



The
Holy Spirit

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THE **HOLY SPIRIT**

HE IS ALSO CALLED

COUNSELLOR
HELPER
ADVOCATE
INTERCESSOR
STRENGTHENER
THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

JOHN 15:26 (AMPLIFIED BIBLE)

Jesus said "I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you." (John 16:7)

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WHO IS THE “HOLY SPIRIT” ?

The Holy Spirit is God!

When Ananias lied about the money he had to bring to the church, Peter said to him in

Acts 5:3,4 *“Ananias, why has satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself While it remained, was it not your own ? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control ? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart ? **You have not lied to men but to God.**”*

- (1) The Holy Spirit is the one whom God our creator used to create this earth.
Gen.1:1,2 *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”*

EVERYTIME THE SPIRIT STARTS “MOVING” THINGS WILL HAPPEN !

- (2) Job believed that the Holy Spirit made him.
Job.33:4 *“The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.”*
- (3) The Holy Spirit is the one God the Father used to conceive our Lord Jesus Christ.
Matt.1:18 *“Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His Mother Mary was engaged to Joseph, before they came together (as man and wife) she was found with child of the Holy Spirit”*

The Living Bible: “While she was still a virgin she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit”

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON

A **PERSON** consists of a mind, will, intellect, and emotions

- (1) The Holy Spirit has a mind. **Rom.8:27** *“Now He who searches the hearts knows what the **mind of the Spirit is**, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”*
- (2) The Holy Spirit has a will and intellect.
Concerning the giving of the Gifts we read in **1 Cor.12:11** *“But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.”*

Acts.15:28 “For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things.”

Acts 16:6,7 “Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia. After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them.”

(3) The Holy Spirit has **emotions**.

He can be grieved. **Eph.4:30** “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”

HOW DO WE “GRIEVE” THE SPIRIT ?

By not telling the truth (**Eph.4:25**)

Through anger (**Eph.4:26**)

By stealing (**Eph.4:28**)

By speaking evil words (**Eph.4:29**)

Through bitterness (**Eph.4:31**)

THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN LOVE

Rom.15:30 “Now I beg you brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, **and through the love of the Spirit**, that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me.”

Rom.5:5 “Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given us.”

The more you have of God’s Spirit, the more love you Have !

THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN SPEAK.

John 16:13 “Whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.”

Acts 13:2 “As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said: ‘Now separate to me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’ ”

THE HOLY SPIRIT SEARCHES THE DEEP THINGS OF GOD.

1 Cor.2:10 “The Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.”

THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS POWER TO GIVE.

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

WHEREVER WE READ OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WE FIND A CAPITAL LETTER "HE"

John 14:26 *"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, **He** will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."*

John 15:26 *"But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, **He** will testify of Me."
Amplified Bible says: *"But when the Comforter (Counsellor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengthenener, Standby) comes."**

John 16:13 *"However, when **He**, the Spirit of truth, has come, **He** will guide you into all truth: for **He** will not speak on **His** own authority, but whatever **He** hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."*

THE GODHEAD of the HOLY SPIRIT

THE GODHEAD IS THE SAME IN WORKING BUT DIFFERENT IN PERSON. ONE GOD BUT THREE PERSONS.

How can THREE be ONE ?

1 John 5:7 *“For there are **three** that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word (This is Jesus if you understand **John 1:14**) and the Holy Spirit; **and these three are one.**” (It will be a good thing for you to study 1 John 5:6-8)*

THEIR ONENESS:

When Paul wrote to the Ephesian church about the unity of the Godhead he said it like this in **Eph.4:4-6** *“There is one body (the church) and one SPIRIT (the Holy Spirit) just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one LORD (Jesus Christ) one faith. One baptism; one GOD and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in all.”*

The Father and Jesus Christ are one **John 10:30** *“I and My Father are one”*

DIFFERENT IN PERSONS:

- (1) When Jesus was baptized. Jesus stood in the Jordan river and the Father spoke from heaven.
Matt.3:16,17 *“When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’”*
- (2) That’s why Jesus gave the command to baptize in the name of the **Father, Son** and the **Holy_Spirit**. (**Matt.28:19**)
- (3) When God created man we read of their **plurality**
Gen.1:26 *“Then God said, ‘Let **Us** make man in **Our** image, according to **Our** likeness;”*

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS EVERLASTING

Heb.9:14 *“how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the **eternal Spirit** offered Himself without spot to God,”*

THE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

In **Gal.5:22,23** we read: “But the Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.” They are Christian virtues and are characteristic of a real follower of Jesus Christ.

These virtues can be divided into three groups:

(1) CONCERNING YOURSELF

Longsuffering
Joy
Self-control

(2) CONCERNING YOUR FELLOW MAN

Kindness
Gentleness
Goodness

(3) CONCERNING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Love
Peace
Faithfulness

Test yourself to see if you have these virtues. If you have them you have the fruit of the Spirit.

The Bible does not make mention of the “FRUITS” (**Plural**) of the Spirit, but uses the word “FRUIT” (**Singular**) of the Spirit.

Someone once said these words:

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE

JOY is the happiness that comes through **LOVE**

PEACE is the rest that flows from **LOVE**

LONGSUFFERING is **LOVE** tested

KINDNESS is **LOVE** that moves around

GOODNESS is **LOVE** in action

FAITHFULNESS is **LOVE** that endures

GENTLENESS is the result of **LOVE**

SELF-CONTROL is the discipline of **LOVE**

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE WORD “LOVE” IN GREEK ?

“eros”	Physical love
“philia”	Friendship love (think of David/Jonathan)
“storge”	Family love
“agape”	Godly love

WHAT BRINGS JOY IN OUR LIVES ?

The joy of the Lord is our strength (**Neh.8:11**)

God’s Word. Jer.15:16 “Your Words were found, and I ate them. And Your Word was to me the **joy** and **rejoicing** of my heart.”

