



**¡The Most
Ignored Person
In the
New Testament!**

The Holy Spirit

These studies cover the symbols, the power,
the work, and the reality of the Holy Spirit
in the life of every Christian

THE MOST IGNORED PERSON IN THE NEW TESTAMENT
THE STUDY OF THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lesson 1

LAYING THE FOUNDATION

INTRO: The study of each topic or book of the Bible should begin by "laying the foundation." The foundation is necessary to "build full understanding" and application of the study.

Christians must have the correct understanding on a subject, or they will never have the correct application in their life. The study of the Holy Spirit is one of the subjects, if not the most important, that must be understood correctly. A biblical understanding of the Holy Spirit brings a lifestyle that will solve all problems in the life of a Christian and therefore solve all problems in a New Testament Church. Let's begin our study by learning.

The Holy Spirit is one of the most neglected studies of all people in the entire Bible. Christians today know less about the Holy Spirit than they do about most of the men mentioned in the Bible. However, the Holy Spirit is mentioned more than 225 times in the New Testament, in addition to being mentioned many times in the Old Testament!

Most Christians don't know much about Him, and most Christians don't know Him personally. I remember the question that Paul asked the church in Ephesus in [Acts 19:2](#): "*Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed?*" And they said to him: "We have not even heard if there is the Holy Spirit." We will develop all of the above statements as we proceed with this study.

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

I. What is not the Holy Spirit!

- A. What the Holy Spirit "is not":
 1. The Holy Spirit is not an influence.
 2. The Holy Spirit is not a power.
 3. The Holy Spirit is not a driving force.
 4. The Holy Spirit is not an "it" as it is often called.

II. Who is the Holy Spirit?

- A. The Holy Spirit is "a person." (A real person!)
- B. Jesus Christ referred to the Holy Spirit many times with the pronoun "he, him, himself."
 1. "*And I will pray to the Father, and he will give you another Comforter, so that he may remain with you forever ...*" ([John 14:16](#))
 2. "*But the Comforter, who is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and will remind you of all things that I have said to you.*" ([John 14:26](#))
 3. "*But when the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness of me.*" ([John 15:26](#))

4. *"However, I tell you the truth; it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go, the Comforter will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. He has come, he will rebuke the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:"* (John 16: 7, 8)
5. *"But when the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth; for he will not speak of himself, but will speak of everything he hears; and he will let you know things to come. He will glorify me, because he will receive of mine, and he will let you know."* (John 16:13, 14)

II. The Three Main and Essential Elements of a Real Person.

- A. A real person has an intellect. You and I have intellect. The Holy Spirit has an intellect.
 1. He has a mind (Romans 8:27).
 2. He can teach the Word of God (John 14:26).
 3. He can guide you into all truth (John 16:13).
 4. The Holy Spirit has "intellect" because he knows and can teach the truth.
- B. A real person has emotion - You and I have emotion - The Holy Spirit has emotion.
 1. The Holy Spirit can be "grieved" (Ephesians 4:30).
 2. The Holy Spirit can be "quenched" (I Thessalonians 5:19).
 3. You can resist the Holy Spirit (Acts 7:51).
 4. The Holy Spirit prays (Romans 8:26).
- C. A real person has a will - You and I have a will - The Holy Spirit has a will.
 1. The Holy Spirit exercises his will by giving certain gifts to men (I Corinthians 12:11).
 2. The Holy Spirit exercises his will by calling men to ministry (Acts 13:1-4).
 3. The Holy Spirit exercises his will by directing men in ministry (Acts 16 6, 7).
 4. None of this is true for "an influence, a power, a force."
- D. The Holy Spirit is not "just a person."

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS ALSO DEITY

III. The Four Main and Essential Elements of Deity: He is God.

- A. The Holy Spirit is Eternal.
 1. God the Father is Eternal (Deuteronomy 33:27).
 2. God the Son is Eternal (John 1:1).
 3. God the Holy Spirit is Eternal (Hebrews 9:14).
 4. These "three persons" compose the Godhead - The Father - The Son - The Holy Spirit.
 5. Baptism is "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19).
 6. See (II Corinthians 13:14).

- B. The Holy Spirit is Omniscient. ("Omni" means "All" - "scientist" mean "knowledge").
 - 1. Read [I Corinthians 2:11, 12](#)
 - 2. Jesus said, "*He shall teach you ALL things...*" ([John 14:26](#))
 - 3. He is called "the Spirit of Knowledge." ([Isaiah 11:2](#))
 - 4. He is called "the Spirit of Truth." ([John 14:17](#))

- C. The Holy Spirit is Omnipotent. (Omni means "All" - potent - means "unlimited power."
 - 1. God is "All Powerful."
 - 2. The Word for God in [Genesis 1:1](#) is Elohim, meaning "three or more persons."
 - a. All Three Persons were active in the creation:
 - i. (Father) "In the beginning God created..." ([Genesis 1:1](#))
 - ii. (Son) "All things were made by him..." ([John 1:1-3](#) & [Col. 1:16](#))
 - iii. (Spirit) "...the Spirit of God moved upon the face..." ([Gen. 1:2](#))

- D. The Holy Spirit is Omnipresent (Omni means "All" - present means "present in all places."
 - 1. [Psalms 139-10](#)
 - 2. The Holy Spirit dwells "at all times in believers." ([John 14:17](#); [I Cor. 3:16](#); [6:19](#))

"Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all." (I Corinthians 12:4-6)

IV. The Names and Titles of the Holy Spirit Support His deity.

- A. My Spirit ([Genesis 6:3](#))
- B. The Spirit of God ([II Chronicles 15:1](#))
- C. The Breath of the Almighty ([Job 32:8](#))
- D. The Holy Spirit ([Psalms 51:11](#))
- E. The Spirit of the Lord... wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge ([Isaiah 11:2](#))
- F. The Spirit of the Lord God ([Isaiah 61:1](#))
- G. The Spirit of Life ([Romans 8:2](#))
- H. The Spirit of Christ ([Romans 8:9](#))
- I. The Spirit of Power ([Romans 15:13](#))
- J. The Spirit of our God ([I Corinthians 6:11](#))
- K. The Spirit of the living God ([II Corinthians 3:3](#))
- L. The Spirit of the Lord ([II Corinthians 3:18](#))

THE STUDY OF THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lesson #2

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S PART IN CREATION

I. The Person of the Holy Spirit had Part in the Creation of the Heavens and the Earth.

- A. "In the beginning God created...." ([Genesis 1:1](#)).
 - 1. The word for God in Hebrew in [Genesis 1:1](#) is "Elohim."
 - a. **Elohim**: is a numerical plural indicating "three or more persons."
 - b. The Bible teaches that there were "three persons present in creation."
- B. "*And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters*" ([Genesis 1:2b](#)).
 - 1. [Isaiah 40:12-14](#) speaks of the Holy Spirit as being "Omniscient." (All knowing.)
 - a. The Holy Spirit needed no "counselor" at creation.
 - 3. [Job 26:13](#) speaks of the Holy Spirit having a part in the creation of the Heavens.

II. The Person of the Holy Spirit had a Part in the "Creation of Man" ([Genesis 1:26-27](#)).

- A. Again, the Greek word for God, "**Elohim**," includes the "three persons of the God Head."
 - 1. [Job 33:4](#) states "*The Spirit of God hath made me...*"

NOTE: The "Second Person" of the Godhead was Equally Present ([Col. 1:16](#), [John 1:1-10](#) & [Heb. 1:2](#)).

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S PART IN THE WORD OF GOD.

I. The Person of the Holy Spirit had a Part in the Inspiration of the Bible.

- A. [Mark 12:36](#) (Read the entire text).
 - 1. Jesus was quoting [Psalms 110:1](#).
- B. [Acts 28:25, 26](#) "...*spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet.*"
 - 1. Paul, while in Rome quoted [Isaiah 6:9](#) declaring the "*Holy Ghost spoke...*"
- C. [II Timothy 3:16](#) clearly states that "*All scripture is given by inspiration...*"
 - 1. The Greek word for inspiration is "**theopneustos**."
 - a. It means: "divinely breathed - inspired by God."
- D. [II Peter 1:19-21](#) "...*Holy men of God spake as they were moved...*"
- E. The Holy Spirit's work in "Inspiration" is "a complete work."
 - 1. **NOTHING** can be added to it ([Revelation 22:18-19](#)).

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S PART IN SALVATION

II. The Person of the Holy Spirit has a Part in Salvation (Regeneration).

- A. Without the Word of God and the Holy Spirit - man is "Without Hope."
 - 1. [Romans 5:12](#) "... so death passed upon all men."
 - 2. [Ephesians 2:1](#) "...who were dead in trespasses and sins."
- B. "A new beginning" (Regeneration) is accomplished by:
 - 1. The Word of God ([I Peter 1:23](#)) and The Holy Spirit ([John 3:5](#)).
- C. [Ephesians 1:13](#) "...after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit..."
- D. Salvation/Regeneration is accomplished "instantaneously!" and is eternal.
- E. Salvation and Regeneration is "a continuing progress" ([Phil. 1:6](#))

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S PART IN SANCTIFICATION

III. The Person of the Holy Spirit has a Part in Positional Sanctification.

- A. In this section, we are studying the believer's "Positional" Sanctification.
 - 1. **Positional** sanctification "does not" include moral behavior!
 - 2. We will study **other aspects of Sanctification** in a later section of this series.
- B. The Greek word "Sanctify" is "**Hagiazo**."
 - 1. **Hagiazo**: means "set apart."
 - 2. Personally it means: (1) **making holy, and (2) setting apart**.
 - a. This takes place at salvation.
- C. **Positional** sanctification is illustrated in [I Corinthians 12:13 & 18](#).
 - 1. Every believer is "set apart and baptized" into the body of Christ.
 - 3. **The Holy Spirit "set us apart" - TO GLORIFY GOD!**
 - 2. *Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost (I Cor. 6:19).*
- D. This work is done by the Holy Ghost.
 - 1. [Romans 15:16](#) "...being sanctified by the Holy Ghost."
 - 2. [II Thess. 2:13](#) "...chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit."
- E. We will study "progressive sanctification" in a later lesson.

