

Message Notes

"Spiritual Gifts-part 2 (Unity in Diversity)"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction - *"You want diversity...
Get to know someone"*

1. We are all very different, and yet, have incredible unity in Christ
 - a. Different Kinds of Gifts, Same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4)

Ephesians 2:8-10

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

- b. Different Kinds of Service ,
Same Lord Jesus Christ
(1 Corinthians 12:5)
 - c. Different Kinds of Activities of Work,
Same Father
(1 Corinthians 12:6)

2. The Best Definition of Spiritual Gifts Ever Given! (1 Corinthians 12:7)

- a. Now to each one
 - b. The Manifestation of the Spirit
 - c. Is Given
 - d. For the Common Good

Application - *"Do you appreciate what God has done in your life? How about others?"*

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DIVERSITY

Diversity is the one true thing we all have in common. Celebrate it everyday.

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~ Bart Carey



CHURCH IN CRISIS

A STUDY OF PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CHURCH IN ANCIENT CORINTH

PART ONE: "CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG?!"
1 CORINTHIANS, CHAPTERS 1-4

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PART 3 - 1 COR 7

RELATIONAL SIMPLEXITY!

SINGLENESSE DIVORCE SEX IN MARRIAGE
MARRIAGE RE-MARRIAGE

SEX AND THE CITY OF CORINTH



ORIGINAL MOTION PICTURE SOUNDTRACK



PART 4:
FREEDOM!

~ WHAT IS IT?

~ HOW DO WE GET
IT?

~ HOW DO WE
PRESERVE IT?



WHACKED out WORSHIP

HONORING GOD REVERENTLY...

