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THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



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deep gladness, *Philippians 4:4*.

Peace. This is the peace of God that satisfies the soul completely, *Colossians 3:15*.

Longsuffering (patience). The natural man is impatient. Saints are the opposite.

Gentleness (kindness or graciousness). Jesus was known by His graciousness.

Goodness (benevolence). This virtue makes the Christian full of good works.

Faith (faithfulness). He is dependable and can be relied on at all times.

Meekness (mildness of temper). He is humble, particularly true of us, *2 Timothy 2:25*.

Temperance (self control). moderate in drink, appetite, dress, habit and fashion.

These nine are all opposite or contrary to the filthy natural works of the flesh. These nine graces were beautifully portrayed in Christ for He was Spirit-filled.

2. Fruit is an evidence of death. *John 12:24*, "unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain." If we are not dead we will merely bring forth the works of the flesh. Fruit is the evidence because self has not be crucified as in the believer. Many are fruitless because self has not been

guide us and comfort us. A strong recommendation to read, "The Holy Spirit," by R. A. Torrey, pages 28 to 40. He suggests that the application of this doctrine is most practical.

1. It is a cure for an abnormal fear of the dark. The Holy Spirit is with me.
2. It is a cure for insomnia. Try communing with the Spirit and you will fall asleep. *2 Corinthians 13:14*, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion (talking together) of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen."
3. It is a cure for all loneliness. Develop this friendship with the Holy Spirit.
4. It is a cure for a broken heart. Let the Spirit occupy the aching void of the heart.
5. It is the greatest encouragement for power and a cure for helplessness.
6. It is an incentive in teaching and preaching. The Spirit is with me to guide me.
7. His presence is our authority in personal work, the living Spirit has directed me thus.

THE PERSONALITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

INTRODUCTION

The Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Godhead, has been sent by the Father and Son to indwell and guide believers. Some people profess to believe in the Holy Spirit but actually they believe in God the Father, God the Son and the Holy Spirit as the servant or errand boy. This is false for the Holy Spirit is equal to and in no way inferior to the other two. Others reduce the Holy Spirit to an inanimate force such as electricity which is very powerful but completely devoid of being a living person, much less God.

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a living Person for He can be approached or shunned, trusted or doubted, loved or hated, adored or insulted.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS DOCTRINE

1. He is a living Person, the Holy Spirit, equal to the Father and Son, and He should to be worshipped as they are. Theoretically this is done in the Doxology and Gloria Patri. His Name is linked with the Father and Son in the Benediction and baptismal formula.

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THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS EMOTIONS

1. He can be grieved. *Isaiah 63 :10, "But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit;..."*
2. He can be insulted. *Hebrews 10:29, "Of how much worse punishment,... and insulted the Spirit of grace?"*
3. He can be lied to. *Acts 5:3, "... why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit...?"*
4. He can be blasphemed. *Matthew 12:31-32, "... but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men..."*

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON

We believe that He is a Person because He possesses all the necessary qualities of intellect, emotion, will, knowledge and actions. Let us never insult Him by calling the Spirit "it" but always honor Him properly.

CONCLUSION

May we make much of the companionship of the living Person, the Holy Spirit.

Prayer: "Lord teach me more of the communion of the Holy Spirit."

The Holy Spirit should be our companion, our partner and comrade with whom we have intimate fellowship moment by moment.

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gift. Not one person has been forgotten. The administrator does not need the gift of preaching. The Holy Spirit gives the proper gift to each cell according to its functions.

6. **Gifts must be used** - 1 Timothy 4:14, "Do not neglect the gift that is in you," Some hide their gifts because they are not as spectacular as those of others. The gift that is not used will rust and may even be taken away from us, *Matthew 25:28*.

7. **Gifts are to be improved.** 2 Timothy 1:6, "... stir up the gift of God which is in you." The gift needs constant practice to be advantageous in the kingdom of God. Let's concentrate on the constant improvement of these heavenly gifts - *Colossians 1:29*.

