

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND YOU

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INTRODUCTION

One of the greatest problems among God's people today is that they do not have a proper understanding of the person and work of the Holy Spirit. An incomplete relationship with Him results in a subnormal Christian experience. It renders us unable to appreciate the extent of His involvement and influence in our life. It causes us to confuse His leadings with our own thoughts and inclinations. We find ourselves unable to move in the power that God has made available to us. We may substitute a vital dynamic Christian experience for one overly weighted toward principle and program.

On the other hand, understanding and receiving the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives is liberating and transforming. Our daily mundane human experience is brought into contact with the spiritual realm. We walk in a consciousness that God is with us, even in us, providing constant care, comfort, conviction and guidance.

In time, our sensitivity and obedience to the Holy Spirit will provide us with a personal history of spiritual progress manifested in Christian maturity, spiritual gifting, and fruitfulness.

The purpose of this booklet is to introduce the wonderful person and dynamic ministry of the Holy Spirit to the believer. His ministry in our lives is both deep and multifaceted. He “dwells within us”, “comes upon us” and “moves through us”. Our challenge is to both understand His mission doctrinally and to be able to identify His ministry experientially in our lives.

This booklet will help us do both of these. If we will carefully meditate upon the truth, insights and guidelines presented in the following pages and examine them in reference to our own experience, our appreciation and relationship with the Holy Spirit will increase significantly.

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WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Holy Spirit is a person – the third person of the triune God who is revealed in the Bible. He is not merely a force, influence or power, although He exerts all of these. He has personality, though not a body of flesh. In order for someone to have personality, the characteristics, properties and qualities of personality must be present. The following are some of the distinctive characteristics of personality attributed to the Holy Spirit: knowledge (1 Cor. 2: 11); will (1 Cor. 12: 11); mind (Rom. 8:27); love (Rom. 15:30); grief (Eph. 4:30); prayer (Rom. 8:26); teaching (Jn. 14:26); ability to speak (Jn. 16:13); ability to guide (Jn. 16:13); comforter (Jn. 14:16, 17 KN); intelligence (Neh. 9:20).

The idea of personality takes on new meaning when we are speaking of divine beings. We must in effect, relate to super-personalities: persons whose presence and being transcend all natural limitations.

The Holy Spirit, like the Father and Son, is also omniscient (Ps. 139:1-6), omnipresent (Ps. 7-12), all-powerful (Lk. 1:35), and eternal (Heb. 9:14).

The Scriptures reveal that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit coexist in absolute unity and equality, with one nature, but that each has a distinct personality and separate functions. The trinity is an incomprehensible mystery. Our attempts to understand it or simplify it through our own reasoning commits the error of reducing the infinite and eternal to the level of our finite understanding. We do well, instead, to embrace the revelation of God given in the Bible and to cultivate the simple personal relationship He desires with us.

The Holy Spirit is also referred to by such names as the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ, the Comforter, the Spirit of life, the Spirit of adoption, and the Spirit of holiness. He is illustrated with such symbols as fire (Acts 2:3), wind (Acts 2:2), water (Jn. 7 :38), a seal (Eph. 1: 13), oil (Jms. 5: 14) and a dove (Jn. 1 :32).

WHY IS HE HERE?

The Holy Spirit is God's agent of restoration in the earth today! Adam and Eve were created in God's image and were under His mandate to reproduce and have dominion over all the earth (Gen. 1 :27, 28).

Adam's disobedience caused the fall of mankind, bringing us under the power of sin and Satan. God immediately promised a Deliverer and instituted a plan of restoration. In the fullness of time Christ came as the last Adam (2 Cor. 15:45), lived a perfect, sinless life, demonstrated the power of the kingdom of God through miracles, signs and wonders; and then gave His sinless life as a sacrifice to break the power of sin and Satan over mankind.

In His final days, He began to introduce the Holy Spirit to His disciples. In John 14:16, after speaking about His soon departure from them, He made this promise, *“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever.”* He was referring to the Holy Spirit. The word “Helper” (gr. Parakletos) signifies an intercessor, comforter, helper, advocate and counselor.

The Holy Spirit is all of these things to us and more. He is the manifest presence of Christ both in, upon and through our lives. Christ’s personal presence was limited while in a natural body. Now, through the Holy Spirit, He can dwell in us and reveal Himself personally to every believer simultaneously around the world. This is why He told His disciples that it was absolutely necessary that He leave this earth (Jn. 16:7).

