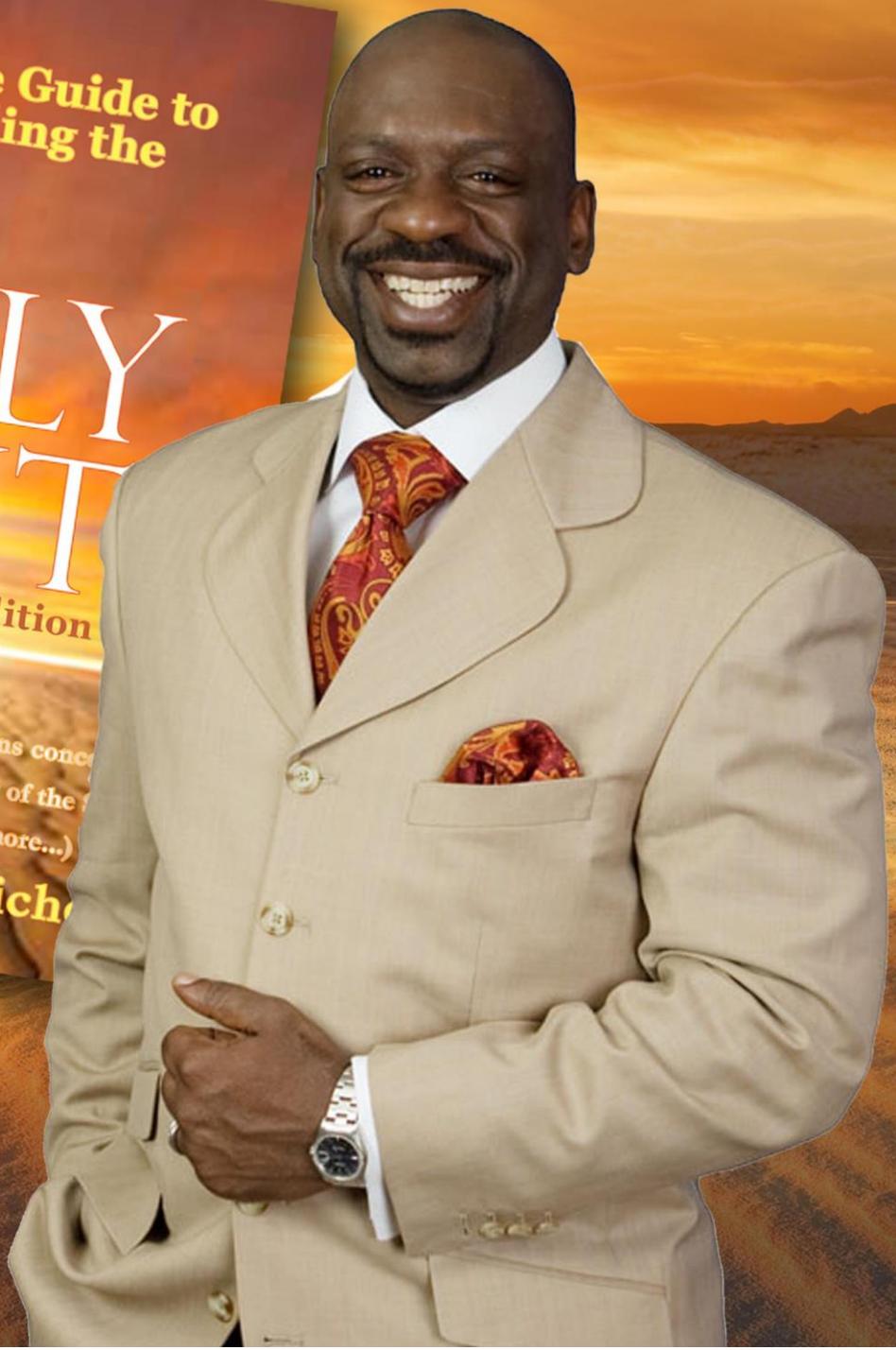
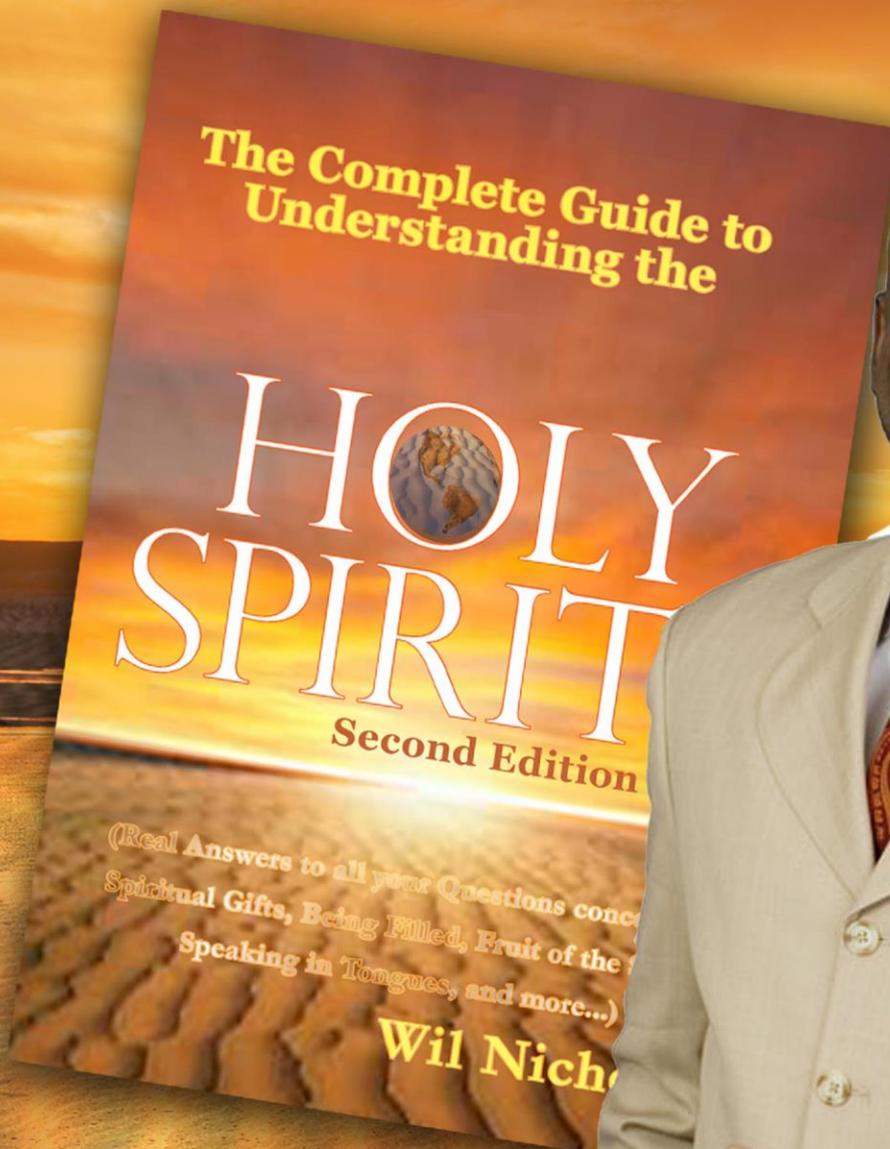