CONCLUSION

These are not natural talents. These are special gifts given by the Spirit. Let's consistently bear fruit as we are provided by the best possible gifts.

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THE FRUIT AND GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

INTRODUCTION

There is an obvious difference between the work and fruit of the Holy Spirit. The work of the Spirit is the direct result of the Spirit's active ministry. The fruit of the Spirit is the outcome of His indwelling and our yielding to Him. *Galatians 5:17-23* is a sharp contrast between the works of the flesh and fruit of the Spirit. The works of the flesh (17 of them) are the natural outcome of the Adamic nature. The fruit of the Spirit is the result of the Holy Spirit operating on the new life.

The fruit of the Spirit (9 of them) is spoken of in the singular signifying the oneness of the fruit. It is not complete until all nine are present. The Christian is not complete until he manifests all nine graces.

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

1. **Kinds of fruit.** *Galatians 5:22-23* lists the nine graces as a single unit, one fruit.

Love. This is divine love, an attribute of the indwelling God, *1 John 4:16; 1 Corinthians 13*.

Joy, not the so-called happiness of the world but deep,

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added to a believer. The human body does not have unnecessary parts (even the appendix has a function), and neither should the Body of Christ have useless drones in it. Our conversion and baptism into the Body (1 Corinthians 12:13) was more than just so that we could escape hell; it was so that we would be a help and blessing to the body. The Body of Christ, the invisible Church, should be stronger because you have been placed in it and qualified by special gifts from the Holy Spirit.

4. Gifts are to be desired - 1 Corinthians 12:31, "But earnestly desire the best gifts." Don't be satisfied with just one or two gifts. Seek and pray for others that would help you in that particular position He has given you in the Body. Paul mentions prophecy as the gift that is most desirable - 1 Corinthians 14:1,39. In Matthew 25:14-30, some were given one talent (gift), others two and others five. The man who received five gained five more and the one that was hidden in the earth in Matthew 25:28, was also given to him so that he eventually had eleven gifts. At conversion we may have only one or two gifts but keep seeking more for His glory.

5. Gifts are suited to each possessor - 1 Corinthians 7:7, "each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that." Every believer in Jesus Christ has a

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OTHER WORKS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. He strove with men in Genesis 6:3, attempting to turn them from sin to righteousness.
2. He enlightened men, Job 32:8; the Holy Spirit gave them understanding.
3. He endowed men with skill. Exodus 31:2-5, "... Bezaleel... I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship."
4. He helped men do ordinary tasks like blowing a trumpet. Judges 6:34 (Gideon).
5. He gave physical strength to Samson, Judges 14:6.
I'm sure that this list is far from complete, too, for the Spirit has been so active.

CONCLUSION

Let us praise the Lord for the faithful ministry of regeneration by the Spirit. John 3.

Let us praise the Lord for the gifts that He graciously gave us, 1 Corinthians 12:7-11.

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2. If He is merely an influence or power we would refer to Him as "It" which is a heathenish conception which leads to the error, "I want to get more of 'it.'" If He is a Person then we must address Him with proper pronouns.
3. He is a Person and we must get to know Him more intimately and personally.

THE BIBLE USES PERSONAL PRONOUNS IN REFERRING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

John 15:26, "But when the Helper comes,... He will testify of Me."

John 16:8, "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin,..."

John 16:13, "... when the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth;..."

John 16:14, "He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine..."

In the Greek language the pronoun for "spirit" is ordinarily in the neuter gender.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON FOR HE POSSESSES CERTAIN CHARACTERISTICS

Will power. 1 Corinthians 12:11, "But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills." The Holy Spirit makes decisions.

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THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

INTRODUCTION

The Holy Spirit is a Divine Personality who has a definite function in the world. A study of the Scripture reveals that the Holy Spirit is very active. His activity has been shown in regard to the universe and the people on the earth. Since Pentecost His ministry has changed somewhat with regard to believers.