The Holy Spirit is working constantly, carefully and jealously to restore each of us to the image of Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:29). Mankind was originally created in the image of God, and meant to enjoy life in a state of spiritual harmony and personal integration. The Holy Spirit has birthed the life of Christ within us allowing its transforming power to prevail over the effects of our sin nature.

The focal point of the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to introduce us to Jesus Christ (Jn. 15 :26). He is continually attempting to direct our attention to Him, using life's situations and challenges to bring us to a greater revelation and relationship with Him. At the same time, the Holy Spirit is anointing, empowering and directing us, as members of the Body of Christ, to carry out Christ's mission of redemption and restoration in the earth.

THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVES WITHIN US

After Christ's ascension to the Father (Acts 1: 10), He sent the Holy Spirit to the earth to reside within the life of every person who would receive Jesus Christ as their Savior. John 1 : 12 tells us, "*But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God*" Jesus Christ purchased our right to become children of God by paying the penalty for our sin, thus making it possible to be reconciled to the Father.

When the Holy Spirit enters our life we are born again (Jn. 3:3). Just as our physical birth brings us into contact and relationship with the natural, material world, so our spiritual birth introduces us to the spiritual world. Jesus said, "*That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*" (Jn. 3:6)

We immediately receive the capacity to know the spiritual realities of the kingdom of God: *“Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”* (Jn. 3:3)

The sense of distance and alienation that we used to feel with God is removed. The Holy Spirit, within us, communicates an assurance of our adoption into the divine family (Rom. 8: 15). He comes to fill our heart with the comfort and certainty that God is now our loving and eternal Father (Gal. 4:6). He witnesses to the fact that we have been made one with the Father and the Son: *“At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.”* (Jn. 14:20)

Our bodies now become the temple of the Holy Spirit: *“ . . . your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own.”* (1 Cor. 6:19) We have been sealed by the Spirit until *“the redemption of the purchased possession”* (Eph. 1: 14). He remains in us permanently based upon our faith and relationship to Jesus Christ (1 Jn. 2:24).

HE GIVES US A NEW NATURE

When the Holy Spirit comes within us, we also receive a new nature (Gal. 4: 6). 2 Peter 1 : 4 states that we are “*partakers of the divine nature.*” This new nature is also our new identity. “*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*” (2 Cor. 5: 17) Our old, sinful nature was crucified with Christ and its power has been broken (Rom. 6:6). Though we still experience and must contend with the sinful tendencies of the old nature, our identity is secure. We are new creations in Christ! We may have two conflicting experiences within us, but we have only one identity: we are sons and daughters of the living God (Jn. 1: 14)!

This divine nature expresses the likeness of God, along with new motives, desires and attitudes. As we stand in faith in our new identity and keep our hearts centered on Jesus Christ, “*we . . . are being transformed into the same image (Jesus Christ) from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*” (2 Cor. 3:18)

COMMUNION WITH GOD

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” (2 Cor. 13:14)

We were created by God to enjoy a committed eternal relationship with Him. He never intended for Christianity to be merely a religion guaranteeing salvation. Salvation is only the first step that makes relationship with God possible. Once saved, we are to be Christians in pursuit of communion with God.

To build a relationship with God we must first rely upon the Holy Spirit to reveal God’s will to us and to help us discern His voice. The Holy Spirit accomplishes this for us. He “searches all things, yes, the deep things of God” (1 Cor. 2: 10).

Through him we are able to “*know the things that have been freely given to us by God*” (1 Cor. 1:12), for “*no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God*” (1 Cor.2:11). He takes the things of God and declares them to us (Jn. 16:15). We can then pray in God’s will and know our prayers will be answered (I Jn. 5:14, 15). The Holy Spirit helps us to pray the will God, even beyond our own understanding, by interceding through us using the language of the Spirit (speaking in tongues) (Jude 20; Rom. 8:27, 28). Knowing our deepest needs, He also intercedes for us independent of our participation (Rom. 8:27).

Effective communion with the Lord rests upon knowing His Word and committing ourselves to prayer. The Bible is a clear declaration of the mind, will and character of God. He will never contradict His written word in the ways He reveals Himself to us. Prayer sensitizes our spirits to the presence of God. In both prayer and in understanding the Word we must rely upon the Holy Spirit. He authored the word of God (2 Pet. 1 :21) and He will guide us in prayer and intercession if we will be sensitive to His leading (Rom. 8:27).

