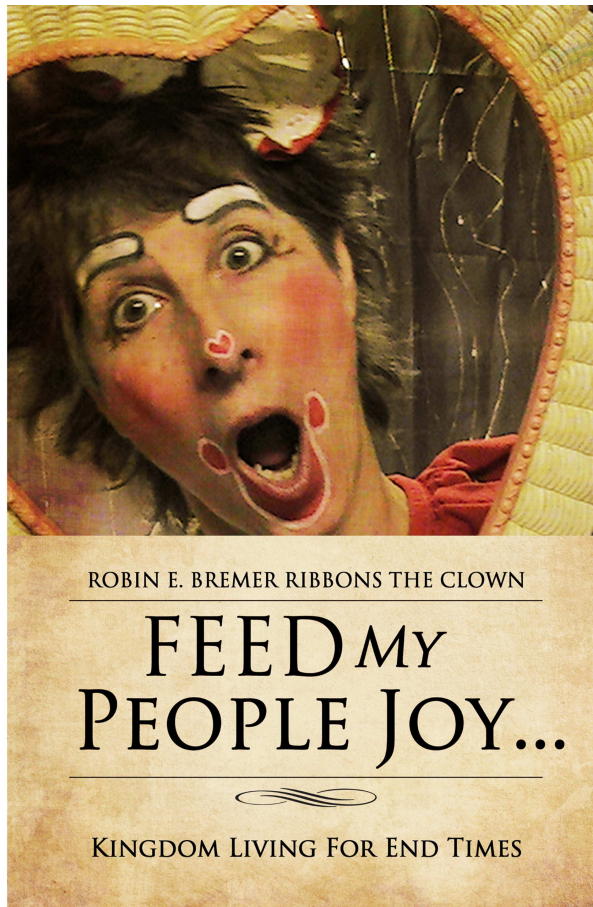


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The Holy Spirit

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First we need to ask, "Who is the Holy Spirit?" The Holy Spirit is part of the Godhead. We are created in His image. We are a spirit and we live in a body and we have a soul. Jesus is the flesh God used to walk the earth (now, we are the flesh Jesus walks the earth in, through the Holy Spirit). The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God. God is the soul, the thoughts, will and emotions, the Godhead!

God created man in His image, and they were one spirit. When man disobeyed God in eating from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, man gave authority to Satan and disconnected from life with God. Man's spirit became connected to the devil. Then because of the law of "like begets like," every person born after that became like his or her new father or master, Satan. Their spirit was dead to God and they were under Satan's dominion instead of Satan under their authority, subduing him and ruling over him. That is why a person needs to be "BORN AGAIN." When you ask Jesus to be your Lord, you are born again into the family of God and out of the family of Satan. Your SPIRIT again has the God life in it and you are connected to God. God becomes your Father.

Let's get back to the Holy Spirit. So we know that the Holy Spirit is part of the Godhead. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all one God, just different functions and parts. If you look at an egg, the shell, yoke and white are all an egg, just different parts. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are the same. You could say that the muscle of God is the Holy Spirit. The ministry of Jesus was to first pay the price for our treason or sin, and redeem us from all the curse of sin and death. The next was to demonstrate how a child of God was supposed to walk on earth in the kingdom of God, destroying the works of the devil, bringing JUSTICE. Now He is in heaven interceding for us. He sent down the Holy Spirit as His representative to live in us and empower us to take the kingdom of God to do His will on earth as it is in heaven.

When do we first see the Holy Spirit? In Gen 1:2 He was hovering over the face of the waters when God was speaking the world into existences. God spoke and the Holy Spirit did it. In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit's ministry was **limited because man was still living in his or her sin**, there was no redeemer. The Holy Spirit came and went according to man's faithfulness to obey God and follow the law. Today when a person accepts Jesus' gift of redemption, the Holy Spirit comes to live in and abide in that person.