# GROWING IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father  
will send in my name, he shall teach you all things...



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## **Grow Up or Swell Up**

### ***Lesson Text***

John 14:25–27 (AV)<sup>25</sup> These things have I spoken unto you, being *yet* present with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

1 Corinthians 3:1–3 (AV)<sup>1</sup> And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, *even* as unto babes in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able *to bear it*, neither yet now are ye able. <sup>3</sup> For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there is* among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

Psalms 1:1–3 (AV)<sup>1</sup> Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. <sup>2</sup> But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. <sup>3</sup> And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

### ***Introduction***

We closed out 2018 looking at the Condition of the Church based on Christ's letters to 7 Churches in Asia Minor. 1. The Church had left its first love, 2. Willing to Suffer, 3. Become too Worldly, 4. Lost its Authority, 5. Was almost Dead, 6, Having a Revival, 7. Worthless.

We enter into 2019 with one powerful message from the Lord, to change our condition, we must Grow.

But as we learned from our previous series, many times although we are using the same words, when it comes to God, we're using a different dictionary.

Man's definition of Growth is about accumulation, promotion, wealth, numbers, recognition, increase, blow up!

But as with most things, God's definition of Grow is quite different, and can be summed up in Christ's two commandments to us:

- Mark 12:<sup>30</sup> **And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.**
- Mark 12:<sup>31</sup> **And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.**

These commandments ultimately lead to Grow being expressed in terms like humility, suffering, trusting, decrease, letting go, trouble and tribulations.

It is this dichotomy, contrast, or contradiction that explains why so many people in church can be experiencing God, but not growing because they is no true relationship with God.

And that relationship starts with the Spirit of God.

John 14:<sup>26</sup> **But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

Over the next 10 weeks we will study the Purpose of the Holy Spirit, how to Receive the Holy Spirit, Being Filled with the Spirit, Speaking in Tongues and the Gifts of the Spirit, Growing the Fruit of the Spirit, and Understand and Answering Questions about the Holy Spirit, ...

This teaching will be based on our book “**The Complete Guide to Understanding the Holy Spirit**”; but tonight, we want to start by learning how to Grow in the Spirit!

John 4:<sup>24</sup> **God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.**

Without true Worship in the Spirit, Christians may appear to be growing up, but in actuality all they are doing is just swelling up.

To Grow Up means to become Perfected, but to Swell Up means to become Infected.

1 Corinthians 3:1–3 (AV)<sup>1</sup> And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, ...for whereas *there is* among you envying, and strife, and divisions, ...

Psalms 138:8 (AV)<sup>8</sup> The LORD will perfect *that which* concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, *endureth* for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

“To Grow in God we must Learn the Spirit, Know the Spirit, and Use the Spirit”

### ***I. Learning the Spirit***

John 14: <sup>26</sup> **But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, ...**

The first type of growth comes from what we learn. But what we learn depends on who’s doing the teaching. One will cause us to be perfected, and the other infected.

Psalms 1: <sup>1</sup> Blessed *is* the man that **walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly**, ...

*Counsel* means “advice”; Counsel of the Ungodly is advice without the Spirit of God (Carnal).

1 Corinthians 3:<sup>1</sup> And I brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal...

Too many people in the Church are getting their counsel, advise, teaching from the Ungodly; that is, from a non-Spiritual or Carnal foundation.

This ungodly carnal advice causes us to look like we're growing, but we're actually swelling up from the infection of carnality.

Jeremiah 17:<sup>9</sup> The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

1 Corinthians 3:<sup>3</sup> For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there is* among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

### **To Grow Up, we must Walk in the Spirit**

Galatians 5:<sup>16</sup> *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Romans 8:1 (AV)<sup>1</sup> *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

How do we Walk in the Spirit, by Walking by Faith!

2 Corinthians 5:7 (AV)<sup>7</sup> (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

Hebrews 11:6 (AV)<sup>6</sup> But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

## ***II. Knowing the Spirit***

John 14:<sup>26</sup> **But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, ...**

The second type of growth comes from what we know and where we're going. And what we know and where we go depends on who is showing us the way.

Psalms 1:<sup>1</sup> Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, **nor standeth in the way of sinners**, ...

Standing in the way of sinners means to take a path or way that sinners take; to miss the mark!

Philippians 3:<sup>14</sup> I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Think about the mark as the signs or markers on the road that inform us as to where we are going. And spiritually, sin is the distraction that causes us to miss the mark.

