

## Who Is The Holy Spirit?

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- † Impulsive, temperamental, easily offended, and had all of the problems of their environment; not the kind of group that one would expect would win the world of Christ (before the Spirit)
- † All of us have a 'before Christ' and 'after Christ' – He who has begun a good work in us will bring it to fruition
- † Because God is omnipotent and all powerful, we don't need to walk the floor all night; we don't sleep because we don't Trust!
- † Psalm 3-6: if the Holy Spirit is GOD, and GOD is omnipotent, omniscient, we have that same power in us; John 14:6...
- † \*Acts 2:1-4: Moving from power to praise – this transformation for these 11 men (other one selected later) – Judas quit too soon – he didn't understand God's love, grace and forgiveness; he didn't understand that God loved him more than he could imagine.
- † The enemy has no power to destroy any of us; he tricks us and makes us feel there is no hope, so we go and hang ourselves.
- † The Day of Pentecost: one of the festivals of the Jews – the Holy Ghost makes himself known on this day – with 'tongues of fire' resting on Them (more than one person); that filling changed their lives and made them bold in their faith.
- † The men who were locked up for fear of the Jews became bold in their worship
- † Acts 2:5-11 – When the Holy Spirit came, all heard the men speaking in their own languages: He enables us to meet people where they are; He gives us what we need to reach the people we are sent to minister.
- † Gift of discernment – it is IN ME – not me speaking, but the Holy Spirit
- † Acts 3:11-12 – So many times, we take glory for what GOD is doing through us; Peter and John knew that it was something that transformed them.
- † \*\*Acts 2:40 – Acts 4:13: Whenever you start preaching and teaching, get ready for some trouble; the man was healed in chapter 3, they were being questioned before, but now they are standing up to the council; the enemy is afraid of me because of the Holy Spirit inside of me.
- † People can't understand why they keep pushing you down and you keep treating them nice and doing all you can for them. There's fine line between arrogance & confidence
- † Too many of us go to the counter of calamity to get groceries, then leave them on the counter: REMEMBER! Little stuff prepares you for big stuff.
- † Persons want the MANY, but you first have to be able to deal with the FEW!
- † There's no one or nothing bigger or more powerful than GOD.
- † Be determined to let the devil know that he can Not defeat the power of GOD that is living in me! Nothing shall be impossible for those who believe that greater is He that is in me... No weapon formed against me shall prosper... –Romans 12:1-
- † You must be acquainted with the Holy spirit to Know Him – tell of GOD's goodness!

1. My human frailty through the power of the Holy Spirit can be transformed into Spiritual supernatural gifts and abilities. We are co-laborers with GOD; I bring my 'natural' and GOD brings his 'super', so we walk
  2. Their fearful reluctance was transformed into bold confidence.
  3. When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, your life becomes transformed
  4. Their lonely feelings of abandonment were transformed into --- feelings
- † If God tells you something, you'd better believe it – don't pay attention to what anyone else says... YOU believe!
  - † I'm not 'broke', I'm just 'in between blessings right now.'
  - † YOU MUST BELIEVE! You have to keep your mind renewed!
  - † Are you allowing the Holy Spirit to transform your life – only two possible answers: Yes or No – every Christian has the Holy Spirit...
  - † You MUST yeild control TO the Holy Spirit and let go of the reigns...
  - † The greatest battle ever formed is the one where the Lord battled for our souls
  - † Give the Holy Spirit a place in your life – are you allowing Him to control your life?

## PART 2

- † The egg is potential within the chicken – and the chicken is potential within the egg ~ NEITHER comes first – Genesis 1:1
- † Jesus commissioned the Disciples and empowered them for what they needed to do
- † It's a continuous command to be filled – when I get cantankerous or grouchy, it's time to 'plug back in.'
- † It's the Holy Spirit that convicts, convinces, challenges and draws others to Him

## The Holy Spirit is PERSONAL: 7 ASPECTS

- a. The Spirit IS GOD
- b. As a child of God, I have God Himself living in me
- c. The Spirit possesses all of the attributes of God: Omnipotent (all powerfulness), Omniscient (all knowingness), Omnipresent (He's everywhere)
- d. The Spirit regenerates (gives us new life – because as sinners we are dead) the believing sinner; he brings to life that which was dead in us
- e. The Spirit baptizes us into the Universal Body of Christ (the Baptism of the Holy Spirit) – Luke 3:3-15 – the water baptism is one of repentance; the Trinity: v.21-23 – Baptism says I have 'identity' with Christ – God's power is for His glory and His good; He won't do miracles just to make us look good; He gets the glory! We are justified –**JUST-AS-IF-IT'D**– through faith in Jesus Christ. I Must pray to God In the Name of Jesus – there is no other name on earth where men and women may be saved... from distress, dilemmas, problems, troubles...
- f. The Spirit indwells all who have been converted; we are all God's creation, but we are not all God's children –when you accept Him as your Lord and Savior, you become part of the Family– only after you have confessed and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior... He gives you the Holy Spirit Who lives

inside to control you; He could be living in you but has no power because it is not charged –not relying on Him, or sin has come in; the Lord won't hear the prayer of a sinner unless he prays the prayer of repentance first. Relationship, not ritual.

