Show and Tell - Part 2 Pastor John Bendixen 1 December 2024

We are the church of the Lord Jesus. We are His. We can confidently say that the Lord Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit as a testament, a testimony that He is with us. He sent the Holy Spirit to be with us, to make sure that we always know that He's with us.

He invites us to have a different encounter with the Holy Spirit, where He fills us with Himself, meaning the Holy Spirit. When you have the infilling of the Holy Spirit, something happens to you. He gives you the language of the Father. It's not a language that is understood by any other language on the earth, although sometimes it's interpreted that way, but it is a language of the Holy Spirit.

It is a language you can speak anytime because the Holy Spirit wants you to speak that language. And it's a language that when you speak it, it's designed so that the rest of the earth, the people on the earth, the rest of the universe can recognize that you have an encounter with the Holy Spirit. And it's called speaking in other tongues, the infilling of speaking in tongues.

I'm speaking to the Father and the Holy Spirit and to Jesus through that language that no one else understands, except my spirit that's filled with His Spirit. And my spirit that's filled with His Spirit is speaking a language that can be doing many different things because it's a language of God.

To the Father, it's important that we speak this language because it not only tells us that we have this communication with Him, but it also tells the whole universe that we are His. We are a witness to the universe when we talk like this. That means we have a special relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Pray: We will speak in this special language often, Father. Not because we have to, but because we want to, Lord. We thank You for filling us with Your Holy Spirit so that the whole universe can know that You are alive in us and we are Your church.

The spirit world hates it when we pray in the Spirit because it underlines His authority in our lives. It shows that we are submitting to His will, to a recognition that He is in our lives. You are a witness, a living witness to the living Holy Spirit who is alive on the earth. You don't just have to see speaking in tongues or praying in the Spirit as something that I must do. You can do it because you want to do it. You want to submit.

Say: I'm a witness, and I'm going to pray in tongues just to be a witness. I'm going to sing in the Spirit just to be a witness.

When you get to pray in the Spirit, when you get to sing in the Spirit, when you get to give thanks to God always for all things, there's something that happens to you. The fear of the Lord comes upon you. (Ephesians 5:21, NKJV)

If you are not giving thanks to the Lord, if you are not speaking in tongues, if you are not praying and doing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs in your heart to the Lord and to each other, then what's going to happen is you are not going to fear the Lord. Then His ways get further and further away from you, right? And as His ways get further away from you, you find it less necessary to do the things that would bring the fear back.



He wants you to understand that if you completely live with Him, His best interest for you is always what He's looking for. If you don't do the things that are about Him, you're going to do the things that are about you. When you do the things that are about you, destruction is going to come to your life. When you do the things that are about you, you stop needing to be submitted and respectful to God, because you respect you more than you respect God. The minute I fear God, it means I've got to take what I want to do and all those grand schemes that I've got for my life and I've got to submit it to God.

All of us have got different gifts. All of us have got different abilities. All of us have got different seasons of our lives where we are doing different things at different stages, and we have to recognise and embrace, every one of us, that we are at different stages. There is a place for all of us to do something some of the time, some of us will do it all of the time. This is submitting to each other's gifts in the fear of God.

When you give thanks, you give Him honour for the state that He's created for you. And where it's not yet in alignment with God, when you give thanks, He brings your state into His alignment. The strategy of the devil is to stop you from giving thanks, stop you from singing and making melody in your heart and praying in the spirit and being a Christian. If he can stop you from doing that, he is going to make you focus on your self-created happy state. And then you will live your whole life looking for the things that give you a self-created happy state. You stop your testimony because you look like everybody else in the world.

This thing that you do when you pray in tongues, when you sing in the Spirit when you give thanks to God. This thing when you bring your gifts to the church and you give your gifts to the ministry and you give your gifts to the body of Christ, this thing that you do is a memorial. It's a testimony. It's a witness. It stands before the angels of heaven. It stands before all the hosts of heaven. It stands before principalities and powers and rulers of darkness that we are a separated people. We are a holy nation unto God, a nation of priests and kings to God. We are a special separated people and we show God that we are separated because we don't behave like the world. We behave as people that understand the body of Christ.

When we take the elements in the body of the Lord Jesus Christ, we tell the whole of the universe we understand "body" ministry. We are submitted to each other in the fear of the Lord in "body" ministry. People that are submitted in the fear of the Lord to each other, people that are submitted to the ways of God, are the most powerful force in the universe. We are unstoppable.

Say: I understand the Body of Christ. I am submitted to God's ways. I am a powerful force. I am unstoppable.

