

IGNORANCE ABOUT SPIRITUALITY

Paul opens a new section of study with these words, “**Now** (de/ transitional) **concerning** (peri+gen. of reference) spiritual (**ton** pneumatikos/ gpln) [belonging to the Spirit].” (1 Cor.12:1a)

The phrase, “**Now concerning**” is used three times to introduce new sections (1 Cor.7:1; 8:1; 12:1).

Note that the word (gifts) is in italics.

Before Paul began a lengthy discussion of Spiritual Gifts, he taught on the importance of understanding the subject of Spirituality:

(1 Cor.12:2b) “Brethren, I do not want (ouk theolo/ p.a.ind.1ps) you (su/ aplm) to be unaware [ignorant] (agnoeo/ p.a. infin).”

<p style="text-align: center;">This lesson will study four aspects of Ignorance about Spirituality and its importance to the Christian Way of Life (CWL).</p>
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1. Paul is speaking to Church Age Believers (CABs), brethren, who were saved out of religious idolatrous paganism.

Former life: “**You** know (oida/ perf a.ind.2pl) that (hoti) when (hote) **you** were (eimi/ impf.p.ind.2pl) pagans (ethnos/ npln), **you** were led astray (ago/ impf.p.ind.2pl) to the dumb (aphonos) idols (ta eidolon/ apln), however (hos an) **you** were led (apago/ p.p.ptc. nplm).” (1 **Cor.12:2**; Eph.2:1-3)

Paul used the second person plural **six times** to teach that all the saved Corinthians had come out a cultural, religious, idolatrous, paganism influence (1 Cor.12:1-3/ 1 time in 12:1 and 3).

2. Paul is concerned with their struggle with their background of cultural, religious, idolatrous, paganism.

They must make a complete break from it in their Christian Walk, their CWL. (1 Cor.10:14, 19-23).

Paul was concerned with their ignorance of the importance of the doctrines of the Church Age Ministry of the Holy Spirit. As a result of their ignorance, they are in conflict between their Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus (OMCD) [Worldly Thinking] and the New Man Divine Viewpoint (NMDV) [Thinking]. (Eph.4:17-24).

They have been influenced by “deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons.” (1 Tim.4:1) Paul addressed this in (1 Cor.8) with the **Law of Liberty**.

(1 Cor.8:9) “But take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.”

Paul did a similar thing in Romans 12 before teaching spiritual gifts (**Rom.12:1-2**, 3-8).

3. Simon, the sorcerer, would be an example of believes coming out of this Greek culture (Acts 8:1-24).

- Persecution (Acts 8:1-3)
- Preaching of gospel (Acts 8:4-8)
- Preaching sorcery (Acts 8:9-11)
- Power of gospel (Acts 8:12-17; Rom.1:16)
- Price to receive Holy Spirit (8:18-24; Gal.3:1-3)
 - There are four Pentecost's recorded in the scriptures
 - (Acts 2:1-13)
 - (Acts 8:14-17)
 - (Acts 10:44-48) (Acts 11:15-17)
 - (Acts 19:1-7)

4. It is important to build the foundational doctrine of spirituality.

Every Church Age Believer (CAB) receives eight works of the Holy Spirit the moment he/ she believes that Jesus died for their sins, that He was buried and raised from the dead to give them eternal life on the basis of grace (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9). [\(SEE the 8 Works of the Holy Spirit\)](#)

Adoption	(Rom.8:14-17)
Sanctification	(2 Thess.2:13-14)
Baptism	(Gal.3:27)
Seal and Earnest	(Eph.1:13-14; 4:30)
Indwelling	(1 Cor.6:19-20)
Spiritual gift	(1 Cor.12)
Regeneration	(Titus 3:5-7)
Spiritual life	(Rom.8:9-11)