

7. HE IS THE CREATOR & SUSTAINER OF ALL

Holy Spirit active agent in Creation of Universe

Gen 1:2 *Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*

Job 33:4 *The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.*



BROODING DOVE

Gen 1:2 *Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*

PICTURE OF HOLY SPIRIT

Dove the only bird to not have a gall bladder – no bitterness in it

-Holy Spirit came on Jesus at baptism in form of dove



Matt 3:16-17 *As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."*

DOVE -brings peace to our soul

-comes quietly, without fanfare

-establishes a personal relationship with us

-produces gentleness within, not a harsh and critical spirit

-leads us toward purity, honesty and a truly 'harmless' life

(Noah's Ark dove not land on decay, came back to boat while raven OK on decay remains)

-brings God's divine approval that we are indeed His children

-leads us toward a beautiful, grace-filled Christian life



FINGER OF GOD

Luke 11:20 *But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come to you.*

God so much greater than Satan only takes a FINGER to defeat him!

Ps 8:3-6 *When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, 4 what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? 5 You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. 6 You made him over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet.*

artist uses hands, fingers to create work of art (painting, sculpture, etc)

Holy Spirit created whole universe that way

Anthropomorphic language – describing God in human terms



VOICE OF THE LORD

Heb 11:3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Implied – same as Genesis ***“and God said”***

Holy Spirit also part of bringing physical world out of nothing

We need to listen to voice of God in our lives today

BREATH OF LIFE

Ezek 37:9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, `This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live."

ALSO CALLED

Breath of God Job 27:3

Breath of Life Rev 11:11

Breath of the Lord Isa 40:7

Breath of Your Nostrils Ps 18:15



Gen 2:7 the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Holy Spirit the One implanting life in man

-like in waters Gen 1:1

-like in Mary Mt 1:18



BREATH OF THE ALMIGHTY

Job 32:8 But it is the spirit in a man, the breath of the Almighty, that gives him understanding.

Job 33:4 The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

ELIHU speaking to Job realizes that without God's Spirit/breath life wouldn't have been created or sustained

SPIRIT OF CREATION

Ps 104:29-30 When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust. 30 When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

PSALM 104 praise God for His creation

SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF CREATION IN WHICH HOLY SPIRIT WAS INVOLVED

1. CREATION OF ORDER

Isa 40:12-14 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, or with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens? Who has held the dust of the earth in

a basket, or weighed the mountains on the scales and the hills in a balance? Who has understood the mind of the LORD, or instructed him as his counselor? Whom did the LORD consult to enlighten him, and who taught him the right way? Who was it that taught him knowledge or showed him the path of understanding?

Holy Spirit measured, calculated, weighed parts of the world as He brought it into existence
Designed the order out of chaos

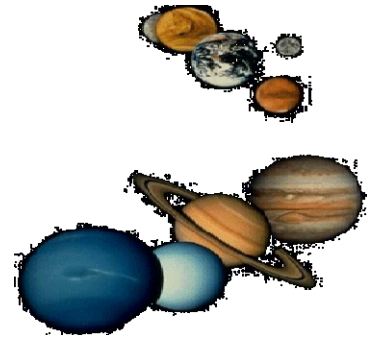
2. CREATION OF DESIGN

Job 26:13 By his breath the skies became fair; his hand pierced the gliding serpent.

‘gliding serpent’ – commentators feel refers to Milky Way (much in Job about stars)

Holy Spirit behind design in universe

Psalms 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God.



3. CREATION OF BEAUTY

Job 26:13 By his breath the skies became fair; his hand pierced the gliding serpent.

Not JUST engineer or architect, also landscape engineer, interior decorator, etc
Universe not just functional, but also full of BEAUTY – God’s love for us seen
Holy Spirit had part in creating the beauty of the universe

4. CREATION OF LIFE

Job 33:4 The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

BREATHE life into waters, ground to make man, Messiah into Mary
Formed clay into man, like great POTTER

5. PRESERVATION OF CREATION

Psalms 104:29-30 When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust. 30 When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

Not just make original creation, but keep it going
Done by Father and Son, but also by Holy Spirit
Continual renewing and sustaining of life on earth

Miracle how in spring all flowers, insects, animals still alive, etc – Holy Spirit behind that
Sends rain, sun, seasons, etc., to renew earth

6. RENEWAL OF CREATION

Romans 8:21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

When Jesus returns all sin gone, curse gone, creation returned to Garden of Eden conditions
Holy Spirit behind that work

Holy Spirit currently involved of renewing people when sin’s power gone, new creation in Christ

RE-CREATIVE WORK OF THE SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES

2 Cor 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Holy Spirit recreates our lives after salvation

1. PRINCIPLE OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

God breathes His **BREATH OF LIFE** on us and gives us new life (like waters, man, Mary)

BROODING DOVE Fertile egg won't hatch into life unless parent bird keeps evenly warming it during incubation period – Holy Spirit to unbeliever to bring to point of salvation, then spiritual growth

2. PRINCIPLE OF SPIRITUAL STANDARDS

FINGER OF GOD implies standards (10 commandments, writing on wall of Daniel) Absolutes (Christian world view)



3. PRINCIPLE OF THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

Eph 6:17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

"SWORD": The only offensive weapon (prayer, next verse, is the other weapon we have but that isn't listed as a weapon the way the sword is in this soldier analogy). All the other pieces of equipment are defensive and for protection. It is only through the offensive weapons, Bible study and prayer, that we can forge ahead and defeat Satan. These weapons don't work until the previous ones are taken care of, though, because if we have a way to be defeated Satan will seize the initiative and we will be driven back instead of driving him back.

"OF THE SPIRIT": ANY weapon used in the flesh will not prosper. Peter used the sword of his flesh and cut Malchus' ear, but on Pentecost he used the sword of the Spirit and thousands of ears were won and opened for Christ. The best defense is a good offense.

"WORD OF GOD": Jesus, the living Word (John 1:1-14), is behind the Bible, the written Word. You need to know God's Word in detail, with much of it memorized, so you can really use this weapon. Jesus won His battles when Satan tempted Him by quoting Scriptures. That is how we are to win, too.

4. PRINCIPLE OF THE LEADING OF THE SPIRIT

If we recognize the principle of the spiritual standards and the Sword of the Spirit, we will want to follow the leading of the Spirit in our lives through His witness within and through the clear teaching of the Bible.

Holy Spirit does use godly counsel from others, unique circumstances, etc.

5. PRINCIPLE OF SPIRITUAL INTERVENTION

no world if God hadn't initiated it, intervened, and created it

all would still be chaos if Holy Spirit not bring order, beauty, etc.

Spiritually He intervenes in our lives to bring order, beauty, life, etc.

That's how and why we as Christians change after salvation – Holy Spirit within



DAILY DEVOTIONS

WEEK 8

DAY 1

2 Tim 3:16-17 *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*



Even though Old and New Testaments combine to form one book, that one book is a library of 66 books written by some 40 human authors over a period of about 1,500 years. The 66 books have since been broken down into 1,189 chapters and 31,173 verse divisions. In one translation someone has computed 773,692 words and 3,566,480 letters.

It's easy to get lost in the details of Bible study. For that reason, we continually need to remind ourselves that the purpose of the Bible is not to make us experts in mideast culture or in Christian doctrine (as important as both are). The purpose of the Bible is to enable us to know God, to know ourselves, and to equip us not only with a knowledge of the past but with the ability to live life today.

God's Spirit, Who wrote the Bible, is ready and willing to guide you into a knowledge of the truth of the Bible. Just ask Him. Your Bible knowledge is increasing, but remember that the purpose of the bible is not to increase your knowledge but to increase your Christ-likeness.

PRAY: Ask God to use His Spirit to apply the Bible truths you know to your life. Allow Him to bring them to mind so you can apply them. Where do you need to begin?

DAY 2

2 Peter 1:21 *For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*

William Bradford, the governor of the Plymouth Colony of pilgrims, insisted, "Those who believe in the Holy Scriptures are bound to

observe its teachings. Those who do not are to be bound by its consequences."

A scarlet highway runs through the whole territory of the Bible, which makes it a crimson Book. Threaded all through the rope used by the British Navy is a thin red cord, so that no matter where it is cut into, identity of ownership is immediately established. Thus is it with the Bible: open where you may, you will find the blood-red cord, for it has been sprinkled with blood (Heb. 9:19,20).

Mentally trace this red cord from Genesis 1 through Revelation 22. When and where did this thread touch your life and apply this salvation to you?

PRAY: Thank God for the Bible and the plan of salvation it clearly reveals. Ask Him to always keep you mindful of the message of the Bible – salvation is only in Jesus. Think of someone He would want you to share this message with and pray about how and when you should go about it.

DAY 3

John 16:13 *But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.*

Sam was my best dog, ever. A field trial dog who found birds and pointed them with contagious enthusiasm, Sam taught me the joy of becoming part of nature. If his point said a bird was hiding in a clump of bushes, it was there. He was so much more than a bird dog, though. Often we'd share together lazy lunches in an abandoned apple orchard, and the snooze that followed.

Late one afternoon, Sam and I became separated. Neither of us was familiar with the area. I called and whistled. No sign of Sam. I had to get back to town for an important appointment. But how could I leave



Sam? If he finally came back and I wasn't there, would I lose him for good? Then I remembered a trick an old dog trainer had passed on. I unbuttoned my jacket, removed my shirt and laid it on the ground under the branches of a small bush. I worried all night.