WHAT did the Holy Spirit do in the Old Testament? Remember, He was limited in the Old Testament because of sin, but in the New Testament He came to permanently LIVE IN all born again believers. The Holy Spirit still does the SAME things in us that He did in the Old Testament, BUT MORE because we have been redeemed! Everything that was done before is open for you to believe God for today. What did He do in the Old Testament:

1. Gave wisdom, knowledge, understanding, and skill in **all workmanship to create things**. (Ex 41:38,28:3, Num 11:17, Is 11:2)
2. Wisdom to judge. Num 11:17
3. Spirit of prophecy. (Num 11: 25, 27:18)
4. They received the spirit of prophecy by the laying on of hands. Sound familiar?
The Holy Spirit can still be received by the laying on of hands. (Num 27:18, Deut 34:9)
5. Physical strength. (Judges 14:6, 15:14)
6. Cause evil spirits to depart when playing music (1 Sam 16:23)
7. He put words on a person's tongue. (2 Sam 23:2)
8. He transported people, which means that their physical bodies went from one place to the next without them doing it. He still does this today and it will increase in these end times. (1 Kings 18:12, Ez 2:3)
9. Read about all the signs, wonders and miracles Elisha and Elijah did. It was all by the Holy Spirit.
10. He even puts the animals to rest. (Is 63:14)
11. Dreams, visions, translations (Ez 2-3)
12. He causes favor. (Ez 37:1, Dan 6:3)
13. He reveals the face of God (Ez 39:29)
14. Interprets dreams, gives understanding to hard sayings, and dissolving of doubts. (Dan 5:12)
15. He causes grace and supplications (Favor) Zech 12:10
16. Enemies put to flight (Is 59:19)

So we answered the question of WHO the Holy Spirit is and WHAT He does from the Old Testament. Now let's take a look at His ministry today and in the New Testament

Here are some VERY IMPORTANT prophecies about the Holy Spirit that are fulfilled in the New Testament and are for us today. These scriptures answer the question: What is the ministry of the Holy Spirit from the Old Testament.

I will put a new spirit within you. (Ez 11:19, Ez 36:26-27)

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 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. 30: And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. (Joel 2:28-29)

For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. (Is 28:11-12) (tongues)

Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high (Is 32:15-18)

These are prophecies about Jesus given through the Holy Spirit and are the work of the Holy Spirit:

Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles (Is 42:1)

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified. (Is 61:1-4)

Now let's take a look at the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament through Jesus and His disciples.

Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will

1 PUT MY SPIRIT UPON HIM

*2. and he shall **shew judgment to the Gentiles** (Matt 12:18-21)*

THIS IS JUDGMENT: THIS IS THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, IT IS JUDGMENT. Judgment of the devil, ruler of this world (John 12:31,16:11,16:18,14:29-30, Matt 4:8-9, Rev12:9, Is 24:5-6) ***JESUS WAS ABOUT TO PAY THE PRICE TO SET US FREE FROM ALL THIS STUFF.***

*LUKE 4:18 The **Spirit of the Lord** is upon me, because He hath anointed me to:*

- 1. preach the gospel to the poor;*
- 2. he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted,*
- 3. to preach **deliverance to the captives,***
- 4. and recovering of **sight to the blind,***
- 5. to set at liberty them that are bruised,*
- 6. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.*
- 7. And he closed the book,*
- 8. and he gave it again to the minister,*
- 9. and sat down.*

*And he began to say unto them, **This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.***

This is what the Holy Spirit did through disciples:

... power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

*... **the spirits are subject unto you;** but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven. (Luke 10:18-20)*

*And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them **power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.** (Matt 10:1)*

The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. (Matt 11:5)

1. Cast out unclean spirits, evil spirits and spirits of (sickness and disease) infirmities

*And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and **gave them power over unclean spirits**, Mark 3:1, 1 Mark 1:23, Mark 3:30, Mark 5:2, Mark 5:8, Mark 5:13, Mark 6:7, Mark 7:25, Luke 4:33, Mark 1:26, Luke 4:36, Mark 1:27, Matt 8:16*

