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**Spiritual Gifts** BY Edward Stone

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Today I would like to bring up a subject that is widely discussed in the several churches with very few in unity on the subject. A lot of them say that this was done away in the death of the Apostles. Some take the idea that a certain part is in effect, and they use that part to a great extent. Some take another part and preach it. Others say that they do not know about this matter, but doubt the things they hear, and say they are of the devil. One Church stands out in this and preaches and teaches the word as it is written in the language of that time, and so translated from the original tongues as to their meaning at the time they were spoken. This Church is the Church of Christ with the Elijah Message. This then, is the True Gospel of Christ, and should not be changed or interpreted in any other way. Only as it is written.

This subject is one we should be well informed on, and we should search the Scriptures diligently, and with earnest intent, to find the truth. This subject is "Spiritual Gifts", and as Paul said in I Corinthians 12:1, "Now concerning the Spiritual Gifts bretheren, I would not have you ignorant," Now why did Paul



make this statement? At this time Paul was preaching to the Gentiles of Christ, of His crucifixion, of his being raised from the dead, and these Gifts were not given on earth until after Christ had ascended, and Paul did not want them to be ignorant of this fact? He was bringing to them the True Gospel of Christ.

Now when were these Gifts given unto men? In Ephesians 4:8 it reads: "Wherefore He saith when He ascendeth up on high, He led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men." Now why did Christ wait until this time to give the Gifts? Or until the time that Christ ascended up to Heav-

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**FOREWORD**

*The Assured Way*, the official publication of THE CHURCH OF CHRIST WITH THE ELIJAH MESSAGE inc. comes to you as an expression of hope we have in Christ.

In its pages are found the thoughts and expressions of a united people, whose only aim is to promote the cause of Christ by spreading abroad to every nation, tongue, and people, the true gospel of Christ, that through obedience to his laws we might be found worthy of eternal life.

In this publication, The Record of the Nephites is quoted many times. This book was revealed and translated by the gift and power of God: The year 1828 marked the beginning of the restoration of all things. It is a history of the people who once lived in the Americas, some who are the ancestors of the Native America Indians. Though it contains a record of two other groups of people who once lived in the Americas, it is for the most part a record of the people of Nephi.

The Messages so often mentioned in this publication are messages from the Lord, brought to earth by his chosen servant John the Baptist, who comes to earth in a glorified body to finish the work given him of God; that of restoring all things (Matthew 17:11). The angel first came in 1829 and restored the priesthood authority of the Son of God, that The Church of Christ might be established as in the days of the Apostles.

In 1927, the angel messenger again appeared, and on numerous subsequent visits, has brought to us The Word of the Lord that the Church of Christ might be set in order, that a people might be prepared to be the bride of Christ. This "The Elijah Message" so many have looked for, "The midnight cry" has been proclaimed, a warning of destruction, but to the people of the Lord, a message that Christ's coming is near at hand. Fear God and give glory to his name, for the hour of his judgment has come. Awake thou that sleep and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.

We hope that whosoever reads these pages might make it a matter of prayer and fasting in humility before God, that they may know for themselves, that God has again spoken and revealed His will from Heaven. To this end we dedicate *The Assured Way*.

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It is the agreement of The Quorum of Apostles of this church that no minister of this faith is to ordain any man into the ministry of this church until said candidate has with all his heart and soul confessed he agrees with everything written in our *Articles of Faith and Practice*. It is each elders duty to seek guidance from and to keep the apostles informed of his works in regions he is laboring.

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en, the Holy Ghost was not given on earth, except in John the Baptist, Luke 1:15, "... and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb," and Christ, (Luke 3:22), "And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him..." Christ was the only one to baptize with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Luke 3:16). It is true that at times men were filled with the Holy Ghost to prophesy, as was Zachariah (Luke 1:67), and also Simeon, (Luke 2:25), but not as the Gifts.

What were these Gifts that Christ gave to men? This was spoken of in several places. In Ephesians 4:11, "And he gave some, apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelist, and some, pastors and some teachers." In I Corinthians 12:28, "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." Also in I Corinthians 2:8-10 inclusive they are listed as wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, divers kinds of tongues, interpretation of tongues.

These gifts were all given "For the perfection of the saints, for the Work of the Ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12), in I Corinthians 12:7, "... give to every man to profit."

If these gifts are exercised in the Church we are told in Ephesians 4:13, "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." These things are all necessary to the full working of the Church if we are to carry out the Commandment of God, and teach the Full Gospel, and unity is preserved because these Gifts are all given by the same Spirit. (I Corinthians 12:4), who also controls to whom the gifts are given and the distribution thereof. (I Corinthians 12:11).