Prayer. John 16:24 “Until now you have asked nothing in My Name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”

The church. Ps.122:1 “I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.”

When a sinner comes to Christ.

Luke 15:7 “there will be joy in heaven over one sinner who repents.”

Is it possible to experience joy at all times ?

The Bible says we can. We read of this in **Phil.4:4** “Rejoice in the Lord always. again I say, rejoice.” **1 Thes.5:16** “Rejoice always.”

Paul and Silas had joy even in prison. They were beaten, in chains and it was cold and wet (and also midnight) but still they were praising God. (**Acts 16:25-34**)

Peace.

The Hebrew word is “Shalom”

Col. 3:15 says: “And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.”

There is a translation on Col.3:15 that says that the peace of God is as a referee in our lives.

Yes, when a referee blows the whistle you must stop whatever you are doing. The referee knows the rules of the game. Make sure that you keep the peace of the Lord in your life. Always listen to that inner still voice.

Longsuffering.

This comes from the Greek word “makro-tumos”

Two words. The one “makro” is “long or big” and the other word “tumos” is “temper”. You could almost say: Not **short tempered** but **long tempered**

This is a person that does not get angry easily.

Kindness and Goodness. They are joined together. These are moral qualities that God puts into our lives. No person can really be good. It is only the goodness of God that works through you and me.

Faithfulness. This is a virtue that we miss amongst the children of the Lord today. According to **2 Chron.31:18** people could only work with the Holy things of God if they were faithful. Some translations say that only those who were faithful were appointed to work with the Holy things of God.

Gentleness and Self-control.

Gentleness is the result of self-control. If you cannot have self-control you will not experience gentleness in your life.

Phil.4:5 "Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand."

THE WORK of THE HOLY SPIRIT

John 16:5-11 *“But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the **Helper** (paracletos) will not come to you; but if I depart. I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will **convict** (not accuse) the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: **of sin**, because they do not believe in Me; **of righteousness**, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; **of judgment**, because the ruler of this world is judged.”*

ACCORDING TO THE AMPLIFIED BIBLE IN JOHN 14:16 THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS A SEVEN-FOLD MINISTRY:

“And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (COUNSELOR; HELPER; INTERCESSOR; ADVOCATE; STRENGTHENER and STANDBY) That He may remain with you forever.”

a, THE HOLY SPIRIT REGENERATES

Titus 3:5 *“He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit”*

The Greek word for regeneration here is **palingenesia** and means “to be birthed again”. (See 2 Corinthians 3:6)

John 3:3 *“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God”*

1 Cor. 12:13 *“For by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free; and have all been made to drink into one Spirit”*

NOTE: By comparing this reference with 1 Peter 1:23 we again see that the two operating powers are the Word and the Spirit. This truth applies to the new birth, the creation, and all of the works of God. It is therefore vitally important that we be equipped with the Word so that the Spirit will be quickened and released to work. The Spirit is not released to save men by the preaching of any gospel, but rather “THE” Gospel. The same is true concerning all the truths of the Bible. If we want to see the Spirit released to perform His word, we must be speaking the right Word.

b, THE HOLY SPIRIT INDWELLS THE BELIEVER

John 14:17 *“Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, either knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.”*

Rom. 8:9 *“But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.”*

2 Tim 1:14 *“That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us”*

To “*dwell*” speaks of taking up permanent residence. It is the same as **to live in** – just as a family lives in a house.

Some have taken the position that the Holy Spirit’s personal presence does not actually live in the believer, but that He is present in a mystical “*omnipresent*” sense.

This, of course, is a denial of a very central teaching of the New Covenant and is to be rejected.

c, THE HOLY SPIRIT SETS US FREE FROM THE POWERS OF SIN AND DEATH

Rom. 8:1–2 *“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.”*

Eph. 3:16 *“that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man*

Eph. 1:19 *“And what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power”*

This shows us that we are no longer limited to natural powers in order to live up to God’s standards, but rather, God has planted within us all of the spiritual resources of the Holy Spirit. We can no longer say that we are “just human” for we are human possessed by the Holy Spirit.

Through this added dynamic of the Holy Spirit in our lives, God has broken our bondage to the enslavement of sin. We are now in another Kingdom and enabled to serve a new Master. (Rom 6:13-18)

2. THE HOLY SPIRIT RENEW OUR MINDS.

Rom. 12:1-2 *“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God”*

The expressed will and purpose of God is to bring each Christian to the image of His Son. (**Rom. 8:29; Col. 3:10**) This takes place here in this life, and not suddenly at the second coming. God wants us to so yield to His changing in this life that all that will need to be changed at the second coming will be our bodies.

The emphasis of the Scriptures is not the idea of being changed in the eternities of the future, but rather during this life. The Spirit becomes life and liberation within us working out the very image of Christ. (**Gal. 4:19; 2:20**)

d, THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

Rom. 8:16 *“The Spirit itself beareth witness with our Spirit, that we are the children of God”*

Eph. 1:13–14 *“In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also, after that ye believed, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession unto the praise of His glory.”*

He constantly bears witness of our relationship with God. We actually go through many experiences with the Lord through the Spirit. It is a real and active relationship and not just a doctrine.

e, THE HOLY SPIRIT FILLS THE BELIEVER

Act. 2:4 *“And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”*

AMPLIFIED BIBLE: *“They were all filled – diffused throughout their souls – with the Holy Spirit.”*

This means the Holy Spirit filled their MINDS; WILL and EMOTIONS

Act 4:31 *“And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.”*

Eph. 5:18 *“And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit”*

Wrong teaching on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

- (1) You have to wait a long time to receive
- (2) You have to beg God
- (3) This was only for the first church
- (4) You must be real holy to receive
- (5) All Christians have the Holy Spirit after salvation

Notice that in this verse being filled with the Spirit is not presented as a option, but an imperative.