AND RELEVANTLY



SPIRITUAL
GIFTS

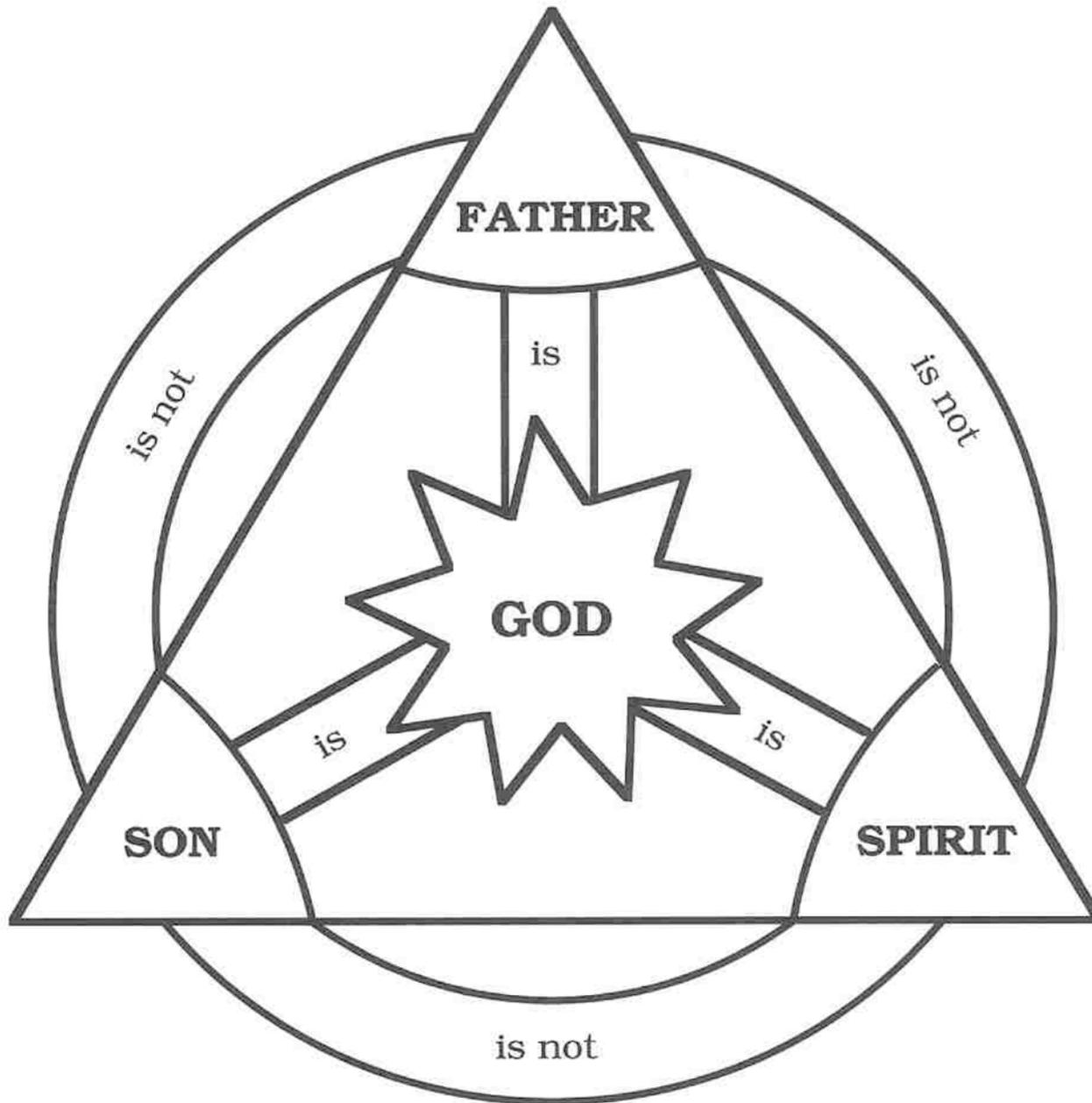


*...an eight week study of 1 Corinthians 12-14
discovering God's desire for you and the church!*

God is a Trinity

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1. God is three persons.
2. Each person is fully God.
3. There is one God.



The mystery of the Trinity

John 14:15-17, 22-23

¹⁵“If you love me, you will obey what I command. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever — ¹⁷the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you...

²²Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?”

²³Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

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Fourth Possibility ~ A Spiritual Condition

Anathema Jesus

or

Kurios Jesus



“To be able to confess that the Jesus of the incarnation, cross, and resurrection is truly the Lord, especially in the face of a society that has lords aplenty, already attests the powerful, transforming work of the Holy Spirit. To put the matter another way, “But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him” (Rom 8:9)”

~ D. A. Carson, *Showing the Spirit*, page 27.

Application Questions:

Through the power of the Holy Spirit:

1. Do you say, "Jesus is Lord?"

2. Do you have a relationship with God
(the Father, Son and Holy Spirit)?

3. Are you open to whatever God the Holy Spirit will teach, change, encourage and give you in these next 8 weeks?

Unity in Grounded in Diversity

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First Corinthians

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VOLUMES

SPIROS ZODHIATES

“The most striking element of these statements [i.e., in vv. 4–6] is the one recurring word ‘the same.’ ... No one is to say that he has more of the Holy Spirit because he has more gifts. The same Spirit distributes the small or the large gift, not because He favors one Christian less or more than another, but because of His sovereign purposes.... The Giver, not the Gift, is what accomplishes anything.”

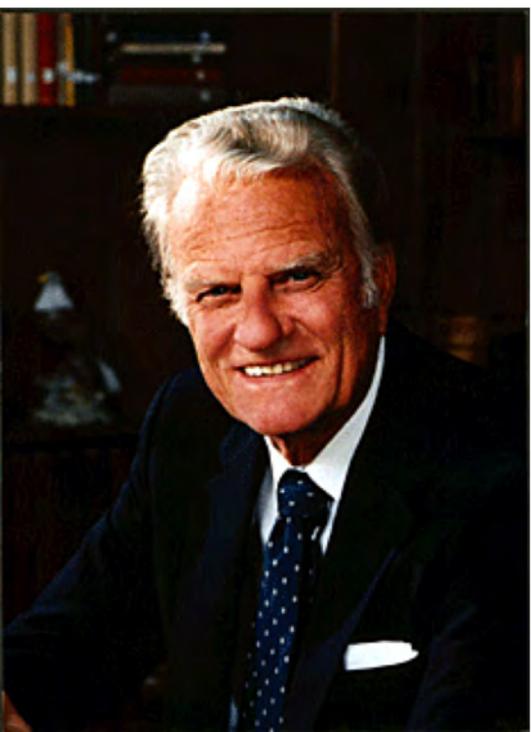
~ Spiros Zodhiates, 1 Corinthians vol 12, p. 68-69

