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Foreword

Is it important to be able to Hear The Holy Spirit?

He is our guide to guide us in living as a citizen of The Kingdom of God should live so we will live and get to heaven when we die! Apart from marking us as belonging to The Kingdom of God this is His main ministry on earth at the moment.

He also unifies the Body of Christ and directs it in the work of The Kingdom of God.

The Holy Spirit is God and a person so you can hold a conversation with Him.

He has likes, dislikes, feelings and emotions (in other words, personality). Because He is God He is also Love which is why the first fruit that shows His presence in a person is God's quality of Love, from which all the other fruit flow.

He is God's guide for you. He is given to you to guide you in your relationship with God so you will be a good citizen of The Kingdom of God. His presence in your spirit indicates you belong to God (Jn 16:13). But you must be willing and focused on His requirements to follow Him (Jn7:17).

He also tells God what you need as part of His care of you.

Rom 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: 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.

Rom 8:27 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.

If He was not a person you could not personally relate to Him and Jesus would be a liar, saying He was going to send a personal Holy Spirit while not being able to do so (Jn 16:13).

Knowing Him and how to hear Him is very important as the only way to be an adopted son of God and live properly as a citizen of The Kingdom of God is to be led (guided) by Him (Rom.8:14).

You are never alone as His presence is in you. All others on earth may reject you or desert you but He will never leave you or give up on you unless you reject Him completely. If you reject Him He has not left you but you have left Him.

He is a gentleman and a servant. He is gentle and will never force you to do anything but will gently guide you into God's Will. He is a servant as He humbles Himself to guide you and meet any of your needs that you let Him meet (and a few you do not know about), but only in accordance with The Will of God.

The Servant Spirit

The Holy Spirit is our example off how to serve God. In otherwords how we also should serve God.

He never promotes Himself but serves quietly and unnoticed, always pointing to Jesus, giving Him the Glory for whatever happens.

He serves out of Love and the way He deals with people illustrates His Character (Gal 5:22-23 the Fruit of the Spirit) which is also the Character of The Father and Jesus.

He fellowships with you encouraging, empowering and strengthening you.

He guides and mentors you quietly and gently and never overrides your free will.

He will tell you all you need to know about anything and does this humbly, freely giving you the knowledge you need without requiring anything from you except for you to use it for the promotion of Jesus and The Kingdom of God (Jn. 16:13, 7:17).

He does not force anything on you but waits until you are ready to accept what He needs to tell you and quietly and gently prompts you about any sin until you either repent or reject His advice.

He desires fellowship with you because He joys in the relationship He has with the 'sons of God' that joyfully follow His advice and leading.

He will be with you now and in eternity, forever! So it is advisable to get to know Him now rather than after you die so you do not miss out on all God has for you to do and enjoy together.

So appreciate The Holy Spirit, how He quietly works for your good with His only reward being the Glory Jesus will get from your service of Him as well as the Joy He has in seeing you mature into the person Jesus desires you to be.

Never ignore or abuse the relationship you have With The Holy Spirit and He will be able guide you to do great things for God and The Kingdom of God.

The Promise of Jesus

Jn 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Jn 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

If a person can hear The Holy Spirit clearly they do not need legalistic, denominationalistic, churchistic or any other man made guidelines to guide them. The Holy Spirit will guide them personally and tell them what Jesus desires and not what man has reasoned out as being The Will of God

Jesus promised The Holy Spirit would guide us into all truth, not just spiritual truth, and would tell us what we needed to know about the future as well as the present and not what we think we need to know.

To deny being able to be guided by or hear a Personal Holy Spirit is to call Jesus a liar and to deny the Love and Personality of The Holy Spirit which in a sense is a type of blaspheming The Holy Spirit. It also means you use reason to do the work of God and God said we cannot reason out His Ways as they are so far above anything we can reason or work out.

‘Sons of God’

Those who are in a righteous (correct) relationship with Jesus, led by The Holy Spirit are called “sons of God” (Rom. 8:14). This refers to being adopted by God as a “son” (spiritual child) of His with all the rights of His natural born son, Jesus. Jesus calls us family (relatives by adoption of His Father). Accordingly, God looks after us as His son

because we love His natural born son, Jesus. By being adopted spiritually by The Father Jesus becomes our spiritual step-brother.

What Father, who love his child, does not provide for their needs. The Father has given us Jesus, as well as everything we need to be able to enter into a righteous relationship with Him and The Father and to maintain our side of the relationship. What more can He give us but the physical and spiritual things we need to live and do His work and this He promises and does. See Mat 6:33 for the conditions of this provision.

So remember your relationship to God as an adopted son with all the rights and responsibilities of an adopted son and as long as you trust His love you will be content with what He does to and for you.