THE STUDY OF THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
Lesson #3
THE HOLY SPIRIT'S PART IN ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH
I Corinthians 12-14

INTRO: Paul, being led by the Holy Spirit began teaching on the subject of "spiritual gifts," which is the "organization of the church," by pointing out that there was much ignorance in the church at Corinth about "gifts." He opened in [I Corinthians 12:1](#) by saying, "...I would not have you ignorant." He closed in [I Corinthians 14:38](#) by saying, "But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant."

That remains true in the New Testament church of today (2021). There is very little teaching on spiritual gifts in churches today, and there is less practice than there is teaching on "spiritual gifts." That is sad indeed, in light of the teaching of the Holy Spirit in [I Corinthians Chapters 12 -14](#). Paul teaches clearly and without ANY misunderstanding, that "Spiritual gifts" organized scripturally and practiced, is the key to a church being successful! Let's start by the following:

FOUNDATION:

- A. The "Gift" of the Holy Spirit and the "gifts" the Holy Spirit gives are different.
- B. The "Gift" of the Holy Spirit is God's Gift to the Church in [Acts 2:1-4](#).
 - 1. That "Gift" was the gift of the Holy Spirit Himself to "the corporate church."
- C. The "gifts" given by the Holy Spirit to believers are "spiritual gifts."
 - 1. These are totally different from "natural abilities."
 - 2. Spiritual gifts are essential to do Spiritual work.
 - a. They are to make the church (the body of Christ) function successfully.
 - 3. Paul pictures "the church" as a "human body.
 - a. The church is to be "organized" exactly like the human body.
 - b. The Holy Spirit is the Person who "organizes" "the body."
 - 4. Jesus Christ is the "head" of the church. (His body!)

I. The Holy Spirit Assigns a Special Spiritual Gift to Every Saved Person.
([I Corinthians 12:11](#)).

- A. The gifts are Sovereign gifts.
 - 1. The **Holy Spirit** gives every saint at least one spiritual gift.
- B. The gifts are "Spiritual" Gifts ([I Corinthians 12:1](#)).
 - 1. They are not "natural abilities."
 - a. **YOU** have been given a gift & placed in the Body of Christ!
- C. The gifts are "Salvation" Gifts ([I Corinthians 12:12-13](#)).
 - 1. You received "a gift" when the Spirit baptized you in the Body of Christ.
 - a. You are given in a certain place in the Body ([I Corinthians 12:18](#)).

- D. The gifts are "Super-Natural" Gifts ([I Corinthians 12:4](#)).
 - 1. The Greek word for gift is "**Charismata**" which means "a grace gift."
- E. The gifts are Service Gifts to benefit "every member of the Body" ([I Corinthian 12:7](#)).
 - 1. Gifts are given to help other parts of the Body - "*Profit withal*" entire body....
- F. The Holy Spirit is continually "organizing the church!"
 - 1. Every member who later joins the church "has a gift and is fitted in the body."

II. The Holy Spirit Assigns One of the Following to Every Born Again Person.

- A. They are listed in three different passages of the Bible.
 - 1. In [Romans 12:6-8](#):
 - a. Prophecy
 - b. Ministry
 - c. Teaching
 - d. Exhorting
 - e. Giving
 - f. Ruling
 - g. Mercy
 - 2. In [I Corinthians 12:9, 10](#):
 - a. Wisdom
 - b. Knowledge
 - c. Faith - Every Christian has a "measure of faith" ([Romans 12:3](#)).
 - 1. After salvation, we are to "grow in faith" ([Romans 10:17](#)).
 - d. Healing (Ceased when Scripture was complete.)
 - e. Working of miracles (Ceased when Scripture was complete.)
 - f. Prophecy (Not a "foreteller" but a "forth-teller".)
 - g. Discerning of spirits.
 - h. Tongues (Ceased when Scripture was complete.)
 - i. Interpretation of tongues (Ceased when Scripture was complete.)
 - 3. In [Ephesians 4:11](#):
 - a. Apostles (Ceased)
 - b. Prophets (Ceased when Scriptures were complete.)
 - c. Evangelists (This is the New Testament word for Missionary - church planter.)
 - d. Pastor and Teachers
- B. Scripture testifies that every Christian has at least three gifts:
 - 1. Ministering (Serving - [Hebrews 6:10](#).)
 - 2. Mercy (Showing mercy to others - [Luke 6:36](#); [Matthew 5:7](#); [James 3:17](#).)
 - 3. Giving (By faith - [Luke 6:38](#).)
- C. Gifts that have ceased and are not available today:
 - 1. Foundational Gifts
 - a. Apostles (Those gifts expired due to qualifications ([Acts 1:21-22](#)).
 - b. Prophets (Greek word: *Prophetes*: Foretellers or Inspired Speakers ([II Pet. 1:21](#))).
 - 1. The Inspired Scriptures are complete ([Revelation 22:18-19](#)).

2. Temporary Gifts - These are considered "transitional gifts."
 - a. Miracles - These were given, at times, to the disciples ([Matthew 10:1-8](#)).
 1. At other times, they did not have the gift ([Matthew 17:18, 19](#)).
 2. They ceased according to [I Corinthians 13:8-10](#).
 - b. Healing - The same is true concerning the "gift of healing."
 - c. God continues to "perform miracles" and continues to "heal people."
 1. This is "faith healing" and not "faith healers!"
 2. God performs miracles, but not through "human hands."
 3. The Gift of Tongues was given in [Acts 2:7-11](#). (Speak in another "known language.")
 - a. The purpose was to "preach the Gospel."
 - b. Tongues ceased [I Corinthians 13:8-10](#).
- D. It is a tragedy when a Christian **knows** the Holy Spirit has given them a gift, and:
1. They do not care to search out and discover which gift He gave them.
 2. Those people will regret their decision when they stand before God at the Judgement Seat.
 3. Discovers their gift - but won't use it!

III. Three Methods of Discovering which Gift the Holy Spirit Gave You:

- A. Information
 1. Study the gifts in [Romans 12:6-8](#), [I Corinthians 12:8-10](#) & [Ephesians 4:11](#).
 2. Carefully consider each gift and compare it to how you might "fit" that gift.
- B. Motivation
 1. What part of the church ministry do you greatly enjoy and motivates you?
 - a. Some people can teach and do a good job, **but** it is not what they enjoy.
 2. I believe that the Holy Spirit gives you a "want to" along with the "gift."
- C. Examination
 1. Examine the "characteristic" of each gift.
 2. Pray and ask God "for wisdom to know your gift" ([James 1:5](#)).
 3. Pray and ask God to "reveal" to you which He gave you. ([Matthew 7:7](#)).
 4. Seek the counsel of older, more experienced Christian people.
 - a. **DO NOT to select** a gift that "just makes you look good" ([Prov. 25:4](#)).
- D. **There is an attachment to this study that explains the "characteristics" of the gift in Romans.**
 1. It is in the folder titled, "ATTACHMENT - LESSON #4."

THE STUDY OF THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
Lesson #4
SYMBOLS AND EMBLEMS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

INTRO: The Holy Spirit is mentioned, by name, no less than 235 times in the New Testament. These include: The Holy Spirit, the Holy Ghost, and Spirit (Capital "S"). Apart from those three names, He is referenced to a number of times by "symbols and emblems." There are at least "six" symbols or emblems in the Bible which are direct references to the Holy Spirit.

I. "Dove" is a Symbol of the Holy Spirit at the Baptism of Christ (Luke 3:22).

- A. It appears that others saw the "dove" descend on Christ - in a bodily form.

- B. The "dove" is a **symbol of Purity** (Solomon 5:2).
 - 1. The Dove descended on Christ at his baptism.
 - a. Paul wrote, "*who knew no sin*" (II Corinthians 5:21).
 - b. Peter wrote, "*who did no sin*" (I Peter 2:22).
 - c. John wrote, "*in him is no sin*" (I John 3:5).
 - 2. Our body is "the temple of the Holy Spirit" (I Corinthians 3:16, 17).
 - a. It is dangerous for a Christian to have ANY un-pure things in their life.
 - b. (II Timothy 2:22; I Peter 1:22; I John 3:1-3)

- C. The "dove" is a symbol of Peace (Matthew 10:16). "*Harmless as doves...*"
 - 1. Peace and Purity are closely related (Isaiah 57:21).
 - a. Peace is identified with the Holy Spirit in Romans 14:17.
 - b. One of "the fruits" of the Spirit is Peace (Galatians 5:22).
 - 2. People who are truly saved are to "*be at peace one with another.*" (I Cor. 12:25-27)

II. "Wind" is a Symbol of the Holy Spirit in the Old and New Testament.

- A. The Greek word for the "Spirit" is "*pneuma*." It means "breath or wind."
 - 1. Found in The Old Testament in Ezekiel 37:1-10.
 - a. Verses 8 & 9 tie the symbols together.
 - Old Testament b. Verse 8 says, "*...there was no breath in them.*"
 - c. Verse 9 says, "*...prophecy unto the wind, prophecy son of man, say...
...breathe upon these slain, that they may live.*"
 - 2. Found in The New Testament in Acts 2:2-4.
 - New Testament a. "*...as a rushing mighty wind...*"
 - b. "*And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost...*"
 - 3. It is also shown in John 3:3-8.

