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WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

HOLY SPIRIT: A PERSON AND A SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is God Himself. He is the Person of God. Believers should not see Him as the third Person in Trinity, for such perception will deny us of understanding the ultimate power and presence of the Spirit of God. He is inseparable from the Godhead. God is Spirit! That means God is the same as The Spirit. The assumption that the Holy Spirit has left heaven and now on earth is wrong. He has never lived in heaven but with the Father and is the Father. So, right now, He is with the Father and is the Father, yet, He indwells all believers.

The Holy Spirit is not junior God or lesser in rank to the other Two in the Godhead. He is co-equal with the Father and the Son. The Godhead has the same Personality but different responsibilities and activities. The Holy Spirit is not a wind neither is He a dove. He is a Person. He is a Spirit, hence cannot be seen with the optical eyes though He is more real than the person sitting next to you. He has a personality as every human being does. He can be grieved. Ephesians 4:30 says, "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for

the day of redemption.” He can speak – communicate. Acts 3:2 says, “As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

The Holy Spirit is the Person who brings to us on earth the presence of the Almighty God. His presence in every believer is the presence of the Father and Christ Jesus in us. He is the one who got all believers baptized into Christ and also transplants the life of God into every believer.

HOLY SPIRIT INDWELLS YOU

All believers need to regularly acknowledge that the Holy Spirit indwells them. He does not go and come back. He dwells in you permanently right from the moment you got saved. Your mistakes cannot push Him out of you. The only thing that can get Him out of you is when you renounce Jesus. The day you no longer believe in Jesus, He leaves you from that day.

REFERENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Note: The following refers to the Person of the Holy Spirit.

- **Holy Spirit**
- **Holy Ghost**
- **The Spirit of God**
- **The Spirit of the Lord**
- **God’s Spirit**

The old King James Version uses the word “**Holy Ghost**” while the New King James Version uses “**Holy Spirit**”

RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT

HOLY SPIRIT AT SALVATION

The Holy Spirit is received after salvation. It is the Holy Spirit that enables a believer to do supernatural things. Act 1:8 says, “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” The power here is ***Dunamis***, which is the dynamic ability to cause changes. The purpose of receiving the Holy Spirit is for power not just for tongues.

WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN DO

Some believers only receive one of the following from the Holy Spirit. But He wants you to have access to all. You should just speak in tongues neglecting His leading or teaching. You have to receive all He has to offer.

1) The Holy Spirit convince men to believe in Jesus (1 Cor. 12:3). The fact is that no man can say Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. He is the One that brings understanding for the need for

salvation.

Anyone that believes and confess the Lordship of Jesus did that because the Holy Spirit enables him or her to do so. Without the Holy Spirit, no man will see the need to believe the gospel.

2) The Holy leads and guides (Romans 8:14, Like 4:1, John 16:13). The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness. In fact, Mark wrote that the Holy Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness. When the Holy Spirit leads, He becomes your Leader. When He drives you, He becomes your Driver. All believers can be led of the Holy Spirit. Trust Him and He will lead you over situations and issues of life.

3) The Holy Spirit gives power (Acts 1:8, Luke 4:14). The power of God is the power of the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit comes into you, He comes with His power. Everywhere you see the Holy Spirit, His power is present. You may not see the power in a spectacular way but it is there.

4) The Holy Spirit will teach you (John 14:26, 1 John 2:27). The Holy Spirit is the anointing within you assigned to teach you. It's the teaching you received from Him that will make you dynamic in the world. The Holy Spirit doesn't teach common sense, He supplies unusual Insight into all things. You can't be taught by Him and not be superior in insight.

5) The Holy Spirit supplies utterances of tongues (Acts 2:4, Acts 10:44-46). Tongues are divinely granted languages. No man can manufacture it, it is supplied by the Holy Spirit that reside on your inside.

6) The Holy Spirit supplies the gifts of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:11). The gifts of the Spirit is for all believers. It's ignorance that hinders believers from manifesting the gifts of the Spirit. To flow in the gifts of the Spirit is all about your faith in God not your maturity. There are many immature believers who flow in the gifts of the Spirit. That's why you have to know that spiritual gifts are not a proof that a person is mature spiritually.

7) The Holy Spirit supplies the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). Notice that it is fruit not fruits. You can't have any of these genuinely without the Holy Spirit.

HOLY SPIRIT: YOU RECEIVED BY FAITH

Galatians 3:2 says, "This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?" The Holy Spirit is for every child. The Holy Spirit is received by faith and also by the laying on of hands - Acts 8:17 says, "Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit." Also, Acts 9:17 says, "And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

The Holy Spirit is a gift. Acts 2:38 says, "Then Peter said to them, Repent, and let everyone of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift the Holy Spirit." Since it is a gift, you don't have to work for it, you just need to desire Him and open your heart to be filled with Him.