The Holy Spirit - is He personal

An argument is that The Holy Spirit is impersonal and does not guide people personally these days. Jesus said He would give each of His followers The Holy Spirit to:

Comfort them

Guide them

Teach them

Enable them to do the work of Jesus

If The Holy Spirit is not a personal Holy Spirit talking to each one of us individually or is not able to do this then Jesus lied and He cannot be redeemer as He cannot be a sinless offering so we are back under The Law and the sacrificial system of God.

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

If The Holy Spirit does not guide you how do you know what God desires you to do given that many things occurring these days are not in the Bible and there are no clear cut guidelines in regard to many other

things if at all. An example is Denominations. These are not in the Bible so if The Holy Spirit is not guiding you about them who is then? It leaves only man or the devil or both.

There is an other argument that the gifts of The Holy Spirit are not for today's church. That presents a problem as these are what we use to minister with. Jesus said the following in His Bible:

Rom 11:29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

Either the gifts are forever or Jesus is a liar and cannot be our redeemer. He also cannot be a sinless offering and Lord and thus cannot be saviour.

The Bible states that everyone is given something of The Spirit (a spiritual gift) so that the presence of The Holy Spirit is shown in that person and the person can minister to others on the behalf of Jesus.

1Co 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

The Spirit is also to guide us into all truth and was given to us by Jesus to do that. If He is not a personal Spirit communicating directly with us He cannot do that and that makes Jesus a liar, the Bible in error and thus not inerrant. If it is not inerrant then we cannot trust it for anything let alone salvation.

Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

You must desire to know The Will of Jesus:

Jn 7:17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

Jesus said The Holy Spirit would also show us things to come (prophecy, words of knowledge). If does not then Jesus is a liar. The Bible is written to apply for all time and its principles apply for eternity not just in the time of the apostles or Jesus. The Holy Spirit will show us things that will happen in the future which will guide us, encourage us and give us hope. He will also show us things to warn or correct us. To say He does not do that is to call Jesus a liar, make parts of The Bible irrelevant for today (so how much else is irrelevant then as well) and also implies that The Bible is not 100% accurate (inerrant) as it has told us something that is not true.

This implies you cannot trust The Bible as you do not know what else is irrelevant or what else Jesus said is incorrect.

The Holy Spirit also empowers us each of us personally

Act 1:8 but you will receive power, the Holy Spirit coming upon you, and you will be witnesses of Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

If He was not a personal Holy Spirit He would not be able to do this. It would also be wrong of God to say that each of us would receive The Holy Spirit individually and He would work with each of us individually. It also means that if we are not listening to Him we are not being empowered by Him to do the work of Jesus, then who is helping us?

If we do not have the empowerment, guidance and gifts of The Holy Spirit it means God is asking us to do His work without the tools He and the apostles had available. He cannot be a God of Love then if He asks this of us.

The Holy Spirit shows us what God wants us to pray, do or command and as we by faith do what He says He then makes it occur on behalf of Jesus.

He Prays for Us

The Holy Spirit prays for us when we do not know how to pray. His presence is in us and can see our every need as well as know them because he is God and knows everything. What an amazing thing, the God of this universe is praying for us. And this is why we know all things work for our best. God is praying for us and God is waiting to answer that prayer for us in accordance with His will and we know that He desires only what is best for us.

The Holy Spirit in The New Testament

When Jesus died at Calvary, He removed the defilement of the sin that was the barrier between God and mankind that stopped us entering The Kingdom of God as well as removing all the obstacles which stopped us relating directly to God (Jn 17:3) and having a personal relationship with Him which is the basis for Salvation and eternal life (Jn17:3). Because we were now considered sinless and not defiled by sin The Holy Spirit could now have His Presence in us, communicate with us and guide us individually. God no longer saw us as unholy being declared pure and holy and in a correct relationship through what Jesus did at Calvary so that He could now personally relate to us.

So The Holy Spirit was sent by Jesus to help us live now as God requires us too so to ignore The Holy Spirit is to ignore God's provision for living The Christian life as a good citizen of The kingdom of God.

Job 33:4 The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

(Acts 1:8) But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

(Act 3:12) And when Peter saw it, he answered to the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look

ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

(Jn 14:26) But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Jn 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

(Rom 8:14-16) For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Why is important to study what The Holy Spirit does in the life of a follower of Jesus?

For the first 70 years of Christianity there were people alive who had seen Jesus, touched Him, learnt from Him, seen His miracles and ate with Him both before and after His death and resurrection. They knew Him and had seen his miracles as well as His rising from the dead.

We do not have that luxury now and people will usually only see Jesus now through our life, which is the expression of our faith in Him. The Holy Spirit is our guide in teaching us about Jesus and His requirements and our listening to His advice directly affects How we express Jesus in our life. Without His guidance, teaching and empowerment we really cannot live our life as a follower of Jesus and show Jesus the way He desires us too through the way we live as His follower.

It is He that gives us understanding of how to live for Jesus and empowers us to do the miracles that demonstrate The Kingdom of God.