III. "Fire" is a Symbol of the "First Filling" of Men with the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:2-4).

- A. When the Holy Spirit descended on the day of Pentecost, there was "**Wind.**"
 - 1. "*There appeared cloven tongues like as **fire**, and sat upon each of them*" (Acts 2:3).
 - a. They were all filled with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:4).

- B. Fire gives "light."
1. This teaches the Holy Spirit provides "light" on the Word of God (I Cor. 2:9, 10).
 2. The Holy Spirit is the author of the Word of God.
 - a. He is called *"the spirit of wisdom and revelation"* (Ephesians 1:17).
 - b. *"...the eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that ye may know"* (Vs. 18).
- C. Fire gives "Warmth" (Isaiah 44:16).
1. There is a great need today of "the fire of the Holy Spirit" in our churches.
 2. The Lord said, *"... thou are neither hot nor cold..."* (Revelation 3:15, 16).
 - a. Scripture strongly indicates that we are in "the Laodicea age."
 - b. Not hot or cold! To God that is sickening!
- D. Fire gives Purity. The Holy Spirit is called *"The spirit of burning"* (Isaiah 4:4).
1. *"He shall sit as a refiner and purifier...shall purify the sons of Levi"* (Malachi 3:3).
 2. Leviticus 6:12; 13 tells us *"...the fire shall never go out."*
 3. At the Judgment Seat of Christ, *"...every man's work...revealed by fire"* (I Cor. 3:13).
 4. Christian, your body is the "temple of the Holy Spirit."
 - a. **Much better to "purify" yourself now - than at the Judgment Seat!**

IV. "Water" is a Symbol of the Holy Spirit - One of the Most Necessary Elements of Life!

- A. Old Testament: Water is used as a symbol of the Spirit (Isaiah 44:3).
1. That speaks of a "future blessing" which will be poured out upon Israel.
- B. New Testament: Jesus said, *"If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink."* (John 7:37-38).
1. John, under inspiration, wrote in Verse 39, *"... this spake he of the Spirit..."*
- C. Water is essential to life.
1. Water is not a luxury, but a necessity. Man cannot live without water!
 - a. Without the Holy Spirit, the sinner remains lifeless for the cause of Christ.
- D. Water is essential for growth (Job 8:11).
1. When the roots of a plant cannot reach water - it withers!
 2. Christians are to *"be like a river planted by rivers of water"* (Psalm 1:3).
 - a. We are supposed to *"bring forth fruit in his season."*
 3. Christians are to (Galatians 5:16, 18, 22 & 23):
 - a. Walk in the Spirit.
 - b. Be led by the Spirit.
 - c. Bear fruit of the Spirit.
- E. Water produces power.
1. Acts 2:4; 4:8, 31; 13:9, 52 testify to that truth.
 - a. Scores of people were saved under the preaching of those men.
 2. Paul states, *"My speech and my preaching was not with enticing words..."*
 - a. *"...but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power"* (I Corinthians 2:4).

V. "Oil" is a Symbol of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament. (Part I)

- A. In the Old Testament oil was used to anoint kings and priests.
 - 1. Samuel **anointed** Saul with **oil** ([I Samuel 10:1](#)).
 - a. "...and the Spirit of God came on him" ([Verse 10](#)).
 - 2. Samuel **anointed** David with **oil** ([I Samuel 16:13](#)).
 - a. The Spirit came on him "from that day forward."
- B. The Candlestick in the Tabernacle pictures this ([Exodus 25:31-40 & 37:17-24](#)).
 - 1. It was made of "pure gold" with no wood.
 - 2. The center shaft pictures Jesus Christ ([Exodus 25:31](#)).
 - a. The "six" branches picture Christians ([Exodus 25:32-33](#)).
 - b. "Six" is the number of "a man."
 - 4. It is called "a candlestick" but it did not use candles.
 - a. It used "pure olive oil" to burn and give light ([Exodus 27:20](#)).
 - b. The center branch and the six side branches had "bowls" like flowers on top.
 - 1. Those were used to hold oil.
- C. **Oil, set on fire, produces light, warmth, and power!**

VI. "Oil" is a Symbol of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament. (Part II)

- A. Peter declared "*God anointed Jesus with the Holy Ghost and power*" ([Acts 10:38](#)).
- B. Jesus Himself declared this truth ([Luke 4:18](#)).
 - 1. This was a fulfillment of prophecy in [Isaiah 61:1](#).
- C. Jesus declared Himself to be "*the light of the world*" ([John 8:12](#)).
 - 1. "*As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world*" ([John 9:5](#)).
- D. Jesus declared John the Baptist to be "*a burning and a shining light*" ([John 5:35](#)).
 - 1. Why? He was filled with the Spirit ([Luke 1:15](#)).
 - 2. John was a "faithful witness" pointing the world to Jesus Christ ([John 1:29](#)).
- E. Jesus foretold that He would "leave this world" and He instructed the disciples.
 - 1. "***Ye are the light of the world.***" "...*let your light so shine...*" ([Matthew 5:14-16](#)).
- F. For a Christian to shine - they must be "filled with the Spirit"([Ephesians 5:18](#)).
 - 1. [Philippians 2:15](#) "... *that ye be blameless...among whom ye shine as lights in the world.*"
 - 2. [Romans 13:12](#) "... *let us put on the armour of light.*"

God instructed Moses exactly how to make the Candlestick. Then He said, "***Make it after the pattern!***"

Am I a "shining light" in a wicked and perverse nation?

Are you a "shining light" in a wicked and perverse nation?

THE STUDY OF THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
Lesson #5
THE POWER THAT IS GIVEN TO EVERY BELIEVER

- I. **Jesus Christ Declared "All Power is Given unto Me" (Matthew 28:18).**
- A. Jesus Christ was "Deity," **but** he came to earth and "took on the form of a man."
1. If Christ was "operating" on earth "as God," He would not need more power.
 2. Where did this power come from? It was **GIVEN** to him by God the Father!
 3. [Acts 10:38](#): "*God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power.*"
- B. According to the Scriptures, Jesus did everything he did while "in the form of a man," but did it in the power of "the Holy Ghost."
- C. What was the Power that the Holy Spirit gave to Jesus from His inception to his resurrection?
1. [Luke 1:35](#) Holy Spirit bequeathed Jesus.
 2. [Acts 10:38](#) God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with power.
 3. [Luke 3:21-22](#) Holy Ghost descended on him...at his baptism.
 4. [Luke 4:1](#) He was "led" by the spirit into the wilderness for 40 days.
 5. [Luke 4:2-13](#) He defeated the devil in the power of the Holy Ghost.
 6. [Luke 4:14](#) He returned "in the power of the Spirit" to Galilee.
 7. [Luke 4:18](#) Jesus preached in the power of the Spirit.
 8. [Matthew 12:22-28](#) Jesus cast out devils by the Holy Spirit.
 9. [Hebrews 9:14](#) Offered Himself, through His blood, by the Holy Spirit.
 10. [Romans 8:11](#) Holy Spirit raised up Christ from the dead!
 11. [Isaiah 11:2](#) Jesus Christ was taught by the Spirit ([Romans 15:12](#)).
 12. [Isaiah 11:1-5](#) He, as a man, received his wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, and of the fear of the Lord.
- D. **Conclusion:** ALL that Jesus did in His earthly ministry was by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- E. He lived "as a man" on earth and **set an example for us.**
- II. **Before ascending, Christ promised He would send someone to take His place. (John 14:16-18).**
- A. He also gave a promise to "believers" about power they would receive ([Verses 11-12](#)).
1. He promised that "the Comforter" would abide with them forever ([Verse 16](#)).
 2. He promised that "the Comforter" would dwell "**with** them."
 3. He promised that "the Comforter" would be "**in** them."
- B. In [John 14:11-12](#) Jesus told them "**they would have power to do greater works.**"
1. That power would come from the Holy Spirit!
- C. The word "Comforter" comes from the Greek word: **Parakletos**:
1. **Parakletos** means: "One who comes along side to help."

THE POWER THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES BELIEVERS!

- I. **The Holy Spirit Gives Power to "Study God's Word" (II Timothy 2:15)!**
 - A. The Holy Spirit "guides" us to ALL truth (John 16:13)!
- II. **The Holy Spirit Gives Power to "Pray" (Romans 8:26-27).**
 - A. The Holy Spirit "*helpeth*" and "*maketh intercession*" for us as we pray.
- III. **The Holy Spirit Gives Power to "Witness" (Acts 1:8).**
 - A. The Greek word for witness is: (*Martus*) (Translated Martyr) "**willing to die for**"!
 - B. The Holy Spirit gives us "power" to witness.
 - C. We are commanded "to be witnesses."
 - 1. If we disobey, we sin against God! (Like Adam and Eve did.)
- IV. **The Holy Spirit Gives Power to "Teach God's Word" in love (Ephesians 4:15).**
 - A. The Holy Spirit gives us "power" to teach truth (John 14:26).
 - B. The Holy Spirit gives us "power" to teach others what we have learned (II Timothy 2:2).
- V. **The Holy Spirit Gives Power to "Glorify God" (I Corinthians 10:31).**
 - A. The Holy Spirit gives us "power" to glorify Jesus Christ (John 16:12-14).
- VI. **The Holy Spirit Gives Power to "Have Victory" in Our Life (Romans 15:13).**
 - A. The Holy Spirit also gives us power to have joy and peace.