HEARING HIS VOICE

“He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.” (Jn. 16:14)

There are many ways for the Holy Spirit to communicate the will of Christ to us, both directly and indirectly. Following are some of the more common ways that He may speak to us directly. He can use these individually or in combination.

1. He will cause us to feel His burden – The Holy Spirit may cause us to emotionally experience God’s burden for someone or something (Mt. 14:14). If it is God speaking to us, the burden will remain or come back repeatedly until we act upon it.

2. He will plant a picture in our mind – He may come upon us with a strong mental image of something or someone, accompanied by a sense of His will concerning what we are seeing (Hab. 1: 1; Acts 10:9).

3. He will speak to us in a flow of thoughts – We may receive a sudden flow of thoughts or ideas, accompanied by a sense of divine inspiration (Jn. 16: 13).

How do we distinguish our own thoughts and feelings from the voice of the Lord? Whenever the Lord is truly speaking to us there will be an immediate and continuing sense of faith and “spiritual witness”. His voice communicated through our thoughts will also contain a sense of wisdom and truth and will be “life-producing” (Jms. 3: 17). God’s voice will never contradict His personality or character as it is revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. Thoughts inspired by the Lord will never be self-serving, critical, judgmental, manipulative, sensual, etc. (Jms. 3: 14-16).

Finally, a picture, burden or flow of thoughts from the Lord will stand the test of time and will be witnessed by other mature Christians. It is wise to submit to mature Christians or church leaders anything we feel we have heard from God that will have a significant impact on our life or the lives of others (Heb. 13:17).

HE GIVES US POWER OVER SIN

God's work of grace and divine strength, ministered to us through the Holy Spirit, gives us power over sin (Rom. 6:14). We live in a new identity, under the covering of God's grace, which protects us from the overwhelming assault of guilt and condemnation that the enemy continually throws at us (Rom. 8:1; Rev. 12:10). There is no condemnation to those who are truly "*in Christ Jesus*".

For actual daily power over sin, we are to "*walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.*" (Gal. 5:16) Walking in the Spirit requires cultivating a sensitivity to His presence in our lives. This primarily comes through prayer and communion, reading the word of God and learning to hear His voice within. The apostle Paul prayed that we would know "*the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe.*" (Eph. 1:19) This power is available to us through the Holy Spirit.

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

God desires that every believer receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5). The greek word for baptism is “baptizo”, which means to “make fully wet” or “to be immersed”. When we receive the fullness of the Spirit, we’ll be filled with a new power (Acts 1:8).

The common initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is speaking in other tongues (Acts 2:4; 10:46; 19:6). Speaking in tongues is speaking to God in the language of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 14:2; Jude 20). This initial evidence of the baptism immediately ushers us into a tangible experience with the ministry of the Holy Spirit. It becomes the gateway for understanding and receiving His other gifts and manifestations in and upon our life. We receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit by asking and seeking (Lk. 11:9, 13). As we yield our lives to Him in faith, He will be faithful to fill us.

HE OPENS THE WORD OF GOD

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit . . . He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.” (Jn. 14:26)

The Holy Spirit is also called the *“Spirit of truth”* (Jn. 14: 17). He opens our understanding so that we can comprehend the word of God: *“It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.”* (Jn. 6:63) The Bible is a spiritual book that requires the illumination of the Holy Spirit for it to bring life and revelation to the lives of believers.

By illuminating the word of God, the Holy Spirit imparts faith into our spirit. *“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”* (Rom. 10:17). It is this divinely imparted faith that causes us to lay hold of the promises of God and thereby fulfill His will in the earth.

The word of God is also called the “sword of the Spirit” in Ephesians 6: 17. Under His anointing we can use this sword of the Spirit to destroy the lies and deceptions that the enemy will use to bring us or others into temptation or sin.

Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, the word of God “*is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, . . .*” (Heb. 4: 12). He uses the Word to separate us from our old soulish life and inclinations and to empower us to live according to our new life in Christ. Psalms 119: 130 states, “*The entrance of Your words gives light.*” This light becomes a divine compass that helps us discern between that which is soulish from that which is spiritual.

HE GUIDES US

The Holy Spirit gives us guidance and direction (Jn. 16:13). Following are the most common means He may use to guide us.

Inner Witness - an inner sense of peace and affirmation about the direction of the Lord (Rom. 8:16). In order for this witness to be valid, we must be totally committed to doing whatever God's will may be.