At least nine times the New Testament speaks of being filled with the Spirit. It speaks of being inwardly pervaded, meaning *“to completely fill and influence”*

f, THE HOLY SPIRIT EQUIPS THE BELIEVER FOR SERVICE

Acts 1:8 *“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth”*

1 Cor. 12:7-11 *“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all”* (Also see: **Rom.12:3-8; 1 Cor. 4:7; Eph. 4:11**)

DID YOU KNOW ?

- Jesus was born through the Spirit (Luke 1:35)
- Jesus was led by the Spirit (Matt.4:1)
- Jesus was anointed by the Spirit for His ministry (Acts 10:38)
- Jesus was raised from death by the Spirit (Rom.8:11)
- Jesus gave His commands to the first church through the Spirit (Acts 1:2)

g, THE HOLY SPIRIT PRODUCES SPIRITUAL FRUIT IN THE BELIEVER

Gal. 5:22-23 *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law”*

Phil. 1:11 *“Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God”*

Jam. 3:17 *“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy”*

This speaks of the very nature and personality of the Lord being expressed through believers.

(Col. 1:10; Ps. 92:13-14; Mat 13:23, John 15:2; Rom 5:3-4; 2 Cor. 6-6, 1 Pet. 1:5-7)

h. THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDES THE BELIEVER

Rom. 8:14 *“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”*

John. 16:13 *“Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come.”*

Act. 10:19-20 *“While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee. Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.”*

This shows us that He controls the movement of believers in their ministry (Also read Acts 16:6)

Acts 13:2 – *“As they ministered to the Lord and, fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate Me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.”*
He directs in the selection and sending out of leaders.

i. THE HOLY SPIRIT QUICKENS THE BELIEVER’S BODY NOW AND ALSO AT THE FINAL RESURRECTION

Rom 8:11 *“But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you.”*

The word *“quicken”* here means “to make alive” It is the new life which our bodies will take on, rather than physical healing or preservation, that is being referred to here, similar to the reference to the bodily resurrection of Christ in the same verse (See also 1 Peter 3:18)

2 Cor. 3:18 *“But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.”*

It will be the Spirit who will also perform the final change. In fact, **John 14:16** leads us to believe that the Spirit will abide in us even in eternity. Is it possible that blood will no longer animate this body, rather it will be animated by the Spirit?

THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US IN:

1. **Prayer - Jud. 20** *“But ye, beloved, building up yourselves in your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.”*

Rom. 8:26 *“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.” (1 Cor. 14:2,14,15)*

2. **Worship – Phil. 3:3** – *“For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the Spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh”*

John 4:23-24 - *“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit:and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.”*

3. **Spiritual singing – Eph. 5:18–20** – *“And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

Col. 3:16 – *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; reaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”*

1 Cor. 14:15 – *“What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.”*

A STUDY ON JOHN 14, 15 and 16

John 14 Verse 16,17 “And I will pray the Father, and He will give you **another Helper**, that He may abide with you forever, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”

HOW WILL HE HELP US ?

- (1) He will teach us all things. The Holy Spirit interprets spiritual things to spiritual people (1 Cor. 2:14-16)
- (2) He will help us to glorify God (John 16:14)
- (3) He will be our “*parakletos*” That is the one beside us.

THE HOLY SPIRIT CONVICTS AND NOT ACCUSES

John 16:8 “And when He has come (the Spirit) He will **CONVICT** the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.”

Remember: The Holy Spirit CONVICTS and not ACCUSE !

OF SIN:

This happened on the day of Pentecost (**Acts.2:37,38**)

This also happened in the Old Testament when the “**Finger of God**” wrote on the wall in the palace of Belshazzar (**Dan.5:5,26-28**)

OF RIGHTEOUSNESS:

Righteousness is everything that pleases God.

When you do the right thing the Holy Spirit will tell you that

OF JUDGMENT:

Remember there will be a Judgment day. The one is for the Righteous where we will receive our reward and the other is for the lost that will receive punishment.

The first judgment we find in **2 Cor.5:10** and the other one in **Rev.20:12-15**

UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Because Paul was under the control of the Holy Spirit he could write the following words in **Acts 20:22-24** *“And see, now I go bound in the Spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.”*

God wants us to be controlled and even “driven” by the Holy Spirit. We read of Jesus in **Mark 1:12,13** *“Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness. And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by satan, and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to Him.”*

Anybody that is bound by someone else is under their control.

Paul once said in **Eph.4:1** *“I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord”*

A PRISONER IS:

- Someone who cannot do what he chooses to do.
Think of Abraham in **Heb.11:8**
“By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.”
- Someone who knows discipline.
- Someone who works according to a program and time schedule.

THANK GOD, FOR THE SPIRIT HE HAS GIVEN US

2 Tim.1:7 *“For God has not given us a Spirit of **FEAR**, but of **POWER** and of **LOVE** and of a **SOUND MIND**.”*

➤ **HE HAS GIVEN US A SPIRIT OF POWER**

Acts 1:8 (Amplified Bible) *“But you shall receive power – ability, efficiency and might”*

The Greek word used here is “*dunamis*” meaning “*indwelling power*”

Smith Wigglesworth (a mighty man of God) once said:

“I am bigger on the inside than on the outside.”

1 John 4:4 *“He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”*

➤ **GOD HAS GIVEN US A SPIRIT OF LOVE**

Jesus said in **John 13:35** *“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

Romans 5:5 *“the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”*

“Do not show me your abilities but show me your love, then I will know how full you are of the Holy Spirit !”

You see, if you can **love** you will abide **in the light**, and you will not cause any stumbling.

