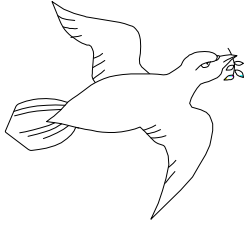


## 34. THE HOLY SPIRIT.



*From the beginning, God, the Holy Spirit, has been working through humans. Referring to the church in the wilderness, we read in Nehemiah 9:20 "God gave His good Spirit to instruct them". In the days of the apostles the Holy Spirit worked mightily for the church. The same power that helped men of old and made the work of God effective has helped God's faithful children ever since. Today, the Almighty Spirit is still working on the hearts of men - urging the sinner to repent and leading the Christian to effective witnessing.*

### 1. WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

ACTS 5:1-4 v.3. "THEN PETER SAID, 'ANANIAS, HOW IS IT THAT SATAN HAS SO FILLED YOUR HEART THAT YOU HAVE \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ ..... v.4. ....WHAT MADE YOU THINK OF DOING SUCH A THING? YOU HAVE NOT LIED TO MEN \_\_\_\_\_ ".

MATTHEW 28:19 "THEREFORE GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTISING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF \_\_\_\_\_ ".

*The Holy Spirit is the third member of the Godhead. The actual nature of the Holy Spirit is a mystery: how the Holy Spirit can be present everywhere at anytime is beyond our comprehension. Man cannot explain it, because the Lord has not revealed it.*

JOHN 14:26 "BUT THE \_\_\_\_\_, THE \_\_\_\_\_, WHOM THE FATHER WILL SEND IN MY NAME, WILL \_\_\_\_\_ YOU ALL THINGS AND WILL \_\_\_\_\_ OF EVERYTHING I HAVE SAID TO YOU".

*Here the Holy Spirit is called "the Counsellor". This word, translated counsellor is a combination of two Greek words which mean, "the one called to stand by". When Jesus returned to heaven, the Holy Spirit stood by to continue the work begun by Christ. The followers of Jesus were sad when He left them but soon rejoiced and worked confidently with the Holy Spirit leading.*

### 2. WHAT IS THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

JOHN 16:8 "WHEN HE COMES, HE WILL \_\_\_\_\_, THE WORLD OF GUILT IN REGARD TO \_\_\_\_\_, AND \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ ".

*The Holy Spirit does convict the heart of man. This was evident on the day of Pentecost where it is written, "they were cut to the heart" Acts 2:37. Not only does the Holy Spirit convict of sin, but also of righteousness. He urges men to accept the righteousness of Christ, and to realise that "the prince of this world", (the ruler of this world) - Satan, will be judged and condemned for all the misery he has caused. Those who listen to the Holy Spirit and accept Jesus' righteousness will be saved. See John 16:9-11.*

### 3. WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REVEALING TRUTH?

JOHN 16:13,14 "BUT WHEN HE, THE \_\_\_\_\_ COMES, HE WILL \_\_\_\_\_ INTO \_\_\_\_\_ HE WILL NOT SPEAK ON HIS OWN...HE WILL BRING GLORY TO ME BY TAKING FROM WHAT IS MINE AND MAKING IT KNOWN TO YOU".

### 4. HOW DO WE RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT?

GALATIANS 3:14 "...THAT THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM MIGHT COME TO THE GENTILES THROUGH CHRIST JESUS, SO THAT \_\_\_\_\_, WE MIGHT RECEIVE THE PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT".

*The Holy Spirit has many roles. He is the voice of conscience which urges people to do right. He also gives faith to those who listen to their conscience, so they can live a true Christian life.*

### 5. WHAT SHOULD BE MAN'S RESPONSE TO THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

JOHN 14:15-17 "IF YOU \_\_\_\_\_ ME, YOU WILL \_\_\_\_\_ WHAT I \_\_\_\_\_ AND I WILL ASK THE FATHER, AND HE WILL GIVE YOU ANOTHER COUNSELLOR TO BE WITH YOU FOREVER - THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH. THE WORLD CANNOT ACCEPT HIM, BECAUSE IT NEITHER SEES HIM NOR \_\_\_\_\_, BUT \_\_\_\_\_, FOR HE \_\_\_\_\_ AND WILL BE IN YOU".

