



HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 5:32

And we are his witness of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost whom God hath given to them that obey him.

As Christians we all need the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit is to a Christian like water is to a fish, we cannot live without it and be successful in our Christian walk. Being a Christian is more than just believing that there is a God, the devils believe there is a God, but they don't serve Him.

James 2:19

Thou believest that there is one God: thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

The reason why so many Christians are failing in their walk is because many of them don't have the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is more than speaking in a different tongue. In order for you to live a life that will be pleasing in God's sight, you must have the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the salvation experience that produces a new life in the believer. The Bible teaches in the beginning, God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed life in him and man became a living soul. God gave us a portion of His Spirit when He created us, but then there is another work that the Holy Spirit does in an individual once we have been baptized in the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit brings about a change in the individual's life.

The reason why many Christians fall in their spiritual walk is because they have not received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In receiving the Holy Spirit it brings the manifestation of the Fruit of the Spirit as well as the Gifts of the Spirit. Neither of these will be in operation without the Holy Spirit.

The regeneration refers to the work of the Holy Spirit in the salvation experience that produces new life in the believer. As we read the Bible those that believed received the Holy Spirit. If we received all of the Holy Spirit when we believed, Jesus would not have instructed the disciples then and now to ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 11:13

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?

The Holy Spirit is what empowers us to resist sin; we cannot resist sin in our own abilities.

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you, and ye shall be witness unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

The Holy Spirit will enable us to be Christians where ever we go, we will have integrity whether someone is around us or not. Integrity is what an individual will or will not do when no one else is around them to tell them about their faults. Integrity brings forth morals naturally and spiritually.

Too many times we look like Christians, we learn the language of a Christian, but we deny the power that God has given us to overcome sin of the lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh and the pride of life. Strength is the working of the Holy Spirit in us.

There are Christians that reject the Holy Spirit because they don't want to speak in tongues. Speaking in tongues is a gift, but one must know how to live after the tongue is done.

When we receive the Holy Spirit, we are allowing God to fill us with God's own life, character, and virtues. The Holy Spirit will enable us to control our thoughts, attitudes and actions. The Fruit of the Spirit will be manifesting in our lives.

Galatians 5:22

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith. Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

The Fruit of the Spirit will yield peace in your life no matter what the situation maybe, no matter how the storms of life may come against you, the Fruit of the Spirit of Peace will rest and abide upon you and in you. The storm you're going through will not frustrate you, it will not cause you to have doubt because you will know. The God you serve is bigger and greater than anything that can come in your life to try to take away your peace. Spiritual peace comes only through the Holy Spirit which is the Spirit of God. If He's on board, peace will be in you!

Peace will assist you to look at Jesus who is the author and finisher of your faith rather than placing your faith in the situation or the circumstance. The Fruit of Peace will assist you to follow peace with all men with godliness. It will assist you to follow peace with the most difficulty person. Fruit of Peace will give you a calmness when everyone else is about to lose their minds. Fruit of Peace will enable you to avoid the therapist and the psychiatrist because the Holy Spirit will be your counselor. He will direct you with wisdom and knowledge of what you need to do in the situation that would cause others to lose their minds.

Love comes through the Holy Spirit. We have human love which will never add up to Agape love. Human love fades away with time when you're being persecuted for righteousness or when you have been rejected or wronged, but Agape love comes from above, and it will continue to love no matter what the person has said or done. That's when you will know the Holy Spirit is working on the inside making a change on the outside; bringing about a change in you.

Agape love comes only through the Holy Spirit, its also a Fruit of the Spirit which is the Holy Spirit. No matter how much you think you love a person it will never stand up to Agape love. Agape love can over power anything and anyone. It was God's love that drew us to Him, and it's our love toward God that keeps us mindful of Him. Love will keep you striving to please God. God's love is unspeakable, his love brings tears of joy. God's love dwelling in your heart will help you to stand the unbearable and the unthinkable when you have the heart of God.

When we have been filled with the Holy Spirit, we will love everyone and respect those that don't even have respect for themselves. We will love unconditionally, we may not like their character, but we will love the individual. Love will make you pray for those who persecute you. Love will manifest in mercy and compassion.