Conclusion: The Holy Spirit gives us "unlimited power" to serve Jesus Christ (II Timothy 1:7).

- A. The "Candlestick" in the Tabernacle is a picture of the Holy Spirit.
 - 1. It was made of "pure gold."
- B. There was no wood in it, which pictures "no humanity" as in other pieces of furniture.
- C. It had **no measurement**, meaning it has "unlimited power."
- D. That power, the power of the Holy Spirit, is available to every believer (Zechariah 4:6).
- E. The disciples received that power in Acts Chapter 2 which was 33 AD.
- F. Twenty years later, in AD 53, the people said of those men:
"These that have turned the world upside down are come hither" (Acts 17:6).

Who were these men? They were men named, Paul and Silas, a multitude, and many women. (Acts 17:4). They were "filled with the Holy Spirit." If that group turned the world upside down, what could our church do, "if every member was filled with the Holy Spirit?"

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." (John 14:12).

THE STUDY OF THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lesson #6

THE FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Part #1

Ephesians 5:18

INTRO: There are two types of Christians. There is "the carnal Christian" and there is a "spiritual Christian." This is declared in [I Corinthians 3:1](#). Some assume Paul was writing to some that were "lost and some that were saved." According to the Scriptures, that is clearly not correct. Paul referred to them as "brethren" and also as "babes in Christ." In [I Corinthians 1:2](#), Paul states that he is writing to "...the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints..."

The carnal Christian is saved, but he is controlled by his "flesh" or by his "self-desires." A spiritual Christian is one who is controlled by the Holy Spirit ([Galatians 5:16-17](#)). Paul gives himself as an "example." (See [Romans 7:13-14](#)). The doctrine of the Holy Spirit, being the most neglected Person in the New Testament, has caused a great deal of confusion and misunderstandings. Therefore, we will begin our study by looking at...

I. What the "Filling of the Spirit" IS NOT!

OUR POSITION IN CHRIST

- A. The "filling of the Spirit" is not the same as "the baptism of the Holy Spirit."
 - 1. The first mention of "the baptism of the Holy Spirit" is in [Acts 1:5](#).
 - a. The word "baptize" in the Greek is: **Baptizo**: meaning "to immerse."
 - 2. There is no record of anyone being "baptized by the Holy Spirit" until this verse.
 - a. [Acts 1:5](#) is a fulfillment of [Matthew 3:11](#).
 - 3. The "baptism of the Holy Ghost" makes us "a part of the body of Christ."
 - a. This has NOTHING to do with being "filled" with the Spirit.

- B. The **baptism** of the Holy Ghost/Spirit takes place at the time of salvation ([Rom. 8:9](#)).
 - 1. At the time of salvation, the Holy Ghost does four things:
 - a. A new believer is "baptized" into the body of Christ ([I Corinthians 12:18](#)).
 - b. A new believer is "indwelt" by the Holy Ghost ([Romans 8:9](#)).
 - c. A new believer is "sealed" by the Holy Ghost ([II Cor. 1:22](#); [Eph. 1:13](#); [4:30](#)).
 - d. A new believer is "given" a "spiritual gift for service" ([I Corinthians 12:7, 11](#)).
 - 2. NONE of these have been sought by any believer at the time of salvation.
 - 3. No one has been commanded to be indwelt, sealed, and baptized into the body of Christ.
 - a. Receiving Christ is all that is needed to be indwelt, sealed, and baptized.

- C. The "baptism" of the Holy Spirit is our "**Position**" in Christ.
 - 1. This ministry of the Holy Spirit is "once - for all - forever!"
 - 2. It cannot be repeated.

- D. There are "two results" of the baptism of the Holy Spirit:
1. First, the baptizing establishes our union with Christ.
 - a. Over 70 times it is said that a believer is "In Christ."
([1 Cor. 6:15](#) & [Gal 3:27](#)).
 - b. There is a unique "oneness" between Christ and a believer ([John 14:20](#)).
 2. Second, the baptism establishes the "Unity" of all believers ([1 Cor. 12:27](#)).
 - a. "...are one body in Christ, and EVERY one members one of another"
([Rom. 12:5](#)).
 - b. Believers had NO PART in making this amazing unity happen.
 - c. However, every believer has A PART in "keeping that unity"
([Ephesians 4:3](#)).
 3. Nowhere in past dispensations is "the baptism of the Holy Spirit" mentioned!

OUR PRACTICE IN CHRIST

I. What the "Filling of the Spirit" **IS!** ([Ephesians 5:18](#)).

- A. The "filling" of the Holy Ghost is first mentioned in [Acts 2:4](#).
1. The word "filling" in the Greek is "**Pletro**". It means "to be filled with or controlled by."
- B. The "filling of the Holy Spirit" means that a Christian "is controlled or dominated."
1. The analogy compares a person being "controlled by wine" to the Holy Spirit.
 - a. When a person is "drunk" they are **controlled** by what they are filled with!
 2. This analogy is used three times in Scripture.
 - a. ([Luke 1:15](#) - [Acts 2:4, 13](#); and [Ephesians 5:18](#).)
- C. When the Father sent the Holy Spirit to dwell in us, God had a "plan and a purpose."
1. God's plan was that we would be "**filled**" (controlled and dominated by the Spirit).
 2. God's purpose is that we would "be a witness to Him" ([Acts 1:8](#)).

II. **EXAMPLES OF** People who were filled, controlled, and dominated by!

- A. [Luke 5:26](#): The people were "*filled with fear*."
1. They "spoke under the control of domination of their fear".
- B. [Luke 6:6-11](#): "... they were *filled with madness*..."
1. They spoke under the control or domination of their "madness".
- C. [John 16:6](#): "...Because I have said these things - sorrow hath *filled your heart*".
1. The disciples were controlled or dominated by "sorrow".
- D. [Acts 5:1-4](#): "*Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie*..."
1. Ananias was controlled and dominated by Satan.

- E. A "Spirit-filled life" is simply a life "controlled by the Holy Spirit".
- F. The practical understanding of a person "being filled with the Holy Spirit" is shown in [Ephesians 5:18](#).
 - 1. That person is "**controlled and dominated**" by the Holy Spirit who dwells in them.
 - a. They **think, speak, and act** under the control of a PERSON who lives in them!
- G. When you are "in public" and the Spirit "impresses" on you to give a certain person a tract.
 - 1. THAT is the Holy Spirit TRYING to control/dominate you.
 - 2. If you do not follow His leading - you are in disobedience to God.
 - a. Disobedience is sin ([Genesis 1:16-17](#))!

THE STUDY OF THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lesson #7

THE FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Part #2

Ephesians 5:18

THE REQUIREMENTS FOR BEING FILLED

I. Being filled is not "a one-time, once-for-all" experience.

- A. The verb "be filled" in Ephesians is "in the present tense."
 - 1. It means that "being filled" is "a continuous action."
 - 2. It could be translated "continue being filled."
- B. Believers were filled with the Spirit in [Acts 2:4](#).
 - 1. This same group is said to have been filled with the Spirit in [Acts 4:31](#).
- C. Paul was "filled with the Spirit" shortly after he was saved ([Acts 9:17](#)).
 - 1. It is recorded that he was "filled" again in [Acts 13:9](#).
- D. Study indicates that being "filled with the Spirit" is a "daily need."
 - 1. Paul stated, "*I die daily.*" ([I Corinthians 15:31](#)).

II. Three Clear Requirements for Being Filled with the Spirit.

- A. **First:** A Christian must believe and acknowledge that "sin has been dealt with at the Cross."
 - 1. The first requirement is "you must acknowledge that **YOU ARE DEAD.**"
 - 2. This includes the symptoms - **but more important** - it includes THE BEGINNING!
 - 3. The beginning is dealt with in [Romans Chapter 6](#).
 - a. "*How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?*([Rom. 6:1-2](#))
 - b. "*Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.*" ([Romans 6:6](#))
 - c. "*For he that is dead is freed from sin.*" ([Romans 6:7](#))
 - d. "*Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin.*" ([Romans 6:11](#))
 - e. "*For sin shall not have dominion over you.*" ([Romans 6:14](#))
 - 4. A "dead" person does not "say no to the person who lives in them."
 - a. "*I am crucified with Christ...*" ([Galatians 2:20](#)).
- B. **Second:** A Christian must "walk in the Spirit" (Must be obedient!) – ([Galatians 5:16](#)).
 - 1. "*...and not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*"
 - a. A Christian must seek to "be holy as Christ is Holy" ([I Peter 1:15](#)).
 - b. We must have a "clean mind, clean heart, and a clean life."
- C. **Third:** A Christian must "honestly desire and seek to be filled with the Spirit."
 - 1. His incoming: "A Christian must thirst" ([John 7:37-39](#)).
 - 2. His infilling: "A Christian must come to Christ and drink" ([Matthew 5:6](#)).
 - 3. His outflowing: "A Christian must be "a river of living water" ([Psalms 1:3](#)).