When you're be counseled by the ungodly, all you know is the way of sinners. It looks like you're going somewhere; but actually swelling up from the infection of sin. Proverbs 14:12 (AV)<sup>12</sup> There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

### **To Grow Up, we must Know the Way of the Spirit**

John 14:6 (AV)<sup>6</sup> Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

Matthew 6:13 (AV)<sup>13</sup> **And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: ...**

Psalms 37: <sup>23</sup> The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

How do we Know the Spirit? By knowing the Word!

1 John 4:1 (AV)<sup>1</sup> Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

Psalms 119:11 (AV)<sup>11</sup> Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Romans 10:17 (AV)<sup>17</sup> So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

### **III. Using the Spirit**

John 14: <sup>27</sup> **Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**

The final type of growth comes from what we do, and the power behind it. And what we do, and how effective we are at doing it, will depend on the anointing we have to do it.

Psalms 1:1–3 (AV)<sup>1</sup> Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, **nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.**

Sitting in the seat of the scornful is literally giving up on what we're called to do. The scornful are atheists and agnostics who don't even believe in God.

Without the Spirit of God to Grow up, we become Infected and Swell Up

- When we don't Grow Up from Learning the Spirit, we will Swell up with the Infection of a Carnal Heart
- When we don't Grow Up from Knowing the Spirit, we will Swell up with the Infection of an Ungodly Sinful Way
- When we don't Grow Up from Using the Power of the Spirit, we will Swell up with the Infection of Giving up and Sitting on our Calling and Anointing.

Romans 11:29 (AV)<sup>29</sup> For the gifts and calling of God *are* without repentance.

Simply put, when you don't Learn the Spirit and Know the Spirit, you will not be able to Use the Spirit.

So we depend upon what the World gives us: Human Power (How Many), and Human Might (How Strong); but ultimately it will all fail us.

### **To Grow Up, we must Use the Power of the Spirit**

Zechariah 4:<sup>6</sup> ...Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

John 14: <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: **not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**

All the world gives us is enough to keep us troubled, enough to keep us in fear. But God gives us his Spirit to bring us out of Trouble, and to overcome all our of Fears!

2 Timothy 1:6–7 (AV)<sup>6</sup> Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. <sup>7</sup> For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

2 Corinthians 4:8–9 (AV)<sup>8</sup> *We are* troubled on every side, yet not distressed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup> Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

Acts 1:8 (AV)<sup>8</sup> **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 Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

Luke 10:19 (AV)<sup>19</sup> **Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.**

## **Questions**

### **I. Getting to Know “Me”**

1. What do you desire to accomplish in 2019?
2. Are you a person who ask advice from others? Why or why not?

### **II. Into the Bible**

1. David was a warrior. Yet, in 1 Samuel 30:8, he asked the Lord some questions. What were the questions? Why did he ask the Lord anything? What led David to do this?
2. Describe the trouble Paul encountered in Acts 27 and how he used his anointing to influence others.

### **III. Life Application**

1. What can you do to protect yourself from ungodly counsel from others and how can you be sure to not give ungodly counsel?
2. Share various ways in which you can provoke (your family, co-workers, fellow church members, friends, etc.) to love and to good works.

## ***Purpose of the Holy Spirit (The Introduction)***

### ***Lesson Text***

Acts 1:4–5 (AV)<sup>4</sup> And, being assembled together with *them*, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but **wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.** <sup>5</sup> **For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.**

Acts 2:1–4 (AV)<sup>1</sup> And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Luke 11:13 (AV)<sup>13</sup> **If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?**

### ***Introduction***

When it comes to the Holy Spirit, most of us have questions. These questions exist whether we are a new babe in Christ or have been saved for years.

What is the Holy Spirit? What is the role of the Holy Spirit? What are the characteristics of the Holy Spirit? What is the purpose of the gifts and the fruit of the Spirit? How do you receive the Holy Spirit? Do you have to speak in tongues? Can you lose the Holy Spirit? What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

But before we begin to answer the many questions concerning the Holy Spirit, we must first understand the purpose of the Holy Spirit. If we don't understand the purpose, then any answers we obtain will be unfounded and possibly invalid.

For example, if you think that the purpose of a hammer is to kill flies, then any knowledge you develop concerning the use of the hammer will be wrong. It's not that you can't kill flies with a hammer, but that is not its true purpose. Not only will the wrong purpose make you ineffective in killing flies, you may hurt others in your feeble attempt to kill flies.

This is what I believe has happen to too many people in the Church. They have been hurt because of the misuse and even sometimes abuse of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit has been used as something one must work or earn, or as a litmus test to prove a spiritual status. Some have claim to have the holy spirit, but had another

spirit. All of which has resulted to people being hurt, becoming spiritual stunted, being spiritually misused or abused, or just giving up on God altogether.

The true purpose of the Holy Spirit can be revealed from his name. And yes I did say his name. The Holy Spirit is a person, not a thing. Notice the use of the pronoun “He” in scripture.

Luke 11:13 (AV)<sup>13</sup> **If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?**

Now when we look at his name, “Holy Spirit”, we see his purpose revealed. Holy means to be set apart, separated, or sanctified. Spirit is wind or breath, an invisible power that causes movement and change. **So then the Holy Spirit is the invisible power of the Godhead that separates (sanctifies) us from the world of sin, and moves us to Christ so that we become like him.**

When we don’t understand the true purpose of the Holy Spirit and properly utilize Him, then not only are people spiritually misused and abused, we as the Body of Christ don’t Grow; that is we are not separated from sin, and are not moved closer to Christ.

We will explore this in more detail in next week’s sermon, but today we to explore the purpose of the Holy Spirit from the perspective of how he was introduced to us; and how that introduction can become a hinderance to our spiritual growth.

“Tarrying, Receiving, and Demonstrating the Holy Spirit”

### ***I. Tarring for the Holy Spirit (Wait not Work)***

Acts 1:4–5 (AV)<sup>4</sup> And, being assembled together with *them*, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but **wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.** <sup>5</sup> **For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.**

How many of you who came from a Pentecostal or holiness background remember tarrying for the Holy Ghosts? A process in which one would fast, pray, sit on the alter, seek God until they received the Holy Ghost. Perhaps a praise service where you ask God over and over to fill you!

