

THE WHY SERIES

A BIBLICAL RESPONSE TO THE GREAT QUESTIONS OF LIFE

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**THE HOLY SPIRIT IN
THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER – PART 4
THE PERSON, THE WORK, THE MINISTRY, THE PURPOSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Christianity, Apologetics, Scripture, Holy Spirit

Introduction to the Topic

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

Last time we began looking at Point #5

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

5a.) 1st He will begin to call you into His family.

5b.) 2nd He will begin to show yourself to yourself.

**The Bible teaches that we must experience Regeneration,
And Here is Where We Left Off..**

DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT HAVE MORE FOR MY LIFE?

5c.) 3rd He will begin to reveal Himself to you.

A Biblical, Experiential Faith is What's Missing Today,

all due to the fact that so many Christians have not experienced anything unusual in their Christianity. Their faith-experience lacks the presence of the supernatural union between God and man.

In Our Modern Day Christianity of this 21st Century,

It is either embarrassingly out of control regarding the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit with bazaar and unbiblical claims and actions

- or -

We see a tragically anemic ignorance of the Holy Spirit at

work in the Christian life and Church. This is witnessed by the lack of power, effect and holiness – these missing birthmarks of the believer!

Hebrews 12:14

Pursue peace with all people, and **holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:**

Holiness is what we determine to do with our lives.

It is deliberate / willful / intentional / maintained.

Jeremiah 29:11-14a

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil to give you a future and a hope. **12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me**, and I will listen to you. **13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.**

14 I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity.”

and from your Covid-19 imprisonment.

Examples of a Biblically Based Experiential Faith;

Ezekiel 2:1-3

And He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak to you." 2 Then the **Holy Spirit** entered me when He spoke to me, and set me on my feet; and I heard Him who spoke to me. 3 And He said to me: "Son of man, I am sending you to the children of Israel,

Matthew 10:19-20

But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; 20 for it is not you who speak, but the **Holy Spirit** of your Father who speaks in you.

John 16:13-14

However, when He, the **Holy 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. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

Hebrews 3:7-8

Therefore, as the **Holy Spirit** says: "Today, if you will hear His voice, 8 Do not harden your hearts

Revelation 22:17

And the **Holy Spirit** and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

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5d.) 4th He will begin to prompt you toward a vision.

"Holy Spirit Vision" is the key to ministry success
(both personally as well as the Church)

Proverbs 29:18a KJV

Where there is no **vision**, the people **perish**:

Proverbs 29:18a NKJV

Where there is no **revelation**, the people cast off **restraint**;

Proverbs 29:18a NIV

Where there is no **revelation**, people cast off **restraint**;

Proverbs 29:18a ESV

Where there is no **prophetic vision** the people cast off **restraint**,

Proverbs 29:18a NLT

When people do not **accept divine guidance**, they run **wild**.

He will begin to prompt you toward a vision.
(you will recognize needs within the body)

Acts 6:1-3

(The Acts of the Apostles or Holy Spirit)

Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.

2 Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, ***“It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. 3 Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business;***

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His **workmanship, (poiema)** created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God **prepared beforehand** (in eternity) that we should **walk** in them.

workmanship poi'e'ma grk: handcrafted. custom made. uniquely appointed. an orchestrated plan, a plan from concept to completion. (a finished project) – unveiled or displayed.

By Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun **a good work in you** will **complete it** until the day of Jesus Christ;

walk **peri'pa'teo grk:** to yield, conduct, to walk around or about, to walk as one would on a journey or pilgrimage.

DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT HAVE MORE FOR MY LIFE?

5e.) 5th He will begin to impart the gifts you'll need.

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

“I'm a great salesmen – shouldn't I be a preacher?”

Ephesians 4:11

And He (Holy Spirit) Himself gave some to be **apostles**, some **prophets**, some **evangelists**, and some **pastors** and **teachers**,

Romans 12:6-8

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if **prophecy**, *let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7* or **ministry**, *let us use it in our ministering;* he who **teaches**, *in teaching;* 8 he who **exhorts**, *in exhortation;* he who **gives**, *with liberality;* he who **leads**, *with diligence;* he who shows **mercy**, *with cheerfulness.*

1 Corinthians 12:8-10

For to **one** is given **the word of wisdom** through the Spirit, to **another the word of knowledge** through the same Spirit, 9 to **another faith** by the same Spirit, to **another gifts of healings** by the same Spirit, 10 to **another** the working of **miracles**, to **another prophecy**, to **another discerning of spirits**, to **another** different **kinds of tongues**, to **another** the **interpretation of tongues**.

1 Corinthians 12:28-30

And God has appointed these in the church: first **apostles**, second **prophets**, third **teachers**, after that **miracles**, then **gifts of healings, helps, administrations**, varieties of **tongues**. 29 Are all **apostles**? (no) Are all **prophets**? (no) Are all **teachers**? (no) Are all workers of **miracles**? (no) 30 Do all have **gifts of healings**? (no) Do all speak with **tongues**? (no) Do all **interpret**? (no)

I personally believe that, until you earnestly pursue what your gifts are for your life, you will most likely be a nominal Christian in the family 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.

**Let's Pray for the Holy Spirit to
Equip Us as He Desires..**

_____ *End of Study* _____

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