THE STUDY OF THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lesson #8

THE DANGERS OF LOSING THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Ephesians 4:30

III. Two Warnings of Things that will Cause a Christian to Lose the Power of the Spirit.

- A. **First:** You must be very careful to avoid "**grieving the Spirit**" (Ephesians 4:30).
1. The word "**grieve**" is from the Greek word, **Lupeo**:
 - a. It's a word used when a person who loves a person is "grieved" by that person!
 - b. ONLY someone who loves you can be "grieved" by you!!!
 - c. **The Holy Spirit LOVES you and is "grieved" when you have sin in your life.**
 2. Sin in a believer's life will always "grieve" the Holy Spirit. (See Eph. 4:23-32.)
 - a. *"Wherefore putting away lying..."* (Verse 25).
 - b. *"Be ye angry and sin not..."* (Verse 26).
 - c. *"Neither give place to the devil"* (Verse 27).
 - d. *"Let him that stole steal no more"* (Verse 28).
 - e. *"Let him labour with his hands the thing which is good"* (Verse 28).
 - f. *"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth"* (Verse 29).
 - g. *"Minister grace unto the hearers"* (Verse 29).
 - h. *"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger...be put away"* (Verse 31).
 - i. *"Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted..."* (Verse 32).
 - j. *"Forgiving one another..."* (Verse 32).
 - 1.. Most of these things have to do with the lips and the heart!
- B. **Second:** You must be very careful to avoid "**quenching the Spirit**" (I Thess. 5:19).
1. The word "**quench**" is the Greek word "**sbennumi**."
 - a. **It means: to extinguish, or hinder the work of... (Say no! - Disobey) Started with Adam and Eve.**
 2. There are "**two major things**" that will "quench" the Holy Spirit.
 - A. The **first major reason** is called "SELF" (Titus 1:7).
 - i. We "quench" the Holy Spirit when we "do it **our** way."
 - ii. We "quench" the Spirit when we "**add** to God's pattern" (Rev. 22:18-19).

Exodus 25:9-40
Deut. 12:32 - Deut. 11:26-28
Important: Hebrews 8:5
 - iii. The person "Self" is understood as:
 - a. Self-willed.

- iv. That is like saying "God needs my help - God can't do it alone!"
- v. That immediately "quenches" the Holy Spirit.
- vi. **Example:** Saul - ([I Samuel 15](#)).

B. The **second major reason** is also called "SELF" ([I Corinthians 1:29-31](#)).

- i. We "quench" the Holy Spirit when we use the big "I" in God's work.
 - a. We "quench" the Holy Spirit when we "**exalt ourselves**."
- ii. The person "Self" is understood as:
 - a. Self-exaltation.
- iii. Even when a person talks about "how greatly God used them...":
 - a. That person is exalting himself!
 - 1. God can do GREAT works without that man.
 - 2. If a GREAT work was done - GOD DID IT!
 - b. The Walls of Jericho fell flat...
 - Joshua never said, "God did a great work through me!"
- iv. Paul, in [II Corinthians 4:7](#) stated:
 - "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us."*
- v. When a person tries to take ANY type of credit whatsoever,
 - a. the Holy Spirit is quenched immediately!
([I Corinthians 1:29-31](#))
- vi. Moses never said, "Look what God did through me!"
- vii. Joshua never said, "Look what God did through me!"
- viii. We need to see ourselves as we really are, "FLESH."
 - a. A great Christian said, "I KNOW that in me dwelleth NO GOOD THING."
 - b. The same Christian said, "Have NO CONFIDENCE in the flesh!"
- ix. **God does not share his glory with any man - for any reason!**

God does great things in spite of us!

THE STUDY OF THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
Lesson #9
THE RESULTS OF BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT
Ephesians 5:18-25

INTRO: There are two different effects that happen when a person is filled with/controlled by the Holy Spirit. We will consider both of those in the lesson. Before studying the effects, let's look at the Greek word for filled. The Greek word for filled is "*pleroo*."

1. *Pleroo*, is an "imperative" which means:
 - a. That the Lord has "**commanded**" that every Christian is to be "filled!"
2. *Pleroo* is in the "present tense."
 - a. That means that it is a "**continuing action**." Christians should "continue to be filled."
3. The filling of the Holy Spirit means:
 - a. A Christian will be "under the control of the Holy Spirit.
 - b. A Christian will be "a completely different person."
 - c. A Christian will attempt and accomplish things he never would have done before!

I. A Spirit-Filled Christian will Live a Victorious Christian Life (Ephesians 5:19).

- A. They will be "speaking to themselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs."
 1. The word, "themselves" is plural and means: "**to each other**." (Not about sports!)
- B. They will be "singing and making melody **in their hearts** to the Lord."
 1. In doing so, they will be worshipping the Lord Jesus Christ.
- C. This is ONLY possible when a person is "filled" with the Holy Spirit (John 4:24).
 1. God is a spirit - we can only truly worship Him "**in spirit and in truth**."

II. A Spirit-Filled Christian will Give Thanks Always for All Things (Ephesians 5:20).

- A. "Giving thanks to God and the Father **by him**" (Colossians 3:17).
- B. "In everything give thanks...for this is the will of God in Christ concerning you" (I Thess. 5:18).
- C. A "Spirit-filled Christian" will give thanks to God - even in the midst of a storm.
 1. Paul had been on board a ship for 14 days in the midst of a terrible storm (Acts 27:35)
 2. This is based on Romans 8:28.

III. A Spirit-Filled Christian will be a Submitting Christian (Ephesians 5:21).

- A. Notice that Verses 18 through 21 are all one complete sentence.
 1. They are tied together in thought and application.

- B. *"Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of the Lord."*
 1. This speaks of "one Christian to another Christian."
 2. The Apostle Peter taught this ([I Peter 5:5](#)).
- C. Obeying God's command in [Ephesians 5:18](#) will maintain **continued unity** in a church!

IV. **Being a Spirit-Filled Christian Will Live a Happy & Successful Marriage** ([Ephesians 5:22-25](#)).

- A. A wife, filled with the Spirit, will gladly submit to a Spirit-filled husband ([Ephesians 5:22-24](#)).
- B. A husband, filled with the Spirit, will "love his wife as Christ loved the Church" ([Eph. 5:25](#)).

THE THREE BASIC COMMANDMENTS CHRIST GAVE TO CHRISTIANS

V. **God Has Commanded Every Christian Everywhere to Serve.**

- A. **God has commanded every Christian everywhere to pray!**
([I Thessalonians 5:17](#); [I Timothy 2:8](#); [Luke 5:17](#))
 1. The **Holy Spirit** will give you power in your "Prayer Life" ([Romans 8:26-27](#)).
 2. Apart from the Word of God, none of us knows for sure what to pray for.
 - a. The Holy Spirit "makes intercession" according to the will of God.
 - b. This makes the prayer of a Spirit filled Christian POWERFUL!
- B. **God has commanded every Christian everywhere to study** ([II Timothy 2:15](#)).
 1. The **Holy Spirit** gives you light "to understand the Word of God" ([John 16:13](#)).
 - a. The Holy Spirit helps you to "be approved of God."
 - b. The Holy Spirit helps you to "be a workman that need not be ashamed."
 - c. The Holy Spirit helps you to "rightly divide the word of truth."
 - d. The Holy Spirit helps you to "glorify Jesus Christ." ([John 16:13](#))
- C. **God has commanded every Christian everywhere to witness** ([Acts 1:8](#)).
 1. He promised "we would receive power after the Holy Spirit is come upon us."
 - a. He then said, "...and ye shall be witnesses unto me..."
 2. By obeying God's command as noted in [Ephesians](#), every Christian has that power.
 - a. Let's be witnesses, both in Memphis, Tennessee, the United States, "...and to the uttermost part of the earth."

THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ILLUSTRATED

- I. **The Early Disciples were "Filled with the Spirit" (Acts 2:4).**
- A. That same day, Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, preached (Acts 2:14).
 - 1. The results were that 3000 people were saved (Acts 2:41).
 - B. A short time later, Peter preached a second message (Acts 3:12).
 - 1. The results were that 5000 people were saved (Acts 4:4).
 - C. A short time later Peter and John preached the Gospel to the Sanhedrin (Acts 4:5-12).
 - 1. Peter was "filled with the Spirit" (Verse 8).
 - 2. They were commanded by the Sanhedrin "not to preach in Jesus' name" (Acts 4:18).
 - 3. Peter and John returned to "their own company" (Acts 4:23).
 - 4. After hearing the report from Peter and John, the group prayed (Verse 31).
 - a. "... *the place was shaken where they assembled together.*"
 - b. "... *they were all filled with the Holy Ghost.*"
 - c. "... *and they spake the word of God with boldness.*"
 - D. If God did that for them - - - We serve the same God - - - God will do it for us!
 - 1. If we obey the command in [Ephesians 5:18!](#)
 - E. Joshua asked this question, "*Choose you this day if you will serve the Lord...*" ([Joshua 24:15](#)).
 - F. **At the Judgment Seat of Christ, we will "give an account" if we:**
 - 1. "...obeyed or did not obey the commandment to be filled with the Holy Spirit.
 - 2. "...obeyed or did not obey the commandment to pray.
 - 3. "...obeyed or did not obey the commandment to study.
 - 4. "...obeyed or did not obey the commandment to witness.