And they didn’t release you until you demonstrated that you had it by speaking in tongues.

There was some good in this process (prayer, fasting, dedication, devotion, seeking), but based on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter of Acts, the process that we morphed it into was not biblical.

But they made us feel that if we simply working hard enough, fasting and prayer long enough, we would eventually receive the Holy Spirit.

**The Purpose of Tarring was not to Work and Earn the Holy Spirit, but to Wait on Him.**

God doesn't tell us to earn him, but he does teach us to wait on him. The Holy Spirit is not a reward we get for work and effort, Jesus told us that he was a promise for us to wait on.

John 14: <sup>26</sup> **But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send ...**

Acts 1: <sup>4</sup> ... but **wait for the promise of the Father, ...**

Throughout scripture we are taught to wait on the Lord

Psalms 27:14 (AV)<sup>14</sup> Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

Isaiah 40:<sup>31</sup> But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

***II. Receiving the Holy Spirit (Introduction not Instruction)***

Acts 2: <sup>1</sup> And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

Many people have used the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Acts as instructions for receiving the Holy Spirit. Specifically, the 4<sup>th</sup> verse.

Acts 2: <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The disciples did receive the Holy Spirit, but this was not instructions, it was an introduction.

**The Purpose of Receiving was not Instructions on how to get the Holy Spirit, but an Introduction to the Holy Spirit**

The Day of Pentecost, a sound from heaven, a rushing mighty wind, cloven tongues of fire in Acts 2 was not instructions on how we receive the Holy Spirit, it was how God introduced the Holy Spirit to mankind.

Today the Holy Spirit doesn't just show up on the Day of Pentecost, we don't experience a rushing mighty wind unless we're outside, I've not seen tongues of fire; but they did!

In chapter one, Jesus told his disciples to wait, and now the wait is over; and he is here!

To receive the Holy Spirit today, we don't tarry and wait on him, we Ask and Receive Him.

Luke 11:13 (AV)<sup>13</sup> **If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?**

We don't have to work for it, fast for it, live righteous for it, become deserving for, become justified for it; we simply have to ask for it!

Matthew 7:7 (AV)<sup>7</sup> **Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:**

### ***III. Demonstrating the Holy Spirit (Evidence not Litmus)***

Acts 2: <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The Purpose of the Holy Spirit during the Introduction

- To Wait on the Promise of the Holy Spirit
- To Ask and Receive the Holy Spirit
- To Receive and Demonstrate the Holy Spirit

Many Christians when referring to receiving the Holy Spirit will use Acts 2:4 as the evidence that one has truly received the Him. The main reason being because this is what happened to the disciples.

Although speaking in tongues is evidence of being filled with the Holy Spirit, it is not the only evidence. When we make it the only evidence, we make it a litmus test.

But the purpose of the demonstration of the Holy Spirit was never meant to be a litmus test to prove that we have him, but simply evidence that we have him.

Demonstrates himself through Witnessing:

Acts 1:8 (AV)<sup>8</sup> **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 Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

Demonstrates himself through Prayer:

Romans 8:26 (AV)<sup>26</sup> 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.

Demonstrates himself through Power:

Luke 10:19 (AV)<sup>19</sup> Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Demonstrates himself through Holiness:

1 Peter 1:16 (AV)<sup>16</sup> Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

## Questions

### I. Getting to Know “Me”

1. When you are truly relaxing, which of the following are you most likely to be doing? *a. Reading/Writing b. Hanging out with Friends c. Watching a movie or television show d. Playing a game or sport e. Shopping/Chores*
2. What did you find most enlightening in this Sunday’s sermon about the Holy Spirit?

### II. Into the Bible

1. How long did the disciples wait after Jesus ascending into heaven before the Holy Spirit came?
2. What is the significance of the Day of Pentecost?
3. What is the biblical meaning of Joel 2:28, “ And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:?” Does the Lord mean he’s going to give his Spirit to everyone? Reference your answer with scripture.

### III. Life Application

1. What can you do to determine if you’re trying to earn the Holy Spirit as opposed to receiving the Holy Spirit?
2. How can you allow the Holy Spirit to evidence Himself through you in your everyday life?

## ***Purpose of the Holy Spirit II (The Move of God)***

### ***Lesson Text***

Genesis 1:1–5 (AV)<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. <sup>2</sup> And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

Psalms 51:5–10 (AV)<sup>5</sup> Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. <sup>6</sup> Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden *part* thou shalt make me to know wisdom. <sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup> Make me to hear joy and gladness; *that* the bones *which* thou hast broken may rejoice. <sup>9</sup> Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

### ***Introduction***

As we stated in our last message, before the Holy Spirit can truly be effective for our lives, we must understand His purpose in our lives. If we don't understand the purpose, we can misuse and even abuse his role in our lives.

Let's restate His Purpose based on His name "Holy Spirit. Holy means to be set apart, separated, or sanctified. Spirit is wind or breath, an invisible power that causes movement and change. **So then the Holy Spirit is the invisible power of the Godhead that separates (sanctifies) us from the world of sin, and moves us to Christ so that we become like him.**

Today we want to focus on His role to move us.

First of all, our starting place in life, our nature and nurture, is sin and iniquity.

Psalms 51: <sup>5</sup> Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

But where we start is not where God purposed for us to finish. But in order to get here to there, we must move.

The ugly truth of life is that most people tend to end up where they started in live. Poor remain poor, rich remain rich, ghetto remain ghetto, crooked remain crooked.

It is because Satan and this world loves the status quo; and so the lusts of this world are designed to make us unfruitful, and stay in state of sin and iniquity we were born into.

But God has a plan for our life (His Will), a plan of peace and not evil to bring us to an expected end (His Word). But in order for us to get there, we must be moved (His Spirit)

“Pack your things, it’s moving day!”

### ***I. Moved by the Spirit of God***

Genesis 1:<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. <sup>2</sup> And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And **the Spirit of God moved** upon the face of the waters.

