

# **"OPENING THOUGHTS ON THE UNIQUENESS OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS" I CORINTHIANS 12:1-3**

## **I. THE TOPIC OF APOSTOLIC CONCERN: SPIRITUAL GIFTS (12:1)**

- A. This New Topic Is Introduced By A Familiar Formula
- B. Is He Talking About Spiritual Gifts Or Spiritual People
- C. Willful Ignorance On This Topic Is Prohibited

## **II. THE TEMPTATION TO WHICH MANY OF THEM WERE PRONE: CONFUSING CURRENT MANIFESTATIONS OF DIVINE ORIGIN WITH PAST EXPERIENCES OF DEMONIC DECEPTION (12:2)**

- A. A Vivid Apostolic Reminder About The True Condition Of An Unsaved Person
- B. The Ungodly Man Is Led Away To Worship A Nondeity

## **III. THE TEST LAID OUT BEFORE THEM: DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN COUNTERFEIT AND GENUINE SPIRITUAL GIFTS (12:3)**

- A. The First Aspect Of The Test Is Negative
  - 1. A Professing Christian Was Making An Outrageous Statement
  - 2. Incipient Gnosticism, Already A Factor In The Corinthian Church Was Promoting A Non-Loyalty To Jesus
- B. The Second Aspect Of The Test Is Positive
  - 1. A Full Confession Of The Lordship Of Christ Was Required
  - 2. This Also Was A Doctrinal Issue