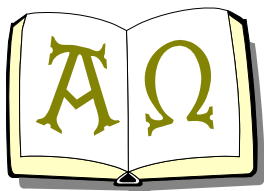
But when I returned the next morning there was Sam curled up with his nose under the sleeve of my shirt. He looked up and wagged his tail. "Where've you been friend?" his eyes seemed to say. "I've been waiting for you all night. But I knew you'd come back." Later I wondered. When I get lost, do I have the trust to look for some part of God's word and curl up in it? To wait patiently, knowing that my Friend will find me if I just have faith in him?

PRAY: What portion of scripture do you need to curl up with today? Comfort? Encouragement? Conviction? Wisdom? Guidance? ???

DAY 4

Eph 1:17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning's parents disapproved so strongly of her marriage to Robert that they disowned her. Almost weekly, Elizabeth wrote love letters to her mother and father, asking for a reconciliation. They never once replied. After ten years of letter writing, Elizabeth received a huge box in the mail. She opened it. To her dismay and heartbreak, the box contained all of her letters to her parents. Not one of them had ever been opened!



Today those love letters are among the most beautiful in classical English literature. Had her parents opened and read only a few of the them, a reconciliation might have been effected. The Bible is God's letter of reconciliation to us. We should open and read it thoroughly and often.

Open your Bible now and spend some time reading is as a love letter from God to you. What difference does it make reading it that way?

PRAY: Thank God for His love letter to you. Ask Him to have His Spirit reveal to your heart His great love for you. Thank Him for that love. Think of it all day long.

DAY 5

Acts 17:11 Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.



Our plane was racing down the runway, preparing to take off from Nashville - and I was so exhausted that I was already drifting off into la-la land. Then came those jolts as the front wheels left the ground. My Team Member Rick said, "Have you ever felt anything like that before?" I said no - and dozed off. Well, I wasn't asleep for long - the flight attendant suddenly was announcing that we had blown a rear tire on takeoff and we were heading back to Nashville. For the next 45 minutes or so, we were circling the area, burning up as much fuel as possible for what could be a crash landing. I called my wife from the plane and asked her to get people praying, and then I joined Rick in committing this whole situation to the Lord.

The flight attendants went into emergency mode to begin to prepare us for the landing. They demonstrated how to brace for the landing. They had us pull out our emergency instruction card from the pocket in front of us - something they had asked us to do before we took off - something hardly anyone did. But as the attendant began her briefing she prefaced it with a simple exhortation - "This time I want you to really listen." Believe me, everyone did.

What Scriptures are you so used to hearing that you don't really pay attention when you hear them? Think of them, quote them from memory or read them in your Bible as if you were hearing them for the first time and as if your life depended on them (it does).

PRAY: Ask God, through His Spirit, to always keep His Word fresh and real to your heart and life. Ask Him to reveal it to you as if you were hearing it for the first time.

8. HE IS THE AUTHOR OF THE BIBLE

I. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE AUTHOR OF THE BIBLE

GOD REVEALS SELF IN

1. Nature (Romans 1; Psalm 19)
2. Bible

"Bible" = Gk for "book"

OT = 39 books

NT = 27 books

Total 66 books

"Testament" = "Agreement"

OT

Jews

Law

NT

Jesus

Grace

OLD TESTAMENT

Pentateuch: Gen-Dt

History: Joshua - Ezra

Poetry: Job - Song of Solomon

Prophets Major: Isa - Dan

Minor: Hosea - Malachi

NEW TESTAMENT

Gospels: Mt - Jn

History: Acts

Epistles: Romans-Jude

Prophecy: Revelation

WRITING: 40 writers, 1500 years

CLAIMS OF INSPIRATION Hebrews 1:1-2; 2:3-4, II Timothy 3:16-17, II

Peter 1:19-21, John 10:34-35, I Peter 1:10-12, II Samuel 23:1-2

INSPIRATION: "God-breathed"

God working thru human writers so that what they write is without error

-What to include

-What to omit

-Assure accuracy

REVELATION: disclosing to others what was before unknown to them

Possible, Necessary

ALL Bible inspired

Only parts revealed (creation, 10 comm, tab, Rev

ILLUMINATION: God showing us the truth of His word when

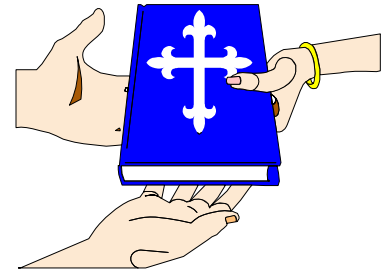
we read/study it

Apocrypha: between OT & NT, RC Bible

Pseudepigraphy: after NT

Chapters: Stephen Langton 1228

Verses: Robert Stephanus 1551



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1 Peter 1:10-13 Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, 11 trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. 12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

OT prophets didn't see things as clearly as we do

-1 coming of Messiah, not 2 (2 mt peaks, not one)

-wrote things then sat back & tried to figure out what they meant

Peter encourages readers to read what Holy Spirit revealed to OT prophets as they wrote
It came from heaven, from God, where He was



INSPIRER

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"Inspired" = lit. God-breathed Greek theopneustos

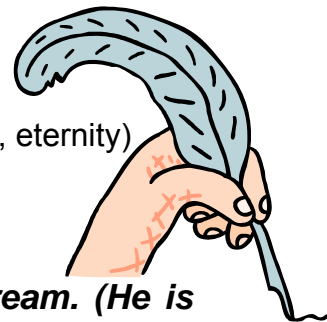
Words of Scripture 'breathed out' by God – HS is breath of God breathed out

2 Peter 1:21 For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, **but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.**

carried along = picked up and carried, by Holy Spirit

man WOULD not write the Bible (condemns man as sinful)

man COULD not write the Bible (don't know about God, heaven, hell, Trinity, eternity)



THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLY GOD

Dan 4:8 Finally, Daniel came into my presence and I told him the dream. (He is called Belteshazzar, after the name of my god, and the spirit of the holy gods is in him.)

Dan 4:9 I said, "Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you, and no mystery is too difficult for you. Here is my dream; interpret it for me.

By Nebuchadnezzar when only Daniel could tell his dreams and visions

50 years later Belshazzar remembered same thing (Dan 11)

Dan 5:11 There is a man in your kingdom who has the spirit of the holy gods in him. In the time of your father he was found to have insight and intelligence and wisdom like that of the gods. King Nebuchadnezzar your father-your father the king, I say-appointed him chief of the magicians, enchanters, astrologers and diviners.

THE SPIRIT OF REVELATION

Eph 1:17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

Revealed truth to apostles and prophets who preached and wrote it down
'revelation' = 'uncovering'

Paul prayed that same Holy Spirit who revealed truth to him as he wrote would help readers uncover (understand) the message he wrote.

THE WIND

2 Peter 1:21 For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Picture of SHIP moved by wind – how Holy Spirit moved writers

Holy Spirit 'blew' human writers of books in certain directions as they wrote



THE SPIRIT OF THE PROPHETS

1 Cor 14:32 The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets.

'spirits of the prophets' = prophetic Spirit in the prophets

But Bible writers not robots – Holy Spirit never forced against personality of writer

Human personality of writer showed through but still inspired



THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

Rev 19:10 At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

Marriage Supper of the Lamb announced to John

Holy Spirit reveals Jesus in the Scriptures - Read Bible asking Holy Spirit to reveal Jesus to you

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

John 14:16-17 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

John 16:13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

Holy Spirit is God, thus TRUE

That's part of being HOLY Spirit is that He is truth

Doesn't speak of self, focuses on Jesus

ILLUMINATION – work of Holy Spirit in us as we read/study Bible

Satan and demons are lying, deceiving spirits

Mislead by masquerading as the Spirit of God

Thus we must 'test the spirits' (1 John 4:1-4) – ask them what they believe about Jesus



The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me. Martin Luther

II. HOW KNOWING AUTHOR HELPS INTERPRET THE BIBLE

Nothing is more dangerous than to put a wedge between the Word and the Spirit, to emphasize either one at the expense of the other. It is the Spirit and the Word, the Spirit upon the Word, and the Spirit in us as we read the Word.



THE PRINCIPLE OF THE AUTHOR/GOD

If believe Bible is inspired Word of God will approach it differently than if just see it as old lit

Before reading always ask Author, Holy Spirit, to help teach His book to you

If have author of book sitting with you while reading book want to ask Him questions

Ps 119:18 Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

THE PRINCIPLE OF THE AUTHOR/TEACHER

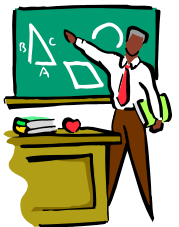
Most books today are by those who teach – compile notes into book form

When teacher assigns a book he has written as text, read it differently than pick up at library

Instead read it thoughtfully, eager to understand every word

Read Bible as students read teacher's textbook

- read Bible before reading books about the Bible
- read with open mind, as if for first time, drop all preconceived ideas
- read carefully, thoughtfully, as if one Paul (etc) wrote it to
- notice precise words Holy Spirit chose to use and ask Him why



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'examine' = investigate, inquire, scrutinize, sift
background: sifting of chaff from the grain



THE PRINCIPLE OF THE AUTHOR/FRIEND

When we read a book written by a friend we want to read all of it, every day

Then read it again

Every part important, all parts teach something about Jesus

When read a book by a friend want to make sure we don't miss any parts, misinterpret it, etc

When read a book by a friend want to think of friend while reading it, talk @ it with him, mull over it, meditate on it, etc.