Joy working through the Holy Spirit will last even when you maybe in a situation you don't know how you're going to get out of. Joy lasts when you go through trials and tribulations. Joy doesn't just manifest when things are going well, but Joy will manifest whenever things seems to be going wrong. Joy will manifest when you feel as though everything has been thrown at you including the kitchen sink. Joy will manifest when you're in the pit rather than on the hill top. Joy will be manifest no matter how long you have been praying for a certain thing and it hasn't happened. Joy will manifest when you don't have a dime, when your body is racked with pain, heart broken, friends lied on you, spouse left you, lost your job; but yet you will still have joy because of the Holy Spirit that dwells in you.

Longsuffering is another Fruit of the Spirit and many of us don't have it. We will kick people to the curve as quick as we can blink an eye if they aren't doing what we want them to do. The Holy Spirit will assist us to be longsuffering with people and situations that seem as though their like a Duracell battery, they keep going on, and on.

Longsuffering will help you to continue in the faith when you don't see a change in the person or the circumstance. We will be like Job, we will believe and stand firm

until our redeemer comes and redeems us from people and circumstances.

Spirit of Gentleness will enable us to have patience and kindness no matter what a person says or does. Spirit of Goodness will assist you to be considerate to others and do the right thing although you have had the wrong thing done to you. We need the Holy Spirit living inside of us. The Holy Spirit is not about goose bumps or a chill or thrill. He's our sustaining power to make us conquer sin that lays within us as well as demonic attacks.

Spirit of Faith is having faith in what you don't see or feel. Faith is believing what is impossible with you is possible with God. Faith is what you know its not about what you see. If you see it, its temporal.

Spirit of Meekness will assist us not to get haughty and always keep in mind that it is God's Spirit that is enabling us to accomplish what we're doing. Meekness is manifested no matter how you have been blessed. You will show gentleness, kindness, meekness and respect to all people, not just a certain group of people.

Spirit of Temperance will keep you from yielding to sin. It will assist you to overcome over eating, over talking as well as anything that we would over-do. Fruit of the Spirit of Temperance will give us a balance.

The Holy Spirit will comfort us when we need to be comforted. We don't have to relay on human comfort, but the Holy Spirit can comfort and go into the area that needs to be comfort and make it come in line with the word of God. The Holy Spirit is a keeper, if you want to be kept by God.

The Holy Spirit will help us to pray when we don't feel like praying. He will reveal to us people and situations that needs to be prayed for.

The Holy Spirit is not just for speaking in tongues. The Holy Spirit is power. He will help us to fight against unseen forces. God has given us power through the Holy Spirit to fight against everything Satan will throw at us and we will come out conquering it.

Luke 10:19

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.

People of God, you can't fight Satan in your strength, you will lose every time, but if you fight him through the Spirit of God and the Word of God you will win.

It's the Holy Spirit in us that brings forth the Fruit of the Spirit. If He's not in you, you will produce fruit, but it will not be godly fruit. You will not be able to draw others through the fruit you produce.

If you are a Christian, it's not about denomination, but its about Jesus, its about the Father and the Holy Spirit. If they aren't dwelling in you, you need to seek God until you find Him. You need to pray and fast until you receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is not coming into a person that has not committed themselves to God. We need a mind-set that we will live according to God's Word. We will have to have a heart that will worship and serve God in spirit and in truth no matter what the cost maybe. Serving God the way He wants you to serve Him may cause you to lose some people and things.

We need the Holy Spirit and He comes through obeying the Word of God. When we obey God, it tells

Him that we love Him.

John 14:23

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode (home) with him.

The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead must be abiding in us, if not, we will be debtors to the flesh and we will obey the flesh rather than God. We will not be able to hear the Spirit of God because we're dedicated to our flesh, and our flesh is what we will be hear and obey.

Jesus was the Son of God, and He gave us an example that He too needed to be filled with the Holy Spirit before He could go about doing His Father's work. The New Testament speaks about everyone that was a believer in Jesus, received the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is not something we can obtain by works, it comes through submission.

2nd Corinthians 7:1

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

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