Before Christ, our lives were just like the earth in Genesis; we were without form, void, and dark. That is, we had no order, no purpose, and no direction. Filled with sin, in the dark, and no way to get out.

The problem with many people is they are trying to find their purpose and meaning, but they are stumbling the dark with a dark heart susceptible to the dark things of this world.

They are constantly being led by their deceitful heart to the temptations and evil of this world; the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.

They think the answer is money, but they’re deceived and choked; they think the answer is companionship, but they’re broken hearted; they think the answer is power, but they’re resisted.

God has a Word for their lives, but they need they Spirit to bring it to life.

### **Before the Word can Work for Us, the Spirit of God must Move upon Us!**

Genesis 1:<sup>1</sup> ... And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

How many of you know people who know the Word, but have not been moved by the Word? They quote the scriptures, but do not live by them. It’s because the Word isn’t alive for them.

Psalms 51: <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

In order for the Word of God to come alive in us, the Spirit of God must move upon us.

Luke 4:18 (AV)<sup>18</sup> **The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,**

When the Spirit of the Lord moves upon us, they Word can Work for us. **“It’s Moving Day!”**

## ***II. Moved by the Word of God***

Genesis 1: <sup>3</sup> **And God said**, Let there be light: and there was light.

Once the Spirit of God moves upon us, we are ready for the Word to work for us.

But unfortunately, too many Christians experience the Spirit of God, but never walk in the Word and Promises of God.

2 Corinthians 1:20 (AV)<sup>20</sup> For all the promises of God in him *are* yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

So why are we not experiencing all the promises of God's Word? It's because we are not walking according to the Word.

The Spirit brings the Word alive, but once you experience Him, you must walk in Him.

Galatians 5: <sup>16</sup> *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

**Before the Will of God can Prosper Us, The Word of God must Walk in Us!**

Jeremiah 29:11 (AV)<sup>11</sup> For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

The expected end is the plan for your life, it is the Will of God. But it's the Word of God that is the road map on how to get there. And it is the Spirit of God that keeps us on track.

John 14: <sup>26</sup> **But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

Matthew 6:13 (AV)<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Psalms 51: <sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me and I shall be whiter than snow

When the Word of God Walks in us, the Will of God will Prosper us. **“It's Moving Day!”**

## ***III. Moved by the Will of God***

Genesis 1: <sup>4</sup> And God saw the light, **that it was good**: ...

The enemy wants us to stay where we started, but God says, **“It's Moving Day!”**

- The Spirit of God is Moving us, so the Word of God can Work for Us
- The Word of God is Moving us, so the Promises of God can Prosper Us

- The Will of God is Moving us, so that it will be Good for Us

The enemy wants to Steal, Kill, and Destroy. He attacks us with many afflictions. He troubles us on every side. He forms weapons against us. He raises up armies against us.

**But God spoke his Word concerning us, and his Will for our lives is Good!**

Psalm 66:12 (AV)<sup>12</sup> Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy *place*.

The Will of God takes us to a Wealthy Place, a Blessed Placed, a Prosperous Place, a Good Place!

**His Work is Good for Us:** Philippians 1:6 (AV)<sup>6</sup> Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

**His Plans are Good for Us:** Jeremiah 29:11 (AV)<sup>11</sup> For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

**His Prosperity is Good for Us:** 3 John 2 (AV)<sup>2</sup> Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

**His Blessings are Good for Us** Deuteronomy 28:2 (AV)<sup>2</sup> And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

**His Promises are Good for Us** 2 Corinthians 1:20 (AV)<sup>20</sup> For all the promises of God in him *are* yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

We are moving into the Will of God, and it is ALL GOOD!

## Questions

### I. Getting to Know “Me”

1. If you were to get lost while driving, what would you be likely to do? (*Examples*, stop and ask directions, check the paper map in your glove box, or keep going until something looks familiar). For this question assume your GPS or other navigation system is not working.
2. What word or phrase best describes your earliest thoughts about the role of the Holy Spirit in your life? Why?

### II. Into the Bible

1. Mormonism, Seventh Day Adventism, Christian Science, Jehovah’s Witnesses, and other false cults begin with the Word of God and supplement the scripture with their own writings. Yet, 2 Tim 3:16-17 (NIV) states, All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,<sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. Can we believe the Bible as the Word of God in truth? Do we need added revelations? What is the work of the Holy Spirit in this matter?

2. Was Simeon, in Luke 2:25-35, controlled by the Holy Spirit? Why or why not? (Note: Jesus had not sent the Holy Spirit during this time.)
3. What is the difference in the word of wisdom, word of knowledge and word of prophecy?
4. How do the three realms of prophecy differ: word of prophecy, gift of prophecy and office of the prophets?

### **III. Life Application**

1. If we are not experiencing the manifestation of God's promises in our lives, what measures can we take to see His promises manifest? Give practical solutions.
2. Our adversary, the devil, is not omniscient, however, he remains on his job to dissuade us from accomplishing God's will for our lives. What are some actions we can take to stay on the path of completing and enjoying God's will for our lives?

## ***The 7 Roles of the Holy Spirit Part I (Conviction and Regeneration)***

### ***Lesson Text***

John 16:8–11 (AV)<sup>8</sup> **And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: <sup>9</sup> Of sin, because they believe not on me; <sup>10</sup> Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; <sup>11</sup> Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.**

Titus 3:5–7 (AV)<sup>5</sup> Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; <sup>6</sup> Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; <sup>7</sup> That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

### ***Introduction***

In the previous two messages we dealt with the purpose of the Holy Spirit as defined by name “Holy Spirit”. Holy means to be set apart, separated, or sanctified. Spirit is wind or breath, an invisible power that causes movement and change. ***So then the Holy Spirit is the invisible power of the Godhead that separates (sanctifies) us from the world of sin, and moves us to Christ so that we become like him.***

Let’s now expand the purpose of the Holy Spirit by looking at the various roles he plays in our lives. One way to understand these roles is to think of Him as a coach.