1 John 2:10 *“He who loves his brother abides in the light, ...”*

The love of God in our hearts drives out all fear ! **1 John 4:18** *“There is no fear in Love; but the perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.”*

➤ **GOD HAS GIVEN US A SPIRIT OF SELF-CONTROL
(A SOUND MIND)**

If our minds are controlled by God’s Spirit, our self-life will be controlled.

Because the “battlefield” is the mind !

READ WHAT THE DEVIL TRIED TO DO BY “POISONING THE MINDS” OF THE GENTILES AGAINST THE BELIEVERS.

Read this in Acts 14:1-7

THE HOLY SPIRIT AS

1. OIL

There are many references where the Holy Spirit is compared to “oil”

*As David once wrote in **Psalms 92:10** “I have been anointed with fresh oil” we also must desire the “freshness” of God’s Spirit.*

***Psalm 89:20** “I have found My servant David; with My **holy oil** I have anointed him.”*

Acts 10:38, 1 John 2:27

2. LIVING WATER

Jesus said to the woman at the well in

***John 4:13,14** “Jesus answered and said to her, ‘Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.’”*

Also read: John 7:37-39

3. A DOVE

*In **Luke 3:22** we read “And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a **dove** upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, ‘You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.’”*

*John the Baptist says in **John 1:32,33** “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’”*

In the time of Noah God flooded this earth with water. Remember that Noah sent a dove three times from the ark to find out if the water had receded from the earth.

- The first time God sent out HIS DOVE was in **Gen.1:1,2**
- The second time was on the day of Pentecost in **Acts 2**
- Now, these last days, God sends out HIS HOLY SPIRIT to move all over the earth to get the harvest ready for the reapers !

WHY IS THE HOLY SPIRIT COMPARED TO A DOVE ?

- 1, A dove is very sensitive. We can grieve the Holy Spirit.
*In **Eph.4:30** we read these words “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, do not offend, or vex, or sadden Him.”*
- 2, A dove is harmless (innocent – Amplified) **Matt.10:16**
- 3, A dove knows its way back home. Thank God, the Holy Spirit knows the way to our eternal home.
- 4, A dove is a clean bird. The crow that Noah sent out of the ark could sit on the dead bodies floating on the water.
“But the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, and she returned into the ark...” (Gen.8:9)
If God’s dove is in your life you will want to live a clean life before God.
- 5, A dove has a perfect balance in its wings.
That is why there are **9 GIFTS** of the Spirit and also **9 FRUIT** of the Spirit.
- 6, A dove has no gallbladder. Isn’t that great!
There is no bitterness in God !
If you are full of the Spirit of the living God, you cannot keep bitterness in your heart. Confess it and get rid of it as quickly as you can.

4. AS WINE

God wants to pour out NEW WINE into NEW WINESKINS.
Allow Him to cleanse you as a “wineskin” (**Luke 5:37-39**)
The “Old” cannot contain the “New” unless the old is renewed !

5. AS WIND

On the day of Pentecost we read this happened when God sent His Holy Spirit to empower His disciples. *“And suddenly there came a **sound** from heaven, as of a **rushing wind**, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.”.....”And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” (**Acts 2:24**)*

Also read **Ezek. 37:1-10; John 3:8; Num.11:31,32**

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Whether the baptism in the Spirit takes place at conversion is really not the final question, since it often happens that a person may repent, be baptized in water, and receive the Spirit all on the same day. This is in fact the Bible idea (**Acts 2:38-39; 19:2** – “**when ye believed**” literal rendering).

This is what actually took place at both Pentecost and with the household of Cornelius. (Acts 10:44-46)

It would be more accurate, however, to say that receiving the Spirit is generally subsequent to repentance, water baptism and remission of sins. (**Act 2:38-39**) The reason why not more Christians receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit after repentance is due to a lack of teaching.

We are not taught by Bible example to send people through a long period of training before baptizing them in water, and we should not expect them to wait for long periods before receiving the Spirit.

Another question must be dealt with: “**What really happens when the baptism in the Spirit takes place?**” Or, “**What evidence should be expected at the time of receiving?**”

First, we will look at Scriptural evidences which show us that the baptism of the Spirit is an experience distinct in itself. Secondly we will look at the evidence of that experience.

1. The disciples at Pentecost had a clear experience of the baptism of the Holy Spirit Read: Acts 2:1-4

There can be no doubt that the disciples’ names were already written in heaven (**Luke 10:20**)

Before Pentecost they were touched by the Holy Spirit (**John 20:21-23**)

They certainly evidenced a strong spiritual experience prior to the outpouring at Pentecost. Evidence of this can be seen by the facts that:

- They were in unity and one accord (**Acts 1:14, 21**)
- They were in prayer and supplication (**Acts 1:14**)
- They received revelation from the Scriptures (**Acts 1:15-22**)
- They were continually in the temple praising and blessing God (**Luk 24:53**)

- They were absolutely obedient to the command of Christ to wait for the promise of the Father, even though it meant waiting in prayer and praise for ten days after His final words and ascension.

Christ not only instructed them to wait, but gave them the reason: for the “promise of the Father” (**Acts 1:4**).

Notice, Christ did not instruct them to wait for salvation or the new birth, but for an “*endowment*” of power to be witnesses. (**Acts 1:8**) Those who were already His children should ask for His Spirit. (**Luke 11:13**)

2. **The Samaritans – Acts 8:1-14** – Philip preached Christ and saw many people converted and healed. He cast out devils and many received water baptism, but they had not received the Holy Spirit. Peter and John later came down, laid hands on them, and they received the Spirit

This gives clear, indisputable proof that the baptism in the Spirit was a subsequent experience, distinct from salvation, and that in fact a definite time lapse can occur.

Note: This incident took place about seven years after Pentecost.

