

## **Bible Readings Book by Book week 88 – w/c 9/7/23**

### **Week 88**

**Monday: 1 Corinthians 12:1-20.** To not be ignorant about spiritual gifts (v1), we must understand the doctrine of baptism by the Spirit. It is the Spirit who baptizes us into the body when we are born again and become Christians. It is Jesus who baptizes us with the Spirit so that we can use spiritual gifts. In addition, we should remember and apply the principle of v7. How will you put this into practice this weekend?

**Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 12:21-31.** Verse 26 expresses something that should be true of us as Christ's body. Who is suffering and needs sympathy and support, who is celebrating that you can rejoice with? If this doesn't come naturally to you it is an indication that you are not really as Christ-like as you should be! Pray that God will give you a greater concern for the well-being of other disciples.

**Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13.** Looking at the descriptions of perfect love in verses 4-7, in which one of these descriptions are you strongest and which one do you need to work at? What will you do today to strengthen that area of weakness?

**Thursday: 1 Corinthians 14:1-25.** Verse 5 makes it clear that tongues and interpretation have the same value as prophecy in the church. The challenge for us is to "eagerly desire spiritual gifts" (v1). How are you demonstrating this "eager desire"? (or not!) What needs to change in you in order to desire to prophesy, speak in tongues, and interpret tongues in the Church?

**Friday: 1 Corinthians 14:26-40.** Many of us do not need more teaching on spiritual gifts, but we do need to be more eager to use them as verse 39 makes clear. What have you changed in your life since Monday's reading to become more eager to use spiritual gifts in the church?

**Weekend: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11.** Quite clearly the gospel had a huge impact upon Paul. How does the gospel affect your life on a daily basis and what evidence can you offer that Christ is alive in your life?