Thus the need to know Him and to study about His role in our life as well as how to hear His guidance more clearly. This is so He can better teach us how to live in a way that will show to the world, Jesus in our life, as well as the difference knowing and following Jesus makes in a person. Crucially though, He teaches us how to serve (obey) Jesus as a citizen of His Kingdom.

There is no excuse for not knowing what The Spirit desires to teach you as He knows best how to give you understanding of what God wants you to learn so you will be able to understand if you want too!

Jn 7:17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself

Acts 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

It is all a matter of attitude.

The Holy Spirit is our comforter

AV-comforter 4, advocate 1, (summoned, called to one's side, esp. called to one's aid). In the widest sense, a helper, succourer, aider, assistant one who, (in a sense, goes through trials and joys with you as He goes through your life residing in your spirit).

of the Holy Spirit destined to take the place of Christ with the apostles (after his ascension to the Father), to lead them to a deeper knowledge of the gospel truth, and give them divine strength needed to enable them to undergo trials and persecutions on behalf of the divine kingdom

We are in a spiritual battle and need a spiritual guide and helper to fight our spiritual enemy. The translation 'comforter' identifies The Holy Spirit as the spiritual helper sent to help us fight this spiritual battle and

who intercedes with God for our need (Rom 8:26,27) when we do not now what to pray.

He is the one that walks with us through the highs and lows of life, helping us in times of trial to correctly deal with them so that we will successfully endure them.

He is a gentle servant waiting for us to ask for help and also working on our behalf to guide us to deal with and repel the enemy's attacks.

Overview

The teaching on the Holy Spirit in the gospels is mainly preparative. Jesus teaches where The Holy Spirit comes from and what He will do. In Acts the work of The Holy Spirit is illustrated. Teaching on how the Holy Spirit interacts with the church is found in Paul's epistles and must have been received by special revelation from The Holy Spirit or from Jesus, (when Paul was taught by Jesus for three years).

The Holy Spirit in The Gospels

How do you receive the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is a gift from The Father (Luke 11:13) to mark us as His and thus a citizen of His Kingdom but who is anointed (appointed for a certain ministry) by The Holy Spirit is decided by Jesus (Jn 1:33).

When we turn to Jesus to be our Lord (and thus saviour) The Holy Spirit fills our spirit and drives out demons that were there (Rom. 8:16-17). The continual filling by The Holy Spirit refers to our soul where The Holy Spirit replaces the demons that are cast out of our soul through the deliverance ministry. This cleansing of the Soul is to do with Holiness rather than authority or 'power' (which is really expressed authority).

In your spirit do you get The Holy Spirit in stages?

The Holy Spirit is given in His fullness in your spirit and not piecemeal (Jn 3:34).

What happens in the soul is that a demon leaves and there is a vacant area left. The Holy Spirit is asked to replace the demon and fill that vacant space. His presence protects that space as long as Jesus is Lord of it. It is not a new infilling but an extension of the original one when the soul was first given to Jesus to be Lord of.

This is different to The Baptism of The Holy Spirit where he rests on us like a covering to anoint us for ministry and to mark our position and authority in The kingdom of God.

Who is He given too?

He is given to the followers of Jesus by The Father (Jn 14:17) at the direction of Jesus (Jn 15:26).

Why is He given to the followers of Jesus?

To anoint (set apart and empower) people for ministry (Luke 4:19)

To guide them into all truth, reveal the Will of God and guide them in the things they have to do (Jn 16:13).

To testify of Jesus (Jn 15:26)

To guide them to serve in the Kingdom of God (Jn 3:5)

To guide them in true worship of The Father (Jn 4:23)

To guide them in deliverance (Mat 12:28)

To mark them as belonging to Jesus and The Kingdom of God (2 Cor 1:22)

To guide us how to live so that we will go to heaven when we die.

The above teaching was exemplified in Acts, which is really the working of the Holy Spirit in the early church and is the model of how The Holy Spirit should work in The Body.

Jesus taught the disciples what The Holy Spirit would do when He came to replace Him. After Jesus died, the Holy Spirit came and carried out what Jesus said The Holy Spirit would do. (Jn 17:39).

According to what Jesus taught, if you only had The Holy Spirit and your relationship with Him and The Father, you could live the Christian life, as He requires you too. Knowledge of theology is thus shown to be irrelevant. All you need to know is The Father, Jesus and what He has done for you as well as follow The Holy Spirit's guidance, listen to the truths He teaches you and speak what He tells you too. Theology only sidetracks you from the simplicity and purity of faith of The Gospel of The Kingdom of God.

Most of the people in heaven got there without knowledge of theology. They know how God works and what He has required of them and obeyed Him in these. They saw God work and were encouraged in their faith. Theology is knowledge only and is not relevant to the Christian life, unless it is applied. There are many theologians in hell as there are also ministers and pastors. It is only as theology is applied is there any benefit of it to the Christian life.

Remember that eternal life is a relationship with Jesus and The Father and not just knowledge about it, which demons have more of than we do.