When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.... Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation. (Matt 12:43)

And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him....: And as he was yet a coming, the devil threw him down, and tare him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father. (Luke 9:39)

2. Cast out deaf and dumb spirits -- BUT if I cast out demons BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD surely the KINGDOM OF GOD has come upon you (Matt 12:28- Luke 11:20)

...my son, which hath a dumb spirit... he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him... And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. (Mark 9:17-20)

*And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed. (Luke 6:18)
For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. (Acts 8:7)*

And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying. (Acts 16:16)

And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour. (Acts 16:18)

So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. (Acts 19: 12)

3. Healed all that were sick and diseased

... and healed all that were sick. (Matt 8:16)

*There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, **bringing sick folks**, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they **were healed every one**. (Acts 5:16)*

And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight. (Luke 7:21)

*And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, **and healing every sickness and every disease among the people**. (Matt 9:35)*

4. Knew their thoughts

*And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, **Why reason ye these things in your hearts?** (Mark 2:8)*

5. Raised the dead

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, RAISE THE DEAD, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give (Matt 10:8)

And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat. (Luke 8:55)

Damsel, I say unto thee, arise...And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment. (Mark 5:39)

Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her... And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. (Luke 7:12-15)

6. Worship by the Spirit

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. (John 4:23)

*God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.
(John 4:24)*

*It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak
unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. (John 6:63)*

7. Controlled the weather

*And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose,
and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.
But the men marveled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the
sea obey him! (Matt 8:26-27)*

8. Walked on water

*And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on
the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, **he (Peter)**
walked on the water, to go to Jesus. (Matt 14:28)*

Now let's look at the Holy Spirit and ALL the jobs He does IN YOU.

He is called:

Spirit of grace (Zech 12:10)
Holiness (Rom 1:4)
Life (Rom 8:2)
Meekness (1 Cor 4:21)
Glory (1 Pet 4:14)
Gives life (2 Cor 3:6)
Liberty (2 Cor 3:17)
Guarantee of a glorified body (2 Cor 5:4-5)
Spirit of God (1 Pet 4:14)

This is the purpose of the Holy Spirit in YOU!

John 14:16

1. Comforter
2. Counselor
3. Helper
4. Intercessor (1 Cor 14:22) praying in the spirit (tongues)
5. Advocate
6. Strengthenener
7. Standby
8. Baptized into the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4-5) (power)
9. Filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4)
10. To convince (convict) the world with demonstrations – about sin, righteousness, judgment

Here are some things we need to know about the Holy Spirit as said in Luke 4:18

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. (Rom 8:1)

For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. (1 Cor 2:11)

*Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might **know the things that are freely given to us of God.** (1 Cor 2:12)*

*Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the **Holy Ghost teacheth**; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. (1 Cor 2:13)*

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. (1 Cor 2:14)

*But he that is **joined unto the Lord is one spirit.** (1 Cor 6:17)*

*For ye are bought with a price: therefore **glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.** (1 Cor 6:20)*

Redeemed us from the law of sin and death. (Gal 3:13)

Works miracles by faith with the Spirit. (Gal 3:5)

Many more things not written in this book.

1 Cor 12:1, Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

Lets take a look at some facts that prove the Holy Spirit is a gift for everyone who is born again, or saved. First of all, you are born again by the Holy Spirit. (Rom 8:11)
The Holy Spirit is not just for everyone, but everyone saved NEEDS the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is a GOOD gift. He is from God. He is for today.

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever. (Heb 13:8)

1. I send the promise of my Father upon you...you will be imbued with power from on high. (Luke 24:49)

But wait for the promise of the Father...you shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. (Acts 1:4-5)

2. Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, **Receive ye the Holy Ghost.** (John 20:21-23) We are also anointed with the Holy Spirit and power and are to do the same thing Jesus did with the power.