CONTINUOUS INFILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

You received the Holy Spirit once, but the infilling of the Holy Spirit is a continuous process. The Apostles received the Holy Spirit in Acts 2:1- 4 - “When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place; And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting; Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them; And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” But in Acts 4:31 the Bible says, “And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness” they were filled with the Holy Spirit again. This reveals that there is a conscious daily infilling of the Holy Spirit by the believer - Eph. 5:18 “And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit.”

FELLOWSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

2 Corinthians 13:14 says, “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen!”

The Greek word for communion here is “*koinonia*”, which means: Fellowship, Sharing, Communion, Participation, and Intimacy. This shows that you can commune, fellowship and share things with the Holy Spirit. You can be very intimate with Him and participate in an activity with Him. You must learn to do the following regularly:

- Talk with the Holy Spirit regularly. He is in you, talk to Him and ask Him questions. Tell Him to guide you on every main

matter and decisions.

- Listen to the Holy Spirit. You don't listen with ears or your body but with your heart. You must master how He talks to you. Listen to that intuitive thought of your heart. You will hear Him when you pay attention to the thoughts of your heart. He doesn't speak ambiguously and He speaks in a way you will best understand.
- Respond / Yield to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is calm, gentle and not forceful. He will only lead or instruct you and expect you to respond to Him. You will become super intelligent when you cultivate the habit of responding to His leadings, promptings and stirrings.

HOLY SPIRIT: THE SUPERIOR TEACHER

DESIRE TO BE TAUGHT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

John 14:26

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”

When Jesus was going, He assured the disciples about the coming of the Holy Spirit. That the Holy Spirit will come to teach those who will receive Him all things. There is a teacher all believers have received who is ever present within each of us right from the day we got saved. The coming of the Holy Spirit into believers is the coming of a new teacher. Jesus had always been the teacher that taught His disciples, but He informed them about the shift that was about to take place.

The personality of this Teacher (Holy Spirit) cannot be confined to a particular section. He can teach about the spiritual, intellectual, medical, and financial among many others. There is a knowledge you received in school, but there is a knowledge you can receive from the Holy Spirit. What you are taught in school

can become outdated, but whatever the Holy Spirit teaches you is eternally relevant.

I always encourage believers to acquire academic and professional knowledge because it really helps. But I know that there is a knowledge you cannot get through academic or professional studies. That knowledge can only come through the Holy Spirit and Holy scriptures. You have access to both today.

As a believer, you must be acquitted with your Teacher. He is the superior Teacher. He knows what others do not know. He can teach you about Christ and the new life you have now. He can teach you about tomorrow. You can't be addicted to listening to your Superior Teacher and not be full of inspiration and information. The amazing fact is that He doesn't force you to learn and can teach you anytime and anywhere. He can teach you while you are walking or working. He comes with course contents which are aligned with the scriptures.

DON'T BE CONFUSED AGAIN

Confusion is proof a believer does not have intimacy with the Superior Teacher. This Teacher is vast that He knows what will happen with whatever decision you make in life. He knows things that are to come. He knows where opportunities are hidden for you. He knows all you don't know about yourself and He is willing to teach Christ to you, teach you to you and teach things to you. The Holy Spirit is never ignorant of anything, so you must not also be ignorant. For you are privileged to have the one who knows all things within you.

It is important and for your progress that you regularly ask the Holy Spirit to teach you about things. To do what you have never done before, and receive His guidance and leading. The

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Superior Teacher is always ready to teach the moment you make it known in your heart that you need His teaching. Acknowledge Him as your Teacher today and you will see results. Listen to all He will say to you.

LISTEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

HOLY SPIRIT IS ALREADY ON EARTH

John 16:13

“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak and He will tell you things to come.”

Jesus talked about the coming of the Holy Spirit before He died. However, the Holy Spirit is already here on earth. Believers are no longer in the waiting expecting the Holy Spirit to come. The Holy Spirit is already in them.

One of the important things Jesus told us about the Holy Spirit is that He (The Holy Spirit) will speak. You will notice this when Jesus said the Holy Spirit will not speak on His own authority. That shows that the Holy Spirit talks. And if He talks, it means that those He talks to have to listen. Since you are a believer, may I ask you, ***when was the last time you heard from the Holy Spirit?*** The last time you heard from the Holy Spirit was the last time you listened to Him.