**Illustration of Coach:** Recognize you need him, Invite, Listen, Trust, and Follow him.

A coach will encourage and motivate you, he will communicate, teach, and train you. However, he will not do the work for you. That’s up to you to follow his instructions and do the work.

The Holy Spirit is our coach. If we listen to him and follow his instructions, we will become more like Christ and walk in the will and purpose of God.

John 14: <sup>26</sup> **But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

Over the next several weeks we want to specifically look at Seven Roles:

1. Conviction
2. Regeneration
3. Connection
4. Sealing
5. Indwelling

6. Controlling
7. Communication

Today we will look at his coaching roles of Conviction (to convict, sentence, and pass judgement), and Regeneration (to pay the penalty for conviction through the renewal or righteousness).

“The Conviction of Sin and The Repayment for Sin”

### ***I. The Conviction of the Holy Spirit***

John 16:8–11 (AV)<sup>8</sup> **And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: <sup>9</sup> Of sin, because they believe not on me; <sup>10</sup> Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; <sup>11</sup> Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.**

One of the most important roles of the Holy Spirit is to bring the world conviction.

The Greek word for “reprove” is *elegchō* which means “to convict.” It is a legal term; when the Holy Spirit is come, He will convict the world in the way a judge or a prosecuting attorney presents evidence to bring a conviction.

The Spirit of God presents evidence in our heart to bring us to a place of conviction, and that, of course, means a place of decision.

There must be a conviction before we can turn in faith and trust to Jesus Christ.

**The Holy Spirit Convict the world of three things: Sin, Righteousness, and Judgment.**

#### **Conviction of Sin:**

What is the greatest sin? Murder? Fornication? Homosexuality?

Mark 3:28–29 (AV)<sup>28</sup> **Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: <sup>29</sup> But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:**

John 15:22 (AV)<sup>22</sup> **If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin (No Guilt or Conviction): but now they have no cloke for their sin (They Now Have No Excuse).**

1 John 1:8–10 (AV)<sup>8</sup> **If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.**

The greatest sin is the rejection of Christ!

### **Conviction of Righteousness:**

Righteousness of Christ is the payment for the Conviction of Sin. Anytime there has been a conviction, there must be a penalty or sentence passed to pay for the sin.

1 Peter 3:18 (KJV)<sup>18</sup> For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

1 Peter 3:18 (ASV)<sup>18</sup> Because Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God; being put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

When He died on the cross, He died a judgment death. He took my guilt and your guilt and He died in our place to pay for our sin.

Romans 5:1–2 (AV)<sup>1</sup> Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup> By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

### **Conviction of Judgement:**

The Conviction of Judgement is not about a judgment to come, but the fact that we have already been judged and found to be guilty.

Many people live their lives like a person on trial who says I'll take my chances and go to trial even though they know they are guilty. But God has already had the trial, and found us guilty.

Romans 6:23 (AV)<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We live in a world that has already been judged and is like the man waiting in death row for his execution. We are literally a “Dead Man Walking”!

Without the Holy Spirit we couldn't be saved, because there would be no conviction to seek salvation. We wouldn't have any Conviction of Sin, no conviction of Christ's Righteousness to pay for our Sin, and no Conviction of Judgement that we are dead men and women walking.

## ***II. The Regeneration of the Holy Spirit***

Titus 3:5–7 (AV)<sup>5</sup> Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; <sup>6</sup> Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; <sup>7</sup> That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The next role of the Holy Spirit we want to deal with is that of Regeneration

Becoming a Christian is not just about turning over a new leaf and doing good. You will find the same mess on the new leaf as was on the old leaf.

Becoming a Christian is not about making a New Year's resolution and promising to do better. Our righteousness, or doing good, does not make us save.

Isaiah 64:6 (AV)<sup>6</sup> But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Titus 3:3–4 (AV)<sup>3</sup> For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, *and* hating one another. <sup>4</sup> But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

**We cannot change ourselves, only the Holy Spirit can renew or regenerate us into new creatures**

2 Corinthians 5:17 (AV)<sup>17</sup> Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Our lesson text teaches both the Why and the How we become new creatures!

**Why?** Because of his endless supply of Mercy

Titus 3: <sup>5</sup> Not by works of righteousness which we have done, **but according to his mercy he saved us**, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Because Christ died for us and paid the penalty for our sins, God is prepared to extend mercy to us; it is according to His *mercy* that He saved us.

And He is *rich* in mercy, which means He has plenty of it.

**How?** Because of the Regenerating Power of the Holy Ghost.

Titus 3: <sup>5</sup> Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, **by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;**

To regenerate us, the Holy Spirit Washes us.

John 3:5 (AV)<sup>5</sup> **Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

Water is the Word of God; and it is the Holy Spirit that Washes and Cleanses us with the Word.

Ephesians 5:26 (AV)<sup>26</sup> That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

Psalms 51:10–12 (AV)<sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. <sup>11</sup> Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. <sup>12</sup> Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit.

## Questions

### I. Getting to Know “Me”

1. Which movie title best describes you and please share why?
  - i. Male: “I’m Gonna Get You Sucka” / “An Officer and a Gentlemen” / “Superfly”
  - ii. Female: “Diary of A Mad Black Woman” / “Pretty Woman” / “Foxy Brown”
2. Imagine you’re an inventor and you can invent anything... what would your invention be? Describe its use and its purpose.

### II. Into the Bible

1. According to Mark 3:28–29, what does it mean to Blaspheme the Holy Spirit? Can we be forgiven for it today?
2. In John 3:17, Jesus said, “For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.” In the lesson text at John 16:8, we read that the Holy Spirit will “reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.” Compare these two statements made by our Lord. Describe how they are the same or different and explain your answer.
3. Identify and discuss two passages of scripture, (*other than Titus 3:5-7*), that support the statement that the Holy Spirit is working in our lives to make us, as followers of Christ... new.

### III. Life Application

1. Since the Holy Spirit is your coach in regenerating and renewing you, what active role will you play in this process? What will your mindset be?
2. In this world’s system, we work to earn approval or rewards from others. From the sermon we’ve learned we can’t earn God’s approval by doing good works or righteous deeds. What will motivate you to live a godly life?