*If the Holy Spirit lives in us, we will love Christ and choose to obey His commands. While obedience does not earn us salvation, it does show whom we love. It is only through the indwelling Spirit of God that we can ever come to appreciate the Commandments of God and desire to follow their directions.*

## **6. WHAT ARE THE EVIDENCES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN MAN?**

GALATIANS 5:22,23 "BUT THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE SPIRIT IS - \_\_\_\_\_ JOY, PEACE, \_\_\_\_\_, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, \_\_\_\_\_, GENTLENESS AND \_\_\_\_\_, AGAINST SUCH THINGS THERE IS NO LAW".

*When the Holy Spirit is living in us, we will have the fruit of the Spirit. We will make some mistakes because of our sinful human nature, but the general tenor of the life will show love, joy, peace etc.*

## **7. WHAT ARE THE EVIDENCES THAT THERE IS LITTLE OR NO HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE?**

GALATIANS 5:19-21 "THE \_\_\_\_\_ ARE OBVIOUS: SEXUAL IMMORALITY, IMPURITY AND DEBAUCHERY; IDOLATRY AND WITCHCRAFT; HATRED, DISCORD, JEALOUSY, FITS OF RAGE, SELFISH AMBITION, DISSENSIONS, FACTIONS AND ENVY; DRUNKENNESS, ORGIES AND THE LIKE....THOSE WHO \_\_\_\_\_ WILL \_\_\_\_\_ THE KINGDOM OF GOD".

*In contrast to the fruits of the Spirit we have the fruits of unrighteousness. Without the Holy Spirit to convict people of sin, these evils multiply in the life.*

## **8. HOW CAN WE OBTAIN VICTORY OVER SIN?**

GALATIANS 5:16 "SO I SAY, \_\_\_\_\_ AND YOU WILL NOT GRATIFY THE DESIRES OF THE SINFUL NATURE".

*The antidote for sin is to have the Spirit dwelling in the life. If we obey the Spirit's guidance we will live a more Christ like life, and sin will not be our master anymore.*

ROMANS 5:5 "AND HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT US, BECAUSE GOD HAS POURED OUT HIS LOVE \_\_\_\_\_ BY \_\_\_\_\_, WHOM HE HAS GIVEN US".

## **9. DOES A CHRISTIAN HAVE ALL THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT?**

I CORINTHIANS 12:4,7-11,28 "THERE ARE \_\_\_\_\_ KINDS OF GIFTS, BUT THE SAME SPIRIT. V.7 NOW TO EACH ONE THE MANIFESTATION OF THE SPIRIT IS GIVEN FOR THE COMMON GOOD. TO \_\_\_\_\_ THERE IS GIVEN, THROUGH THE SPIRIT, THE MESSAGE OF WISDOM, TO \_\_\_\_\_ THE MESSAGE OF KNOWLEDGE, BY MEANS OF THE SAME SPIRIT, TO \_\_\_\_\_ FAITH BY THE SAME SPIRIT....V.11. ALL THESE ARE THE WORK OF ONE AND THE SAME SPIRIT, AND HE GIVES THEM TO \_\_\_\_\_, JUST AS \_\_\_\_\_.

V.28. AND IN THE CHURCH GOD HAS APPOINTED FIRST OF ALL \_\_\_\_\_, SECOND \_\_\_\_\_, THIRD \_\_\_\_\_, THEN WORKERS OF MIRACLES, ALSO THOSE HAVING GIFTS OF HEALING, THOSE ABLE TO HELP OTHERS, THOSE WITH GIFTS OF ADMINISTRATION, AND THOSE SPEAKING IN DIFFERENT KINDS OF TONGUES."