3. And they were **all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues.** (Acts 2:4)

The Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues is for EVERYONE!

All you have to do is... receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, for the promise is unto

1. **you,**
2. **and to your children,** (You are children of children, etc.)
3. **and to all that are afar off,** (that would be you)
4. [even] as many as the Lord our God shall call. (Act 2:33) (That would be you)
5. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall... **speak with new tongues** (that would be you) (Mark 16:15-18)

The above scripture tells you that the baptism of the Holy Spirit is for today and is for you. It is to all that are far off. It also says it is to be received, not waited for or begged for but **already given, now receive** it. *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 (not just some, but ALL that ask Him) that ask him?* (Luke 11:13) Jesus needed power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you. (Acts 1:8)

If you are saved, then you are called. If you are called, then the above scripture means you can receive the Holy Spirit. Speaking in tongues is a gift to **all** God's children and it is a powerful tool to intercede and bring God's will on earth as it is in heaven (Matt 6:10). We are speaking to God in His language without our mind interfering. *Forbid not to speak with tongues.* (1 Cor 14:39)

In 1 Co 12: *And God hath set some **IN THE CHURCH**, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? **do all speak with tongues?** (IN THE CHURCH) do all interpret? But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.*

The Bible talks about tongues and says that all don't have the gift of tongues and interpretation **IN THE CHURCH**. Often people use this scripture to say, "See? Tongues isn't for everyone." The reason for this scripture is for there to be ORDER in the church. In the beginning of this chapter, in 1 Cor 12:28, it says 'in the CHURCH' so they are talking about **during church time**. Let me show you in the rest of this chapter how being baptized with the Holy Spirit results in power and speaking in tongues (which is a great power).

If you look at the book of Acts, you will see that Peter knew the new converts were filled with the Holy Spirit because... *they heard them speak with tongues.* (Acts 10:34-44) In Acts 11, Peter tells the story again from Acts 10:34-44, 'And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them.' How did he know this? Because he HEARD them speaking IN TONGUES. If you have a hard time accepting this chapter, then you will have a hard time walking in the power of God, because the kingdom of God is all IN THE HOLY SPIRIT! There is a difference in being "filled" with the Holy Spirit and being "baptized" in the Holy Spirit. When we receive Jesus as our Lord and savior, the Holy Spirit comes to live in us as Jesus' representative. BUT when we are baptized with the Holy Spirit, we are immersed, overflowing, like in water baptism, the old is dead and you become a new man. You will be filled with POWER, immersed in power.

Basically it comes down to this. When you are filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit, you will be laying hands on the sick and they will be getting healed, You will be doing things that require faith, things that only God could do.

I was filled with the Holy Spirit for about 20 years before I knew I could pray in tongues on purpose. Many of you are filled with the Holy Spirit and haven't spoken in tongues. Speaking in tongues is easy. Just start praising the Lord, then begin to speak out from your spirit anything that comes. It might only be one syllable or sound to start. Trust God, it is from Him. If tongues were from the devil, they would be speaking it in the bars! The devil doesn't want you to believe in speaking in the Spirit (or tongues) because it helps you pray God's perfect will, and tongues is a weapon. For 18 years, I did my ministry without power. I clowned on stage and only gave the gospel message and I barely did that. Then I started to pray in tongues by setting a timer for 10 minutes. I loved the change IN ME so much I began to keep resetting my timer at 10 minutes until I reached an hour. THEN I began to hear God talking to me all the time about everything, my shows and what to do in them, my family, other people, etc. I started getting awesome revelations that changed my life and ended up in making videos, CDs, DVDs, and this book. **God is a chatter box**, He is always talking, we just don't hear Him sometimes. Once I prayed for three hours in tongues! Wow, that was awesome! I would like to do that on a regular basis.

Speaking in tongue is speaking in an unknown (to us) language. It is nothing to be afraid of. My purpose is to show you, speaking in tongues is a result of being filled with the Holy Spirit. The purpose to be filled with the Holy Spirit is to receive power to be a witness and to always be lead into victory.