## ***The 7 Roles of the Holy Spirit Part II (Connection and Sealing)***

### ***Lesson Text***

1 Corinthians 12:13–14 (AV)<sup>13</sup> For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. <sup>14</sup> For the body is not one member, but many.

2 Corinthians 1:20–22 (AV)<sup>20</sup> For all the promises of God in him *are* yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. <sup>21</sup> Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, *is* God; <sup>22</sup> Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

### ***Introduction***

Our working definition of the Holy Spirit is based on his name: Holy means to be set apart, separated, or sanctified; Spirit is wind or breath, an invisible power that causes movement and change. ***The Holy Spirit is the invisible power of the Godhead that separates (sanctifies) us from the world of sin, and moves us to Christ so that we become like him.***

Continuing with our analogy of the a Coach; the Holy Spirit serves several roles in our life to teach us how to be separated from the world, and move towards being like Christ.

John 14: <sup>26</sup> **But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

The Seven Roles he serves in our life as a Coach:

1. Conviction
2. Regeneration
3. Connection
4. Sealing
5. Indwelling
6. Controlling
7. Communication

Last message we looked at his coaching roles of Conviction and Regeneration; today we want o look at his roles of Connection and Sealing.

“The Power to Connect, The Power to Seal”

### ***I. The Connection of the Holy Spirit***

1 Corinthians 12:13–14 (AV)<sup>13</sup> For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. <sup>14</sup> For the body is not one member, but many.

There are two things that Holy Spirit brings the body of Christ, the first is the power to connect, and the second is the power of connection.

### **The Power To Connect**

One of the biggest problems within the body of Christ is the fact that too many of us are not connected. Although we were designed to be one body, the enemy uses the age-old strategy of divide and conqueror to defeat us. He does this though our flesh!

1 Corinthians 3:3 (AV)<sup>3</sup> For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there is* among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

Galatians 5:19–21 (AV)<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, <sup>20</sup> Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, <sup>21</sup> Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

The Holy Spirit gives us power to overcome our flesh, and the lusts that the enemy uses to tear us apart.

Galatians 5:22–23 (AV)<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, <sup>23</sup> Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

### **The Power from Connection**

Not only does the Holy Spirit gives us power to connect with each other, He also gives us power from the connection with each other.

Matthew 18:19 (AV)<sup>19</sup> **Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.**

The Power of the Holy Spirit is the Power of Agreement.

Romans 15:1 (AV)<sup>1</sup> We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

James 5:16 (AV)<sup>16</sup> Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

One can chase a thousand, but two can put ten thousand to flight.

Matthew 18:18 (AV)<sup>18</sup> **Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.**

## ***II. The Sealing of the Holy Spirit***

2 Corinthians 1:20–22 (AV)<sup>20</sup> For all the promises of God in him *are* yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. <sup>21</sup> Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, *is* God; <sup>22</sup> Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

A seal serves two purposes; the first is identification or approval, and the second is certification or guarantee.

### **The Power of Identification**

The Seal of the Holy Spirit first and foremost is a seal of approval; identifying to all not only who we are, but whose we are.

2 Corinthians 1:<sup>22</sup> and he has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts ...

When the Holy Spirit puts his seal of approval on us, He identifies us to us (Who We Are)!

1 John 4:4 (AV)<sup>4</sup> Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

Romans 8:37 (AV)<sup>37</sup> Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

The Holy Spirit also identifies us to the Satan and this World (Whose We Are)!

1 Corinthians 6:9–11 (AV)<sup>9</sup> Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, ... shall inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup> And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Isaiah 54:17 (AV)<sup>17</sup> No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the LORD.

### **The Power of Certification**

A seal also is a certification. It means to attest or confirm; to verify or authorize.

2 Corinthians 1:22 (NLT)<sup>22</sup> and he has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts **as the first installment that guarantees everything he has promised us.**

When we accept the Holy Spirit in our hearts, his presence certifies to us God's promises.

2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in him *are* yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

The Holy Spirit's seal on our life provides to us guarantee, warranty, authorization, and endorsement; backing up the promises of God for our lives.

Every time we feel hated, the Holy Spirit Certifies and Guarantees God's Love that conquerors a multitude of evil

Every time we experience trouble, the Holy Spirit Certifies and Guarantees the Peace of God that passes all understanding

Every time we reach our end, the Holy Spirit Certifies and Guarantees that God shall supply all our needs

No matter what happens to us, the Holy Spirit Certifies and Guarantees all His Promises with a Yea and an Amen, unto the Glory of God.

## Questions

### I. Getting to Know "Me"

1. Think about your initial encounter with the Holy Spirit upon salvation. Was your encounter an emotional experience, simply a change of mind towards God, or both?
2. If you could change your name, what would you change it to?

### II. Into the Bible

1. Now that the Holy Spirit has connected us in one body, we must learn from God's Word how to live out that connection day to day. Find and share as many passages of Scripture in God's Word that tell us what we believers in Christ should do for and with "*one another*."
2. Read and explain the meaning of Ephesians 1:13-14 in detail. In your explanation, compare these verses from Ephesians to the lesson text from this week's sermon in 2 Corinthians 1:20–22.

### III. Life Application

1. In your own words, give a definition on the Holy Spirit? How would you explain the Holy Spirit to a non-Christian?
2. The Good Housekeeping Seal provides a limited warranty on products that have been evaluated to perform as intended. If it proves to be defective within two years from the date it was first purchased, the product can be returned to refund the purchase price. Is the Holy

Spirit's seal on us the same or different than the Good Housekeeping Seal? How can this knowledge shape our attitudes? Does it condemn or confirm us?

3. What are some scriptures you can use when Satan attacks your identity in Christ?

## ***The 7 Roles of the Holy Spirit Part III (Indwelling, Controlling, and Communicating)***

### ***Lesson Text***

1 Corinthians 3:16–17 (AV)<sup>16</sup> Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? <sup>17</sup> If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which *temple* ye are.

