HOLY GHOST MEETINGS

More Than Teaching

I. **In our gatherings we need more than teaching only-*Ac2:37*-***When they [Jewish crowd who crucified Jesus] heard this, they were pricked in their heart…said unto Peter…rest of the apostles…what shall we do?[38]…Peter said…Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.[39]For the promise is unto you and to your children and to all that are afar off even as many as the Lord our God shall call.[40]And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.[41]Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about 3000 souls.[42]And they continued steadfastly in the apostles ***DOCTRINE***…***FELLOWSHIP***…***BREAKING OF BREAD***… ***PRAYERS***.[43]fear came upon every soul…***WONDERS*** **[marvel, unusual, extraordinary, causes amazement, awe astonishment]**…***SIGNS*** **[proof, evidence]** *were done* ***BY*** **[through, channel]** *the apostles-****Ac1:13-****Went up into an upper room[14]…continued with one accord in prayer…supplication-****Ac4:24-****They went to their own company and reported…[24]They lifted up their voice to God with one accord…[31]…****WHEN THEY HAD PRAYED*** *the place was shaken where* ***THEY WERE ASSEMBLED TOGETHER****…they were all* ***FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST****-****Ac13:2****-As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said…****1Co12:7****-****MANIFESTATION*** *of the spirit is given to every man to* ***PROFIT*** **[Exhibit-Open showing of something previously not evident; Make visible/know, open display, clear evidence-MKJV-Showing forth of The Spirit •Makes His presence, power, activity evident; He can do that in teaching, but also in other ways]**

II. **The inner man needs to be BOTH informed AND strengthened-*1Tm4:13*-***Till I come give attendance to reading, to ***EXHORTATION***, to ***DOCTRINE*** **[Coming alongside, encouraging, strengthening, cheering-Strengthens the inner man •Teaching-Instruction, explanation, understanding-Informs the inner man]-*1Co14:3*-***He that prophesies speaks unto men to ***EDIFICATION*** **[build up, strengthen]** *and* ***EXHORTATION*** *and* ***COMFORT*** **[bring cheer, ease distress]-*Ac11:23*-***Barnabadas when he came…exhorted them all that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord **[not teaching]-*Jn14:16-*****I will pray the Father…he will give you another ***COMFORTER*** **[One called alongside to help, strengthen, encourage, cheer]**…[17]…he dwells with you and shall be in you.[21]He that has my commandments and keeps them he it is that ***LOVES*** **[value, esteem]** *me: and he that* ***LOVES*** *me shall be* ***LOVED*** *of my Father and I will* ***LOVE*** *him and* ***WILL MANIFEST MYSELF TO HIM***.**[AC-I will let myself be clearly seen by him and make myself real to Him]**.[22]How is it that you will manifest thyself unto us and not unto the world?[23]…we will come unto him and make our ***ABODE*** *with him* **[He promised to manifest Himself to us by The Spirit inside]**…[26]But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name he shall teach you all things **[Teaches AND comforts •Sometimes we need instruction other times we need comforting •When The Comforter manifests Himself people are comforted]-*Ac15:30*-***They rejoiced for the ***CONSOLATION*** **[Same word-One effect of exhortation is joy]**…[32]Judas and Silas being prophets also themselves exhorted the brethren with many words and ***CONFIRMED*** **[strengthen, establish]** *them-****Ep3:16-****Strengthened with might by His spirit in the inner man* **[The Spirit does it-It can come by exhorting with inspired words it can come by The Spirit just manifesting himself]-*Ac4:24-****They went to their own company and reported…[24]They lifted up their voice to God with one accord…[31]…****WHEN THEY HAD***

PRAYED **[yielded]** *the place was shaken where* ***THEY WERE ASSEMBLED TOGETHER*** *and they were all* ***FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST*** **[as they yielded to The Spirit in prayer they got filled with The Spirit, strengthened]** *and they spake the word of God with* ***BOLDNESS*** **[In this gathering believers who were already filled got a fresh filling by The Spirit's manifestation and it effected their faith]**-***Rm15:13***-*The God of hope* ***FILL YOU*** *with all joy and peace in believing that ye may abound in hope,* ***THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY GHOST***.**[His manifestation can stir up, joy, peace, faith, strengthen, encourage and impart fresh vigor]**

III. **One of the greatest dangers to the ministry and victory of a believer is depletion inside-*Ga6:9***-*Let us not be weary in well doing-***2Th3:13***-Be not weary in well doing-***[We are warned repeatedly about weariness]***-1Th5:21***-Hold fast that which is good-***2Th1:13***-Hold fast the form of sound words-***Hb3:6***-Hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of hope firm to the end…*[14]*hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end-***Hb4:14***-Hold fast the profession of our faith-***Hb10:23***-Hold fast the profession of our faith…*[35]*Cast not away therefore your confidence-***Tit1:9***-Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught-***Rv2:25***-That which you have already hold fast till I come-***Rv3:11***-I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast-***[We are charged repeatedly to hold fast]***-1Co15:58***-Be steadfast, immoveable-***Co1:23***-Continue in the faith grounded and settled-***1Pt5:9***-Resist steadfast-***[We charged repeated to be steadfast-not moved •If we get weary we won't hold fast or be steadfast]*** ***2Co4:16-****We* ***FAINT*** *not* **[weary and quit]***…though our outward man* ***PERISH*** **[decay]** *yet the inward man is* ***RENEWED*** **[new strength, vigor, fresh]** *day by day* **[We hold fast and are steadfast because of this supply-Ph1:19]**-***Ep5:18***-*Be filled* **[keep on being filled]** *with the Spirit* **[Weariness is the result of emptiness •Get empty and you get weary, fleshy, grumpy, fretty]**

IV. **Impartations of spiritual things can come through laying on of hands-*Ac9:17***-*Anania…putting his hands…that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost-***Ac19:6***-When Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them-***Ac8:17***-Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost-***2Tm1:6***-I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands*