



GOD

the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 5:18

John 14:15-26; Romans 8:1-14

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We Live in Dangerous Times

- (1 Timothy 4:1) People will depart from *the* faith.
- (1 Timothy 4:1) People within Christendom will listen to anyone or anything other than the Word of God.
- (2 Timothy 4:3-4) People within Christendom do not want to hear sound doctrine, but want to hear what will make them feel good.
- (Hebrews 2:1; James 1:22; 2 Thessalonians 2:3) Many do not “give the more earnest heed to the things they have heard”. Many hear the Word of God preached and taught and do not do what was preached and taught. Many will be part of the “falling away” that is promised in these latter days.

Do You Know God?

Do You Take Measures to Protect Yourself from Your Enemy?

Do Your Works (Obedience) Show that You Are Truly Born-Again?

Do You Know the Triune God?

The Triune God in Man's Salvation

- God, the Father - Electing, Choosing, Predestining
- God, the Son - making satisfaction to the Father's demands, redeeming/saving His people from their sins by living a perfect life *for them* and dying *in their place*.
- God, the Holy Spirit - giving eternal life and sanctifying all those whom Christ died. (John 3:3-8)
- The Triune God saves! NOT ONLY JESUS!!

Who Is the Holy Spirit?

- The Holy Spirit is NOT an “It” but a “He”. He is a person. (John 14:26)
- The Holy Spirit is the LORD - Yahweh! (Hebrews 3:7-11; 2 Corinthians 3:17; Acts 5:3-4)
- The Holy Spirit is GOD. (Acts 5:3-4)
- The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God. (1 Corinthians 3:16)
- The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ. (Romans 8:9; 1 Peter 1:11)
- The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth. (John 15:26; 16:13)
- The Holy Spirit is the Eternal. (Hebrews 9:14)
- The Holy Spirit is omnipotent. (Luke 1:35)
- The Holy Spirit is omnipresent. (Psalm 139:7-10)
- The Holy Spirit wills (as He pleases). (1 Corinthians 12:11)
- The Holy Spirit loves. (Romans 15:30)
- The Holy Spirit speaks. (Acts 8:29; 13:2; Hebrews 3:7)
- The Holy Spirit illuminates the Word of God. (1 Cor 2:10; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; 1 John 2:27)
- (John 14:16) The Holy Spirit is sent by God to be His peoples' Helper in keeping His commandments - verse 15.
- (John 16:7-9, 14) The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and of judgment.

Do You Have the Holy Spirit? (Romans 8:9)

- This is a serious question!
- What is the **evidence** that God, the Holy Spirit, dwells in you?
- A personal testimony is not evidence!!!!

What Is the Work of the Holy Spirit? Is He Working in You?

- (John 3:3-6; 6:63; Titus 3:5) The Holy Spirit gives new life to those who are “dead in their trespasses and sin”.
- (John 3:6-9) The Holy Spirit implants the “seed” of eternal life that cause a child of God no longer to practice sin.
- (Romans 8:9; Ezekiel 36:26-27) God, the Holy Spirit, indwells His people. (Galatians 4:6)
- (Romans 8:15-16) The Holy Spirit brings us into an *intimate relationship* with God, the Father. The Holy Spirit assures us that we are children of God by **bearing witness**. A witness is one who has seen evidence and testifies to that evidence.
- (Ezekiel 36:26-27) God, the Holy Spirit, **causes** His people to walk (live) according to the commands (imperative verbs) of God. (1 John 2:29-3:10)
- (Philippians 2:13; Hebrews 13:21) The Holy Spirit works in us to will and do the Father's will/pleasure. (Matthew 7:21; 12:50; 1 John 2:17)

- (Romans 8:2-4; Gal 4:6) The Holy Spirit helps us to have victory over the flesh.
- (Titus 3:5; 1 Thessalonians 3:13; 1 Peter 1:2) The Holy Spirit cleanses us.
- (Ephesians 2:18) By the Holy Spirit we have access to God's throne.
- (1 Corinthians 12:12-27) He baptizes (immerses) His people into the body of Christ placing them individually to serve the other members of the Body.
- (John 16:13) He guides us into all truth - God's Word. (John 17:17)
- (1 Corinthians 12:8-11) He decides and gifts each and every believer in order for them to **serve** the rest of the Body. (1 Peter 4:10;11; Eph 4:7-16)
- (2 Corinthians 3:18) The Holy Spirit is transforming us daily to become more and more like Christ.
- (Ephesians 5:17; James 1:5) The Holy Spirit helps us to know the will of God and to do it. (Matthew 7:21; 12:50; 1 Corinthians 2:14)
- (Ephesians 5:18-20) The Holy Spirit fills (*pleroo*) God's people.
- (Ephesians 6:18; Jude 20) The Holy Spirit moves us to prayer.
- (Romans 8:26) The Holy Spirit intercedes for those whom Christ died and helps in our weaknesses.
- (Philippians 3:3) The Holy Spirit assists us in our worship.
- (Galatians 5:22-23) The evidence that the Holy Spirit dwells in us is His fruit - love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, righteousness, holiness, . We are called to be *fruitful* in every good work. (Colossians 1:9-10; John 15:8; Heb 13:21)
 - ★ Fruit is **VISIBLE** to others.
 - ★ Psalm 1:1-3; 92:12-14; Rom 6:22; Eph 5:9; Philippians 1:11; James 3:18.
 - ★ God's people bear the fruit of Spirit unto God (Romans 7:4) for the sake of others. (John 15:1-10)
 - ★ Fruit in the Gospels:
 - (Matt3:8-12) John the Baptist commanded the religious leaders of the times to "bear fruit worthy of repentance" or be thrown into fire.
 - (Matthew 7:16-20) Christ taught the same thing, "You will know them by their fruits . . . Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."
 - (Luke 8:15) Christ taught only those who have truly received the Word of God will bear fruit. (Matthew 13:18-23)
 - **SEE** all the warnings Christ gave for those who do not bear His fruit. (Matthew 21:33-41; Luke 13:6-9; 20:9-16; John 15:1-16)
- (Romans 15:16) The Holy Spirit sanctifies. No sanctification means no Holy Spirit. No Holy Spirit means no salvation. (2 Thess 2:13; 1 Peter 1:2)
- (Ephesians 1:13-14) God has **SEALED** His people with His Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God's own pledge - that pledge is **ALL** of His promises that He has made toward us because of the work of Christ. (2 Corinthians 1:20-22; 5:5; Ephesians 4:30)
- (Romans 8:9, 14) The Holy Spirit leads His people to live their lives in accordance with what God requires. (Deuteronomy 10:12-14)

Sins Against God, the Holy Spirit

- **RESISTING** (Unbelief/Disobedience) - Acts 7:51; Hebrews 3:16-18
- **INSULTING** - Hebrews 10:29
- **LYING TO** - Acts 5:3
- **GRIEVING** - Ephesians 4:30
 - ➔ Slander, gossip, complacency, prayerlessness, not maturing as a disciple, not being a diligent student of God's Word, ignoring the Word of God, not doing one's part in the growth of the Body, covetousness, not earnestly heeding what has been preached from the Word of God, etc. – all grieve the Holy Spirit - **ALL ARE SINS** against God.
- **QUENCHING** - 1 Thessalonians 5:19
 - ➔ We quench the Holy Spirit, God, when we continually disobey God's commandments/imperatives.
 - ➔ Quenching the Holy Spirit leads to the searing of the conscience. (1 Timothy 4:1-2)
 - ➔ Quenching the Holy Spirit leads to the hardening of the heart. (Heb 3:13)
 - ➔ Paul's aim was to always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men. (Acts 24:16)

What Must We Do?

- ① **BE BORN of the SPIRIT** (John 3:3-8; Mark 1:14-15)
 - ① Continually **REPENT** of your rebellion towards God and turn to living your life strictly according to His written Word.
 - ② Continually **BELIEVE** that Jesus Christ is your only hope in being able to serve God and live with Him for eternity.
- ② **BE FILLED with the HOLY SPIRIT.** (Ephesians 5:18)
 - ★ **IMPERATIVE MOOD:** We are commanded to be filled. Not to be filled is sin. This is not a suggestion or an option! It is a command of God.
 - ★ **PRESENT TENSE:** We are to be filled at **ALL** times!
 - ★ **PLURAL:** It not something we do by ourselves but as part of the Church. (Ephesians 2:19-22)
 - ☆ **PASSIVE VOICE:** This is something you cannot do for yourself. It must be done to you!
 - ★ Remember *pleroo!* One cannot control the wind (Spirit) but one can raise his/her sails!
- ③ **RAISE YOUR SAILS:** (without "raising of the sails" there will not be "filling")
 - **PRAYER** - collective and private.
 - **BIBLE STUDY, READING, MEDITATION** - collective and private. (Psalm 1:1-3)
 - **WORSHIP** - collective and private.
 - **FELLOWSHIP** - collective and private. (1 John 1:6-7; Acts 2:42)