Ephesians 5:17–20 (AV)<sup>17</sup> Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*. <sup>18</sup> And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; <sup>19</sup> Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; <sup>20</sup> Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Romans 8:26–28 (AV)<sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*. <sup>28</sup> And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

### ***Introduction***

In order for the Holy Spirit to perform his purpose in our lives, that is to separate us from a world of sin and moves us to be like Christ, we must allow Him to become our Spiritual Coach.

John 14: <sup>26</sup> **But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

The Seven Roles he serves in our life as a Coach:

1. Conviction
2. Regeneration
3. Connection
4. Sealing
5. Indwelling
6. Controlling
7. Communication

Next we will begin a new series on the Holy Spirit that answers the question “How do you become filled with the Holy Ghost? (The Fullness of the Spirit of God)”

Today we want to look at last 3 roles the Holy Spirit performs as our Coach; that of Indwelling (Helping Us), Controlling (Filling Us), and Communicating (Praying for Us).

“The Power from Helping Us, The Power from Filling Us, and The Power from Praying for Us”

### ***I. The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit***

1 Corinthians 3:16 (AV)<sup>16</sup> Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

Because the Holy Spirit dwells in us, there are two things that this role plays in our lives. The first one of help, and the second is holy.

#### **The Power of Help**

Because of the instability and unreliability of people, many find themselves living with hurt, disappointment, mistrust, depression, bitterness, anger, and fear.

Even when people want to do good, they often disappoint us even with their good intentions. “The road to hell is paved with good intentions”.

Psalms 146: <sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in princes, *nor* in the son of man, in whom *there is* no help.

Not only can people fail to help us, they can actually hurt us; causing anger and fear.

2 Timothy 1:6–7 (AV)<sup>6</sup> Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. <sup>7</sup> For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Psalms 56:11 (AV)<sup>11</sup> In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

Hebrews 13:5–6 (AV)<sup>5</sup> *Let your conversation be* without covetousness; *and be* content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. <sup>6</sup> So that we may boldly say, The Lord *is* my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

#### **The Power of Holiness**

Secondly because the Holy Spirit dwells within us, He persuades us to live a holy life.

When you have special guest over to your house, you tend to be on your best behavior.

Well when we accept the Holy Spirit in our lives, our special guest is Holy.

Leviticus 11:44 (AV)<sup>44</sup> For I *am* the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I *am* holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

But God is not just telling us to Be Holy, he's living in us to help us to Be Holy.

1 Peter 1:16 (AV)<sup>16</sup> Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

## ***II. The Controlling of the Holy Spirit***

Ephesians 5:18 (AV)<sup>18</sup> And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

The next role of the Holy Spirit is to provide behavior control or spiritual influence to our lives.

All our lives we have been controlled by our human spirit (the flesh), and influences by the lusts of this world.

Romans 7:18 (AV)<sup>18</sup> For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not.

Paul declared that it was a law, that even when he wanted to do good, evil was present with him

1 John 2:16 (AV)<sup>16</sup> For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

James 1:14–15 (AV)<sup>14</sup> But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

### **The Power of Being Filled with the Holy Spirit**

But the Holy Spirit comes into our lives to break the bonds and control of sin and lusts to our flesh, allowing the Spirit of God to bring supernatural influence to our lives.

Ephesians 5:<sup>18</sup> And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

And like wine that can control and influence the flesh, when we allow ourselves to be filled with the Holy Spirit, he changes our behavior, changes our mind, changes our attitude so that we walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit of God.

## ***III. The Communicating of the Holy Spirit***

Romans 8:26 (AV)<sup>26</sup> 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.

The final role of the Holy Spirit we is that of Communicating on our behalf.

Because of the duality of the Christian of being both physical (led by the lust of the flesh), and spiritual (led by the Spirit of God), there are times when our communications with God can become conflicted.

Isaiah 64:6 (AV)<sup>6</sup> But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

James 4:2–3 (AV)<sup>2</sup> Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. <sup>3</sup> Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.

Jeremiah 29:8 (AV)<sup>8</sup> For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that *be* in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed.

### **The Power of the Holy Spirit Praying For Us**

Jeremiah 29:11 (AV)<sup>11</sup> For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Many times, we don't know the thoughts and plans that God has for our lives. There are two reasons why we need the Holy Spirit to Communicate with God, that is Prayer for us

First we many times get things wrong, we take the wrong path, or just we miss God.

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The Holy Spirit just takes us out of the equation, takes us out the middle man, and just goes to God directly for us.

Romans 8: <sup>27</sup> And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*. <sup>28</sup> And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

Finally we need the Holy Spirit to Pray for us, because we just don't know!

We know not what we should pray for.

Luke 22:31–32 (AV)<sup>31</sup> And the Lord said, **Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:** <sup>32</sup> **But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.**

## Questions

### I. Getting to Know “Me”

1. When making an entrance into a social event, do you make your presence known, do you slip in and look for someone you know, or do you sneak in quietly and look for a spot to be inconspicuous?
2. There is nothing too hard for God. Share a time when you thought, “God, can You really get me out of this?”

### II. Into the Bible

Read Romans 7:21-25 and Romans 8:1-9 and answer the following questions based on those verses (and others that you find apply):

1. In Exodus 24:3 “*Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the Lord hath said will we do.*” However, the Old Testament record shows that the people did not obey the Law as God gave it to them through Moses. Why do you think they did not do what they said they would do?
2. What is Paul’s problem described in Romans 7:21-25? Does that same problem affect believers today? If so, can you give an example.
3. What remedy or remedies has God provided to solve the problems discussed in questions 1 and 2 above in this section? What is our personal responsibility for making the remedy work in our lives?

### III. Life Application

1. Some people have used the excuse, “The Devil made me do it,” for not taking responsibility for the sins they commit. What are some scriptures you can use for the Holy Spirit’s help so you won’t give in to sin?
2. Name some things you can do daily to submit yourself to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

## ***Thank You***

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