In the Old Testament the Spirit had a "come and go" ministry. At Pentecost He came to indwell believers and abide in the living Church of Jesus Christ. Judges 6:34, "But the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon." 1 Samuel 16:14, "But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul." Judges 11:29, "Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jephtha." Psalm 51:11, "Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me." This prayer of David is definitely appropriate after Pentecost for the Spirit has now taken up residence permanently. John 14:16, "... and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever."

IN RELATION TO CREATION

The Holy Spirit was active in creation. Genesis 1:2,

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Intelligence. Nehemiah 9:20, "You also gave Your good Spirit to instruct them,..." A power or influence does not have knowledge with which to teach. Romans 8:27, "Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God." He searches and has the ability to know things.

Knowledge. 1 Corinthians 2:10-12, " ¹⁰ But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. ¹¹ For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God."

Power. Acts 1:8, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me..." He powerfully changed Peter.

Capacity for love. Romans 15:30, "... and through the love of the Spirit,..."

Capacity for grief. Ephesians 4:30, "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."

The Holy Spirit is a Person because He thinks, feels, purposes, knows, wills, loves and grieves. The Spirit is

"And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters." See also Job 26:13-14; Psalm 104:30; Job 33:4. Psalm 33:6, "By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth." (breath of the Lord here being the Holy Spirit)

IN RELATION TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE UNIVERSE

Isaiah 40:7, "The grass withers, the flower fades, because the breath of the Lord blows upon it; Surely the people are grass." The Spirit creates and preserves. He also destroys at will. Psalm 104:30, "You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the earth." By the Word of God and the Spirit's power the world is renewed.

IN RELATION TO THE UNBELIEVER

John 16:8, "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:..."

He will convince the world of sin because they do not believe in Jesus Christ.

He will convince the world of righteousness because Christ was completely righteous.

He will convince the world of judgment for Christ has already been judged (at Calvary).

THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

1. Kinds of gifts. 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, the gifts of wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment, tongues, and the gift to interpret tongues. 1 Corinthians 12:28, the gifts that fit one to be an apostle, prophet, teacher, miracle-worker, healer, helper, administrator or linguist. Ephesians 4:11-16, adds the following: gifts of evangelism, pastoral and gift of ministry. Romans 12:6-8, adds: gifts of exhortation, gift of giving, gift of ruling, and the gift of showing mercy (probably about 24 different gifts).

2. Gifts are sovereignly given. 1 Corinthians 12:11, "But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills." The Holy Spirit places the new convert in the Body of Christ and appropriately endows him for that particular location in the Body, Ephesians 2:21-22. It is the prerogative of God to choose the location. It is His sovereign will alone as He chooses the location, so He continues to fashion and fit the new cell.

3. Gifts are for profit - 1 Corinthians 12:7, "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:..." It is given to make the cell more useful, profitable. The whole Body profits because of the new gift that is

32. He gives righteousness, peace and joy to the Lord's children, Romans 14:17; 15:13.

33. He reveals, interprets and applies the deep things of God, 1 Corinthians 2:9-14.

34. He empowers us to impart truth to others, Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 1:5.

35. He inspires worship and adoration of God Himself, John 4:23-24; Philippians 3:3.

36. He comforts, Acts 9:31, "... and in the comfort of the Holy spirit."

37. He calls men in Christ and directs them in their service, Acts 8:27-29; 13:2-4.

38. He leads in the details of the believer's life and service, Matthew 4:1; Romans 8:14; Acts 10.

39. He makes genuine our access to the Father in heaven, Ephesians 2:18.

40. He makes known our redemption rights, our possessions in Christ, 1 Corinthians 2:12.

This list of forty points was compiled by H. S. Miller in "The Christian Workers' Manual." Though it is lengthy I doubt if it is complete, for it does not include the gifts of 1 Corinthians 12 that the Spirit gives to the Church.

are a paradox of cursing and blessing, sweetness and bitterness, figs and olives, *James 3:9-12*. Is it any wonder that the world is perplexed?