Now it is not God's design that we should all possess the same gifts for we are told that God set some in these offices and gifts, but we are told to covet earnestly the best gifts.

Now there are those that say these gifts are no more.

This is because of their interpretation of the Scripture given in I Corinthians 13:8 "Charity never faileth; but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues; they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away."

Brothers and Sisters these gifts are all needed until that time spoken of, when that which is spoken comes to pass, and they are no longer needed, when is that time? If they would only continue reading and not stop on the 8<sup>th</sup> verse the answer would be found. In verse 10 it says-- "But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away."

What is that which is perfect which is to come? That is Jesus Christ, the Son of God who inherited all things, who is perfect; and when He comes (as He promised) none of these things spoken of will no longer be needed. There will only be one language for all people, and tongues will no longer be needed. Faith will no longer be needed as Christ will be with all in person. Prophecies will not be needed as Christ will be with us and speak in person. Christ is "all in all" and is the answer to all our questions, as He is wis-

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dom and knowledge; the Author and Finisher of our Faith. This is the time when these Gifts will no longer be needed, and are done away with.

Christ is not a liar, and when He says He is the same yesterday, today and forever He means just exactly that, and expects His Words to be kept,

and come to pass; and Dear Ones, they shall come to pass in us, or we will not be there with Him in His Kingdom.

This may seem like a little thing to write about, but we must be in unity in all things, if we expect to be the Bride, the Church, for there cannot be several dif-

ferent beliefs and faiths in His Kingdom. There will be one belief and one faith. Let us search the Scriptures diligently and then in place of our own interpretation, let us go to the One who can and will give us the correct answer; to Christ. May the Love of God fill your hearts and bless you each and every one.

## **Missionary Report from Philippines Part 2**

by Apostle Norm Lyles

*This is the second part of this report that was started in last month's issue.*

On Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> of July, my Brothers Sonny Democali, Tino, Larry and myself preached and taught the people and shared with them the things that had transpired on the journey to visit their brothers and sisters in the southern part of their island. We also shared video of the trip and the singing and the fellowship; which all were excited and happy to witness and share the Joy which we too had felt. Monday and Tuesday we found ourselves discussing and planning with our fellow workers here in the Philippines how best to accomplish the work and helping them to make adjustments in the way they were

going about the work. We hopefully are helping them to understand and have more success in all they seek to do for the Lord and His Church. In the evening we taught on the Articles of Faith and Practice. Then for the remainder of the week we began a series of lessons on Messages 29, 45, and 86, as well as Joel chapter 3, Zechariah chapters 11-14, and Revelation chapters 6, 7, 14-18 there were several questions and the people seemed to truly enjoy the study and were grateful for the information and lessons learned therein. We also went to the local music store and purchased a guitar and tambourine for the Church to help them in

the music they like to sing and perform.

During the days we would meet with several of the membership and answer questions and in general help them with Spiritual difficulties that each of us face in our daily walk with Christ. I thank God for each of our Brothers and Sisters who love the Lord so deeply and live in an area that is not wealthy with things of the world, but is rich indeed with His Love and His Grace. It is an honor to labor among those who love him so very deeply and give glory to Him each day in their lives and the manner in which they live their lives.

Today we arose early and began our journey to the north-

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ern tip of the island of Mindanao and the town of Surigao and also the island of Dinagat San Jose. It is on this island that the followers of the 'divine master' reside. These poor misguided souls believe that a physical man is Jesus Christ and lives on the island with them. He has stolen land from so many of the people in the northern tip of Mindanao island, that the military went to war with him and arrested him about three years ago and then released him last year because he had so much money and corruption is rampant in this part of the world. We presented the word of God to those who would hear, and then traveled to another part of the island and again taught and were able to touch several souls who expressed interest in the Church and the Word of God and invited us back. We will send the Disciples back soon. We also contacted a Methodist minister who is extremely interested in the Church and we invited him to our pastor's seminar in August. He has a flock of about two hundred and is expressing interest in joining our Church and becoming one with the Lord and His Church. The Next day we traveled to Surigao and brought five precious souls

through the waters of Baptism and into the Lord's flock and membership of His Church. Then late that night of the 23<sup>rd</sup> we traveled the six and half hours back to Cagayan de Oro and our base there at the Church.

Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> found us once again in Church in Cagayan de Oro and I preached on First Kings chapters 9 through 11 on the subject of disobedience to the word of God and the



price we pay for that transgression. The Spirit of the God was heavy in the service and we anointed some of the sick and prayed for them as well.