3. **Paul – Acts 9:3-14** - Paul experienced a marvellous and dramatic conversion on the Damascus Road. He prayed and sought God for the following three days. Yet he did not receive the Spirit until Ananias came and prayed for him.
4. **The Ephesians – Acts 19:1-7** Notice that verse 1 says that they were “*disciples*” Also, it is not recorded that Paul preached the Gospel to them as though their need was conversion rather his inquiry to them was, “*Have ye received the Holy Ghost?*”

Translated literally, it does not say “*since*”, but rather “*when ye believed*” By Paul’s own declaration, they were believers who had been baptized in the past by John’s baptism. Notice that even the form of Paul’s question implies that a person could be a Christian without having received the Spirit. If the Spirit automatically fell on a person when he believed, then Paul would not have asked this question.

This incident took place about twenty-one years after Pentecost.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN BIBLE TYPOLOGY

1. **The feast of Passover**

This speaks of the slain lamb and Jesus' death for our redemption. (Exodus 12; 1 and 1 Cor. 5:7) Christ was our Passover Lamb Pentecost (meaning: "day of first-fruits"), which came 50 days after Passover, speaks of the outpouring of the Spirit.

NOTE: Traditionally, the receiving of the law on Sinai corresponded with the first Pentecost. The Pentecost of Acts 2 brought spiritual fulfilment to this because it was then that God wrote the Commandments on fleshy tables of men's hearts, rather than on stone.

The feast of Pentecost represented to Israel the celebrating of the first-fruits of the crops. This was also fulfilled initially in **Acts 2;1-4** when God shed forth the first-fruits of the Spirit upon His people.

2. **The blood and oil – Lev. 8** – For Aaron and his sons to become consecrated for the service of the sanctuary they were washed, clothed in holy garments, had blood applied to their right ear, thumb, and big toe, and immediately upon the fresh blood was placed the holy anointing oil. (God wants to fill believers when they accept the blood, not years later.) There was **oil** only where there was first **blood**.

You cannot expect to receive the Holy Spirit "oil" if you did not receive the blood of Christ in your life !

Any honest student will admit that the sprinkled blood is a type of salvation, and the anointing oil is a type of the anointing of the Holy Spirit. (**Luke 4:18**) We see here two distinct truths in separate forms. (Other references referring to this anointing are: **1 John 2:20, 27 ; 2 Cor. 1:21**)

Our **ears** must first be touched by the blood of Christ before they can be anointed with the oil of the Holy Spirit to hear the word of the Lord
 Our **hands** must first be cleansed by His blood before He can work through our hands
 Our **feet** must first be washed by His blood before we will be able to walk in His ways !

3. **The baptism of the cloud and the sea –**

1 Cor. 10:1-4 – The nation Israel experienced both water and Spirit baptism. The crossing of the sea corresponds to water baptism, and the cloud corresponds to the baptism in the Spirit. The New Testament links the water experience with the Spirit experience. (**John 3:5; Acts 10:44-47; 1 John 5:8**)

NOTE: Both these experiences took place after the Passover lamb, which speaks of the blood of Christ for salvation. Note also that God Himself was present in the cloud THAT GUIDED Israel on their journey.

The cloud took on two forms: by day a cloud of shade, comfort, and protection; by night, a pillar of fire giving light and warmth. Remember that the Scripture calls the Spirit our “*comforter*” and “*guide*”. In addition, the promised outpouring of the Spirit was said to involve “*fire*” (Matt 3:11)

While we are sure that there are other types of the Holy Spirit that could be presented, these types are prominent and unmistakably clear.

WHAT IS THE EVIDENCE OF THE BAPTISM IN THE SPIRIT?

We will study again the scriptures mentioned in the book of Acts to find out what the evidence was when the first Christians received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

- a, **Pentecost Acts 2:4** “ *And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance*”

In this passage, being filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues are indisputably connected. This is our purest example, this was the way God introduced this experience into the Church.

- b, **Samaria Acts 8:15-19** (*The apostles sent Peter and John*)
 “*When they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost. (For as yet He was fallen upon none of them only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Ghost. And when Simon saw that through laying on the apostle’s hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.*”

Note Though the word “tongues” is not mentioned in this passage, we notice that Simon saw the manifestation of the Spirit as the apostles laid hands on the people. He had already seen healings and casting out of devils, yet, he had not seen anything like what took place when the disciples received the Holy Ghost. We can only conclude that he saw the same manifestation which occurred in the other four Pentecostal experiences in the book of Acts.

Also, we might mention that Peter did not specifically mention tongues when reporting the incident at Cornelius’ household to the Jews in Jerusalem. (**Acts 10:45-46**) They understood that the baptism of the Holy Spirit and tongues were linked, and he did not feel it necessary to mention all the details to defend the acts of the Holy Spirit against theological critics.

- c, **Paul Acts 9:17** “*And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house, and putting his hands on him said, brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit*”

It is reasonable and scripturally consistent to assume that Paul first spoke in tongues at the time he “*received the Spirit*” since other references confirm that this was God’s pattern. We know that he did speak in tongues and that he did so often. **1 Cor. 14:18** “*I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than you all*”

It is therefore an unfair presumption to assume that it did not happen initially when Ananias prayed for him.

- d, **Cornelius' household Acts 10:45-46** *“And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many came with Peter, because that on the gentiles also was poured out the gifts of the Holy Ghost For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.”*

Here again the “*gift of the Holy Ghost*” was evidenced by speaking in other tongues. The tongues were the sign to Peter and the Jews that these Gentiles had received.

- e, **The Ephesians (Acts 19:2)** *“He said to them, Did ye receive the Holy Spirit since ye believed? And they said unto him. We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost”*

In verse six, he laid hands upon them and the Holy Ghost came on them and they “*spake with tongues and prophesied.*”

Again, tongues is connected with receiving the Spirit. We must, therefore, conclude that tongues is the Scriptural evidence that one has been filled with the Holy Spirit.