"Rhema" Word - "Rhema" is greek for "specific utterance". The Holy Spirit may give us direction through a specific scripture or an anointed flow of thoughts (Rom. 10:8). When it is Holy Spirit speaking there will be a definite sense of faith accompanying the scripture or thought.

Godly Counsel - Proverbs 12:15 states that "*in the multitude of counsel there is safety.*" The Holy Spirit uses the wise counsel of others to guide us.

Circumstances - The Holy Spirit may arrange circumstances to show us God's direction for our lives (1 Cor. 16:8, 9). However, we should not only rely on circumstances but should look for other indicators such as an inner witness or godly counsel.

Prophecy - He may speak to us through a personal directive prophecy (Acts 13:2). A personal directive prophecy should be either given or confirmed by mature Christian leaders.

Visions - He may speak to us in a divinely inspired vision (Acts 16:9). Visions should also be checked against the Word of God and confirmed by mature Christians.

Dreams - We may occasionally have a divinely inspired dream (Gen 28:12). These dreams will be vivid, and their message clear and understandable through consideration. If we have questions, we should seek counsel.

HE IMPARTS SPIRITUAL GIFTS

When the Holy Spirit comes into our lives He imparts spiritual gifts to each one of us. These gifts are described in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, Romans 12:6-8, and Ephesians 4:11. Spiritual gifts are those special abilities and talents given by Christ through the Holy Spirit which God intends Christians to use in fulfilling His purpose in the earth.

We each receive a composite of several dominant and several subordinate gifts. These make up what we might call our “gift mix”. This gift mix determines what areas of ministry we will be fruitful in. For example a person with dominant gifts of mercy, evangelism and leadership would likely do well leading an evangelism department. Our gifts are like a road sign pointing us to the general place of God’s calling. He always equips us for the areas that He calls us to. The things that we enjoy doing and what we have success in reveal where the Holy Spirit has graced us.

Spiritual gifts are given to us by measure (Eph. 4:7). The measure of a gift is seen in the degree of anointing and the scope of ministry that our gift allows us to have. A person with the gift of evangelism can be a personal witness, lead an evangelism program or do crusades, depending on his measure of gifting.

We each must relate to our gifts honestly and realistically. Paul exhorts the believer to "*not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.*" (Rom. 12:3) The Holy Spirit can increase the measure of anointing on our gifts as we are faithful to develop and use what the Lord has entrusted to us (Lk. 19:26). We should be careful not to step beyond our measure of anointing, but to move in proportion to our faith (Rom. 12:6). Romans 11:29 tells us that "*the gifts and the callings of God are irrevocable.*" They are meant to be permanent and used throughout our lives to further the work of the kingdom of God.

HE COMES UPON US

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you”
(Acts 1:8).

The Holy Spirit lives in us, comes upon us, and moves through us. Jesus promised to manifest Himself to those who loved Him and kept His commandments (John 14:21). His manifest presence includes all three of these aspects of the Holy Spirit’s ministry. When the Holy Spirit “comes upon us”, it is always with purpose. His purpose may be to bring us into deeper intimacy with Christ. He may be imparting a greater spiritual anointing and power. He may be releasing grace in our lives to break bondages or bring physical or emotional healing. He may be wanting to speak something to us.

When the Holy Spirit comes upon us, we experience a greater measure of God’s manifest presence. Usually we can respond to this presence by deeper worship and waiting upon Him.

Occasionally the Holy Spirit may come upon us in a stronger measure, producing out-of-the-ordinary physical and emotional responses in us (falling, shaking, crying, visions, great joy, etc). While these occasions may not be frequent or common, they are legitimate and purposeful. A study of church history reveals that during seasons of revival and refreshing these unusual manifestations of the Spirit are common. Likewise, the Bible is full of occasions where God's manifest presence impacted lives, and produced different physical and emotional responses.

Some argue against these manifestations of the Holy Spirit, fearing them, or categorizing them as mere human emotionalism. In doing so, they nullify the clear witness of scripture and shut the door to potentially receiving a special touch from God. When we consider an infinite, omnipotent, holy, awesome God touching fragile, finite human beings, are we surprised that this encounter would sometimes produce emotional and physical reactions beyond our normal experience of self control?