5. Purpose of the fruit: *Matthew 21:34*, "... he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit..." Fruit is not exclusively for the tree; others see our good works and glorify God. To produce sweet fruit for our own benefit alone is to dishonor the Father.

6. Source of the fruit: *Hosea 14:8*, "Your fruit is found in Me." The source is in God. *John 15:4*, "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me." Natural fruit is wild fleshly works. The saint abounds in fruit as he is rooted and grounded in Christ, *Ephesians 3:17-18*.

7. Fruit is the source of propagation. *Genesis 1:11*, "Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth... the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth and it was so.'" The seed is the fruit. If there is no fruit there is no seed or reproduction. If there is no spiritual fruit in our lives, then we cannot reproduce. Rather than being a blessing, our lives become a hindrance to the Gospel. *Colossians 1:10*, "... being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;"

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20. He gives the believer victory over the terrible desires of the flesh, *Galatians 5:16-17*.

21. He leads the believer out from under the law to liberty in Christ, *Galatians 5:18*.

22. He is the One that causes us to bear the fruit of the Spirit, *Galatians 5:22-23*.

23. He gives us a holy walk as we are led by the Holy Spirit, *Galatians 5:25*.

24. He assists us in putting away the things that displease our Father God, *Ephesians 4:30-32*.

25. He puts Satan to flight by lifting up a standard against him, *James 4:7; Isaiah 59:19*.

26. He gives rest to the soul that is trusting in the Lord, *Isaiah 63:14*.

27. He makes Jesus Christ Lord (master and king) in our private lives, *1 Corinthians 12:3*.

28. He gives liberty, freedom to the child of God, *2 Corinthians 3:17*.

29. He gives divine love to the children of God, *Romans 5:5; Colossians 1:4,8*.

30. He gives fullness of joy, complete happiness and satisfaction to the saints, *Acts 13:52*.

31. He strengthens the inward man with spiritual power, power to resist, *Ephesians 3:16*.

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certainly not merely an influence for He has abilities of intelligence and emotions which are foreign to inanimate forces. We should never shun, doubt, hate or insult the Spirit. We must continually approach Him with faith, love and adoration.

THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES THINGS THAT ONLY A PERSON CAN DO

The Holy Spirit searches the deep things of God.

1. *1 Corinthians 2:10*, "... For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God." Even a modern "IBM" machine would not be able to do this!

2. The Holy Spirit can speak. *Revelation 2:7*, "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

3. The Holy Spirit can cry out. *Galatians 4:6*, "And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father!'"

4. The Holy Spirit intercedes. *Romans 8:26*, "... but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

5. The Holy Spirit testifies. *John 15:26*, "But when the Helper comes, ... He will testify of Me."

6. The Holy Spirit teaches. *John 14:26*, "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He

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It is the work of the Holy Spirit to constantly bear witness of Christ and Calvary. This He does largely though not exclusively through the testimony of believers for He operates on the conscience of men through the Word of God.

IN RELATION TO THE SCRIPTURES

The Holy Spirit is the author of the Scriptures. *2 Peter 1:20-21*, "... holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit..."

The Holy Spirit is also the interpreter of the Scriptures to us. *John 16:14*, "He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you." *John 14:26*, "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." O how faithful the Holy Spirit is to bring back memory verses of Scripture in the hour of need, particularly in answering difficult questions.

IN RELATION TO JESUS CHRIST

1. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, literally born of the Spirit. *Luke 1:35*.

2. He was led of the Spirit into the wilderness after the baptism to be tested, *Matthew 4:1*.

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will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you." This ability is also mentioned in *John 16:12-14*; *Nehemiah 9:20*.

7. The Holy Spirit leads and directs. *Romans 8:14*, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God."

8. The Holy Spirit commands. *Acts 16:6-7*, "... they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia...⁷... the Spirit did not permit them."