Often people have a very real visitation from the Holy Spirit which is to them a real mountaintop experience, yet they do not yield to the Spirit and speak in tongues. They often insist that they have received the Spirit because of the reality of the experience. This, of course, must be respected by all. Yet we must never establish any other or any lesser evidence to be the first sign of receiving the Holy Spirit than that which the Scriptures themselves teach. If such person had yielded to the Spirit, they would have undoubtedly received His fullness for them. Therefore, they simply need to be taught to yield to the Spirit and allow Him to express Himself through their speech organs.

We might also observe that the tongues of fire or the rushing mighty wind that were seen and heard at Pentecost did not recur as a sign, but that tongues are the recurring sign and evidence of the baptism of the Spirit. It was because of the sign of tongues that the Jews knew that the household of Cornelius had received, for “*they **heard them speak** with tongues and magnify God.*”

It seems to be a principle with God in His dealings with man that spiritual realities and experiences have natural and physical manifestations in our lives. For example, if we really have divine love, it shows itself by love for the brethren.

- The thoughts of our hearts are expressed by words.
- All the utterance gifts (**1Corinthians 12**) are manifested by the voice of the individual being used. When we talk about the “*utterance gifts*” we refer to:
 - A Word of wisdom
 - A Word of knowledge
 - Faith (because faith works when spoken) **Read: Rom.10:8**
 - Prophecy
 - Tongues
 - Interpretation of Tongues
- True repentance is expressed by public confession.
- And the receiving of the Spirit is by the speaking in tongues.

In the book of Acts the baptism of the Holy Spirit was both “*seen*” and “*heard*.” (**Acts 2:33; 10:45-46**)

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TONGUES AS THE INITIAL EVIDENCE OF THE BAPTISM IN THE SPIRIT AND SPEAKING IN TONGUES AS THE “GIFT OF TONGUES”

All the previous cases show that the people spoke in tongues when they received the Spirit. In most of these cases, it is quite obvious that they did not abide by the Lord’s instructions regarding how tongues were to be used to edify the assembly.

In the church of Corinth Paul had to teach them not all to speak in tongues at the same time. It was out of order to do this. And if there were no interpretation they should speak (softly) to God to edify themselves.

We read of this in 1 Cor. 14:23,27,28

We must remember that we are not baptised in “tongues” but we are baptised “in the Holy Spirit”

THE HOLY SPIRIT THEN GIVES US TONGUES TO SPEAK.

Paul makes it clear, however, that he is not referring to their private use of tongues in prayer and praise to the Lord. (**1 Cor.14:4 and 15**)

v.4 *“He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself”*

v.15 *“I will pray with the Spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the Spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.”*

In **Ephesians 5:18** Paul tells us to be full of the Spirit and speak to “*yourselves*” in spiritual singing. **Ephesians 6:18** tells us to pray always “*in the Holy Spirit,*” and in **Jude 20** we are told to build ourselves up by praying in the Holy Ghost.

Paul said he practiced speaking in tongues more than all the Corinthians **1 Corinthians 14:18** *“I speak with tongues more than you all.”*

WHEN AND HOW DOES A PERSON RECEIVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

A. After Repentance.

Acts 2:38 *“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”*

B. By Faith:

Galatians 3:2 “This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?”

Faith is the condition upon which man receives everything from God. (Hebrews 11:6; James 1:6-8)

The tendency of man is to lean on senses and emotions. Therefore if he does not *“have the feeling of righteousness,”* or feel worthy, he closes himself off from the blessings of God.

It is of great importance to notice the word *“gift”*

In Acts 2:38. God specified that it was to be a gift given, not purchased. One doesn't buy a gift he simply receives it.

Repentance and the new birth prepare a person to be filled with the Spirit, not works nor merit or Christian character and maturity.

We can only receive God's gifts by faith, the same way we were saved. It is this faith condition which is the prerequisite for salvation, for being filled with the Spirit, for healing, to operate gifts, etc.

It is not necessary to teach people to *“tarry”* for the Spirit. The believers in the early church did not teach or practice this.

Long waiting is not a virtue but rather a frustration to the individual as well as the grace of God.

The amount of time one waits will depend on his faith and obedience.

LET'S SUMMARISE:

It is essential that every believer be absolutely persuaded concerning the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

1. It is a valid Biblical experience and is both applicable to and necessary for our day. A person must be persuaded from scripture that it is for him.

Romans 10:17 – “ So then faith cometh from hearing, and hearing from the word of God.”

This shows that the Word must first be sown in order to have faith.

Ephesians 5:17-18 – “Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.”

This shows that it is not an option, rather a command to be filled with the Spirit.

2. It is an experience distinct from repentance and water baptism.

3. It is evidenced by speaking in tongues

If a person is not convinced concerning these areas, then the foundation of God's Word is not fully laid. It is the sad truth that, regarding this subject, the “traditions of men” have made the Word of God of none effect for millions of believers. (Mark 7:13) It is often necessary to deal with these traditions in the light of the pure Scripture.

4. There must be heart preparation

The next thing one should do is to prepare his heart to receive by hungering and seeking and asking for the Holy Spirit. This means he cannot take a neutral position, expecting God to seek him to pour out His Spirit on him.

Luke 11:9-13 – “*And I say to you, Ask and it shall be given you, seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh' it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?*”

Jesus instructs His children to ask, seek and knock when desiring to receive the Spirit.

Matthew 5:6 *“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be filled.”*

Here we see the same principle brought out. To receive any spiritual blessing or experience from the Lord, a person must desire it and seek after it.

(See also James 4: 8-10 – it shows the importance of taking the initiative in order to receive from God.)

One aspect of seeking could be to have the elders and other believers lay hands on you and pray that you might be filled with the Spirit.

