

SERMON REFLECTIONS

The Full Gospel

Romans 15:17-19 | 16 July 2023 | Rev Derek Hong

Reflection Questions by Rev Dr Aaron Tay

1. Romans 15:17-19

¹⁷Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God. ¹⁸I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done – ¹⁹by the power of signs and wonders, through the power of the Spirit of God. So from Jerusalem all the way round to Illyricum, I have *fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ.*”

In “*fully proclaiming the gospel of Christ*”, like the apostle Paul,

- a) What can we **SAY**? (in addition to sharing the truth of Jesus’ death and resurrection, what else can we say that can be helpful?)
- b) What can we **DO**?
- c) What are the spiritual gifts that will be helpful (the lists of spiritual gifts can be found in Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, 28-30; 1 Peter 4:11)? Explain why you think these gifts are helpful. In faith, pray for each other for the Lord to give you these gifts, and then be bold to use these gifts.

2. What are some questions you might have regarding the baptism/infilling of the Holy Spirit? Try to answer each other’s questions. For questions that your DG might not have the answers to, compile and send them to the Pastors through BMC Office.

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3. Do you have any testimonies about one who has been baptized in the Holy Spirit (either your own or you heard from someone who personally experienced it), and the good works of the Lord that came forth?
4. Some time back, I preached about a balanced understanding about healing. These are the 5 gifts of healing that God has given us:
- i) **Healing by Design** – God has designed within our bodies complex systems that allow our bodies for Repair, Regeneration and Self-cure.
 - ii) **Healing through Discovery (of medical knowledge) and assistance** – these are the blessings of doctors, healthcare professionals, medicine, and even we can help ourselves by eating healthily and exercising regularly.
 - iii) **Healing Deeply, our soul and spirit (inner healing)** – inner healing through a touch of God’s peace, through prayers of a pastor, or care of a counsellor, or love of a DG.
 - iv) **Healing Delivered solely by Prayer and Faith** – like that recorded in the Gospels and the book of Acts, also the experiences shared by Rev Derek Hong. What we can call miraculous healing. God has given spiritual gifts of healing to some to bless the Body. God has also told us that prayers by an Elder could lead to healing (James 5:13-15).
 - v) **Healing from Death – Ultimate Healing.** This is the gift of eternal life promised by Jesus to all who trust in Him, and call on Him to save them.

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I hope we can have a balanced understanding of all of God's healing gifts. We need not over-emphasize one over another. For example, we don't have to trust only in healing solely by prayer and faith, and reject any medical help.

Please discuss regarding these five gifts of healing, and what it should mean to us.

Please pray for each other; especially if we (or someone in our lives) need healing in any way (body, soul [mind, emotions, will], and spirit).

God bless.

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