THE BENEFITS OF BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

- I. **The Filling of the Holy Spirit Equips the Saints for Persecution, Suffering and Sacrifice.**
- A. Of seven men, Stephen was the first named man to be a deacon (Acts 6:5).
 - 1. It is stated that he was "a man full of faith and full of the Holy Ghost."
 - 2. It is recorded that Stephen had "power," did great wonders and miracles (Vs. 8).
 - 3. [Chapter 7](#) records Stephen before the Council and high priest.
 - a. The people were "*cut to their heart and they gnashed on him*" (Acts 7:54).
 - b. "*Stephen, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly...*" (Vs. 55).
 - c. Stephen was stoned and became the first martyr (Acts 7:56-60).
 - 4. Stephen passed into Heaven and "prayed for those who were stoning him" (Verse 60).

B. See what Paul stated about affliction and suffering: [\(II Corinthians 4:17-18\)](#).

II. The Filling of the Holy Spirit works Daily to Conform us to the Likeness of Christ.
[\(Romans 8:29\)](#)

A. He conforms us to the "likeness of Christ" as we study God's word
[\(II Corinthians 3:18\)](#).

THE STUDY OF THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lesson #10

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Galatians 5:19-23

INTRO: In this lesson we will attempt to "understand" what the Bible term "the fruit of the Spirit" is. Let's begin by saying do not confuse the "fruit" of the Spirit with the "gifts" of the Spirit. The "fruit of the Spirit" is talking about "spiritual graces" that flow from the Holy Spirit, which "conform" us to be Christlike! The "gifts of the Spirit" are "for service." ([Looking glass - II Cor. 3:18](#))

Before we outline the nine different "fruits" of the Spirit, let me remind you of one extremely important point. All that we study concerning "fruit" in this lesson flows from the "filling of the Holy Spirit."

The "Fruit of the Spirit" is divided into three different categories:

1. Love, Joy & Peace are - between us and God
2. Longsuffering, Gentleness, & Goodness are - between us and other people
3. Faith, Meekness, & Temperance are - attributes that apply to us.

No person can be a "true Christian" without the filling of the Holy Spirit - It's impossible!
Called "Christians" in [Acts 11:26](#) - by the world!- Only place word is used!!

- I. The Holy Spirit is "A Person" - The Holy Spirit is not "Nine Persons."**
- A. The Greek word for "fruit" in [Galatians](#) is "*Karpos*." The word is "singular."
 1. There is only "one fruit" of the Spirit.
 - B. When we are "filled with the Spirit" ALL nine of these attributes will show in our lives.
 1. We are looking at nine "attributes" that are "God-like."
 2. These "attributes" should be seen "by the world" in the life of EVERY Christian.

UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST THREE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

(The Relationship Between Us and God)

- I. Love. (ALL the fruit (9) starts here)**
- A. This word is from "*Agape*" which is "Divine - God like -Love" ([Galatians 5:22](#)).
 1. This "LOVE" is not human affection. ([John 13:34](#) - That word is "*Agapao*.")
 - B. God **IS** Love ([I John 4:16](#)).
 1. God proved that love for all mankind in [Romans 5:8](#).
 2. "...the love (*agape*) of God is shed abroad in our hearts...by the Spirit" ([Romans 5:5](#)).
 3. "*Agape*" is something our finite mind cannot fully understand ([Ephesians 3:19](#)).
 - C. In this text, it is talking about "**our love (*agape*) for our brother and sister.**"
 1. It is the "contradistinction" from things that cause "bitterness" in [Verse 19-21!](#)
 - a. [Ephesians 5:19](#) - "**Encouraging one another every time we meet.**"

- D. This type of love is commanded but is "humanly impossible."
 1. It is **only possible** when we are "controlled by the Holy Spirit."
 2. His - control - will keep unity in the marriage, the family, and the church!

II. Joy.

- A. The word is from "*Chara*" meaning: Exceedingly cheerfulness - calm delight - gladness.
- B. Joy comes from the Lord "*in you...*" (John 15:11)
 1. It is commanded (I Thessalonians 5:16).
- C. Nehemiah stated: "*The joy of the Lord is your strength*" (Nehemiah 8:10).
 1. HIS joy is OUR strength.
 2. A Christian should not be made sorrow by circumstances!
 - a. Paul II Corinthians 7:4 & 6:10.
 - **** b. **There is not one verse that permits a Christian to worry.**
 - c. READ Psalms 5:11.
 3. **EXAMPLES:**
 - a. Jesus set the example: (Hebrews 12:1-2).
 - b. Paul and Barnabas were being persecuted (Acts 13:50-52).
 - c. Paul testified to joy in Acts 20:24.
 - d. The early church set the example when they suffered persecution (Acts 8:1 & 8).

III. Peace.

- A. This "fruit" of the Holy Spirit is not "peace **with** God."
 1. The "peace **with** God" can ONLY be accomplished by Salvation (Romans 5:1).
- B. This "fruit" of the Holy Spirit is the "peace **of** God."
 1. God, our Father, bequeathed peace to every believer (John 14:27).
 - a. (John 16:33)
 2. The "peace **of** God" is made available - by God - to EVERY Christian.
- C. The "peace **of** God" comes by "trusting God - by faith" (Philippians 4:5-7).
 1. It means: we trust him, by faith, that "all things work together for good" (Romans 8:28).
 - a. Therefore, WE HAVE PEACE - "*which passeth ALL UNDERSTANDING!*"
 2. Colossians 3:12-17 gives us the pattern to have the "peace **of** God" in our life.
 - a. It keeps unity in the church (Ephesians 4:3).
- D. By keeping your mind "stayed upon the Lord" (Isaiah 26:3).
 1. Proverbs 3:5 & 6.
 2. You are IN Christ - part of HIS body - What is there to worry about??

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Lesson #11

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Galatians 5:22-23

(Longsuffering, Gentleness & Goodness is between us and other people)

IV. Longsuffering.

- A. Longsuffering in the Bible means: patient - calm - slow to react!!!
 - 1. Longsuffering - forbearing one another (Ephesians 4:2).
- B. Longsuffering describes our Heavenly Father.
 - 1. He was "slow to anger" toward Israel when they refused to obey (Nehemiah 9:17).
 - 2. David saw his "slow to anger" in Psalms 103:8 & 145:8.
- C. If a person is "a Christian" (an imitator of Christ) they should **follow the pattern!**
- D. Longsuffering keeps unity in the church (Proverbs 15:18 & 19:11).
- E. Enduring hardship with "Love, Joy and Peace" is the "mark of longsuffering."
I'M GLAD GOD WAS LONGSUFFERING WITH US!

V. Gentleness.

- A. The word "gentleness" in Galatians 5:22 comes from the Greek word "chrestotes."
 - 1. It is translated five different ways: good, goodness, kind, kindness and gentleness.
- B. God's Gentleness extends to "all men" (Psalms 34:8).
 - 1. "He is kind to the unthankful and to the evil" (Luke 6:35).
 - 2. **Follow the Pattern!**

VI. Goodness.

- A. The "goodness" of God extends to "all men" (Romans 2:4).
 - 1. Romans Chapter 2 was written to Gentile and pagans!
- B. Goodness of God is the opposite of the goodness of man.
 - 1. Israel "did that which is right in their own eyes" (Judges 17:6 & 21:25).
 - 2. "Israel did evil..." (**7 times**) - (Judges 2:11; 3:7, 12; 4:1; 6:1; 10:6; 13:1).
 - a. What seems good in man's eyes is bad in the sight of God (Proverbs 14:12).
- C. Christians need to be controlled by a greater power than themselves - "**No good thing!**"
 - 1. God "made that power available" as we yield control of our life to the Holy Spirit.
 - 2. "...for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness." (Ephesians 5:9).
- D. **Follow the Pattern!**
(Faith, Meekness & Temperance are Attributes that Apply to Us)

VII. Faith.

- A. The Greek word "*Pistis*" is translated several ways in our King James Bible.
- B. In this context "faith" seems to apply to "faithfulness."
 - 1. A person under the "control" of the Holy Spirit will always "be faithful."
- C. Faithfulness is one of the "attributes" of God.
 - 1. God was found faithful in the Old Testament ([Deuteronomy 7:9](#)).
 - 2. God is found faithful in the New Testament ([I Corinthians 1:9](#)).
- D. Faithfulness is one of the "attributes" of Jesus Christ ([Revelations 1:1; 19:11](#)).
 - 1. Jesus Christ is the "faithful" High Priest ([Hebrews 2:17](#)).
 - 2. Jesus Christ is "the high priest" who invites us to come boldly ([Heb. 4:14 -16](#)).
- E. Every Christian should "**follow the pattern**" set by our Father and His Son.
 - 1. First, because "*It is required...*" ([I Corinthians 4:2](#)).
 - 2. Second, it is used in the following verses **to describe those worthy of serving:**
([I Cor. 4:17](#); [Eph. 6:21](#); [Col. 1:7; 4:9](#); [I Peter 5:12](#); & [III John 5](#))
- F. Is God "faithful" to you in everything???" YES! Absolutely!!!
 - 1. Let God know that He can count on you to be "faithful in everything."