THE PRINCIPLE OF THE AUTHOR/HELPER

Sometimes go to good seminar, stumble upon special speaker or book, hear someone on James Dobson, etc – want to get all of their stuff you can, read & digest it

Read those books/listen to those tapes differently

Not detached, etc

But personally involved, how does this apply to me, stop & mull it over, make notes,

Reread and apply notes, pray about things, etc

Take this as if personally being counseled by author of books/tapes

Holy Spirit key to understanding and applying all of this



DAILY DEVOTIONS

WEEK 9

DAY 1

2 Thess 2:7 For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the One who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.

We are familiar with the electronic tags attached to clothing and other items for the purpose of detecting shoplifters. If this device is tampered with in any way, or if someone tries to steal an item from the store, a loud bell sounds and the thief is caught in the very act of committing his crime.



Sin always sounds an alarm in the ears of God. Nothing escapes His attention. He notes every disobedient thought, word, and deed. The only way to avoid being caught by the alerting "tag" is to shun all forms of evil and resist every temptation. Otherwise God's "condemning bell" will ring -- if not in this life, then in the day of judgment.

Listen for God's alarm ringing in your heart now. Is His Spirit pointing out any sin to your conscience?

PRAY: Confess any sin that is being pointed out in your life (1 John 1:9). Put it under the blood of Jesus. Ask God to keep showing you whenever you even come close to committing a sin. Ask Him to convict you loudly and clearly so you can keep clean from sin. Thank Him for His Spirit that does this work, or we'd always live in sin.

DAY 2

John 16:6-11 But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send

him to you. 8 When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; 10 in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11 and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

As an Indian evangelist was preaching, a flippant youth interrupted him. "You tell me about the burden of sin. I feel none. How heavy is it? Eighty pounds? Ten pounds?" The preacher answered: "Tell me, if you laid four hundred pounds' weight on a corpse, would it feel the load?" "No, because it is dead," replied the youth. The preacher said: "That spirit, too, is dead which feels no load of sin."

Thank God that He does convict you of sin, that you do feel a load. If you don't feel any load of sin, ask Him to make your spirit alive so you can feel and remove your sin.

PRAY: Ask God to remove any load of sin you feel, then accept His forgiveness (Psalm 103). Thank Him that you can have your sins removed. Be alert to when you feel the load of sin, then confess it and remove it.

DAY 3

Mark 3:29 But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin."

Late in the last century a great fire gained the upper hand in Virginia's famous jungle, the Dismal Swamp. Careless hunters caused it. The fire gained rapid

headway, the undergrowth and frost-bitten shrubbery being devoured by the greedy flames. Clouds of dense smoke covered the horizon. So wide-sweeping was the fiery storm that hundreds of animals, bear, fox, deer, and multitudes of smaller animals were driven out of the jungle to be slaughtered by eager hunters.



That is what the Holy Spirit does in the life of one whom He is convicting. It could be an unbeliever, who needs salvation. It may be a believer, who needs reviving. In each case He moves through, sweeping out all sin, hidden and otherwise, before Him. When these sins are driving into the light they can be destroyed by the redeeming grace of Jesus Christ.

PRAY: Ask God to do this work in your heart this day. Ask Him to bring to light every hidden sin, to drive it out so it can be destroyed by the blood of Jesus.

DAY 4

Heb 9:13-14 The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. 14 How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

Men often judge spiritual power by outward display and noisy demonstrations, but the silent forces of the Holy Spirit are little understood or appreciated. Yet through them the Lord does His mighty and important work. The silent way is God's way! It is predominant in all of the great operations of nature and grace. Gravitation works silently; and the greatest trees grow noiselessly. Evaporation, which takes up

three billion tons of water every minute – enough to supply all the rivers of the world – works quietly. God's spiritual power too is best displayed not in the fire and in the earthquake, but in the "still small voice." To His humble, yet willing servants here below, God "increases strength" (Isaiah 40:29) and despite their weakness, unleashes through them the silent force of His omnipotence!



Workmen in stone quarries often find a very hard kind of rock which is extremely difficult to break. They pick little grooves in it for iron wedges, and then with great sledge hammers seek by these to crack the flinty material. Yet many times they still find it impossible to divide the solid mass. Then there is only one thing left to do. The iron shims are removed, and little wooden ones of a very hard fiber are inserted. These are first thoroughly moisturized, and after they have been inserted, water is constantly kept upon them. No sledge then is needed to drive them further into the resisting stone, for eventually these fiber wedges do what the driven iron chisels never could accomplish. The damp wood swells and the granite heart of the rock, unable to withstand the silent influence, bursts asunder! So in the spiritual realm what noise and visible effort often fails to do, the quiet power of the Holy Spirit accomplishes. Oh, for a deeper understanding and appreciation of the silent forces of God!

Is there a sin, a habit, a pattern in your life that God is silently working on to break? Can you feel His Spirit gently but firmly moving against it until it gives way and breaks?

PRAY: Thank Him for His silent but steady work to break you of sin's hold in your life. Ask Him to continue that work. Maybe there is a loved one you have been praying for whose heart seems hard to sin. Pray that God's Spirit would gently but firmly break that hardness and reveal their sin so they can accept God's free gift of salvation.

9. HE VALIDATES SALVATION

I. FROM GOD'S SIDE

THE ETERNAL SPIRIT

Heb 9:13-14 The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. 14 How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!



Holy Spirit's priestly role in intercession for the unsaved.

OT, priest took blood of animal and offer it to God for atonement (picture of coming atonement)
Holy Spirit does same thing, in effect offering work of Jesus on cross for unbeliever's forgiveness

As God the Father, Holy Spirit without beginning or end

Us can't comprehend, live within limits of time and space, finite minds can't understand
God alone is "from everlasting to everlasting" Psalm 90:2

ETERNAL – Jesus died at one specific point on time line of history but work affected every moment in time from eternity past to eternity future

BEFORE CRUCIFIXION – sins temporarily set aside until paid for

"The Lamb that was slain from the foundation of the world" Rev 13:8

(throw rug illustration)

AFTER CRUCIFIXION – all sins covered by work in past on cross

ETERNAL = greater than death, superior to death

Death of Jesus at one moment in time has eternal consequences

PAST – lamb slain from the foundation of the world

FUTURE – results continue forever, never fade or run out

RESULTS TO US:

cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death

psychologists, etc, pay anything for guilt gone, clean conscience

ONLY way it would happen is by salvation

so that we may serve the living God!

When enslaved to sin couldn't serve the living God, now we can!

THE GIFT OF GOD

Acts 2:38 *Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."*

Eph 4:10-11 *It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers,*

John 4:10 *Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."*

Acts 8:20 *Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money!"*

Holy Spirit as the gift of eternal life to the unsaved
GIFT freely given, nothing to earn or deserve it



THE SPIRIT OF HIM WHO RAISED UP JESUS

Rom 8:10-11 *And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.*

Jesus didn't use His own power for resurrection, but let HOLY SPIRIT do it
We don't have power of our own to bring self back to life, must let same Spirit do it
If He did it to Jesus, with all our sins, will do it to us, too.

As Jesus physically rose from dead, we will one day physically rise, too
-at Rapture (alive or bodies if already dead)

HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN ASSURES US THAT WE WILL BE RAISED, TOO
Rom 8:23 *Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.*



JEWISH FEAST OF FIRSTFRUITS when first crops ripened, taken to temple/God

1. reminded them that everything they had came from God alone, thank Him
2. demonstrated faith in future coming greater harvest, complete and full, total

Holy Spirit in us like that

What we receive from Holy Spirit now great! – but only foretaste of full harvest to come
Full harvest – with God in heaven

Holy Spirit within now a guarantee that 'this is just the start, much greater coming'
These bodies age, weaken – coming future body much greater than this!

II. FROM MAN'S SIDE

HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS IN SALVATION

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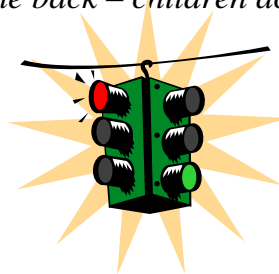
2 Thess 2:7 *For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the One who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.*



Like a CROSSING GUARD that protects children on their way to elementary school, he helps by holding back harm and danger

Like when a PARENT enters room and sits quietly in the back – children act better

As bad as world is, would be much worse without HS
– like in TRIBULATION when HS removed at rapture



REPROVE, CONVICT

John 16:6-11 *But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; 10 in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11 and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.*

Like a PROSECUTING ATTORNEY who helps the state prove a case of wrongdoing

People must realize they are LOST before can be SAVED
HS convicts people of their sins

“CONVICT” = (Latin) ‘cause to see’ – to see our sin & need of Him

9 in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me;

convicts of SIN – which they are guilty of since they don't believe in Jesus
greatest sin – not believing in Jesus



10 in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer;

convicts of RIGHTEOUSNESS – man unrighteous compared to Holy Jesus/God
HE is our standard, the one we are to measure self against – always fail

11 and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

Convicts of JUDGMENT – sin judged on cross, Satan defeated
ALL sin deserves judgment, none worse than any other, none less than any other
If not accept judgment on cross, will pay for own sin ourselves

Holy spirit like a REAL ESTATE AGENT – shows benefits, convinces of need and this meets it, shows how to make it theirs (where to sign)

CONSEQUENCES OF RESISTING THE HOLY SPIRIT'S CONVICTION

Mark 3:29 But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin."