POSITION YOURSELF TO LISTEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit speaks. You are the one that doesn't listen. Yes, even if you pause this reading and speak to the Holy Spirit, He will respond and talk back to you. Why you are not communing with Him like some other people you admire is not because He is not speaking but because you are not listening. To the extent that there are believers who have never heard from the Holy Spirit all their lives. The simple truth is, the Holy Spirit will not force you to listen to Him. You are the one who needs to position yourself to listen to Him.

Jesus said whatever the Holy Spirit hears is what He will say. The insight here is that the way to hear God is to hear the Holy Spirit. Whatever God wants to tell you gets to you by His Spirit that indwells you. To listen to the Holy Spirit is to listen to God.

The Holy Spirit will speak through the silent thoughts of your heart. That thought will be spontaneous – it is not something you possibly had previously thought about, but just a flow that comes into your heart. That is the easiest way to recognize how he speaks. There are too many people seeking an angel will speak to them when they could daily listen to the Holy Spirit who indwells them.

Now, we should know God cannot be forced to speak, but you can listen to Him anytime you desire to hear Him. That is the reason God put a witness in our heart. The witness of the Spirit is often accompanied with a silent thought informing you that a matter is true or false.

TRUST THE INNER VOICE

Acts 8:29 says, “then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go near and overtake this chariot.” Do you notice that the Holy Spirit said to Philip? It was not from the sky or cloud, the Holy Spirit spoke to

Philip from within his heart. You must always trust the inner voice of the Spirit that talks to you. The more you trust that inner voice in your heart, the more you get acquainted with His voice.

GOD'S INVESTMENT THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The gifts of the Spirit are nine as taught to the Corinthians church. Ultimately it should be noted that the gifts of the Spirit are not only nine, but Apostle Paul explained nine of the gifts which the Corinthians church was messing up.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit refer to the manifestation of the Spirit given to every believer for the profiting of all. The Nine gifts mentioned by Apostle Paul are listed below according to 1 Cor. 12:8-10. They are:

- **Word of wisdom**
- **Word of knowledge**
- **Faith**
- **Gifts of healing**
- **Working of miracles**
- **Prophecy**
- **Discerning of spirits**
- **Diverse kind of tongues**

- **Interpretation of tongues**

It must be clearly noted that the gifts of the spiritual are more than nine. Paul only shared nine which were those the Corinthian churches created a confusion of and needed to be taught on.

THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

The fruit of the Spirit according to Galatians 5:22-23 is:

- **Love**
- **Joy**
- **Peace**
- **Long-suffering**
- **Kindness**
- **Goodness**
- **Faithfulness**
- **Gentleness**
- **Self control**

IMPARTATION OF THE SPIRIT

You position yourself for impartation of the Spirit. It can come directly from God or ministers to you through His servant. Hands can be laid on you, words can be released to you and breath can be released on you. Impartation of the Spirit is a direct release on your inward man (spirit). When you fall under the power of God, you become sensitive to the words He puts in your Spirit.

THERE IS AN ANOINTING WITHIN YOU

TURN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

1 John 2:27

“But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

Scriptures reveals that you have received an anointing which indwells you. Do you know that the day you got saved, you received an anointing from God? There is an anointing which God has put inside of you which does not go and come, but abides in you. Even when you do the wrong things, that anointing does not leave you, it abides in you. To abide means to stay and live in you. Do you know that when you do the wrong things and you are convicted by your conscience that you have done the wrong thing, it is still the work of the anointing that dwells in you?

The anointing that dwells in you is your divine teacher. There are teachings you cannot receive in any academic institution, you can only receive it by the anointing that dwells in you. Your anointing is your teacher. The next time you do not know what to do or get confused, turn to the anointing that dwells in you.

The anointing that indwells you is not a substance but a Person. That anointing is the Person of the Holy Spirit. When you got saved, the Holy Spirit came into you. The coming of the Holy Spirit into you on the day you got saved was the coming of the anointing into you. The Holy Spirit is the anointing in you. And as long as the Holy Spirit can teach you, the anointing is teaching you. Act 10:38 says, "How God anointed Jesus Christ of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him." So, Jesus was not anointed with a substance but with a Person – the Person of the Holy Spirit.

Regularly turn to the anointing within you. How? By listening to Him. We know this by the scriptures which tells us that the anointing teaches. It means you have to listen to His teaching. He is always willing to teach, while you should always be willing to listen. Those who are taught by the anointing are the ones appear more anointed than others. The next time your health reacts somehow, turn to the anointing to teach you how to stabilize your health. There is something the anointing within you will teach you that will cause you to prosper beyond limit.

ACCESS TO SECRETS IS POSSIBLE

1 John 2:20 says, "But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things." There is someone (not some-

thing) in you that can empower you to know all things. With the Personality of the Holy Spirit, you can access secrets and information that others don't have access to. There is something you can get from the anointing within you that will make you a wonder to the world.



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