## Introduction to Spiritual Gifts

What Is the Church?	What's Happening in the Church?	Spiritual Gifts	How Can the Church Stand?
Strong's #G1577 - 118 times in NT  ekklesia  calling out - a meeting of individuals for the purpose of worship  Acts 16:13 - meeting at riverbank, where there is a group, homes  Acts 17:10-11 - receive the word with noble minds - examine the Scripture to see whether things were true  I John 4:1 - tested the spirits  Acts 2:1-6; 4:31 - meet together whenever - sometimes they met daily - spoke God's word in boldness  Heb 10:23-25 - reminded each other of God's faithfulness - stimulate one another to love and good deeds - encouraging one another	Jude - people crept in to the church - ungodly and bring destruction  Il Peter - cross reference for Jude  Il Timothy 2-4 - suffer hardship - wrangling about words - we need to be able to handle God's Word accurately - worldly and useless chatter - foolish and ignorant speculations - people who hold on to a form of godliness - oppose the truth, they have depraved minds, rejected in regard to the faith - it is a time when people turn aside from truth to myths - they ears tickled - those who love this present world - those who are deserting those who stand on God's Wordl	I Cor 12-14 Romans 12:3-8 I Peter 4:7-11 Ephesians 4:1-16 Spiritual Gifts - 19 different gifts each is given at least 1 some many more do they come and go? are we aware of them at first?  prophecy, tongues, interpretation of tongues, teaching, healing, knowledge/wisdom, miracles, faith, giving difference between a gift and an office gift - attribute given by God office - appointed position Gifts are to be used as a part of the body of Christ - not necessarily within the church building	I Tim 1:4 - hold fast to God's Word by faith and not hold to other ideas - hold to the truth, let go of the lies  II Tim 4:15: II Pet 3:17 - be on guard against false doctrine  I Tim 6:12; II Tim 4:7 - fight the good fight - not hiding (Eph 6:10-18 - armor of God) (Ps 119:9-16)  II Tim 1:7 - God hasn't given us a spirit of fear BUT of power, love, discipline (sound mind - sober minded - sound judgment)  only when the church functions as it should can we have victory - part of that is exercising our spiritual gifts  need God's Word to speak for itself and stop listening to man's philosophies  Matt 7:24-27 - built on the solid rock Many churches are based on emotionalism - we want to come away with a good feeling (experience) - life needs to be based on God's facts (truths) found in His Word  I John 5:13, 20; Rom 2:2; I Cor 3:16; James 4:4; II Pet 2:8-10; I John 2:14; I John 4:16; I John 5:2  Know - have eternal life, know God, we can overcome Satan (lies), love, love one another, temple of God (seated in the heavenlies Eph 2:6), friend with God an enemy with the world, we need to be tormented by the helplessness and sin of this world