Attributing the works of Jesus, as Holy Spirit reveals Him and convicts of sin,
to power of Satan

Only sin that keeps man from heaven is UNBELIEF
All other sins paid for on cross



APPLICATION TO BELIEVERS:

On rare occasions, we hear of people who are convicted of crimes they have not committed. After they are arrested, they are identified by an eyewitness. On the strength of that eyewitness account, a jury finds them guilty and they are sentenced. Sometimes other evidence later reveals the eyewitness' mistake and the conviction is reversed.

In such cases, the convicted person never admits his or her guilt. To do so would be a lie! But when a person is convicted of sin by the Holy Spirit, it is a different story. First of all, the Holy Spirit never makes a mistake. So if the Holy Spirit convicts you of sin, you are guilty! Not only so, you also admit your guilt. You see, conviction by the Holy Spirit involves how you feel in your heart.

When King David sinned by committing adultery with Bathsheba, he had her husband murdered to cover up his adultery. But God used Nathan the prophet to convict David of his sin. David threw himself on the mercy of God and cried, "Create in me a clean heart, Oh God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Thy presence, and do not take Thy Holy Spirit from me" (Psalm 51:10-11). David sinned. But when the Holy Spirit convicted him, he fell before God to beg forgiveness. David wanted a right relationship with God. You see, conviction by the Holy Spirit not only involves admitting your guilt, it also compels you to turn away from your sin with a desire to lead a new life.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

WEEK 10

DAY 1

Eph 2:5, 8 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-it is by grace you have been saved. ... For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-

After hearing the gospel explained, people often say, "You mean there's nothing I can do to deserve it? That's too easy." It seems natural for people to object to the idea that God's unmerited favor can be given so freely to unworthy sinners. Many find it difficult to trust a God who offers salvation as a free gift.

Bible teacher G. Campbell Morgan told of a coal miner who came to him and said, "I would give anything to believe that God would forgive my sins, but I cannot believe that He will forgive them if I just ask Him. It is too cheap." Morgan said, "My dear friend, have you been working today?" "Yes, I was down in the mine." "How did you get out of the pit? Did you pay?" "Of course not. I just got into to cage and was pulled to the top." "Were you not afraid to entrust yourself to that cage? Was it not too cheap?" Morgan asked. "Oh no," said the miner, "it was cheap for me, but it cost the company a lot of money to sink the shaft." Suddenly the truth struck him. What had not cost him anything -- salvation -- had not come cheap to God. This miner had never thought of the great price God paid to send His Son so He could rescue fallen humanity. Now he realized that all anyone had to do was to "get into the cage" by faith.

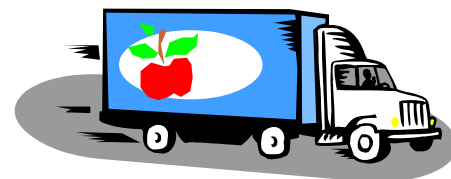
Salvation is a free gift. Planned by God the Father (Eph 1:3-6), Paid for by God the Son (Eph 1:7-12) and Applied by God the Holy Spirit (Eph 1:13-14).

PRAY: Thank God for your free salvation. Pray for someone you know who needs this free gift. Ask for God's Spirit to minister to them so they see their need for salvation.

DAY 2

Eph 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

The trucking industry has an interesting example of the sealing of the



Spirit. When a truck is fully loaded and ready for its run, a plastic seal is put around the lock on the door. This seal cannot be broken before the truck reaches its destination without the penalty off loss of one's job. This is similar to the sealing of the Spirit. The seal of the Spirit cannot be broken before the Christian reaches his heavenly destination.

PRAY: Thank God for your guarantee of salvation. Make sure you have no fear or doubts about the future. You're as good as in heaven already – praise Him for that!

DAY 3

Rom 8:2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

One day I was in my office, when my old friend Jack dropped by. He was in a desperate situation, had just been through a divorce, and owed a \$50,000 debt, due in a few days or his house and assets would be seized. On top of that, he had lost his job and didn't even have enough money for daily necessities. Because I loved Jack, I decided to do two things:



I offered Jack a job. I told him that at least he would have some income for daily necessities. I offered to loan Jack the \$50,000. I said, "Jack, I do have \$50,000 but it is my entire life savings. I am willing to loan it to you if you promise to pay

me back. When you get your paycheck you can begin to make me some kind of payments." Jack was thrilled and promised to do so. Jack made a few payments and then the problem began. I don't know what Jack does with his money but he certainly didn't fulfill his promise to pay me. How do you tend to act around someone, when you owe them and don't pay them or can't pay them? Do you call them up on the telephone and say, "Let's have lunch! or Let's play golf tomorrow!" No, you do everything possible to avoid them. In other words, you don't want to hang around a person to whom you owe a debt. Jack couldn't look me in the face. So one day he just didn't show up for work. I later heard that he had taken a boat late at night and had gone to South America. I like Jack and wish we could be friends. In fact, I would like to have him work for me again.

Cliff, another friend of both Jack and myself had heard about the \$50,000 that had ruined our relationship. Being a wealthy man, Cliff offered to pay Jack's debt so that we might be reconciled. So he payed me and the debt is cleared. Now as far as my "accounts receivable" is concerned, it is clear. The problem is, Jack doesn't know it. So Debbie, another friend of ours, gets on a boat and goes to South America and finds Jack. "Jack," she says, "I've got good news for you! Cliff has paid off your debt, Don has written it off his books, you don't owe a thing! Don says he even wants you to come back and work for him."

Now what are Jack's choices? How many ways can he respond? Jack could say, "No. I don't believe it. It's a trap. Don's

just saying that to get me back on U.S. soil so he can have me arrested." Jack could deny he owed the debt. He could say, "Don is a crook and is trying to get money that I don't owe." It is an insult to tell someone to pay a debt that they don't owe. Jack could say, "Really! You mean the debt is over, I can go back to the people that care about me and get on with my life? The answer is "Yes! Come on back."

The point of this parable is this: The gospel message of Jesus Christ is good news. Jesus paid the debt of sin for the whole human race. But the world doesn't know it. When you pick up a newspaper you are reading about things that have already happened. God has done something that is to be shared as good news. Christ has died for your sins. The burden is not on you to fix the problem. Don't deny the debt of your sins, rather come back to the Saviour that has paid the price to bring you back into friendship with the Living God.



Salvation is an accomplished fact that has already been purchased by the death of the Saviour. Your part is only to "come

back" and accept the mercy of a loving Saviour. Can you see that salvation is by Grace? It's all based upon what God has done for you. He has paid the debt of our sins so that we may have eternal life and a right relationship with Him.

Would you like to come back (we've all gone astray), and receive this gift of right standing with God? The Scriptures say, that "they which receive the abundance of grace (God's kindness) and the gift of righteousness (right standing before God) shall reign in life..."(Romans 5:17).

10. HE APPLIES SALVATION

HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS IN SALVATION

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REGENERATION

Greek word Tetelestai, which in our version of the Scripture is translated, "It is finished." Archaeologists have repeatedly found its Latin equivalent, consummatum est, scrawled across tax receipts used in those days, indicating it also meant "paid," A renowned Presbyterian professor has conjectured that many standing near the cross probably interpreted the Savior's words as having that connotation. With sin's account settled, our debt of guilt was indeed wiped out!

Titus 3:5-6 *He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,*

Holy Spirit is like an INTERIOR DECORATOR who renews an old room, making it new

the washing of rebirth – past sins removed by the blood of Jesus

and renewal by the Holy Spirit – Holy Spirit indwells to give victory over present sin

poured out on us generously – receiving Holy Spirit at moment of salvation

Rebirth = 'regeneration' – technical term for being BORN AGAIN

"Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" John 3:5

= NEW LIFE -quantity of life – eternal

-quality of life – God's life, not our own

HOLY SPIRIT the one who does this work in us at Salvation

SPIRIT OF GRACE

Eph 2:5, 8 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-it is by grace you have been saved. ... For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-

Grace is the unmerited favor of God toward the repentant sinner

God's
Riches
At
Christ's
Expense

Holy Spirit brings us to salvation by grace – He applies the grace to us

The Spirit of Grace is the channel through which God's unmerited favor is applied to the believer at conversion

REJECTING THAT GRACE = JUDGMENT!

Heb 10:26-31

26 If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, 27 but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. 28 Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know him who said, "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," and again, "The Lord will judge his people." 31 It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

HEBREWS: Jews who heard about Jesus but wanted to go back to Judaism for salvation

Too late after heard of Jesus

Go back to law, turn back on Spirit of Grace, then under Law with its penalty

ONE DAY ALL ISRAEL WILL REPENT AND TURN TO GOD FOR GRACE

Zech 12:10 "And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.

SAME SPIRIT OF FAITH

2 Cor 4:13 It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak,

We can't be saved without FAITH (Eph 2:8-9)

Holy Spirit works within us to show us need (convict) and put FAITH in our hearts to respond

Faith a gift of the Holy Spirit (I Cor 12:9)

Also as we grow spiritually and develop our relationship with the Spirit of Faith, we increase in our faith as we live by the faith of God (Rom 1:17; Gal 2:20)

Rom 1:17 *For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."*

Gal 2:20 *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

A NEW SPIRIT

Ezek 11:19 *I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.*

In the act of salvation God makes us a new creation, thru Holy Spirit

OT prophets looked forward to day when salvation complete

Jeremiah about new covenant

Hosea, Micah, etc day when God's forgiveness complete

Amos, Zechariah, etc saw this as time when Israel regathered, Messiah on throne

Ezekiel tells about that time

heart of stone = hard, unresponsive to God

heart of flesh = soft, sensitive to God (Holy Spirit working within)

VISUAL: paper tear – broken heart by sin restored whole by Holy Spirit

Hebrews 8-10 says those coming blessings for Israel are now ours in Jesus

Still will be fulfilled in them later, now ours

We cannot change our own hearts/nature, no one can change us, God will do it!