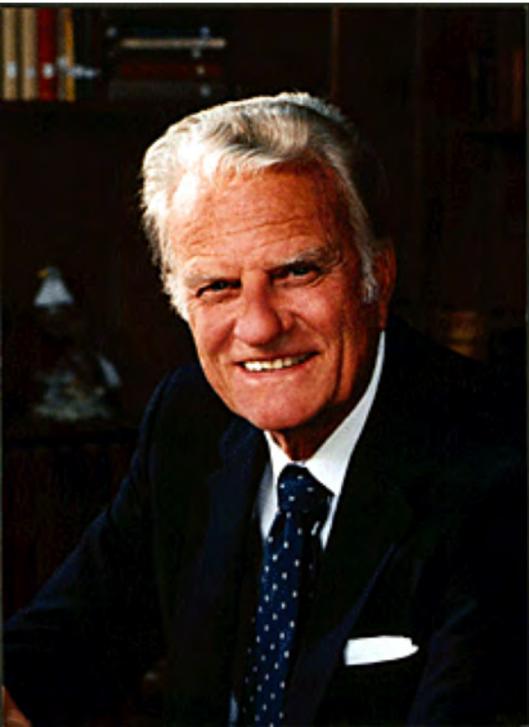
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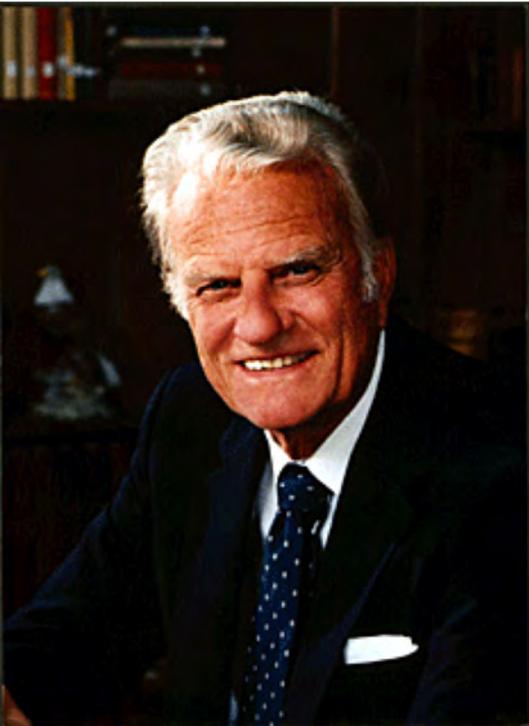
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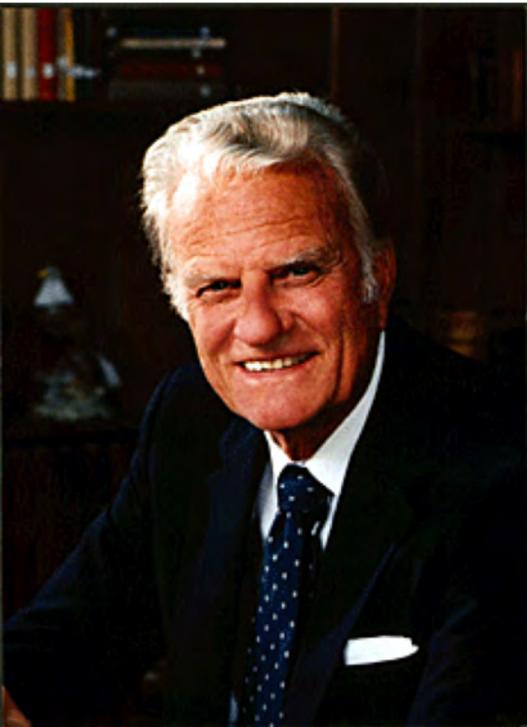
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NOW WITH DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



HOW
CHRISTIANITY
CHANGED
the WORLD

ALVIN J. SCHMIDT

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WORK AS A CALLING (*VOCATIO*)

The high value that Christianity assigned to work and manual labor received further support during the Reformation, especially from Martin Luther, who saw work not only as God-pleasing but also as a calling (*vocatio*) to serve God. Luther's concept of work, says Emil Brunner, had revolutionary consequences. It meant there was no low-status or high-status work, good work or bad work. It made no difference what kind work the Christian did so long as he performed it to the glory of God. This notion of work shifted the meaning from "what" and "how" to "why."¹⁰ Work was not an end in itself but something the person did in everyday life to the glory of God and to the service of mankind. It was through work, especially the work of Christians, that God maintained and preserved the world and the people in it. Thus, all legitimate work was noble and God-pleasing. Work was a Christian duty.¹¹

Alvin Schmidt, page 197.

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Force = Mass x
Acceleration



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“The Triune God loves diversity — so much so, as someone has remarked, that when he sends a snowstorm he makes each flake different. We manufacture ice cubes. Doubtless the church is in some sense like a mighty army, but that does not mean we should think of ourselves as undifferentiated khaki. We should be more like an orchestra: each part making its own unique contribution to the symphonic harmony.



“Dictators of the right and left seek to establish their brand of harmony by forcefully imposing monotonous sameness, by seeking to limit differentiation. God establishes his brand of harmony by a lavish grant of highly diverse gifts, each contributing to the body as a whole.”

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Application

Do you appreciate the manifestation of the Spirit God has shown through you?

Do you appreciate this in others?