This was done on several occasions in Scripture. (Acts 8:17; 19:6)

5. Remember, one must seek the Lord, not just an experience. But we must also be willing to speak in tongues.

One need not fear receiving something evil or less than God’s promise when he comes to God as a born-again child, and as a hungry, honest seeker after the Spirit. (Luke 11:11-13)

THE ANOINTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

If you read Psalm 92, you'll find the following in verse 11: "You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine oils have been poured upon me"
The King James Translation expresses it as follows "I shall be anointed with fresh oil"

I believe that this "FRESH OIL" relates to the Holy Spirit!
Thank God for the freshness of the Holy Spirit! 2000 years ago the Holy Spirit was poured out for the first time on the church in Acts 2 : Today His working in us is just as refreshing as in those days!

If there is one thing that we need in the church these days it is A FRESH ANOINTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

In this teaching on the anointing with the Holy Spirit it will become clear to you how important the anointing is to us.

FIRST A QUESTION:

Is the anointing of the Holy Spirit something that I can "feel" on my body?
Personally I often experience the anointing of the Holy Spirit as an incredibly supernatural power that controls my body, and is like "goose bumps"
Maybe you can identify with this?

Did Job have a similar experience to this? We read of it in Job 4: 12 to 15. It reads: " fear and trembling seized me and made all my bones shake. A spirit glided past my face, and the hair on my body stood on end."

You can also read of Daniël's experience in Daniel 10:10 to 17.

WE TALK OF THE ANOINTING THE HOLY SPIRIT BECAUSE IT IS BIBLICAL.

If I say biblical I mean it's the "language" the Bible uses.

Jesus read out of Isaiah 61 in the synagogue, referring to Himself and said the following:

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has **anointed** Me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." (Luke 4: 18,19)*

Peter says the following in **Acts 10: 38** "*how God **anointed** Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how He went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with Him.*"

Other scriptures referring to **anointing** are found in

1 John 2: 20 to 27 (2 Corinthians 1: 21).

What is written here does not mean that we cannot learn anything from others! But if we are united to the Holy Spirit, He will lead us into all truth. Yes, even things that we don't know He will make known to us (John 16:13)

ANOINTING WITH OIL AND THE ANOINTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

To understand the message of the anointing of the Holy Spirit we must look in the Old Testament at the following things:

1. What value was placed on the anointing with oil?
2. We also see that when people (and also objects) were anointed with oil then God's anointing and glory descended on them.

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT 7 THINGS WERE ANOINTED FOR GOD:

1. The Tabernacle -- Exodus 30: 26 to 29;
Exodus 40: 9; Leviticus 9: 10
2. The altar -- Exodus 29:36; 40: 10; **Leviticus 8: 11**
3. The wash basin -- **Exodus 40: 11**
4. All the Tabernacle equipment **Exodus 40: 9 to 15**

YOU WILL SEE THAT EVERYTHING THAT WAS USED TO WORSHIP GOD WAS ANOINTED.

5. Bread -- **Exodus 29: 2; Leviticus 2: 4; 7: 12.**
6. Shields -- **Isaiah 21: 5; 2 Samuel 1: 21**
7. Pillars -- **Genesis 31: 13**

**THE PRIESTS WERE ALSO SANCTIFIED TO THE LORD WITH OIL.
Exodus 29: 7,29; 40: 13**

Psalm 133:2 tells us how this anointing was: "It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes."

This kind of anointing in biblical times was visible to others! A person could not have oil on his head, beard and clothes without anyone seeing it!

THE SAME IS TRUE WHEN SOMEONE IS ANOINTED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. ALL THOSE AROUND YOU WILL KNOW.

I HAVE EXPERIENCED IN THE PAST THAT WHEN SOMEONE IS ANOINTED WITH OIL, IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, THE LORD ALSO ANOINTS HIM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT!

When David was anointed by Samuel to set him apart as king, God also anointed him with the Holy Spirit! The Bible tells us in 1 Samuel 16: 13 that the Holy Spirit came on David since that day.

WHAT HAPPENS WITH US WHEN GOD ANOINTS US WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT?

1. We become totally different people!

Read what happened to Saul in **1 Samuel 10: 6**.

Yes, you cannot change yourself, but if you allow God's Holy Spirit to take control of your life you will be changed.

2. Anointing opens our eyes.

In **Numbers 24: 1 to 4** we read of Balaam and how the Spirit of God came on him. In the third verse he could speak of himself as a man with opened eyes, because the Spirit rested on him! In **Revelation 3: 17, 18** Jesus speaks of the ointment that we can put on our eyes to make us to see.

Why did the congregation in Laodicea need this ointment? Because they were "lukewarm" and did not even know it! Have you lost your zeal for God? Then pray for a new anointing of the Holy Spirit.

In **2 Kings 6** we read of Elisha and his servant Gehazi. It is clear in the story that Elisha's spiritual eyes were open but that was not the case with Gehazi. Elisha could see far more than just the enemy! Elisha was anointed with the Holy Spirit but we cannot say this of Gehazi.

GOD LOOKS FOR MEN AND WOMEN WHO HE CAN ANOINT WITH HIS SPIRIT, SO THEY CAN SEE MORE THAN NORMAL PEOPLE.

3. **The anointing gives us power!** Just before Jesus ascended to heaven He said the following in **Acts 1:8** "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and the ends of the earth.
The Holy Spirit really gives us power to witness for Christ.

Often we don't need a holiday but rather a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit.

THE WORLD STILL NEEDS TO SEE WHAT GOD CAN DO THROUGH SOMEBODY WHO'S ANOINTED BY GOD.

No wonder Samson could kill the lion that attacked him – God's anointing enabled him to do it. We read of this in **Judges 14:6**

There is a roaring lion that wants to destroy us and those we love, and his name is the devil. But by the power of the Holy Spirit we can resist and defeat this enemy.