It is to be noticed that in a church and society where theology is emphasized The Gospel spreads much more slowly than where theology is absent because theological faith is more reasoned and applied less where theology rules. In these theologically led societies The Holy Spirit also has a less important role and often His manifestation is missing, as is the outworking of His power and ministry through gifts and miracles.

Another comment is to observe that Jesus describes The Holy Spirit as a 'comforter'. The one who walks along side us, helping us relate to God, ourselves and others if we let Him. The intimacy of this relationship is what Jesus hinted at when using the word 'comforter'. The Holy Spirit goes through our trials with us and knows our innermost

thought. He is in a position to encourage and help us in all we do so that we glorify God by our life and serve His purposes (Rom 8:26,27).

If all we need is what Jesus taught us, then why do we need the teachings of Paul and the other New Testament Writers? God knew man's heart and that man would make his own rules, so God gave guidance on important matters, including how the Holy Spirit was designed to fit into the scheme of salvation as well as how to live as a citizen of the Father's Kingdom. Hence the writings of Paul and others in the New Testament on the Christian life include instruction on the role The Holy Spirit plays in the life of a Christian.

The Holy Spirit in the epistles.

In the epistles the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of a Christian is expounded in greater detail. The need for the reliance of a Christian on The Holy Spirit is shown. A Christian cannot follow Jesus as they should if they do not walk in partnership with The Holy Spirit, guided, empowered and strengthened by Him in all they do. If they do not rely on The Holy Spirit their fleshly side interferes with their Christian life, and while they may do what is right it may not be what God desires or what is best for them as it is not God's perfect Will for them usually. They will only be doing His permissive Will which is always second best.

The Character of The Holy Spirit

He is God and part of the Trinity (1 Jn 5:7) therefore He has all the attributes of God and is equal to The Father and Jesus in everything. The difference between them is solely because of the different roles they have chosen to assume. The Holy Spirit has chosen to be a servant to The Father, Jesus and us, but in a way that brings no glory to himself but instead brings Glory to Jesus and The Father.

He is called the Spirit of Holiness (Rom 1:4). His presence in something sets it apart as being Holy to God and thus sacred to God. It is interesting to note that in the New Testament no earthly places are declared to be Holy to God. Only people in whom the Holy Spirit dwells

are Holy to God - His sacred (special) possession. There were places dedicated to Satan but not to God.

The Kingdom of God is in the followers of Jesus who are to demonstrate its reality by their lives and by expressing the power delegated to them by Jesus over Satan and his works.

He is the Spirit of Grace (Heb 10:29). He is the one who gives us all we need to minister. The Father provides our needs (physical side), but The Holy Spirit gives us the grace, gifts etc., (the spiritual side) we need to minister and encourages and helps us in ministering.

He is The Spirit of Glory (1 Pet 4:14). He is the Spirit that shows the Glory of God to all. He rested on Jesus when He was on earth and will rest on us in our life as we uphold Jesus. The implication is that He refreshes and strengthens us to endure trials. As He ministers to us and through us (2 cor 3:8) it also brings Him Glory because of what He does in and through us. This is unintentional as He seeks only to lift up Jesus and in doing so is Glorified Himself just as we have reflected glory by our being used by Him. Jesus also receives Glory as people see Him in us through what we have been used and empowered to do by The Holy Spirit.

He is The Spirit of Truth (1 Jn 5:6). All truth that we need to know (Duet 29:29) is revealed to us by The Holy Spirit (Job 32:8). He is the one that will keep us from error if we listen to him. So we need to learn how to hear Him.

How is He received by a believer

He is sent By Father (Gal 4:6). The Father loves His children and has given them not only Jesus but The Holy Spirit to help them. What an amazing thing it is that God desires us to commune with Him and has even made it possible for us to do this.

He did not need to create us and the only reason we were created was so that He could show His Love toward us.

The Holy Spirit is received as a result of believing in Jesus (salvation – Eph 1:13) and cannot be received through the workings of The Law (Gal 3:2). The Father marks us as His very own through the Holy Spirit in us. It says to the Devil, “Hands Off! This person is my property!”

When you become a citizen of The Kingdom of God you receive The Holy Spirit. This happens at salvation.

By faith (Gal 3:14) we receive the Holy Spirit as we make ourselves open to His Presence being in us. Faith in Jesus (salvation) is the key - not faith in the Holy Spirit who comes as a result of our faith in Jesus. One of the principles of the spiritual world is that God or Satan cannot really use us if we do not cooperate with either of them through our will not accepting what they desire us to do.

Satan can only get you to do what you accept from Him. He suggests a thought or course of action and unless you accept it he cannot get you to do it. SIN IS YOUR CHOICE!

Sin also occurs encourage you ignore the Holy Spirit. Remember also, it is only those that are led by The Holy Spirit that are spiritual children of God.