Does it by LEAVING old heart (sin nature)

ADDING NEW HEART (Holy Spirit in at moment of salvation)

HOLY SPIRIT 'CIRCUMCISES' OUR HEART TO MAKE IT NEW

Rom 2:29

29 *No, a man is a Jew if he is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a man's praise is not from men, but from God.*

(this also mentioned in Philippians 3:3; Col 2:22-12)

circumcision – cutting away of the flesh

physically on penis

spiritually softening hard heart

physical circumcision marks a man physically with an outward sign of relationship to God
spiritual circumcision marks a man spiritually with inner sign – desire to love & obey God

NOT going thru motions of circumcision, baptism, church membership, etc
BUT by inner change in heart, brought by God's Spirit

RESULTS OF RECEIVING HOLY SPIRIT AT SALVATION

2 Cor 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

210 Things that are True of Me Now that I am Saved

1. My salvation is fully accomplished - John 19:30.
2. I have eternal life as a present possession - John 5:24; 6:47; 1 John 5:11-13.
3. I have Jesus Christ as my present possession - 1 John 5:12.
4. I know the one, true God - John 17:3; 1 John 2:3; 5:20.
5. I have been saved by His grace - Eph. 2:1-10.
6. I have been justified by His grace - Titus 3:7.
7. I have passed from death unto life - John 5:24; 1 John 3:14.
8. I have been quickened by God - Eph. 2:1,5; Col. 2:13.
9. I have been made fit for heaven - Col. 1:12.
10. I have the forgiveness of sins - Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14.
11. My sins have been taken away - John 1:29; Heb. 9:26; 1 John 3:5.
12. My sins have been completely purged - Heb. 1:3.
13. My sins will never be remembered by God - Heb. 8:12; 10:17.
14. My name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life - Phil. 4:3
15. My life is hid with in God - Col. 3:3
16. I have been forgiven all trespasses - Col. 2:13; 1 John 2:12.
17. I have been fully justified - Rom. 4:5; 8:30; 1 Cor. 6:11; Gal. 2:16; Tit. 3:7.
18. I am reconciled to God - 2 Cor. 5:18,19; Col. 1:20.
19. I am made nigh by the blood of Christ - Eph. 2:13.
20. I am redeemed through His blood - 1 Pet. 1:18,19; Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14.
21. I am redeemed from the curse of the law - Gal. 3:13.
22. I am redeemed from all iniquity - Titus 2:14.
23. I am bought with a price - 1 Cor. 6:20; 7:23.
24. I am delivered from so great a death - 2 Cor. 1:10.
25. I have been delivered from this present evil world - Gal. 1:4.
26. I have been delivered from the power of darkness - Col. 1:13.
27. I have been delivered from the wrath to come - 1 Thess. 1:10.
28. I will not come into condemnation or judgment - John 5:24; Rom. 8:1.
29. I am a child of God - John 1:12; Rom. 8:16; Gal. 3:26; 1 John 3:1,2.
30. I am a son of God - Gal. 4:5-7.
31. I belong to Jesus Christ - Gal. 3:29; 5:24.
32. I have been adopted - Gal. 4:5; Rom. 8:15,23.
33. I am an heir of God and joint-heir with Christ - Rom. 8:17; Tit. 3:7.
34. I am an heir of the grace of life - 1 Pet. 3:7.
35. All things are mine - 1 Cor. 3:21-23.



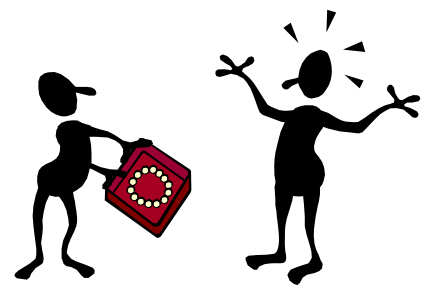
36. I possess all things - 2 Cor. 6:10.
37. I will inherit all things - Rev. 21:7.
38. I am enriched by Christ in everything - 1 Cor. 1:5; 2 Cor. 9:11.
39. I am a fellow-heir - Eph. 3:6.
40. I am rich because of Christ - 2 Cor. 8:9; Rev. 2:9.
41. I am blessed with every spiritual blessing - Eph. 1:3.
42. I have obtained an inheritance - Eph. 1:11,14; Heb. 1:14; 9:15; 1 Pet. 1:4.
43. I have been appointed to obtain salvation - 1 Thess. 5:9; Heb. 1:14.
44. I am His inheritance - Eph. 1:18.
45. I am a partaker of His promise in Christ by the gospel - Eph. 3:6.
46. I am a new creature in Christ - 2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 2:10; 4:24; Col. 3:10.
47. I have been renewed by the Holy Spirit - Tit. 3:5.
48. I am accepted and highly favored in the Beloved - Eph. 1:6.
49. I am seated in heavenly places in Christ - Eph. 2:6.
50. I am to the praise of His glory - Eph. 1:6,12.
51. I am light in the Lord - Eph. 5:8.
52. I am a child of light - Eph. 5:8; 1 Thess. 5:5.
53. I am a "peculiar person": God's special, purchased possession - Tit. 2:14; 1 Pet. 2:9.
54. I am a priest who can offer spiritual sacrifices - Heb. 13:15,16; 1 Pet. 2:5,9; Rev. 1:6; 5:10; 20:6.
55. I am a king who will reign - Rev. 1:6; 5:10; 20:6.
56. I am privileged to have fellowship with the Father and with the Son- 1 John 1:3.
57. I dwell in Christ - John 6:56; 1 John 3:24; 4:13,15,16.
58. Christ dwells in me - John 6:56; Gal. 2:20; 1 John 3:24; 4:12-16.
59. I am in Christ - John 14:20; 2 Cor. 5:17.
60. Christ is in me - John 14:20; Col. 1:27; 1 John 4:4.
61. The Spirit of God dwells in me - Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 3:16; Eph. 2:21,22.
62. I am not in the flesh but in the Spirit - Rom. 8:9.
63. My "earthen vessel" houses a great Treasure - 2 Cor. 4:7.
64. My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit - 1 Cor. 6:19.
65. I have the gift and earnest of the Holy Spirit - 2 Cor. 1:22; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 1:13,14; 1 Thess. 4:8; 1 John 3:24; 4:13.
66. I have an anointing (unction) from the Holy One - 1 John 2:20,27.
67. I have an anchor for my soul, both sure and steadfast - Heb. 6:19
68. I am one of the called of Jesus Christ - Rom. 1:6; 8:28-30; Jude 1; Rev. 17:14.
69. I have been called unto the fellowship of God's Son - 1 Cor. 1:9.
70. I have been called unto eternal glory - 1 Pet. 5:10.
71. I have been called with a holy calling - 2 Tim. 1:9.
72. I am a partaker of the high, heavenly calling - Phil. 3:14; Heb. 3:1.
73. I have been called out of darkness into His marvelous light - 1 Pet. 2:9.
74. God foreknew me - Rom. 8:29; 1 Pet. 1:2.
75. God predestined me to be conformed to Christ's image - Rom. 8:29; Eph. 1:5,11.
76. I have already been glorified according to God's mind and purpose - Rom. 8:30.
77. I am eternally secure in God's love - Rom. 8:38,39.
78. I am chosen in Christ - Eph. 1:4; Col. 3:12; 1 Thess. 1:4; 1 Pet. 2:9; Rev. 17:14.
79. I am complete in Christ - Col. 2:10.
80. I am beloved of God - Col. 3:12; 2 Thess. 2:13.
81. I am chastened and disciplined by my Heavenly Father - Heb. 12:6,7.
82. I am part of that group that Christ is not ashamed to call His "brethren" and "friends" - Heb. 2:11; John 15:14,15.