MANIFESTATIONS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

When the Holy Spirit falls upon a person or a group in a greater outpouring there is a large variety of possible manifestations depending upon the purpose of God and the response of those affected. Following are some of the more common Biblical and historical manifestations.

1. Falling - Some fall under the power of the Holy Spirit. They usually remain conscious but engaged with the Lord. During this time they may feel His peace, receive His anointing, hear His voice, experience healing, see visions, etc. (Rev. 1: 17; Jn. 18:6; Dan. 8: 17).

2. Drunk in the Spirit - Being filled with the Spirit can produce a state similar to being intoxicated. The presence and power of God comes upon a person so strongly that their motor skills or even their speech are affected. (Jer. 23:9)

3. Shaking - Shaking may vary in type and intensity, including hands shaking, body shaking, bodily contortions, and even jerking motions. These result as the effect of God upon our sensitive nervous system. (Jer. 23:9; Hab. 3: 16; Acts 4:31)

4. Weeping - Weeping usually signifies a work of brokenness, repentance, healing, release from bondages, deeper revelation of Christ, etc. (Neh. 8:9; II Chron. 34:27; Acts 2:37)

5. Laughter - "Holy laughter" must be seen in relationship to our calling to experience "fullness of joy" (Ps. 16:11). This release of joy produced by the Holy Spirit often brings deliverance from stress, religiosity, burn-out, legalism, etc. (Prov. 17:22; Isa. 51:11; Ps. 126:1, 2)

6. Deep Peace -The Holy Spirit may come upon us to minister a deep sense of the peace of God. This touch of God usually comes in times of prayer or worship. If we close our eyes and receive, a deep peace will fill our soul and continue for some time (Phil. 4:7; Jn. 14:27; Isa. 26:3).

BEING FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

Christians are exhorted to “*be filled with the Spirit.*” (Eph. 5:18) The demands of living and the pressures of ministering to others drain our “spiritual gas tanks.” Following are five key conditions to being filled repeatedly with the Holy Spirit

1. Let the Holy Spirit Purify Your Heart and Habits – We must daily allow Him to search our hearts for sin, bad attitudes, wrong motives, vain imaginations, etc. We must repent of each of these and turn from them. The one who wishes to stand in the Holy Place with God must have “*clean hands and a pure heart.*” (Ps. 24:4)

2. Center Your Heart on Fulfilling the Purposes of God – the anointing is always related to the purposes of God. In Luke 4:18 Jesus declares that the anointing of the Spirit was upon Him to bring healing and deliverance to others.

3. Seek the Lord with a New Hunger – The Lord rewards those who humble themselves before Him and seek Him in a deeper way. Set aside more time for prayer and the meditation of His word. Make these times a priority knowing that if you “*seek you will find*” and if you “*knock it will be opened to you.*” (Lk. 11:9)

4. Come to God with a New Abandonment and Liberty in Worship and Prayer – Our worship style and prayer life too often settles into a comfortable, often stale routine. Step into these times with a new zeal and abandonment. Fully engage your heart in worship as if you were standing before the throne of God. In prayer, worship freely, use your prayer language liberally, allow the Holy Spirit to play upon you like an instrument. “Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty.” (2 Cor. 3:17)

5. Learn to Wait Upon the Lord and Receive From Him – There is a time to speak to the Lord and worship. There is also a time to receive from the Holy Spirit. Be sensitive to His presence and touch upon your life and allow Him to minister to you as He wills.

UNDERSTANDING THE ANOINTING

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me . . . ”
(Luke 4:18)

The anointing is the presence and power of God manifested in, upon, or through a person’s life by the Holy Spirit. It is something that is manifest. It can be sensed, felt, or seen in its fruit. When there is an anointing present upon a person, the Holy Spirit is active and ready to work. It is the spiritual equivalent to electricity. We cannot see it but we can tap into it and watch the results.

The anointing of God is a divine empowerment that comes upon us for a specific purpose (Lk. 4: 18, Acts 10:38). It works in our lives to break bondages, our sense of self limitation, or other hindrances (Isa. 10:27). When we yield ourselves in faith to the anointing of the Spirit, He can work in and through us in surprising ways that are beyond anything we could accomplish in our natural abilities or efforts.

HE MOVES THROUGH US

“And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.” (Eph. 1:22, 23)

The church is the body of Christ, commissioned to carry out His plan of redemption and restoration in the earth. Our success is primarily dependent upon two things: (1) the authority of the name of Jesus Christ, and (2) the power of the Holy Spirit.