The Holy Ghost is a witness to the new relationship we have with God which resulted in our sins being remitted (and thus forgiven) at Calvary and no longer affecting us spiritually if we repent of them (Heb 10:10-18). We are also sanctified (set apart and marked as belonging to God). The understanding of His laws also being placed in our mind as the Holy Spirit’s presence is now in our spirit to teach us these.

The Father is our Spiritual Father

The Lord Jesus our spiritual step-brother

The Holy Spirit is thus a relative like a wise uncle.

We know we belong to Jesus (1 Jn 3:24) because The Holy Spirit's Presence is in us. All we know about Jesus and the spiritual world has been revealed to us by The Holy Spirit (Job 32:8).

This receiving of The Holy Spirit is not The Baptism of The Spirit. That is a separate event but may coincide with this sealing of a person by The Holy Spirit.

Jesus giving the disciples The Holy Spirit

Joh 20:22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

There are questions this verse raises.

What is required to receive The Holy Spirit

Why was the Holy Spirit given to the disciples now and not earlier.

As we usually receive The Holy Spirit when decide to follow Jesus and He is not breathed on us then by another, why did Jesus breathe on them to give them the Holy Spirit as their seal of belonging to Him.

The timing of the event.

After the death of Jesus the disciples left off ministering and went back to their former occupations.

After He had risen and by this verified who He was (the Christ) they left all and followed Him and now were truly His followers and so received The Spirit to verify this. They still had to wait for Pentecost to be anointed (authorised to minister in an area, empowered and receive the appropriate giftings) by The Spirit to do the work Jesus wanted them to do.

Why did He breathe on them.

As Jesus breathed they felt The Holy Spirit enter and knew He was real and in them

This breathing is in allusion to God's breathing the breath of life into man, something only God can do. It is not a person breathing a gift of The Holy Spirit or The Holy Spirit Himself into a person as Jesus alone gives The Holy Spirit on behalf of The Father and The Holy Spirit releases the gifts as needed by a person and not as the person asks or thinks they need.

So you do not need to breathe on a person for them to be sealed (receive) by The Spirit at salvation or to receive The Spirit at any other time. Jesus gives The Holy Spirit and not you. Breathing on a person does not baptize them in the spirit (anoint them for ministry). Jesus does that and you have no part in it except by faith to breathe on them as a witness to God's working so to breathe on a person for any other reason is idolatry as it is from you and not from God.

To breathe on a person without the direction of The Holy Spirit is not of God and may allow Satan in as the person is receptive to a spirit entering and as it is not The Holy Spirit who is entering it can only be a demon.

To breathe on a person anyway because of Pentecost is wrong as it says there was a sound like a wind and not that there was a wind blowing so to try and imitate this wind is also incorrect.

What do you need to do to receive The Holy Spirit

You need to Love Jesus and follow His teachings

Jn 14:15-17 If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

His Work in a Believer

The presence of The Holy Spirit in our spirit marks us as belonging to God

His presence sanctifies us (1Pe 1:2). It sets us apart for God and this should be shown by our lifestyle (fruit of The Holy Spirit and the attitudes of God in us) that we belong to Jesus and His Kingdom..

His presence shows we are justified (in a correct relationship) with God (1Co 6:11). He declares we are worthy to approach God because His presence is in us and we are righteous (in a correct relationship with God).

His presence renews and regenerates us (Tit 3:5). He restores us to a correct lifestyle when we decide to follow Jesus and renews us when we fall away into sin if we repent and once again wholeheartedly try to follow Jesus.

His presence matures us into the image of Jesus as we follow what He teaches us as well as letting Him work in us changing our attitudes and habits (2Co 3:18). Hence the warning in Gal 3:3;

“Are ye so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?”

His presence bears fruit in us (Gal 5:22,23.).

His presence in us allows God’s goodness to be directed towards us and guides us to the correct relationships for this to happen (Eph 5:9).

His presence gives us the patience to pursue complete righteousness in faith. (Gal 5:5).

God’s Love is in The Holy Spirit and His presence in us allows God’s Love to be in us and not just directed towards us (Col 1:8). This is the difference between a Christian and non-Christian. A Christian has God’s Love in them because The Holy Spirit is in their spirit. A non-Christian can only have God’s Love directed to them and cannot really display it to others in the way a Christian can.

His presence gives us peace and joy

As we labour as a citizen of The Kingdom of God (Rom 14:17)

Through His power in us (Rom 15:13)

Even in trials (1Th 1:6)

His presence stops us being sensual (Jud 1:19) enabling us to avoid the lusts that attempt to snare us (1 Jn 2:15,16).

His presence strengthens the inner man (Eph 3:16) so we can do the things God wants us to do.

His presence guides us to understand the truths God wants us to teach us so we can love others truthfully and not from wrong motives (1Pe 1:22).

His presence in us helps deliver us from trials (Phi 1:19) as He sustains us and guides us through them so we complete them and are delivered from them.