83. I am a child of Abraham - Gal. 3:7.
84. I am Abraham's seed - Gal. 3:29.
85. I enjoy the blessing of Abraham - Gal. 3:9.
86. I am a child of promise - Gal. 4:28,31.
87. I am faithful - Rev. 17:14.
88. I am a sheep in His flock - Luke 12:32; Heb. 13:20; 1 Pet. 2:25.
89. I am a member in His body - 1 Cor. 10:17; Eph. 3:6; 4:25; 5:30.
90. I am a stone in His building - Eph. 2:20-22; Heb. 3:6; 1 Pet. 2:5.
91. I am a branch in His vine - John 15:1-7.
92. I am a child of His kingdom - Matt. 13:38; Mark 10:14,15; Luke 17:21.
93. I am born again into His family - John 1:12,13; James 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:3,23; 2:2; 1 John 5:1.
94. I am one of God's people because He graciously claims me as His own - 1 Pet. 2:10; Rev. 21:7.
95. I am a fellow citizen with the saints - Eph. 2:19.
96. I was baptized into Jesus Christ - Rom. 6:3; 1 Cor. 12:12-13 Gal. 3:27.
97. I was identified with Christ in His death - Rom. 6:3-6,8-11; 2 Cor. 5:14; Col. 2:12,20; 3:3.
98. I was identified with Christ in His resurrection - Rom. 6:5,8,11; 2 Cor. 5:15; Gal. 2:20; Col. 2:12; 3:1.
99. I am dead to sin - Rom. 6:2.
100. My "old man" was crucified with Christ - Rom. 6:6; Gal. 2:20
101. I have crucified the flesh with its affections and lusts - Gal. 5:24.
102. I am alive unto God - Rom. 6:11,13; Gal. 2:19,20.
103. Christ is my life - Phil. 1:21; Col. 3:4.
104. I can walk in newness of life - Rom. 6:4.
105. I can serve in newness of spirit - Rom. 7:6.
106. I can live unto righteousness - 1 Pet. 2:24.
107. I died to the law - Rom. 7:4; Gal. 2:19.
108. I am delivered from the law - Rom. 7:6.
109. I am not under the law but under grace - Rom. 6:14.
110. I have God's laws written in my heart - Heb. 10:16.
111. I am married to Jesus Christ - Rom. 7:4.
112. I am a partaker of Christ - Heb. 3:14.
113. I am identified with Christ in His suffering - 2 Tim. 2:12; Phil. 1:29; 1 Pet. 2:20; 4:12,13; 1 Thess. 3:3; Rom. 8:18; Col. 1:24.
114. The knowledge of God is made known by me - 2 Cor. 2:14.
115. The savor (aroma) of Christ is made known by me - 2 Cor. 2:15,16.
116. I am an epistle of Christ - 2 Cor. 3:3.
117. I am being changed into Christ's glorious image - 2 Cor. 3:18.
118. I am being perfected - Phil. 1:6.
119. My inward man is being renewed day by day - 2 Cor. 4:16.
120. I have put on Christ - Gal. 3:27.
121. I am not of the world - John 17:14,16.
122. The world is crucified unto me - Gal. 6:14.
123. I am crucified unto the world - Gal. 6:14.
124. I am separated unto the gospel of God - Rom. 1:1.
125. I am sanctified in Christ Jesus - 1 Cor. 1:2; 6:11; Heb. 10:10; Jude 1.
126. I am holy - Col. 3:12; Heb. 3:1; 1 Pet. 2:9; Rev. 20:6.
127. I am clothed in His righteousness - Rev. 19:18.
128. I am a saint - 1 Cor. 1:2; Phil. 1:1; Col. 1:2; Rom. 1:7.
129. I am faultless in Christ - Eph. 5:27; Col. 1:22; Jude 24.



130. I am perfected forever - Heb. 10:14.
131. I am not my own - 1 Cor. 6:19.
132. I am called unto holiness - 1 Thess. 4:7.
133. I am a citizen of heaven - Phil. 3:20.
134. I am a stranger and pilgrim who is not at home in this world - Heb. 11:13; 1 Pet. 2:11.
135. I have been translated into the kingdom of the Son of His love - Col. 1:13.
136. I am circumcised in my heart - Col. 2:11; Phil 3:3 (cf. Dt. 10:16).
137. My faithful God will sanctify me wholly - 1 Thess. 5:23,24.
138. My faithful God will keep me from evil - 2 Thess. 3:3; 2 Tim. 4:18.
139. Christ has made me free, free indeed - John 8:32,36; Gal. 5:1; 1 Cor. 7:22.
140. Jesus Christ is my Deliverer - Rom. 7:24,25.
141. I am free from sin - Rom. 6:7,18,22.
142. The law of the Spirit of Life has made me free from the law of sin and death - Rom. 8:2.
143. I am God's servant /slave - Rom. 6:22.
144. I am Christ's servant/slave - 1 Cor. 7:22.
145. I am a servant/slave of righteousness - Rom. 6:18.
146. I have been called unto liberty - Gal. 5:13.
147. I have the mind of Christ - 1 Cor. 2:16.
148. I have a sound mind - 2 Tim. 1:7.
149. Christ has given me an understanding - 1 John 5:20.
150. I have the righteousness of Christ - 2 Cor. 5:21.
151. I have all sufficiency in all things - 2 Cor. 9:8.
152. I have all things that pertain to life and godliness - 2 Pet. 1:3.
153. I can ever be content for I have Christ - Heb. 13:5.
154. I have all the armor and weapons I need - 2 Cor. 10:4; Eph. 6:10-17.
155. I have God's all-sufficient grace - 2 Cor. 12:9.
156. I have grace to help in time of need - Heb. 4:16.
157. I have God's power - Eph. 1:19; 3:20.
158. I have access to the Father - Eph. 2:18; Heb. 4:16.
159. I have a great High Priest - Heb. 2:17,18; 3:1; 4:14-16; 8:1; 10:21.
160. I have an unfailing Intercessor - Heb. 7:25; 9:24; Rom. 8:34.
161. I have a righteous Advocate with the Father for times when I sin - 1 John 2:1.
162. I have peace with God - Rom. 5:1.
163. Christ is my peace - Eph. 2:14.
164. I have rest for my soul - Matt. 11:28,29; Heb. 4:9.
165. I am led by the Spirit of God - Rom. 8:14.
166. I am enabled during trials and temptations - 1 Cor. 10:13.
167. I am given assurance by the Spirit - Rom. 8:16; Heb. 6:18.
168. I am given comfort by God - 2 Cor. 1:3-7.
169. I am tranquilized by His peace - Phil. 4:7.
170. I am freely given truth and knowledge by the Spirit - 1 Cor. 2:12.
171. I am not distressed - 2 Cor. 4:8.
172. I am not in despair - 2 Cor. 4:8.
173. I am not forsaken - 2 Cor. 4:9.
174. I am not in darkness - 1 Thess. 5:4.
175. God is my Sufficiency - 2 Cor. 3:5.
176. God is my Strength - 2 Cor. 12:9,10; Phil. 4:13.
177. God is my Helper - Heb. 13:6.
178. I belong to a Sovereign God who works all things together for my good - Rom. 8:28.
179. All things are for my sake - 2 Cor. 4:15.



180. My God is for me - Rom. 8:31.
181. My every need is supplied - Phil. 4:19.
182. I am a laborer together with Christ - 1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor. 6:1.
183. I am His workmanship - Eph. 2:10.
184. God works in me - Phil. 2:13; Heb. 13:21.
185. God's Word works in me - 1 Thess. 2:13.
186. I am sealed by God - 2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:13.
187. I am on the Rock, Christ Jesus - Matt. 16:18; 1 Cor. 3:11.
188. I am established securely in Christ - 2 Cor. 1:21; 2 Thess. 3:3.
189. I am kept by the power of God - 1 Pet. 1:5.
190. I am preserved in Jesus Christ - Jude 1.
191. I am kept from falling - Jude 24.
192. I have a building of God eternal in the heavens - 2 Cor. 5:1.
193. My name is forever written in heaven - Luke 10:20.
194. I am more than a conqueror: a super-conqueror - Rom. 8:37.
195. I have victory through Christ - 1 Cor. 15:57.
196. I have overcome the world - 1 John 5:4,5.
197. I always triumph in Christ - 2 Cor. 2:14.
198. I am indwelt by the victorious Christ who is greater than Satan - 1 John 4:4.
199. Satan cannot touch me - 1 John 5:18.
200. I have a living hope - 1 Pet. 1:3.
201. I have a glorious future - Rom. 8:18; 2 Thess. 2:14.
202. I have been given eternal encouragement and good hope through grace- 2 Thess. 2:16.
203. I will be given a new body just like Christ's glorified body - Phil. 3:20-21.
204. I will be preserved unto His heavenly kingdom - 2 Tim. 4:18.
205. I am receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved - Heb. 12:28.
206. I have a place reserved in heaven for me - John 14:2,3; 1 Pet. 1:4.
207. I will not be hurt of the second death - Rev. 2:11; 20:6.
208. I will have a new name - Rev. 2:17; 3:12.
209. I will sit with Christ in His throne - Rev. 3:21.
210. I will be with my God forever - Rev. 21:3,4.

SPIRIT OF LIFE

Rom 8:2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

BEFORE salvation we are dead in our trespasses and sin (Eph 2:1)

When saved then 'alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Rom 6:11)

The Spirit of Life is what gives us LIFE

Gave life to death at creation (Gen 1:2)

Gave physical life to Jesus' dead body (Rom 8:1-13)

Free – key word, God saves us to give us FREEDOM

Us bound in chains of sin and death, then set free because of Jesus on cross

Holy Spirit is the One who comes with the Key to open the lock and set us free

Freedom is from bondage to sin, not free to sin/do whatever we want

Now free to OBEY, SERVE God, before unable to do that, bound to sin

HOLY SPIRIT BREATHE ON ISRAEL AND ALL COME TO LIFE

Ezek 37:1-10

37:1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2 He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. 3 He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

4 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! 5 This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. 6 I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. 8 I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet-a vast army.

SPIRIT OF ADOPTION

Rom 8:15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

ADOPTION placed one in family as legal heir, made them a son, thus SONSHIP

WE ARE IN GOD'S FAMILY BY:

BIRTH – regeneration, new birth, born into family

ADOPTION – chosen to be heir, legally made heir

REGENERATION	ADOPTION
Born Again	Placed as Sons
Become a Child	Becoming a Son
Experiential	Legal
Receive God's nature	Receive Rights as Heirs

Can call God FATHER, ABBA (DADDY)

INDWELLING

1 Cor 6:19 *Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;*

Holy Spirit is like an APARTMENT MANAGER, one who comes to live in the complex to protect it, making sure all the equipment is functioning.