4. **The anointing places us under the control of God's will.**

Samson – **Judges 13:25**

Jesus – **Mark 1:12,13**

Paul - **Acts 20:22 to 24**

5. **The anointing makes you grow spiritually.**

Have you grown in your prayer life, knowledge of God and your availability for the Lord? One that's anointed will never stagnate.

By the way: If you do something for God without an anointing, then you were never called to do it.

The anointing of the Holy Spirit confirms your calling for a cause.

Read **Psalm 92:11 to 15** carefully again. When God anoints somebody with his Spirit then he grows like a palm tree and is planted in the house of the Lord. In other words you are linked to God's church because you are like a stone built into it. Loose stones can be carried away, but not those built into a building. There are too many "loose stones" in God's church these days.

The New Living Translation verse 15 as follows "**Even in old age they will still produce fruit; they will remain vital and green.**"

Anna, the prophetess, was 84 years old but still full of life and could fast. This was because she was full of God's Spirit. We read of this in **Luke 2**.

6. **God's anointing on me can influence other people for God!**

Therefore we see in the Bible the anointing on somebody could be transferred to another. One of the most outstanding examples of this took place in **Numbers 11: 25**. God took the Spirit that rested on Moses and placed some of it on the 70 elders so that they prophesied.

7. **The anointing breaks yokes.**

The King James Translation of Isaiah 10: 27 expresses it as follows
"and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing"

In the past we have seen how yokes (burdens) have literally fallen off and disappeared when God comes on people by His Spirit. Your yoke shall also be broken when you allow the Spirit to have total control over your life.

ASK GOD FOR A "FRESH" ANOINTING BY HIS SPIRIT !

THE SIN AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT

You can sin against the Holy Spirit by doing the following:

Resisting the Spirit Acts 7:51 *“ye stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.”*

This speaks of opposing and striving against the Lord. Stephen here calls the Jews “*stiff-necked*” not having a heart to obey God or hear His Word. This sin, therefore, involves stubbornness and open disobedience; openly refusing instruction and the Word of the Lord.

2 Tim. 3:8 *“Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, as do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith”.*

(See also **Ex. 32:9; 1 Sam. 8:19; 2 Chron. 24:19; Jer. 32:33; 44:16; Zec 7:11**)

Grieving the Spirit Eph 4:30 *“And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.”*

(Also read: **Psalms 78:40**)

Grief is deep sadness or sorrow. It speaks of intense and inner affliction.

Jer. 45:3 says: *“For the Lord added grief to my sorrow”.* Grief is more than sorrow.

The Holy Spirit is as a dove and is very sensitive. All bitterness, anger, resentment, quarrelling, abusive and evil speech, lying one to another, giving place to the Devil, stealing. etc., are a grief to Him. (**Eph. 4:25-28**)

If we continue to grieve the Holy Spirit, then His grief turns into holy anger.

Is. 63:10 *“But they rebelled, and vexed His Holy Spirit: therefore He was turned to be their enemy, and He fought against them.”*

(Also see **Gen. 6:6; Ps. 95:9-10**)

Lying to the Spirit Acts 5:3-4 *“But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? While it remained, was it not thine own? Thou has not lied unto men, but unto God”*

Notice, lying to the Lord (Spirit) was done by lying to the ministry. Ananias and his wife yielded to the suggestion of evil spirits to deceive God’s servants.

Quenching the Spirit 1 Thes. 5:19 “Quench not the Spirit.....”

Quench means to “*extinguish, smother, or put out.*” Thus this has to do with the failure to obey and respond to something the Spirit prompts a person to do, whether prophesying and manifesting spiritual gifts, witnessing to another about Christ, or obeying His dictates in Christian living. It means to quench or smother the Spirit’s will.

Churches can do this by forbidding prophecy and the expression of the gifts. Individuals can do it by being fearful and apprehensive, not responding to what the Spirit prompts them to do.

In this actual order, the next step after quenching the Spirit would undoubtedly be grieving Him. Those who persist in habitually quenching His operation and will, will eventually grieve Him.

Blaspheming the Holy Spirit Matt. 12:22-37 - To blaspheme means “to speak abusively of, to speak contempt against God or things sacred.” It is important to keep the term in its Scriptural context and not throw it around loosely.

It is important to understand the context of the passage: Israel continued to be a rebellious and stiff-necked people, rejecting and resisting Christ at every possible opportunity.

They were hardhearted and cruel, even in the face of Christ’s miracles of deliverance and compassion. They not only rejected Jesus as a man, but also the power of the Holy Ghost working through Him.

This is especially serious when we realize that Christ’s miracles were done by the Spirit and were designed to testify of who He was.

The Spirit confirmed or sealed Christ’s message by divine acts of healings etc. (**John 5:36; 10:36-38**)

He was doing these by the Spirit, to seal His identity and the fact that it was of the Kingdom of God.

So to reject His works and attribute them to demons was the sin of the Pharisees. They recognized His power, and they did not deny it or call Him a hoax or phoney. Instead they actually took the worst possible position, attributing it to Beelzebub (connected with Baal, the god of Ekron – **2 Kings 1:2**)

This accusation constituted a final and persistent rejection of the Spirit’s testimony of Christ. Theirs was not a single act but a continuous resisting of the Spirit.

They, in fact, made the occasion of the displayed power of the Spirit an opportunity to show spite towards Christ, the Son of God. Such people are without hope and bear the unmistakable stamp of perdition. This was the sin into which many of the Israelites fell.

This sin then constitutes a rejection of Christ following the Holy Spirit's revelation of whom He is; it is to knowingly slander and refuse Him. This point of revelation is not just at hearing a sermon or a Sunday School lesson. Rather, it is after the Spirit bears unmistakable and powerful witness of Christ. Even Jesus, who had preached many times and lived before them said. *"Forgive them, for they KNOW NOT"*

This is a spiritual revelation of who He was as in Matt. 16:16: "And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God".

Please do not reject God's Spirit, but allow Him to control your life !