We would spend the rest of the week traveling to various members' homes and having studies and answering questions and praying for those who had needs. We also helped with some problems that had come up in the Church and the Lord's Spirit greatly took care of many needful things and problems simply melt-

ed away in the Peace and Power of the Holy Spirit. I shall always be grateful unto the membership here in the Philippines who so willingly share their homes, their lives, and their time with us as we minister among them. The prayers support, and love we receive from America is also such a blessing and an encouragement unto us. I do pray each of you realize what a tremendous gift you present unto those overseas with your prayers and your concern for each of us. I am constantly amazed at the daily support and letters of encouragement we also receive from Europe, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, and India as well. Truly the Body of Christ is One. Each part of the Body (the Church) is always right on time with the prayers and support we need so very much.

It was a joy to even get to speak via the net to those who had assembled themselves for the Church assembly in America! My, what a blessing and how it uplifted our souls and made us smile! I know that so many overseas lack computers (less than 2% have computers), but for those who do; I encourage all to visit the web site in America. We have

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some young men who operate it with very professional and Spirit filled dedication. I am grateful for their intelligence and their Faithfulness to the Work of the Lord. I could have searched the world over and not found such good brothers as those who take care of our web site and truly God must be pleased.

Finally in closing; we have another month and a half here in the Philippines. There is much to do and much to accomplish. Some of what is done is not reported, however God knows full well what is

transpiring and it is He who leads and directs the Work. We have been contacted by some of those who fell away from the Lord in false teachings and the craftiness of men. They are awakening to those who had deceived them and are seeking to come all the way to the Lord in repentance and become once again members and Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Remember these too in your prayers and thoughts. I will also be sending a missionary report for August and September from the Philippines. I hope these reports edify and bless each of

you. I hope it gives you a small understanding of the goodness and greatness of our Lord. I know the Lord is indeed a gracious and merciful God whom is worthy of our praise and devotion. I only hope through these reports you can feel a bit of what is transpiring over here in the Philippines and among your Brothers and Sisters who live here. May God Bless you for your prayers and love you send our way and especially for your faithfulness unto the Living God and Creator of this world we now live. I close in Peace and with love for each of you.

## Message 52

*The Messenger of the Lord appeared in my room 3:20 a.m., October 4, 1941. He came from the presence of the Lord and spoke as one having authority. I plead with you that know it not as yet, go to God in all humility and ask in faith as to the truthfulness of the coming of John the Baptist, the Elias clothed in light and power, and it will be made known to you by the power of the Holy Ghost.*

1 "Awake! Behold I come again. Take the message I will give you. I come from the

Lord God for he is over all, even all his wise design. Yea, those that are faithful unto the instructions I bring shall no more be confounded.

2 This is the day of judgments; and the famines, pestilences and plagues will come and have come as I told you. There will be suffering, because of the evil one, to deceive and hinder. Men will oppose the hand that feeds them; they

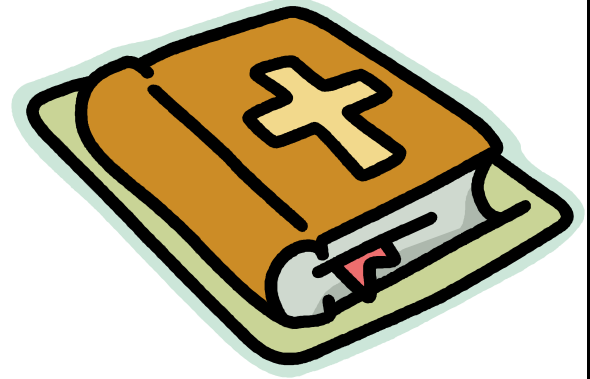
will mistrust their fellows because of the evil and unrest among them.

3 There will be those that contend against the word of the Lord. They shall be accursed, for unto them the Lord will show no greater thing. Those that are not humble and forgiving, obedient to the truth, shall fall by the way.

4 'But, to the faithful, thus saith the Lord, Hearken! Ye, my servants; arise to your



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calling. Oh, I have plead! Few have heard. If you believe in God believe also in me, for it is my words that shall judge you in the end, for I am the Eternal One!

5 Now, therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my commandments, overcoming in all things, then shall ye be called delightful, and a peculiar people unto me, for thou wilt be called righteous.

6 Sanctify the congregations in my sight, saith your Lord. Great responsibility is given unto you men; fail not, lest the judgment be bitter unto you and the people be left in darkness.'

7 There shall be deliverance in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem and with the remnant whom God shall call, for there shall be a refuge for all those that look to God and obey his design.