VIII. Meekness.

- A. Meekness is another word that is greatly misunderstood today.
 - 1. People think of "meekness" and they think of "weakness."
 - a. The Lord said, "*I am meek and lowly in heart*" ([Matthew 11:29](#)).
 - b. He was "meek" but certainly not "weak!"
 - c. Meekness is: Power under control - **Ex. Race horse**
- B. Meekness is a characteristic of a "Christian's calling" ([Ephesians 4:1-2](#)).
 - 1. Meekness is a piece of clothing God instructs us to "*Put on...*" ([Colossians 3:12](#)).
 - 2. Timothy was instructed to "show meekness" to all men ([Titus 3:2](#)).
 - 3. We are instructed to "give an answer" with meekness and fear ([I Peter 3:15](#)).
 - 4. Women are instructed to "*adorn themselves with a meek and quiet spirit*" ([I Peter 3:4](#)).
- C. Christians cannot produce this with their own strength.
 - 1. It is a part of "the fruit" on the Spirit ([Galatians 5:22](#)).

IX. Temperance.

- A. The Greek word is "*egkrateia*." - In our language today, it means "self - control."
 - 1. It includes self-restraint, self-denial, self-discipline.
- B. Paul makes it plain that a bishop must be a man of "self-control" ([Titus 1:6-9](#)).
 - 1. In these verses, Paul points out:
 - a. Not self-willed.
 - b. Not soon angry.

- c. Not given to wine.
- d. Not a striker.
- e. Not given to filthy lucre.

Responsibility.

- A. God has provided the "fruit of the Spirit."
 - 1. It is AVAILABLE to every Christian.
 - 2. The "fruit of the spirit" is singular.
 - 3. All " nine attributes" come in "one package."
- B. That fruit will ONLY come when we are "filled and controlled by the Spirit."
- C. God is glorified when His children "bear much fruit" ([John 15:8](#)).
 - 1. Do I want to glorify God?
 - 2. Do you want to glorify God?
- D. God is "glorified" when his children bear MUCH fruit!

THE STUDY OF THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lesson #12

THE ENEMY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Galatians 5:17

INTRO: This text is totally transparent. The "Flesh" is the enemy of "the Spirit." The Flesh and the Spirit are in a continual warfare against each other. They are "contrary one to the other" and do not agree on even one teaching of the Lord Jesus.

When the Apostle Paul wrote this letter to the church in Galatia, he was writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and using himself as an illustration. No doubt as he wrote in [Romans Chapter 7](#), he was thinking of his "warfare" with his flesh.

When we were born, we were born with a "sin nature." After birth, we all were sinners "by choice." When we trust and, by faith, receive Christ as our Savior we are "born again." When that happens, Peter tells us that we receive "a divine nature" ([II Peter 1:4](#)). In my opinion that refers to when we were saved, and we were "indwelt" by the Holy Spirit. At "that second" a warfare began!

That Warfare is between:

The Divine Nature - vs - the sin nature.

Holiness - vs - sinfulness.

Christlikeness - vs - selfishness.

The Holy Spirit - vs - the unholy flesh.

I. The Characteristics of the Holy Spirit:

- A. He is the Spirit of Truth ([John 14:17](#)).
- B. He is the Spirit of Holiness ([Romans 1:4](#)).
- C. He is the Spirit of Life ([Romans 8:2](#)).
- D. He is the Spirit of Adoption ([Romans 8:15](#)).
- E. He is the Spirit of Faith ([II Corinthians 4:13](#)).
- F. He is the Spirit of Promise ([Ephesians 1:13](#)).
- G. He is the Spirit of Wisdom ([Ephesians 1:17](#)).
- H. He is the Spirit of Revelation ([Romans 1:17](#)).
- I. He is the Spirit of Power ([II Timothy 1:7](#)).
- J. He is the Spirit of Love ([II Timothy 1:7](#)).
- K. He is the Spirit of a Sound Mind ([II Timothy 1:7](#)).
- L. He is the Spirit of Grace ([I Peter 4:14](#)).
- M. He is the Spirit of Glory ([I Peter 4:14](#)).

1. Keep in mind - The Holy Spirit, with these Characteristics, Lives in Your Body!

II. The Characteristics of the Flesh. These Characteristics are divided into Categories.

- A. Sensual Sins of the Flesh.
 - 1. Adultery ([Exodus 20:14](#)).
 - a. Adulterers and adulteresses are the enemies of God ([James 4:4](#)).
 - 2. Fornication ([I Thessalonians 4:3](#)).

- a. Fornication is the same sin as adultery, only outside of marriage.
 - 3. Uncleanness ([Galatians 5:19](#)).
 - a. Uncleanness is defined as "an impurity of mind."
 - b. Everyone, at some time, has referred to "someone who has a dirty mind."
 - 4. Lasciviousness ([Galatians 5:19](#)) ([Jude 4](#)).
 - a. Speaks of "lewdness." This is a person that has total disregard of decency.
 - b. No restraint, without shame, and ready to engage in any sin of the flesh.

- B. Religious Sins of the Flesh. - Christians need to watch this one!
 - 1. Idolatry ([Colossians 3:5](#)).
 - a. Most people think of "idolatry" as worshipping idols or images.
 - b. [Colossians 3:5](#) states "... and *covetousness*, **which is idolatry!**"
 - 2. Covetousness
 - a. The Greek word for covetousness is "*pleonexia*." It means (Strong's Greek):
 - (1) "That it is a low and debasing passion, like those which he had specified above; and (2) that it secures the affections which properly belong to God and is therefore idolatry. Of all base passions, this is the one that most dethrones God from the soul."
 - b. The book of [Colossians](#) was written to Christians.
 - c. This tells us that Christians can be guilty of the **sin of idolatry**.
 - d. This is when "the things of the world" are more important than serving Christ.
 - CHRISTIAN BEWARE! **Idolatry is "the work of the flesh."**
 - 3. Witchcraft ([Galatians 5:20](#)).
 - a. The word Paul used is: "*pharmakeia*."
 - 1. *Pharmakeia* is the word from which we get the word "pharmacy."
 - 2. This is the word generally used for "drugs."
 - b. The Scripture always uses it in a bad way ([Exodus 7:11, 22](#) & [Isaiah 47:9, 12](#)).
 - c. When it is not connected to drugs, it is an evil practice ([Deut. 18:9-14](#)).
 - d. In [Revelation 9:21](#), the word "*pharmakeia*" is translated as "sorceries."
 - 1. This verse indicates that it will be widely practiced in the last days!
 - e. These two "works of the flesh" are labeled "religious sins."

- C. Hate Sins of the Flesh ([Galatians 5:20-21](#))
 - 1. Hatred Hostile toward other men.
 - 2. Variance Sowers of discord.
 - 3. Emulations Jealousy.
 - 4. Wrath Uncontrolled outburst of anger.
 - 5. Strife Selfishness and factiousness.
 - 6. Seditions Divisions.
 - 7. Heresies Divisions.
 - 8. Envy Carry a grudge.

- D. Vile Sins of the Flesh ([Galatians 5:21](#)):
 - 1. Murders
 - 2. Drunkenness
 - 3. Reveling
 - a. These are closely related and most likely stem from "alcohol."
- E. Galatians lists "seventeen" sins called "the works of the flesh" ([Galatians 5:19-21](#)).

III. The "flesh" is the enemy of God 100% of the time and in 100% of principles. (Contrary)

- A. The flesh is not subject to the law of God ([Romans 8:7](#)).
- B. The flesh can never please God ([Romans 8:8](#)).
- C. The flesh is the dwelling place of NO good thing ([Romans 7:18](#)).
- D. Christians are under no obligation to the flesh ([Romans 8:12 - 13](#)).
- E. Christians must make no provision for the flesh ([Romans 13:14](#)).
- F. Christians should put NO confidence in the flesh ([Philippians 3:3](#)).

IV. Every Christian Must Remember that we, "Live in a Body of Flesh" ([Rom. 7:15-21](#))!

- A. The Flesh is "Totally Depraved."
- B. When God saved us, He did not do anything at all for our "Flesh."
- C. **Example:** After 1000 years of "peace on the earth" [Revelation 20:7-9](#).
Two Witnesses killed: ([Rev 11:7-10](#))
- D. We are "capable" of committing "any and/or all the sins of the flesh."
- E. We have the responsibility of "mortifying" the flesh ([Colossians 3:5](#)).
- F. This can only be done by the "power of the Holy Spirit" [Galatians 5:16](#).

"This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh"

A PRACTICAL ILLUSTRATION GIVES A PICTURE OF A SPIRITUAL TRUTH

This is a practical and an easily understood illustration of the war within you between the Holy Spirit and the unholy flesh, and how to win the war.

Picture the Holy Spirit as a white dog. Now picture the unholy flesh as a black dog. For the illustration, picture those two dogs living inside you. They are like "two dogs penned up in a doghouse" but in this case, the doghouse is you! This is a picture of the Holy Spirit and the unholy flesh who are "penned up" inside you. You were born with "the black dog" living in you. That black dog pictures the "flesh" in which you live. But since the day you received Christ as your savior, the Holy Spirit came to dwell in you. Now you have a "black dog and a white dog" living inside you.

Those two dogs DO NOT LIKE EACH OTHER! They begin fighting each other from the time you wake up in the morning until you go to sleep at night. Now, "Which one of them wins the war every day?"

The one you "feed the most!" If you feed the black dog more than you feed the white dog every day, which one do you think will win the fight that day? You are right! The black dog will win. If you feed the white dog more than you feed the black dog every day, which one do you think will win the fight that day? You are right again! The white dog will win the fight that day.