His presence removes us from observing the requirements of The Law when we sin (Gal 5:18) as we are now under the forgiveness Jesus obtained for us at Calvary. We are no longer under The Law but under The Grace of God.

He marks us as belonging to Jesus

The Father adopts us as His own and sends The Holy Spirit to mark us and evidence this (Rom 8:15) and because of this we have access to The Father (Eph 2:18).

His presence in us also places God's Love in our hearts so we can show it to all (Rom 5:5). This goes with the new heart we are given and occurs because The Holy Spirit sheds God's Love into our new spiritual heart.

He guides us in worshipping and obeying God (Phil 3:3) so that we have no trust in fleshly ways of doing things. Remember, worship is by the way we obey Jesus in all we do and The Holy Spirit Guides us in this.

He keeps (protects) the good things of God in us that God has committed to us (2 Tim 1:14)

His Presence is in us and shows by this we belong to Jesus (Rom 8:9)

He brings back physically dead people to life (Rev 11:11).

He unifies the body of Christ and builds it into a place for God to live in and use and by our unity with the 'Body of Christ' shows that we are living as we should in relation to God (Eph 2:22), (Eph 4:3), (1 Jn 4:13).

We have the Earnest (God's guarantee) of The Spirit to indicate God has bound himself to us (an earnest is something of value given by one person to another to bind and evidence a contract (2 Cor 5:5). There is nothing we can give God to show this relationship except our Love and Obedience so once again (in His Grace) God shows His Love to us and gives us something tangible instead to evidence this relationship (The Holy Spirit).

The Holy Spirit lives in us showing that we are God's Temple (1 Cor 3:16). There is a warning not to defile the Temple of God in us (our spirit) which is where the Holy Spirit resides (1 Cor 2:17). We have the Holiness of God in our spirit which should fill us with awe and make us want to separate from us all that destroys this Holiness. We are also not our own to command as Jesus has purchased us with His Blood (1 Co 6:19) and we should flee that which tries to make us reject the rulership of Jesus.

If we obey and serve Him, He Rewards us with everlasting life as well as other rewards in heaven. (Gal 6:8).

Work in nonbeliever or backsliding Christian

We see in the lives of these people nothing happening but in reality The Holy Spirit is trying to convict them of their wrong doings and their need to repent and seek Jesus. We need to have faith in The Holy Spirit and His working as being God He is doing the best that can be done to draw these people back to Jesus. We need to be patient and conduct

spiritual warfare as He instructs us too so the enemy cannot interfere in the work of The Spirit in these people.

He is patient. It is we who are impatient expecting Him to work overnight and do miracles. We need to have faith in His working and His doing what is best and just wait in this faith for Him to do what He can with these people. We also to be available when He asks us to do something in regard to them.

He fellowships with us

Through fellowshiping with The Holy Spirit we fellowship with each other (Phil 2:1) as true fellowship is only in the unity The Holy Spirit provides.

He motivates people (not forces) to confess Jesus has come in the flesh and by this show they belong to Jesus (1 Jn 4:2-3).

He helps us with our problems when we do not know what to do as He knows what God desires and can intercede on our behalf with God for what we need (Rom 8:26,27) to deal with our problems.

He guides us

The Holy Spirit in us verifies we are God's children by adoption and shows this by leading us in our daily life, if we allow Him too (Rom. 8:14,16).

The Holy Spirit in us also guides us as to what we should be accepting as inputs into our life (Rom 8:5).

He talks to us in a way we can hear (Heb 3:7).

He also talks to churches if they will listen to Him (Rev 2:29).

He tells the future, when we meet to know it, and warns us of dangers (1Ti 4:1)

He inspires people to write about the things of God (2 Pet 1:21)

The Holy Spirit gives us visions of spiritual things (Rev 4:2)

He reveals the deep things of God as He knows the mind of God (1Co 2:9).

He reveals what God has freely given us (1 Co 2:12)

He reveals The Father and gives us knowledge of Him (Eph 1:17).

He reveals The Gospel and empowers the presentation of it (1Th 1:5)

He revealed the suffering and Glorification of Jesus before it happened (1Pe 1:11)

He teaches us how to compare things that are spiritual with each other (1Co 2:13).

He teaches us the Mind of Christ (1Co 2:16).

When He ‘controls’ us we can tell of mysteries of God (1Co 14:2). This occurs when we are “in the spirit” (Rev 1:10)

Witnesses to God and Jesus

He witnesses Jesus has come to earth and died in a human body (1 Jn 5: 7-8).

He witnesses to the trinity in Heaven (1 Jn 5:7)

He witnesses to Jesus and gives us the knowledge and understanding to call Jesus our Lord. (1 Cor 12:3).

He bears witness to the truths in our conscience as we speak about Jesus (Rom 9:1).

He unifies the body of Christ and because of this we are able to have fellowship with God and others (1 Cor 12:13, 2 Cor 13:14).