9. The Holy Spirit calls men to work and gives them tasks. *Acts 13:2*, "... the Holy Spirit said, 'Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.'" *Acts 20:28*, "... the Holy Spirit has made you overseers,..."

10. The Holy Spirit proceeds on the mission to which He is sent. *John 15:26*, "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me."

THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS BEEN ASSIGNED A DEFINITE OFFICE

He is the official Comforter. *John 14:16*, "... and He will give you another Helper." The Greek word here, "Parakletos," means "one alongside." He is a personal companion. As a Person He becomes our best friend to

3. Jesus was anointed by the Spirit for service, *Acts 10:38*.
4. Jesus was crucified in the power of the Spirit, *Hebrews 9:14*.
5. Jesus was resurrected from the grave by the power of the Holy Spirit. *Romans 1:4*; *8:11*.
6. Jesus instructed His disciples and church through the Spirit, *Acts 1:2*.
7. Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to the believers, *Acts 2:33*.

IN RELATION TO THE BELIEVER

1. He assures the believer of sonship and makes him son-like, *Romans 8:16-17*; *Galatians 4:6*.
2. He seals the believer as a pledge or earnest of future glory, *2 Corinthians 1:22*; *Ephesians 1:13-14*.
3. He fills the believer with Himself, giving a victorious life, *Acts 1:4-8*; *Ephesians 5:18*.
4. He sanctifies the believer, sets him apart unto holiness, *2 Thessalonians 2:13*; *1 Peter 1:2*.
5. He abides continuously with the believer. *John 14:16*.
6. He takes the Word of God and teaches the believer, *John 14:26*; *1 Corinthians 2:13*.
7. He brings to remembrance the things that we have faithfully learned, *John 14:26*.

crucified so they continue to abide alone. The new life alone is capable of bringing forth fruit to the glory of God.

3. **Fruit is necessary.** *John 15:2*, "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away;" *Luke 13:9*, "And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down."

The only reason for our existence here after conversion is to bear fruit. The fruitless cannot long enjoy the privileges of the fruitful. Fruitlessness and favor with God cannot live together. Away with barrenness. *Luke 13:7*, "Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none." He will not be satisfied with anything less than spiritual fruit. *James 5:7*, "See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it..." The Lord Jesus Christ is waiting for true fruit (*Galatians 5:22-23*) from our lives.

4. **Fruit affords identification.** *Matthew 12:33*, "... for a tree is known by his fruit." In *Numbers 13:26*, the spies showed the fruit of Canaan to prove that it was a good land. In the New Testament the saint portrays the proper fruit, showing he is born again. Appearance and profession are good but the vital evidence is the fruit to identify whether a tree is a mango or an apple, whether saint or hypocrite. *Matthew 7:16-20*, grapes do not bear figs, thistles or thorns. Saints ought not to bear any of the works of the flesh, *Galatians 5:17-21*. Very often our lives

8. He testifies to us regarding the Savior. He constantly reveals Christ, *John 15:26*.
9. He guides the believer into all truth, *John 16:13*. This is the cure for error.
10. He takes our bodies and glorifies Christ in and through them, *John 16:14*.
11. He takes the things of Christ, spiritual things and reveals them to us, *John 16:14*.
12. He gives us power to obey God in the time of weakness and strengthens us, *Ezekiel 36:27*.
13. He gives the believer power to obey the truth irrespective of cost, *1 Peter 1:22*.
14. He gives the believer freedom from the law of sin and death. *Romans 8:2*.
15. He takes the weak believer and fulfills the law of righteousness in him, *Romans 8:3-4*.
16. He gives the believer power to please God by granting victory over the flesh, *Romans 8*.
17. He will quicken this mortal body of ours, *Romans 8:11*.
18. He gives power to mortify the deeds of the body, *Romans 8:13*.
19. He directs the believer in his prayer life to pray in the will of God. *Romans 8:26-27*.