8 All evil shall be destroyed and the earth shall be restored to its former beauty for the time will be shortened, that the elect of the Lord may be saved. They shall find safety in the Lord in obedience to his will. Sin will not have hold on them and they shall be preserved and arrayed in peace. But the waters of the wicked shall be burned up and their idols shall melt away, for the Lord is God—he is God.

9 Let love dwell in your hearts that he may dwell in you and his love be perfected, and that you may stand in the day of judgment.

10 Let all move in the will of the Lord and he will touch them and greater power in love will be theirs to enjoy; bringing together many that shall find peace to their souls in their Redeemer manifested.

11 Let the Voice of Warning go in peace as you

have done. Keep away from contentions; they will lead to evil doing.

12 Those that reject me and the words I bring from the Lord have rejected the Lord and his words, and are not in this work because they obey not but oppose and deny that which God has given and called them to proclaim to mankind, that they may not have an excuse at the last day.

13 Unto the servants of the Lord: except you make ready and quickly prepare your hearts before the Lord the greater light will not come to you. But you that overcome bearing the fruits of his Spirit, do, and shall, understand great things of the plan and design of God. Much will yet be revealed—even the record that shall prove and reprove all men, berating them before God and their fellowmen that a new day may come forth.

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14 Let all be humble and repentant. Grieve not the Lord in slothfulness. Let not your goings displease him, nor become shameful in disobedience and justification in evil doings and that against the gospel law. Betray not one another, but love your brother. Some have been untrue to their fellows; their end will be sad for in their hearts they know the better way, yet fail to obey. Blessed be those that are true, for they shall shine forth in brightness in peace of God. All men must overcome besieging sins. The world in sin is retrograde to the plan of God.

15 At this time let there be added to the quorum of twelve Harold J. Pritchard, let him be humble and at peace, for the day comes when more shall be given. Some will find the greater portion of love because of their faith.

16 Let H. M. Stonehocker, Robert Wilkins, and C. E. Irwin be set apart as evangelists. Let them be at work; the Lord will reveal his will to

them. Let C. E. Irwin work among the Indians for this is his calling and place in this work at this time.

17 To those that seek to find truth: let them come in by the door and the Lord will bless them, for this is the way to peace and eternity with God.

18 Therefore; let John Bracken, Lloyd Ford, John S. Seiffert, George William Draves, George T. Morris, David Spitler, William Pearl Brown, and my servant William Branham be set apart as elders. Let them be very humble and swift to obedience, and the greater portion of the Spirit will come over them to lead the way. Let them be at work, for the Lord has heard their prayers.

19 Thus saith the Lord, 'Yea, my servant Glaeser, I have heard your prayers and yours shall have place with me, as I have called them, and their work is great before me when they come into this way. Yea, I have spoken,' saith the Lord.

20 Let the work move on—let William Thomas Pascal be set apart as a teacher. Let him teach the word for there are those to hear.

21 Let Rony Paschall remember he is a servant of the Lord and the Lord has called him and will yet bless him if he will continue in humility to look to his way. His home shall be a blessing unto many, for peace shall be there.

22 The Lord has seen the humility of many and felt after them and blessed their work. Let all pay their oblations to the Lord that the work may move on. There are those that obey his law and are blessed; so shall it be that greater peace will come to them and they shall be delivered when the trying times come.

23 Rejoice in the work and neglect not your calling. I speak to you, my fellow servant. Remember, many seek the peace that I bring. Write your letters in love and kindness that truth may be the



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standard with the Spirit of the Lord to direct.

24 Worry not about those things over which you have no control. Be not led into despair nor contention. The Lord accepts your work and in that of your writings and that to carry the truth. For the Church of Christ shall never again be destroyed, but the pruning shall come and the true branches survive and bring forth much fruit.

25 Be at peace with all men. Pray to the Lord your God; he will deliver the elect.

26 I leave peace of God with you. I am your fellow servant

and my name is John. I am the forerunner of Christ. I come from his presence. I will come again. I come to you and not to another as yet; but I bring peace and a record that others may know the Lord has sent me. I speak in your language as also the word to others in their language that other nations may have the plan of God.

27 As soon as it can be arranged let the servants the Lord has chosen be on their way to Australia—as there are many there of Israel who will hear.

28 This is the word of the Lord. I speak his will. Send

this to your brethren and the Church. I have come in the past and I will come in the future that the way may be made plain to those that will hear and obey, that they may be saved and united with the righteous of the Lord.

29 I preached repentance in the wilderness and I cry repentance again amid confusion and distress among the nations, that the way of deliverance may be known. I am the Elias, I am he to deal prudently and my name is John. Many have prayed that I come again. The evil has hindered but not to destruction. The Lord your God is just. Amen.”

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