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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## **THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER – PART 3**

**THE PERSON, THE WORK, THE MINISTRY, THE PURPOSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

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Acts 19:1-7

And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples 2 he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” So they said to him, “We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.” :3 And he said to them, “Into what then were you baptized?” So they said, “Into John’s baptism.” :4 Then Paul said, “John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.” :5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. 7 Now the men were about twelve in all. :8 And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God.

**With These Verses Being True,  
We can have Great Expectations and Great Anticipation  
As we look to God to do His will in our lives.**

Acts 1:5

For John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized **with** the Holy Spirit not many days ( 50 days later ) from now.”

## **THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER THE PERSON, THE WORK, THE MINISTRY, THE PURPOSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

1.) Who is the Holy Spirit?

2.) Where is the Holy Spirit in Scripture?

3.) Why is the Holy Spirit necessary in your life?

**For Salvation, For Possession, For Comfort, For Sanctification, For Supernatural Knowledge, For Power For Protection, For Vision, For Gifting, For Ultimate Redemption**

4.) How is the Holy Spirit active in my life?

## Here we pick it up at point #5

### **THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER** **THE PERSON, THE WORK, THE MINISTRY, THE PURPOSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

5.) Does the Holy Spirit have more for my life?

**And with this question, comes one of the most exciting and thrilling and meaningful and sustainable driving forces of your Christian existence – “does God have more for me” some might put it this way, “God why did you make me and what is my purpose?”**

**But we must remember that Jesus, before commissioning His disciples, He made sure that they understood that the Holy Spirit was first and foremost to be their Comforter, Teacher, and Guide**

### **DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT HAVE MORE FOR MY LIFE?**

5a.) 1<sup>st</sup> - He will begin to call you into His family.

**This happens when the Holy Spirit begins to illuminate our thinking regarding the obvious.**

**The obvious question is “why do I exist?” Close behind is the second thought which is; “what’s my purpose in this world?”**

#### **John 6:44**

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him;

#### **Matthew 11:25-27**

At that time Jesus answered and said, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. **26** Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. **27** All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.

### **A Perfect Illustration of This Truth**

#### **1 Corinthians 1:25-29**

Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. **:26** For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. **27** But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; **28** and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, **29** that no flesh should glory in His presence.

## A view from one end of the Spectrum

Luke 13:10-13

Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. **11** And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. **12** But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." **13** And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

## To the other end of the Spectrum

Acts 9:1-6

Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest **2** and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.:**3** As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. **4** Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?":**5** And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads.":**6** So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

## DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT HAVE MORE FOR MY LIFE?

5b.) 2<sup>nd</sup> - He will begin to show yourself to you.

**The Bible teaches that we must experience Regeneration,  
Not a Restoration, Not a Recycling, Not a Resuscitation – but a full and  
total Regeneration**

Ephesians 2:1

And you He made alive (regeneration), who were dead in trespasses and sins,

( being made new or to be born again – a key doctrine for salvation. )

**God begins to intensify within a person's heart that  
there is a great void within them. It is of God first - that He begins to create a CRISIS IN OUR  
OWN CONSCIOUSNESS, a great pursuit begins for God.**

1 Timothy 1:12-15

And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; **13** Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. **14** And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. **15** This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

# “There is the you that people think you are.

Then there is the you that you want people to think you are.

Then there’s the you that knows who you really are.”

**Adam and Eve became keenly aware of their shame.**

Isaiah (6) was overwhelmed by what he saw in himself.

**Daniel (9) confesses his sins and blames himself for his nation’s loss.**

Mary the mother of Jesus confessed her need of salvation.

**Peter confessed “Lord depart from me I’m a sinful man.”**

## One of the most referenced but rarely considered...

### John 3:1-21

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” :3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” :4 Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” :5 Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, “You must be born again.’ 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” :9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?” :10 Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? 11 Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. :18 “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done (seen by) in God.”

## DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT HAVE MORE FOR MY LIFE?

5c.) 3<sup>rd</sup> - He will begin to reveal Himself to you.

“The reason why many are still troubled, still seeking, still making little forward progress is because they haven’t yet come to the end of themselves. We’re still trying to give orders, and interfering with God’s work within us.”

A. W. Tozer

## The LORD knows how to challenge that opinion.

### Isaiah 6:1-7

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. **2** Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. **3** And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" **4** And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. **:5** So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips... **:6** Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. **7** And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged."

## Again we consider the apostle Paul.

### Acts 9:13-16

Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. **14** And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." **:15** But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. **16** For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."

## Consider other followers of Jesus like brothers, James and John

"I want the presence of God Himself, or I don't want anything at all to do with religion... I want all that God has or I don't want any." A.W. Tozer

5d.) 4<sup>th</sup> - He will begin to prompt you toward a vision.

5e.) 5<sup>th</sup> - He will begin to create ministry right in front of you.

5f.) 6<sup>th</sup> - He will begin to impart the gifts you'll need.

Every Christian has been given at least one gift from the Holy Spirit. We are not talking about earthly talents and abilities; we are actually talking about that which is natural for us to perform or accomplish.

I personally believe that, until this happens in your life, You will most likely be an isolated, nominal Christian in the family and ministry of God. (*I know that sounds a little harsh – but there is no evidence in the Bible that God would give the power of the Holy Spirit to be placed upon someone who does not intend to serve God with that power*)

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