- g. The Spirit seals us, keeping every believer securely in the family of God; I should have NO FEAR of losing what God accomplishes on my behalf; you can't lose your salvation – Once saved, ALWAYS SAVED! But, you can lose your joy, the fellowship, but not your salvation: born into the family through the New Birth; Psalm 51 (David prayed) – every time you try Not to make mistakes, you will make them. That's why God gave us an advocate... we will make mistakes; that's why God sent an advocate. We must always pray and ask God to cleanse and forgive us, keeping us right before God. If you are saved with no joy – you need to pray... the saved life is a joyous life.

God wants us to have help – so He sent the Comforter

## II. Discovering The Spirit Significant

- a. Unparalleled; Dynamic – we will certainly die... Jesus came to die; Acts 1:8 – I must have that inner confidence
- b. His affirming will for us – Acts 1:7-8 – I will receive power from the Holy Spirit to be Jesus' Witness (in The Word, Jesus said 'you will be My witnesses...') Acts 3; 4:1-20; they were annoyed because of what was being taught... the Good News. Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit, even though he denied Christ 3 times before the Resurrection; when God gives us some form of significance, we forget Who did it! God moves by faith. There should be a difference in our lives because we've been with Him. When you have fruit, people can't argue with what God is doing in your life. There is no equal to the power of God.
- c. His permanent presence within us

John 13:31-33 – Love One another just as I have loved you, just as I have loved you. If you love me, you will keep my commandment to love one another; He will give us another advocate to be with.

## Part 3

### WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Holy Spirit: You've Got the Power

### THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES: John 7:37

- † PROCESSIONAL – to the pool of Siloam; on the last day they did that 7 times
  - Same as with the Day of Jericho
- † Jesus is on the last day when they marched and processed 7 days
- † The Feast will symbolize our joy, liberty and victory through our wilderness experiences of life
  - which proves that GOD is always keeping us when we can't keep ourselves
- † **Zechariah 14:16**
- † He's at the Feast: on the last and the Greatest day of the feast
- † **Psalms 118:25**

- † A teacher did not stand... Jesus Sat and taught – symbolic of the teacher
- † He began to SHOUT... He cried out... teachers didn't raise their voices; usually calm

Jesus makes three claims:

1. He is the source of life [v.37] –if anyone is thirsty, let him come to me– we thirst for physical or spiritual water; Jesus can do what water does!
  - a. [Ephesians 1:7] –through Jesus we are cleansed and purified; a tall glass of cool water will refresh you
  - b. [Isaiah 28:12] –the resting place: the place of reposing– Acts 3:19 – the rich young ruler went away sad because
  
2. Jesus is the source of ABUNDANT LIFE – Everlasting life...
  - a. The Death of Jesus comes this abundant life; after arising, He conquered sin and death; if Christ had not died, the Holy Spirit could not have come.
  - b. Exodus 7:6... we must always have the prayer of omission and commission on our hearts
  - c. The living water only comes through the one who believes (John 6:35)
  - d. He that believes in Jesus will Never thirst
  
3. Jesus Christ is the SOURCE of the HOLY SPIRIT – John 7:37-38-39
  - a. The rivers of living water refers to the Holy Spirit
  - b. This is the only place in the Bible where “living water” is defined
  - c. He meant that He would give the Holy Spirit to a person
  - d. Belief in Him is essential! Christ is the giver of the Spirit
  - e. John 4:13-14 – Jesus talking w/woman at the well; Living water is the only water that will quench thirst
  - f. Psalm 42:1 – Zechariah 13:1 – Physical and Spiritual thirst... we Know we have a problem we try to satisfy with the flesh...
  - g. The stagnant waters of the flesh and world will Never quench our thirst
  
1. The living water comes from Christ, He alone is the source
2. The living water keeps us from ever thirsting again
3. The living water is a well of water placed in Me and You (the Person)... (the well is not outside of you, in the world, in your home, business or status)
4. The living water springs up and continues to spring up and bubble and flows on and on and on and on..... it is forever in motion – a continuation...
5. The living water springs up into everlasting life – it never ends!