*Every person is different but all are Christians. Not all have the same gifts of the Spirit, but each believer is entrusted with some gift. Because one person has a gift not given to another, there is no need to boast. Each gift is necessary for the development and smooth operation of the Christian church.*

## **10. HOW ARE WE TO BENEFIT FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT?**

EPHESIANS 4:11,12 "IT WAS HE WHO GAVE SOME TO BE APOSTLES, SOME TO BE PROPHETS, SOME TO BE EVANGELISTS, AND SOME TO BE PASTORS AND TEACHERS, TO \_\_\_\_\_ FOR WORKS OF SERVICE, SO THAT THE BODY OF CHRIST MAY BE \_\_\_\_\_".

*Note: "Body of Christ" is His church. The gifts of the Spirit are given to equip us for the work of the gospel and for building up the church of Christ.*

## **11. WAS THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKING IN OLD TESTAMENT TIME5?**

GENESIS 6:3 "THEN THE LORD SAID: " \_\_\_\_\_ WILL NOT \_\_\_\_\_ FOREVER, FOR HE IS MORTAL.

*The people before the flood became so wicked, they could not hear the Holy Spirit. When anyone continually rejects the Spirit's pleading, they finally don't hear at all, and the Spirit can no longer help them. However, God is long-suffering. It is not God who turns from humans, but humans who turn from God.*

PSALM 51:11 "DO NOT CAST ME FROM YOUR PRESENCE, OR \_\_\_\_\_ FROM ME".

King David had sinned dreadfully but under conviction he repented, and pleaded with God that the Holy Spirit stay with him.

**12. WHY IS IT DANGEROUS TO GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT?**

EPHESIANS 4:30 "AND DO NOT GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD, \_\_\_\_\_ YOU WERE \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE \_\_\_\_\_".

*When we sin, we grieve the Holy Spirit. If we follow His guidance we have the promise of eternity. Each time we fail to listen, we make it easier to ignore the next time. This is dangerous and could finally mean losing redemption and the heavenly kingdom.*

**13. IS IT DIFFICULT TO RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT INTO OUR LIVES?**

LUKE 11:13 "IF YOU THEN, THOUGH YOU ARE EVIL, KNOW HOW TO GIVE GOOD GIFTS TO YOUR CHILDREN, \_\_\_\_\_ WILL YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN \_\_\_\_\_ TO THOSE WHO \_\_\_\_\_".

**DO YOU WANT THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOUR LIFE?**

*All you have to do is ask. God wants you to have this gift more than you want it yourself. How can you be sure that you have the Spirit of God? The presence of the Spirit is yours when you exercise faith and trust in God. The Spirit is yours if you ask God for His abiding presence. The Spirit is yours as you honestly choose to obey God with all your heart and consecrate your life unreservedly to Him. The evidence of the Spirit is not revealed by display and sensationalism, and does not demand that all should speak in tongues (there is today a counterfeit tongues speaking) - but by quietly trusting in God and doing His will day by day.*

**14. WHEN WILL THE FINAL OUTPOURING OF GOD’S HOLY SPIRIT COME?**

ACTS 2:17,18 "\_\_\_\_\_, GOD SAYS, "I WILL \_\_\_\_\_ ON ALL PEOPLE. YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS WILL PROPHECY, YOUR YOUNG MEN WILL SEE VISIONS, YOUR OLD MEN WILL DREAM DREAMS. EVEN ON MY SERVANTS, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, I WILL \_\_\_\_\_, AND THEY WILL PROPHECY".

*The outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was called the "former rain", which gave power to the proclamation of the gospel. Near the close of earth's history, God's people will again be filled with the Holy Spirit and will go forth to proclaim God's last message. Pentecost was glorious, but God's final outpouring of the Spirit will be amazing. To be part of this great time, God's people must have a LIVING CONNECTION with Christ each day. When we kneel before the Lord each morning and consecrate our lives to Him, He will grant us the presence of His Spirit. As we go about the day's duties we will know the Holy Spirit is with us. Then we will rejoice in victorious Christian living and experience the peace of mind that comes only from God.*

**DO YOU DESIRE TO BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT?**

Yes   
No