We get direction from God that goes beyond our natural understanding.

For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue

1. *speaketh...*, **but unto God**: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he

2. speaketh mysteries. (1 Cor 14:2)

He that speaketh in an unknown tongue

3. *edifieth* (build up, energizes) **himself**, (Col 14:4) *But*

4. *ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.* (Jude 22)

The above scripture, Jude 22, was not a request. It is something God wants us to do to benefit us. Jesus...*Prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. (Acts 8:15)*

TONGUES IS A WEAPON!

Eph 6:17, the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

18: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit

Our praying in tongues is praying the word of God. It is a weapon. It goes beyond our natural understanding and gets past our own mind and reasoning.

Heb 4:12, For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints (FLESH AND MATERIAL WORLD) and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Eph 6:12, For we wrestle not against flesh and blood (physical world, but the spiritual world), but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

When we are baptized in the Holy Spirit, we can be a witness of the resurrection of Jesus.

*...And he said unto them, **Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature...** And these **signs shall follow them that believe;** In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall **speak with new tongues..** And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and **confirming the word with signs following.** (Mark 16:15-20)*

Speaking in tongues is a sign that **follows you** when you are baptized in the Holy Spirit.

He has defeated the devil for you and given you all authority. *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. (Matt 28:18)*

*Behold, I give unto you **power (that is the Holy Spirit)** to tread on serpents and scorpions, and **over all the power of the enemy:** and nothing shall by any means hurt you. (Luke 10:19)*

Our words are powerful enough to change the world. *And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have*

whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. (Mark 11:22) Can you image how much more powerful speaking in tongues is because it is the perfect will of God, it is praise, and it is the word!

*As he is, so are we in this world. (1 John 4:17) Acts 10:38 shows how God anointed *Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.* He still does the same things through you as He did when He was on earth. Now He is on earth through you.*

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us. (2 Cor 5:20)

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature... And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. (Mark 16:15-18)

Things we can't do effectively without the Holy Spirit:

1. **Love** is in our hearts by the Holy Spirit (Rom 5:5) and faith works by love. Without faith it is impossible to please God. *“But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, **praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God**”* (Jude 20-21)

2. **He guides us into the Truth**, revealing God's Word, God's will, and God's voice. (John 16:13 *) We are led by the Spirit (Rom 8:14)

We obey the truth through the Spirit (1 Pet 1:22) How can we know the truth unless we are filled with the Holy Spirit?

3. We **crucify the flesh** by the power of the Spirit (Rom 8:13; Gal 5:24-25)

There is no condemnation for those who follow after the Spirit (Rom 8:1) How can we STOP SINNING unless we have the Holy Spirit? *Awake to righteousness and SIN NOT.* (1 Cor 15:34)

4. **PRAY** Likewise the Spirit also **helpeth our infirmities**:(weakness, inability to know what to pray) 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. 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. (Rom 8:26-27) So we need the help of the Holy Spirit in Heaven's special language so we can get God's will done on earth. **Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit.** (Eph 6:18) God would not ask us to pray always IN THE SPIRIT if it was not possible for EVERYONE to pray in the Spirit. Praying is asking God to do something for us we cannot do. How can we pray right and

with power unless we pray God's will. How can we know His will unless we are filled with the Holy Spirit?

5. We **worship** God in the Spirit. We could sing “woe is me, downtrodden and sick” hymns with no power, but we are not PRAISING or WORSHIPPING God. We are going through a **ritual** only. Take a look at *John 4:24... true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*

6. He makes us Rapture ready. Our bodies are quickened, now and at the resurrection by the Spirit (*Rom 8:11*)

7. He gives us power. *And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in **demonstration of the Spirit and of power.** (1 Cor 2:4) We need the Holy Spirit to preach and teach.*

The Bible becomes a set of rules without the Holy Spirit instead of revealing the LOVE and GRACE of Jesus Christ. *But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. (1 Cor 2:14)*

8. We are **Made Righteous** *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. (1 Cor 6:11)*

Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (freedom) from sickness, lack, fear, hate, bondage, selfishness etc. (2 Cor 3:17)

Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? (Gal 3:2)

...be filled with the Spirit; (Eph 5:18) We need to be filled to overflowing.