EDEN God walked & talked with man – always His intention
Shekinah Glory among the people
Tabernacle, temple – dwelt in Holy of Holies
Jesus – God dwelling among man
Now dwells IN us
WE are the temple He dwells in, like temple in OT



SEALING

Eph 4:30 *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

Seal = guarantee (ring in hot wax, like notary public seal)

Holy Spirit in us guarantees God signed our salvation with the blood of Jesus – eternally secure
(more about this in 2 sessions - # 12)

PRINCIPLES ARISING FROM THESE SAVING NAMES

THE PRINCIPLE OF COMPLETE PROVISION

Child goes to camp trusting MOM PACKED ALL HE NEEDED to have good, safe time

God's provision in salvation is complete

Salvation described in 131 different ways – to show how complete God's provision is

THE PRINCIPLE OF FAMILY SECURITY

Shows He is able and willing to complete what He started

Phil 1:6 *being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

Can't lose salvation – or God loses His nature and character as Savior and Provider

Nothing can separate us from God (Rom 8:33-39)

THE PRINCIPLE OF FAMILY IDENTITY

Pride/confidence in being related to some distant great relative (me William Conqueror general)

As Christians we are in GOD'S family – what could be more special?

THE PRINCIPLE OF CONTINUING SUPPORT

Never alone, always have Holy Spirit there to help and encourage us in all things

DAILY DEVOTIONS

WEEK 11

DAY 1

Acts 2:1-4 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

The Holy Spirit came on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost, which means “50” (Lev 23:16) because it was 50 days after the wave-offering of the “firstfruits” (Lev 23:10,15). Leviticus 23 describes the 7 annual feasts which God declared the people were to observe. These started with the Passover and culminated with the Feast of Tabernacles. They are also symbolic pictures showing the major events of history from eternity past to eternity future.

Pentecost was the middle, the anniversary of the giving of the law on Mount Sinai. That was accompanied by thunder, lightning and smoke (Exodus 19:16-18). When the Holy Spirit came to the upper room, there were fiery tongues and a mighty wind (Acts 2:2-3).

PRAY: Think of the day when God’s Spirit came into you (the day of your salvation). Thank God for that day and for His Spirit indwelling you.

DAY 2

Acts 10:44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message.



Donald Barnhouse writes that when he was a boy a group of fellows in his neighborhood formed the Pastime Athletic club. He said it was a big name but didn’t mean much. The boys who started it decided to initiate other fellows who wanted to join. They wanted to use his house because of its size, but when his parents found out what the initiation was, they wouldn’t let him take part. Thus he couldn’t be part of the group.

There is an initiation that must take place to put us into the Body of Christ. It is called the baptism of the Spirit. There is nothing we must do to qualify, for God does it all for us. The Spirit initiates us into this elite group, all we do is allow Him to do so by stopping rejecting salvation. What a privilege to belong to this group, and we do nothing but accept the benefits!

PRAY: You’re never alone, never rejected, never on the outside. Thank God that you are part of the most special group ever assembled – the Body of Christ. You belong. You are part of the real ‘in’ crowd. Thank and praise God for that.

DAY 3

2 Cor 3:18 And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

A story is told of a party of British sailors who landed on a frozen island in the far north. By accident they set fire to the stunted vegetation, and the flames soon left the island a bare and blackened rock. Some



years later another party visited the island and found it covered with a forest of silver birch trees that made the once barren rock “a scene of sylvan loveliness.” The fire had warmed and awakened the slumbering life in the seeds which had lain dormant for years in the grip of the arctic cold. The flames had caused the wilderness to blossom as the rose.

So does the Holy Spirit first purify and then kindle into flame the human heart. When will we learn that Jesus Christ does not destroy? He converts and transforms. He awakens, perfects and glorifies.

PRAY: Sit quiet and still for a few moments, asking God’s Spirit to purify your heart, and to set it on fire for God. Ask Him to bring to life His seeds of holiness. Thank Him for doing so.

DAY 4

1 Cor 12:13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body-whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free-and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

This is a very important verse about our relationship to the Spirit. The preposition “by” is the Greek *en*, which can take many meanings (by, with, through, etc.), depending on the context, but is most frequently and most naturally rendered simply as “in.” the baptism *in* on Spirit is the theme of this passage, teaching us that every one of the “brethren” (v. 1), those who, “speaking by the Spirit of God” have acknowledged Jesus to be their Lord (v. 3) have been “baptized into one body,” that body being nothing less than the body of Christ Himself.

This happens in every true believer at the moment of salvation. Notice it is the past tense for it is a one-time event at the moment of salvation. Being ‘filled’ (‘controlled’) is something that has to happen repeatedly, but being baptized by the Spirit is a once-in-a-lifetime event at the moment of salvation.

Baptism in the Spirit is a one-time event that places us into the Body of Christ. That makes us part of the Bride of Christ, which defines our unique love-relationship with Him for all eternity. This is only true of believers from the cross to the rapture. What a special privilege we have in this!

PRAY: Meditate on what the future holds for you as you spend all eternity as the Bride of Christ. Thank God for this.

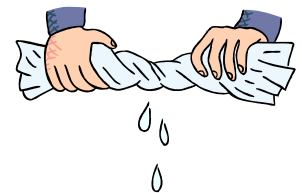
DAY 5

Eph 5:18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

John the Baptizer was the only person that Jesus referred to as being filled with the Holy Spirit. It was prophesied before he was born that he would be filled with the Holy Spirit from birth (Luke 1:15) as was Jesus (Luke 4:1).

This same power source is available to guide and help us today. John’s parents were filled (Luke 1:41, 67), as were the disciples (Acts 2:4; 4:31; 13:52), Peter (Acts 4:8), Stephen (Acts 6:5; 7:55; 11:24), Barnabas (Acts 11:24) and Paul (Acts 9:17; 13:9). One of the qualifications for being a deacon was being filled (Acts 6:3).

The word ‘filled’ is the same as ‘fulfilled’ in the Greek. Thus a Christian filled with the Spirit is like a confirmation and accomplishment of a great prediction made concerning him or her by the Lord before the world began, “chosen in Him” to be “holy and without blame before Him in love” (Ephesians 1:4).



PRAY: Praise God that the same Power is available to you that was available to Peter, Paul and the others. Therefore we can do what they did for it is the same God working in us that worked in them. Ask Him to use you in any way He wants.

11. HE COMES INTO BELIEVERS

PRECONVERSION	CONVERSION	POSTCONVERSION
RESTRAINT II Thes 2:7 REPROVE, CONVICT John 16:7-10	REGENERATION Titus 3:5 INDWELLING I Cor 6:19 SEALING Eph 4:30	FULLNESS Eph 5:18 SANCTIFICATION II Cor 3:18 ILLUMINATION I Cor 2:12 PRAYER Romans 8:26-27

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

SPIRIT HE GAVE US

1 John 3:24 *24 Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.*

Holy Spirit free gift at salvation (seen previously)



FULLNESS

Eph 5:18 *Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.*

Holy Spirit is like an ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT who comes in to help to get the job done.

So Holy Spirit comes each time we ask His help, enables us to fill role/perform service until job complete

SANCTIFICATION

2 Cor 3:18 *And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*

Holy Spirit is like a SEARCH COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN who helps the group select a leader, set the leader apart and put that person in a place of prominence.

‘Sanctify’ = ‘set apart’ – FROM sin
 = ‘become holy’ TO God

PAST	PRESENT	FUTURE
Position Positional sanctification I have been sanctified Hebrews 3:1	Experience Progressive sanctification I am now being sanctified I Thessalonians 5:28	Consummation Prospective sanctification I shall be sanctified I John 3:2

DIFFERENCE: HOLY SPIRIT IN OLD TEST AND NEW TEST:

OT – Holy Spirit upon those who needed it when they needed it, temporary

Came upon Moses & elders (Num 11:25, 29), Gideon (Judges 6:34)

Came upon various judges, Samuel, Saul, Samuel many times (left between them)

David: **“Don’t take your Holy Spirit from me.”**

SPIRIT THAT WAS UPON MOSES

Num 11:25, 29 Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again. ... 29 But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

SPIRIT NOT DIVIDED, ½ on Moses, ½ on others

Spirit 100% on Moses, then 100% on others

Holy Spirit doesn't divide, He multiplies (God's math)



GIVEN WITHOUT LIMIT

John 3:34 For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit.

OLD TEST (Like John Baptizer) Holy Spirit given temporarily

NEW TEST, those under Jesus, Holy Spirit given with no limit to time, etc

Jesus given Spirit without measure, more than anyone ever in OT

We are 'in Christ' so have Holy Spirit same as Him

DOUBLE PORTION

2 Kings 2:9, 15 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied. ... 15 The company of the prophets from Jericho, who were watching, said, "The spirit of Elijah is resting on Elisha." And they went to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

Another example of not everyone in OT having Holy Spirit like in NT

Elisha wanted same power Elijah had, knew it only came from God

'double' not greed, just saying "I need it even more than Elijah needed it, I need double!"