The same is true with the Holy Spirit (the white dog) and the unholy flesh (the black dog). If you will **MAKE IT A POINT** to "feed the Holy Spirit" you will be able to "Walk in the Spirit" and you will not fulfill the lust of the flesh. If you "feed your flesh" you will live a defeated life, and your life will end in disaster!

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Lesson #13

COUNTERFEIT SPIRITS

I John 4:1

INTRO: There are "other spirits" throughout the New Testament.

I. Churches Should Heed the Warning Concerning "False Spirits" (I John 4:1).

- A. **Why?** Because Satan is behind ALL "counterfeit spirits" (II Corinthians 11:3).
1. Satan deceived Eve by beguiling her with the serpent.
 - a. Satan "assured" Eve that what he was offering to her was GOOD.
 - i. "good for food..."
 - ii. "pleasant to look at."
 - iii. "a tree...to make one wise."
 2. The same is done by "false teachers" in the churches today.
 - a. They say, "What you have is good, but you don't have it all."

II. Counterfeiters Are Religious People.

- A. The Pharisees accused Jesus of casting out demons by the prince of demons (Matthew 9:32-34)
1. Jesus correctly said that He cast out demons by "the Spirit of God."
- B. The same false religion is in churches across America today - counterfeit spirits.
1. I John 4:1 states, "...many false prophets are gone out into the world."
 2. Paul warned Timothy that in the **last days** perilous times shall come (II Timothy 3:1).
 - a. Then he identified them "Having a *form of godliness* ..."
 - b. The Greek word for "**form**" is morphosis. It means "having the appearance of."
 - c. Paul further warned Timothy, saying, "...*from such turn AWAY...*"
- C. Jude followed this up in Jude 1:4. These were all religious people.
1. Satan is not "attacking churches" from the "outside."
 2. Satan is "attacking churches" and attacking them from the "inside."

THE CHURCH HAS BEEN WARNED!

III. Jesus Christ Warned Us of "counterfeit spirits" (Matthew 7:15, 16).

IV. Paul Warned Us of "counterfeit spirits" (II Corinthians 11:13-15).

- A. Paul warned young Timothy of them (II Timothy 3:1-5).

V. The Early Church Experienced "counterfeit spirits" (II Corinthians 11:3).

- A. It is clear from the scripture that Satan is behind "other spirits."

DISCERNING THE SPIRITS

- I. **The Gift of "Discerning the Spirits" (I Corinthians 12:10).**
- A. This is one of the "least utilized gifts" in the church today!
 - B. I have known people who had this gift.
 - C. They can walk in a room of people discussing a subject and "**know** there is something wrong."
 - 1. I believe that God has given that gift to at "least" one or more people in every church.
 - 2. Why is this important? Because the BIBLE warns us of "counterfeit" spirits!
 - D. Corinth was warned of "false teachers" **II Corinthians 11:13-15**.
 - 1. The Church at Corinth **DID NOT TAKE PAUL'S WARNING SERIOUSLY!**
 - 2. Read the book of Corinthians and mark the confusion and problems it caused.
 - a. They practiced the false "gift of tongues"(I Corinthians 12:3).
 - b. They **ignored** "the gift of discerning of spirits" (I Corinthians 12:10).
 - 3. It is still being ignored today - look at the false teaching and confusion today.
 - E. Ephesus was warned of "false teachers" (Acts 20:17 & 29-31).
 - 1. The church at Ephesus **heeded** the warning (Revelation 2:2).
 - 2. The Scriptures testified that the church at Ephesus "discerned" false spirits.
 - a. *"They **canst not bear** them which are evil..."*
 - b. *"Thou has '**tried**' them which say they are apostles..."*
 - 1. The Greek word for "tried" is **Peirazo**.
 - 2. **Peirazo** means: scrutinized and examined.
 - c. *"Thou has **found them** to be liars..."*
 - F. **Proofs that there are "counterfeit spirits"** that come into the church.
 - A. *"They went out from us, but they were not of us..." (I John 2:18-19).*
 - B. These men who have "other spirits" will always call themselves Christians (Jude 1:4).

TRY THE SPIRITS!

I John 4:1-6

INTRO: The word "try" in Verse One comes from the Greek word: *Dokimazo*.

A. The word "*dokimazo*" means "**To prove beyond the shadow of a doubt!**"

B. Trying a spirit is determining if it is "The Holy Spirit" or "another spirit."

I. **Proofs that a Person is of "The Holy Spirit" or is of "another spirit."**

A. Those who confess that Jesus Christ is "come in the flesh" are of God
(I John 4:2)!

1. Those who do not - are not of God (I John 4:3).

B. Those that are of God "heareth God" and follow Him (I John 4:6, John 10:1-4).

1. Those who speak "of the world," - the world heareth them.

a. They "are not of God" (I John 4: 5).

2. Those that are not of God - **heareth not God** (I John 1:5-6). –
(Do not follow Him!).

C. Search the Scripture (Acts 17:11) (II Timothy 3:15-16).

1. ANYTHING that is not in agreement with the "inspired Word of God" is false!

Example: People say, "I know what the Word of God says, BUT...!" **Counterfeits**

THE STUDY OF THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
Lesson #14
THE HOLY SPIRIT'S PART AFTER THE RAPTURE

INTRO: We have heard very little about the work the Holy Spirit does after the Rapture. However, a study of the Holy Spirit would not be complete without this lesson. To study this in a manner that is easily understood, we must start with "The Next Great Event on God's Time Clock."

I. The Rapture of the Church (I Thessalonians 4:13-16).

- A. The Rapture can take place at any time.
1. There is no prophecy which must take place before the rapture can happen.

II. The Rapture and the Holy Spirit (II Thessalonians 2:3-7).

- A. "... only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way" (Verse 7).
1. The one who "now letteth" is commonly known as the Holy Spirit."
a. The Holy Spirit "restrains" by working through Christians (I Cor. 3:16; 6:19).
b. He "restrains" by working through the church (Ephesians 2:21-22).
2. When Christians are raptured out of this world, the Holy Spirit will go with them.

III. The Tribulation Period.

- A. The tribulation begins shortly after the rapture of the church.
1. The tribulation lasts for a period of about 7 years.
2. It is divided into "two-sections" which are three and a half years each.
a. The first three and a half years are "the tribulation."
b. The second three and a half years are "the great tribulation" (Matthew 24:21).
3. This is called, "Daniel's Seventy Weeks" (Daniel 9:24-27).
- B. The Purpose of the Tribulation is "two-fold."
1. God will prepare Israel for the 1000-year reign of Christ on earth (Matthew 24:9-20).
2. God will judge the unbelieving Gentiles (Isaiah 26:21).
- C. Many people alive on earth at the Rapture will be eternally lost (II Thess. 2:9-12).
1. A great number will go in lost but will be saved during the tribulation.
a. 144,000 Jews will be saved (Revelation 7:4-8).
b. A group of Gentiles, that no man can number, will be saved (Rev. 7:9).

IV. The Tribulation Period and the Holy Spirit.

- A. Revelation does not tell us that the Holy Spirit is active during that time, but...
- B. It is reasonable to assume that the Holy Spirit will work on earth after the Rapture.
1. We must not forget that the Holy Spirit is "Omnipresent" (Psalms 139:7-8).

- C. [John 3:5](#) states, "Except a man be born of...the Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of God."
1. There is no ceasing of the Holy Spirit's work in salvation during the Tribulation.
a. That cannot be possible, according to the Scriptures.

- D. The prophet Joel wrote ([Joel 2:28-32](#)):

*"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**. And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call"*

- E. This prophecy was referenced by Peter in [Acts 2:16-21](#), but it is clear that it was not totally fulfilled at that time.

- F. The prophet Zechariah spoke of this same time in [Zechariah 12:10](#):

*"And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, **the spirit of grace** and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn."*

- G. Therefore, we must conclude that the Holy Spirit will be present, on earth, during the Tribulation period. He may operate after the pattern in which he operated in the Old Testament, but he will continue his work of "convicting people of their sins and pointing them to Jesus Christ."

V. **The Millennium and the Holy Spirit.**

- A. The Millennium will begin when the Lord returns.
1. At that time, the prayer in [Matthew 6:9-10](#) will be fulfilled. "...thy kingdom come,"
- B. Every person on earth at that time who is saved - will enter the Kingdom!
1. The Millennium will begin with nothing but "saved people."
2. However, those people will take the "sin nature" with them into that age.
a. The results will be that every child born will be born with a "sin nature."
b. Every one of those children will need to "be born again."

- C. With that being true, we must assume that the Spirit will be present and working [\(John 3:5\)](#).
 - 1. According to the Scriptures, that is the only possibility of those children being saved.

- D. [Isaiah 11:9](#) and [Habakkuk 2:14](#) speak of a time "*when the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord*".
 - 1. Both verses, in context, are speaking of the "Kingdom age."
 - 2. The Holy Spirit is the person who will:
 - a. Teach you all things... [\(John 14:26\)](#).
 - b. Guide you into all truth... [\(John 16:13\)](#).
 - c. Reveals...the deep things of God... [\(I Corinthians 2:10\)](#).
 - 3. These verses together tell us that "the Holy Spirit" will have a great part in that day!
 - 4. Those in the Millennium will be brought "into full knowledge of God in that day."

- E. **What a day that will be!!**