When we act or pray in the name of Jesus Christ, we are exercising the legal authority given to Christ after His resurrection (Mt. 28: 18). The church carries out His authority in obedience to His will through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is in us, comes upon us and also moves through us to bring truth, deliverance and restoration to the lives of those in darkness.

The apostle Paul prayed that our eyes would be opened to see what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe" (Eph. 1: 19). We must take our eyes off of ourselves and instead trust in the power of the Spirit to work through us to accomplish God's will. His power moving through us is not dependent upon our feelings or our state of worthiness (2 Cor. 4:7). He moves through us as we exercise faith in the name of Jesus and act according to His leading.

In the book of Acts the power of the Holy Spirit was moving through believers in different manifestations. Through Peter a man lame from his birth was healed (Acts 3:6). Through the ministry of the apostles, believers in Samaria received the baptism in the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:17). Through Paul a girl was delivered from a demonic spirit in Philippi (Acts 16:18). Through Peter the Word of God was declared with power to the Jewish leaders (Acts 4:8-12). Paul and Silas receive their apostolic call through a believer's prophecy (Acts 13:2). Through the prayers of the saints, the Holy Spirit fell upon the church with fresh boldness and the place was shaken (Acts 4:31).

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.” (Gal. 5:22, 23)

A life lived in obedience and submission to Christ will yield a harvest of the fruit of the Holy Spirit. In John 15:5, Jesus stated, *“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him bears much fruit.”* This fruit is neither automatic nor quick. It involves the outworking of spiritual processes in our lives. Just as a fruit tree needs the right conditions of good soil, adequate watering, pruning, maturing, etc, so, also, our spiritual lives need like conditions in order to produce the fruit of the Spirit.

Every condition in our life, whether it's a test, a trial or a blessing, has the potential to produce fruit. If we will relate to Christ in faith, our revelation of Him will increase, and the Holy Spirit will carry out that process of transformation that changes us into His image from *“glory to glory.”* (2 Cor. 3: 18)

QUENCHING THE SPIRIT

In this booklet, we have described the beauty of the person the Holy Spirit, and the awesome and amazing way He works in, upon and through our lives to fulfill God's plan of restoration. Without His presence within, we would not be saved. We would be left to our own selfish, sinful nature. We could never be changed into the image of Christ. God's plan of redemption and restoration would fail. We could never hope to inherit the eternal joys and wonders of heaven.

We should despise the thought of grieving (Eph. 4:30) or quenching the Holy Spirit (1 Thess. 5: 19). He is so faithful and gentle in His intentions. He is an all wise, benevolent teacher, comforter, and helper. We must meet Him on His terms and yield to His voice, touch and leading with a humble, yielded spirit. We should renounce and reject all selfish, independent and rebellious ways or habits that resist His efforts to accomplish the will of God in our lives. The person and ministry of the Holy Spirit is the ultimate gift of God to His people (Acts 2:38).

THE LAST DAYS OUTPOURING

The Word of God promises that in the last days there will be a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all flesh (Acts 2:17). God's people will experience signs, wonders and spiritual gifts like they never have before. The glory of the Lord will be manifest on a scale that the world has not seen before (Haggai 2:6-9). The Lord has been moving faithfully and purposefully over the last few centuries to restore truth and bring His church to a place of power and anointing.

The wise virgins in Christ's parable made themselves ready by keeping their lamps full (Mt. 25:1-13). We are living in the last days and the Holy Spirit is preparing the church for the coming of the Lord. The key to pleasing God and bearing fruit in these times is to keep our lamps full of the fresh oil of the Holy Spirit. The days ahead will be exciting and challenging. The early church demonstrated a supernatural empowerment to the world of its day. The end time church is being prepared by the Holy Spirit to do even greater works than these (Jn. 14:12).

CONCLUSION

In this booklet we have briefly described the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit. At best we have helped the reader understand and appreciate the incredible work He has been commissioned to accomplish in our lives. The rest is up to us. Hopefully this booklet will inspire each of us to pursue a greater relationship with the Lord through receiving the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Building this relationship will take time and the determination to grow in sensitivity to His presence. The ministry of the Holy Spirit is often subtle and easy to miss. We must develop the habit of looking for Him, learning to know His influence, and yielding to His touch. As we grow in our relationship with the Holy Spirit, we grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ. He has been sent to take of what is Christ's and to declare it unto us (Jn. 16:14).



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