His Love and Presence brings unity (Rom 15:30). There is only one Spirit, one faith, one body (Eph 4:4) and one gospel (Phil 1:27).

He assists in preaching the Ministry of The Kingdom

He empowers the presentation of The Gospel and works with us to present the Gospel with heavenly wisdom and not just man's reasonings (1 Cor 2:4, 1 Pet 1:12).

He reveals the Gospel (the good news of what God has done for us) (Eph 3:5).

He assists in preaching The Gospel, evidencing the truth of the preaching with signs and wonders (Rom 15:19).

He gives Spiritual Gifts to the followers of Jesus (1 Cor 12:4-11), for the purposes of confirming the Gospel (Heb 2:3,4), and establishing the followers of Jesus.

He empowers us and matures God's Love in us, as well as a giving us a sound mind because of the truths of God in us (1 Tim 2:7).

John 16:8-11 He convicts people of sin

To convict people they have fallen short of the requirements of God and as such are in rebellion to Him and are also not following Jesus as Lord of their life.

To convict people of their incorrect relationship with God, and that eternal life is found in a proper relationship with Jesus and The Father (Jn 17:3)

To convict people of the judgement of Satan and his kingdom, that there is a judgement of those who reject God and are by default members of the kingdom of Satan under judgement.

It is The Father who gives a person an understanding of their need for Jesus and draws people to Jesus. Once they accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour then The Holy Spirit ministers to them.

A Citizen of The Kingdom of God needs to know these things about The Holy Spirit so they know His functions in relationship to them and so can properly relate to Him in His activities in their life.

What is our role in evangelism?

We are to be available for The Holy Spirit to speak the words He needs to use so He can convict people of the three things: sin, righteousness and judgement.. If He does not do this through us then it is done through the wisdom of man and words and not the Power of The Holy Spirit.

We are to be available to The Holy Spirit to show the authority of The Kingdom of God over the kingdom of Satan (through signs and wonders empowered by The Holy Spirit.

Commands in respect of The Holy Spirit

We are to use the Sword of The Spirit, which is the Bible, as it contains all the truths we need to do the work of God (Eph 6:17) that will set people free John 8:32.

We are to use our reason to understand the things of God and not to add to them.

We are to walk in the Spirit (be guided by Him) as then we will be doing what God wants us to do (Gal 5:25-26, 1 Pet 4:6) and we will no longer be condemned by The Law (Rom 8:1,2) and will fulfil the righteousness The Law requires (Rom 8:4). Because The Holy Spirit's Presence is in us (Rom 8:10,11) and helps us put to death (self-discipline) the flesh (Rom 8:13) we have freedom in The Spirit (2 Cor 3:17) to do the spiritual works of God and will not fulfil the lusts of the flesh (Gal 5:16,17).

We are to wholeheartedly love others with a pure heart (1 Per 1:22)

We are to be continually filled with The Spirit (The things He desires for us as well as his presence, Eph 5:18) through faith and praying as guided by Him (Jude 10). This infilling occurs as we give more and more of ourselves to Jesus to be Lord of. Deliverance may be needed for this.

We are to pray always guided by Holy Spirit then we know we are praying in accordance with the Will of God and our prayers will be answered (Eph 6:18) and our faith encouraged and we will be using the 'Name of Jesus' as we should.

Do not grieve (Break the heart of; cause to feel sorrow) The Holy Spirit (Eph 4:30) or quench (Suppress or crush completely) the Holy Spirit in you (1 The 5:19)

Other activities of The Holy Spirit

In heaven The Holy Spirit and Church work as one (Rev 22:17).

Jesus offered His Blood through The Holy Spirit (Heb 9:14)

He Justified Jesus (1 Tim 3:16)

He raised Jesus to life (1 Pet 3:18).

The Holy Spirit in The Old Testament

Job 32:8 But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

Our understanding of the things of God comes from The Holy Spirit in us (if we are willing to listen to His teaching and advice).

(Jdg 3:10 and many other references) When The Holy Spirit was on people they were empowered to do things for God. This is the same as The Baptism of The Holy Spirit in the New Testament except the effects of the Baptism are permanent where in The Old Testament the anointing may have only been for a period. Anointings in The New Testament are cumulative (the build on the previous gifting and anointing) where in the Old Testament they were not.

(1Sa 10:6) And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.

(1Sa 16:13) Anointing for service to God

(1Sa 16:14) They could lose the anointing of The Spirit through Sin

(2Sa 23:2) The Holy Spirit told people what to say

(1Ki 18:12) He directed people where to go

(Isa 40:7) The Spirit carries out judgement

(Isa 40:13) No one can guide or teach The Spirit (as He is God)

(Isa 59:19) He is with you in battle against the enemy (Satan)

(Isa 61:1) 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;

(Isa 63:14) Leads the people of God in a way that will bring God Glory.

