the dead and were again quickened through the discourses of Gregory; or, as I have heard, some affirm with assurance that one day, when the people were met together for worship in this edifice, a pregnant woman fell from the highest gallery, and was found dead on the spot; but that, at the prayer of the whole congregation, she was restored to life, and she and the infant were saved. On account of the occurrence of this divine marvel, the place, as some assert, obtained its name. (From NPNF Second Series, Vol. 2, Sozomen, *Ecclesiastical History*, Book 7 Chapter 5.)

Basil of Cappadocia (aka Basil the Great and Basil of Caesarea) **(c. 329-379)** was Bishop of Caesarea. Basil and his brother Gregory of Nyssa, along with Gregory Nazianzus (above) are known as the Cappadocian Fathers. In the Roman Catholic Church he is numbered among the Doctors of the Church; in Eastern Orthodoxy and the Eastern Catholic Churches he is revered one of the Three Holy Hierarchs, along with Basil the Great and John Chrysostom.

Section Title: *The Potential of the Gifts of the Spirit is Present in Us by the Spirit.* “And as the art in him who has acquired it, so is the grace of the Spirit in the recipient ever present, though not continuously in operation. For as the art is potentially in the artist, but only in operation when he is working in accordance with it, so also the Spirit is ever present with those that are worthy, but works, as need requires, in prophecies, or in healings, or in some other actual carrying into effect of His potential action.”

(From NPNF, Vol. 8, *The Book of St. Basil on the Spirit*, Chapter 26, Section 61.)

Doles, Jeff (Compiler & Editor). *Miracles and Manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the History of the Church* (Kindle Locations 1133-1169). Walking Barefoot Ministries. Kindle Edition.

Augustine of Hippo (354-430). The teaching of Augustine bishop of Hippo, greatly influenced the theology of both Catholicism and the Reformation Church. In *Confessions & The City of God*, Augustine records numerous miracles.

Section Title: *Even Now, Miracles are Wrought in the Name of Christ.* “We cannot deny that many miracles were wrought to confirm that one grand and health-giving miracle of Christ’s ascension to heaven with the flesh in which He rose. ... The miracles were published that they might produce faith ... For even now miracles are wrought in the name of Christ, whether by His sacraments or by the prayers or relics of His saints; ...”

Section Title: *Innocentia Healed of Breast Cancer.* “In the same city of Carthage lived Innocentia, a very devout woman of the highest rank in the state. She had cancer in one of her breasts, a disease which, as physicians say, is incurable. Ordinarily, therefore, they either amputate, and so separate from the body the member on which the disease has seized, or, that the patient’s life may be prolonged a little, though death is inevitable even if somewhat delayed, they abandon all remedies, following, as they say, the advice of Hippocrates. This the lady we speak of had been advised to by a skillful physician, who was intimate with her family; and she betook herself to God alone by prayer. On the approach of Easter, she was instructed in a dream to wait for the first woman that came out from the baptistery after being baptized, and to ask her to make the sign of Christ upon her sore. She did so, and was immediately cured. The physician who had advised her to apply no remedy if she wished to live a little longer, when he had examined her after this, and found that she who, on his former examination, was afflicted with that disease was now perfectly cured, eagerly asked her what remedy she had used, anxious, as we may well believe, to discover the drug which should defeat the decision of Hippocrates. But when she told him what had happened, he is said to have replied, with religious politeness, though with a contemptuous tone, and an expression which made her fear he would utter some blasphemy against Christ, “I thought you would make some great discovery to me.” She, shuddering at his indifference, quickly replied, “What great thing was it for Christ to heal a cancer, who raised one who had been four days dead?””

Section Title: *A Doctor Healed of Gout at His Baptism.* “A gouty doctor of the same city, when he had given in his name for baptism, and had been prohibited the day before his baptism from being baptized that year, by black woolly-haired boys who appeared to him in his dreams, and whom he understood to be devils, and when, though they trod on his feet, and inflicted the acutest pain he had ever yet experienced, he refused to obey them, but overcame them, and would not defer being washed in the layer of regeneration, was relieved in the very act of baptism, not only of the extraordinary pain he was tortured with, but also of the disease itself, so that, though he lived a long time afterwards, he never suffered from gout; ...”

Section Title: *Hesperius Delivered from Evil Spirits.* “Hesperius, of a tribunitian family, and a neighbor of our own, has a farm called Zubedi in the Fussalian district; and, finding that his family, his cattle, and his servants were suffering from the malice of evil spirits, he asked our presbyters, during my absence, that one of them would go with him and banish the spirits by his prayers. One went, offered there the sacrifice of the body of Christ, praying with all his might that that vexation might cease. It did cease forthwith, through God’s mercy.”

Section Title: *A Blind Woman Healed.* “There a blind woman entreated that she might be led to the bishop who was carrying the relics. He gave her the flowers he was carrying. She took them, applied them to her eyes, and forthwith saw. Those who were present were astounded, while she, with every expression of joy, preceded them, pursuing her way without further need of a guide.