You can grieve the Holy Spirit

1. *But they rebelled, and vexed his Holy Spirit: (Is 63:10)*

2. *And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice. (Eph 4:30-32)*

How to NOT grieve the Holy Spirit:

1. *And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. (Eph 4:30-32)*

How important is the Holy Spirit's ministry? Just look at the event that took place when He arrived! (Acts 2:1-21)

How did they know they were filled with the Holy Spirit? They **heard** them speak in tongues... the promise of the Holy Spirit. *He poured out this which you now see and*

hear Acts 2:13, (Acts 2:33) While Peter was still speaking ... the Holy spirit fell... for they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God, Acts 11:15 (Act 10:44)

We are fellow workers with Him: His mouth, feet and hands. We have power in our mouth when we pray in tongues. We have power in our hands when we lay them on the sick. (2 Co 6:1)

****Jesus said it was a sign of those who truly believe (Mark 16:17) they would speak in other tongues!** You will have the greatest revelations and demonstrations of the Word with signs and wonders when you spend time praying in tongues, as in Mark 16:17.

Speaking in tongues is very important. This is what the Bible says about it.

Tongues – (1 Cor 14)

Speaks not to men but to God (1 Cor 14:2)

You edify yourself (1 Cor 14:4) ...*strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the [Holy] Spirit (Eph 3:16)*

Praying in tongues refreshes and relieves the mind of solving problems. (1 Cor 14:14-15)

“For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing” (Is 28:11-12)

You give thanks well (1 Cor 14:16-17)

Is a sign to unbelievers (1 Cor 14:22)

Those that believe, speak (Mark 16:17)

Reveals Mysteries (1 Cor 14:2b)

The mysteries of God – His thoughts, feelings and purposes (1 Cor 2:14-16)

The deep things of God (1 Cor 2:9-10)

The Word,

Redemption,

Spirit beings,

Devil’s plots

The mysteries of the World

He will show you things to come (John 16:13 and Rom 8:23), God’s plan for your future.

Allows you to pray about things you could not know (Rom 8:26-27)

Situations and events about you or others, and ministry.

Deal with the hearts and minds of people you might be ministering to.

The Spirit reveals what belongs to Jesus that He has given to us (John 16:14)

The future is revealed by the Spirit (John 16:13 AMP)

Our fellowship is of the Spirit (Phil 2:1)

Pray in the Spirit and sing in the Spirit (1 Cor 14:14-15)

We are making melody to the Lord (Eph 5:19)

Desire spiritual gifts (1 Cor 14:1)

We are to minister the Holy Spirit (2 Cor 3:6)

The ministry of the Holy Spirit is GLORIOUS (2 Cor 3:8)

It is the Father’s good pleasure to give you the Kingdom THROUGH the Holy Spirit (Luke 12:32)

Tongues is the only operation of the Spirit NOT in the Old Testament, but is prophesied about. *For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. (Is 28:11-12) (tongues)*

*The kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the **Holy Ghost** (Rom 14:17)*

Pray in the spirit as often as you can. You can choose to pray in tongues about a certain subject on purpose. For example, I might say I am going to pray about this book now, then start praying in tongues. Tongues is one of the most powerful weapons and tools we have been given. Use it and use it often!

I want to encourage you to stop letting the TV prophesy your future. Get into the word and praying and become the glorious Bride. In these end times, some scary stuff is about to happen, but you can change any situation. Nothing is impossible for you when you are firmly planted in the things of God. So read this chapter with an open heart so that you can **receive all the things the blood of Jesus paid for you to have.**

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