(Eze 37:1) Gives prophetic visions

(Mic 3:8) Empowers His prophets to call His people to repentance

(Gen 1:2) He was there when the earth was created and took part in it

(Gen 41:38) Spirit led people will stand out from the crowd

(Exo 31:3) He fills us with wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, to do the work of Jesus

(1Sa 10:10) Guides people to prophesy for Him

(1Sa 11:6) Convicts people of their sin

He makes us and keeps us alive:

(Job 27:3) All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;

(Job 33:4) The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

God Creates (Gen 1:1) man can only build on what God has created. God gives life to His creation (Gen 2:7) which is why the spirit/soul and the fleshly body can be treated separately by God so He can restore the spirit in this corrupted body of flesh and later in heaven give us a pure (resurrection) body to replace this corrupted body of flesh.

It can be seen the work of The Holy Spirit in The New Testament is a carrying on of His work in The Old Testament with one difference. His Presence is now in the people of God so there is no diminishing or reduction in His work as it is permanent building on the past of the person unlike the Old Testament where He may only have resided on a person for a period then left.

The Holy Spirit anoints people to:

To promote them in the service of Jesus

To empower people to preach Jesus, Teach Jesus and to demonstrate the Kingdom of God

From importance of The Holy Spirit in Acts it can be seen that you cannot live the Christian life as God desires you too if you are not led and empowered by The Holy Spirit.

How are we to love The Holy Spirit?

We are to love Him in the same way He Loves us or we will not exhibit His Love, the Love God has for us. His Love for us is greater in degree but not in quality in other words He has a greater capacity to love than we have but it is still the same principles and type of love being exhibited by Him that we are to show in our relationship to Him, ourselves and others.

How are we to show this love?

We should rejoice God places His Presence in us and relates to us in a personal way, teaching, guiding and empowering us in all we do.

The peace we have no matter whatever happens because we trust the relationship we have with the father and Jesus as guided by the Holy Spirit.

The patience we show as The Holy Spirit teaches us and guides us to be like Jesus and live as He desires us to because we Love Him.

The tenderness in which we relate to The Holy Spirit because of our love for Him and His love for placing His Presence in us even though He is God.

Seeking what is best for The Kingdom of God as we respond to the leading and guidance of The Holy Spirit out of love for Him, The Father and Jesus.

Trusting The Holy Spirit in all that He asks us to do on behalf of Jesus.

In humility and awe serving The Holy Spirit in the knowledge He honours us by His Presence being in us.

Moderation in all you do for The Holy Spirit to reflect the character of God in all you do.

Love for The Holy Spirit and His love for us shown by doing what He asks us to do and accepting what He teaches us.

The way of the person who expresses God's Love to The Holy Spirit

A person with God's Love trusts God's timing of events

They are respectful of The Holy Spirit and will serve Him and will do whatever He asks them to do for Jesus.

They do not envy the gifts others have as they believe each is given the necessary gifts they need to serve God where they are at in their Chris-

tian walk and that others with different service to God will naturally need different gifts to them. They appreciate the fact God has given them gifts so they can serve Him.

They realise in themselves they have no power to express the gifts or power of God so do not promote their own abilities but promote what God has done through them.

They do not bring The Holy Spirit into disrepute through inappropriate attempts at expression of the gifts or miracles, but only express these as The Holy Spirit directs them as any other way is from their flesh in control and they will fail to please God and the expression of these will be brought into existence by Satan.

They do not seek their own recognition or promotion at the expense of that of The Lord Jesus knowing full well they only do things because The Holy Spirit empowers and allows them to do these on behalf of The Lord Jesus.

Because they serve Jesus and are led by The Holy Spirit they realise that when people attack their service they are really attacking God so they give to Jesus their vindication and do not attempt to vindicate themselves.

Because they see people as God sees them they do not seek evil in people but look for the good in them as well as how God wants them to serve others (as shown to them by The Holy Spirit). This does not mean they do not approve what a person does. But they realise that like them they too sin.

They delight when God, His Kingdom and His Principles are promoted and rely on The Holy Spirit to guide them in these and in the recognition of these.

They do not complain when others ridicule or criticise them for expressing their faith as it is guided by The Holy Spirit and God is the only judge they are concerned in pleasing and not man.

They have a positive attitude to what The Holy Spirit is doing in their life and the life of others and assist others in their spiritual walk as asked too by The Holy Spirit.

God never forces you to do anything. He shows you what He requires and it is up to you to do it. You will know the consequences of not obeying Him so that you alone will be responsible for what happens with your decisions. God has to carry out the consequences of your decision according to His guidelines of 'reaping what you sow'.

They seek to assist others in their spiritual growth as God desires them to and are servants to others as God is to them

They have a correct relationship with The Holy Spirit which allows The Holy Spirit to empower them, guide them and express God's requirements of their service to others.

In Conclusion

The Holy Spirit is a person and unless you love Him as you love Jesus and The Father you are bringing Him into disrepute and not living, loving and relating to God as you should.

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