Section Title: *Many Unnamed Miracles.* “What am I to do? I am so pressed by the promise of finishing this work, that I cannot record all the miracles I know; and doubtless several of our adherents, when they read what I have narrated, will regret that I have omitted so many which they, as well as I, certainly know. Even now I beg these persons to excuse me, and to consider how long it would take me to relate all those miracles, which the necessity of finishing the work I have undertaken forces me to omit.” ... “For when I saw, in our own times, frequent signs of the presence of divine powers similar to those which had been given of old, I desired that narratives might be written, judging that the multitude should not remain ignorant of these things.

Section Title: *God is Still Is Performing Miracles.* Even now, therefore, many miracles are wrought, the same God who wrought those we read of still performing them, by whom He will and as He will; (NPNF, First Series, Vol. 2, *The City of God*, Chapter 22, Chapter 8.)

Doles, Jeff (Compiler & Editor). *Miracles and Manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the History of the Church* (Kindle Locations 1290-1495). Walking Barefoot Ministries. Kindle Edition.

Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153) was abbot of the monastery at Clairvaux, and the primary instrument who reformed the Cistercian order. “We have on this subject an unexceptionable testimony in the “Book of the Miracles of St. Bernard,” written by Philip, a monk of Clairvaux; ... the intention had been to constitute a committee of testimony to hand down to succeeding ages an account of the facts, unimpeachable on account of the high character of the witnesses, their personal knowledge of the actions done, many of them in their own presence...

Many Are Healed Every Day “Day by day the number of cures grew and multiplied, until it reached, we are told, an average of thirty daily, and once it rose to thirty-six. As the traveler approached this or that town he would hear church bells ringing out a merry peal, and the people singing, “Lord have mercy upon us.” “Christ have mercy upon us!” These sounds were well understood by those at a distance to mean that Bernard had just performed another miracle.” Here is “a short extract from the narrative before us, which embraces hundreds of cases:”

The Blind and Lame Are Healed by the Laying on of Hands “When Bernard was seated in the guest-house, a certain man, blind with one eye, came in, and, falling on his knees, begged his mercy. Bernard made the sign of the cross with his holy fingers, and touched the blind eye, and immediately it received sight, and the man returned thanks to God. About an hour afterwards, as it was getting dusk, the holy man went out to lay hands on the sick who were waiting before the doors. The first who was cured was a boy blind with the right eye, who, on shutting the left eye, with which alone he had seen previously, discerned all things clearly, and told at once what everything was which we showed to him. And again, at the same place, a little girl who had a weakness in the feet, and had been lame from her birth, was healed by the imposition of hands; and her mother bounded for joy that now, for the first time, she saw her child standing and walking.”

George Fox (1624-1691) was founder of the Quakers. Many miracles are recorded in his ministry.

A Young Boy Miraculously Healed “And there was a boy lying in the cradle which they rocked, about eleven years old, and he was grown almost double and I cast my eye upon the boy, and seeing he was dirty I bid the lass wash his face and his hands and get him up and bring him unto me. So she brought him to me and I bid her take and wash him again for she had not washed him clean. Then I was moved of the Lord God to lay my hands upon him and speak to him, and so bid the lass take him again and put on his clothes and after we passed away. And sometime after I called at the house and I met his mother but did not light. “O stay,” says she, “and have a meeting at our house for all the country is convinced by the great miracle that was done by thee upon my son. For we had carried him to Wells and the Bath and all the doctors had given him over. For his grandfather and father feared he would have died and their name have gone out, having but that son. But presently after you were gone,” says she, “we came home and found our son playing in the streets.” Therefore, said she, all the country would come to hear if I would come back and have a meeting there. And this was about three years after that she told me, and he was grown to be a straight full youth then; and so the Lord have the praise.”

No Need of Crutches Anymore “My God hath yet put in my heart to bear a testimony in His name and blessed truth, and I can never forget the day of His great power and blessed appearance when he first sent me to preach the everlasting gospel and proclaim the day of the Lord to all people. And also He confirmed the same by signs and wonders, and particularly by a lame woman who went on crutches, where I with my dear brethren George Fox and Richard Farnsworth were cast. And as I cried mightily unto the Lord in secret that He would signally manifest Himself at that time amongst us and give witness to His power and presence with us, Richard Farnsworth in the name of the Lord took her by the hand, and George Fox after spoke in the power of God and bid her stand up, and she did and immediately walked straight, having no need of crutches anymore.”

A. The New “Delayed” Cessationism Previewed: Discussed in More Detail Sunday April 30, 2017.

B. Parallel Argument Structure to “Lord, Liar or Lunatic” Argument of C. S. Lewis (Explain).

V. Sunday: BHS Series 2017 Chapter 7: Three Contemporary Schools of Thought on Holy Spirit

(AKA Eight Essential Elements of the Biblical Christian Gospel Series Element 7I: Step 3 - Continued)



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