OT – Holy Spirit upon those who needed it when they needed it, temporary

NT – Holy Spirit upon every one at moment of salvation, never leaves

'in Christ' 172x in NT – done by Holy Spirit

BAPTISM BY THE SPIRIT

1 Cor 12:13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body-whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free-and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

we were all = past tense, everyone had it

BAPTISM = 'identification' (transliteration)

WATER baptism – identified with Jesus' death & resurrection

SPIRIT baptism – identified with Jesus' Body, church, Bride



WHAT BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT IS:

Filling of Holy Spirit at moment of salvation (1 Cor 10:1ff; 12:13; 6:19; Eph 4:5; Rom 5:5)

1 Cor 6:19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

1 Cor 12:3 Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

HOLY SPIRIT COMES TO ALL AT SALVATION

Cannot be saved without having the Holy Spirit (if no HS then not saved)

Rom 8:6 The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace;

(Acts 8, 10, 19 exception as Holy Spirit came upon new groups for first time:
Jews, half Jews (Samaritans), Gentiles in Palestine, Gent out of Pal
All others received Holy Spirit immediately at salvation)

Acts 10:44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard (Gentiles) the message.

TONGUES IS NOT PROOF OF SPIRIT BAPTISM

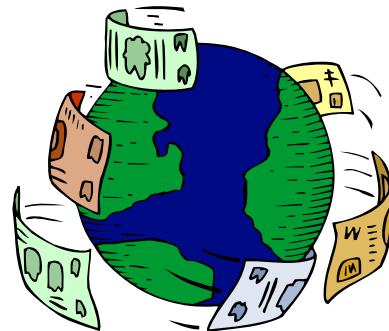
All bel have Holy Spirit, but not all have same spiritual gift

MANY received Holy Spirit but not tongues

- 3,000 on Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:38-41)
- Early Church (Acts 4:31) -Samaritans (Acts 8:14-17)
- Paul (Acts 9:17-18) -John the Baptist (Lk 1:15-16)
- Jesus (Lk 3:21-22; 4:1,14,18,21)
- many (Acts 4:8,31; 6:5; 7:55; 11:24; 13:9,52)

Never mentioned in leadership qualifications!

PROOF of Holy Spirit is living obedient life (Eph 5:18ff)



ACTS 2 DOES NOT SET A PATTERN FOR US

FIRST TRANSITIONAL STEP from OT law to NT grace

Disciples saved early on, but no Holy Spirit until after ascension

NEVER REPEATED in the Bible, Acts 8, 10, 19 for new group of people for first time

If Acts 2 is the pattern, then fire and wind must always be present, too

TONGUES IN ACTS & CORINTH WERE THE SAME

Same Greek word, "known foreign languages" used (Acts 2:6-11; I Cor 14:21; 12:10)

'Interpretation' normal word for interpreting known foreign language

THE PURPOSE OF TONGUES

1. SIGN TO ISRAEL of judgment coming . As prophesied (Isa 28:9-12; 33:19f; Deut 28:49, Jer 5:15), hearing God's Word in foreign language shows God's blessing taken from them and given to Gentiles. Paul says this in I Cor 14:21-22). Jews didn't turn and judgment came in 70

2. EDIFICATION of early believers, when interpreter present (I Cor 14:26-28). This was necessary for weak & immature Cor bel (14:20-22) who were ignorant of God's truth (12:13). Use of tongues showed judgment on Jews who were present, while content of message used by God for immature bel to grow. This was to be kept to a minimum, though (14:6-12). Paul himself only used his tongue in Jewish synagogue, not Gentile services (14:39).

TONGUES TODAY DIFFER FROM NEW TESTAMENT TONGUES

Seems obvious it is different today than in NT

TONGUES ARE NOT A HEAVENLY LANGUAGE

Gk word is for KNOWN languages (Acts 2:6-11; I Cor 14:21; 12:10)

'Groanings' of Rom 8:26 is Unutterable - not spoken

'Tongues of angels' (I Cor 13:1) is hyperbole (overemphasis) like all of 13:1-3

When angels spoke in Bible, always talked language of listener



TONGUES ARE NOT A PRIVATE PRAYER LANGUAGE

Spiritual gifts are given for sake of others, not own self (I Cor 12:7, 12f; 14:19,27)

Tongues are for the sake of listeners (must have interpreter) not speaker

In Acts tongues always given to a group, not individual. Always used in group

Tongues are to be totally controlled by speaker, not beyond his control (I Cor 14:28-33)

Tongues are a sign to unbelievers, not bel (I Cor 14:22)

Jesus warned about praying words we don't understand (Mt 6:7)

Paul always understood what he prayed, even in tongues (I Cor 14:15)

When asked how to pray, Jesus gave Lord's Prayer

No private use of tongues recorded in Bible

DANGERS OF NEW TESTAMENT TONGUES

Satan counterfeits in church & other religions (I Cor 12:2-3)

Tongues was an inferior gift (I Cor 14) because it is self-centered (I Cor 14:4) and leads to emphasis on emotions which leads people astray (II Cor 6:11-12; Rom 16:17-18)

We are told to pray with understanding (I Cor 14:13-17), control our spiritual gift (I Cor 14:28-40)

It can become a substitute for spirituality (I Cor 14:26-28)

Produces false security of salvation, when faith must be in cross, not one's own gift

DON'T SEEK TONGUES

No one gift is for everyone, god choose who gets what (I Cor 12:7,11,18,28)

We are never commanded to seek tongues

TONGUES ARE NOT FOR TODAY

1 Cor 13:8-12 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

'Prophecy' and 'knowledge' will suddenly cease (Gk 'katargeo' - passive voice means it will be done by something outside itself, the 'perfect thing' [eternal state])

'Tongues' will be gradually stilled (Gk 'pauo' - middle voice = stop by selves, not start again)

WHEN?

Faded in acts (no mention after Acts 19)

History records it ceased (reappeared in a few far-out cults)

No need for a sign of judgment to Jews after judgment came (70 AD)

Joel 2 talks about Holy Spirit returning after Trib, but no mention of tongues

DAILY DEVOTIONS

WEEK 12

DAY 1

Gal 2:20 I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me...

Some well-meaning folk try desperately hard not to “fulfill the lusts of the flesh.” In this way they hope to become more fully sanctified Christians. Their defeat and frustration is often pitiful to see. They do not realize that this is not the road to victory. Frankly, they have spiritually placed “the cart before the horse.” In Galatians 5:16 we have the true key to becoming more “Christ-like.” There we read: “Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh!” there is the secret: death to the self-life through letting the Spirit take control. But, how can one “walk in the Spirit”? The answer is: by using all the means of grace available. This includes daily Bible study, taking time for earnest prayer, witnessing to others, and fellowshiping with God’s saints whenever possible – as well as partaking of the ordinances in a good Bible-teaching assembly (Heb 10:25). As we thus become saturated with the things of the Spirit, the things of this world and self will shrink. Then, as a result, we will “not fulfill the lusts of the flesh.” Put the accent on the positive! Let Christ live out His life through you!



A family once went to hear the great Paderewski play the piano. They were thrilled. His technique was flawless. Even the critics were muttering under their breath, “Wonderful!” “Superb!” “Magnificent!” When the family returned home they looked at their piano. Said one, “We might as well sell it; we can never play like Paderewski!” They were discouraged. How different it is when we look at Christ our Saviour and Example. We are weak and helpless to live like Him in our own strength, but Christ in the Person of

His Holy Spirit has entered into our lives, and if we “walk in the Spirit,” He can transform us – making us conformable to His image. Then we shall be able to say with Paul: “I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me!” May God grant it.

PRAY: Make sure you are walking by the Spirit and not just trying to defeat sin by your own strength. Invite Him to work in and through you to give you victory, don’t think you need to have victory on your own in order to have Him fill and use you. When you come to die with Christ on the cross, He comes to live in you by His Spirit.

DAY 2

And Enoch walked with God.... Genesis 5:22 Walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desires of the flesh. Galatians 5:16

Enoch is remarkable. There are only 3 references to him in the Bible but they tell much (Gen 5, Heb 11, Jude). It is said that he “walked with God” which is what we are to do today. What can we learn from him?



WHEN he walked with God was during the most evil time in history, right before the flood. Jesus said it won’t get that bad again until the tribulation. Despite this evil, he was able to walk with God.

WHERE he walked with God was among men who were full of violence and rebellion. Corruption was everywhere, even worse than today.

WHY he walked with God was because he was looking for the coming of God at any moment. He knew judgment was near at hand and told others so (Jude

14, 15). He knew that God would remove him before the judgment came.

Are we walking with God as Enoch, or are we using the evil times we live in as an excuse to fail in this? The Bible says we are to “walk by the Spirit” – that’s the only way we can have the power to walk with Him today.

PRAY: Think about when Jesus will return for you. It could be today! Are you living as you want to be living when He comes? Ask Him to make you ready.

DAY 3

1 Thess 5:19 Do not put out the Spirit's fire;



A man lost his way in a dark and dreary mine. By the light of one candle, which he carries in his hand, he is groping for the road to sunshine and to home. That light is essential to his safety. The mine has many winding passages in which he may be hopelessly bewildered. Here and there marks have been made on the rocks to point out the true path, but he cannot see them without that light. There are many deep pits into which, if unwary, he may suddenly fall, but he cannot avoid the danger without that. Should it go out he must soon stumble, fall, perish. Should it go out that mine will be his tomb. How carefully he carries it! How anxiously he shields it from sudden gusts of air, from water dropping on it, from everything that might quench it! The case described is our own.

We are like that lonely wanderer in the mine. Does he diligently keep alight the candle on which his life depends? Make sure you don’t do anything to offend the Spirit, for that will put out His fire in you. Oh He’ll still be there. You won’t lose your salvation. But you’ll voluntarily block His working in your life by your sin. Sin always does that. Then you’ll be walking in darkness instead of the light.

PRAY: If your light is out, if you have sin in your life, then the Spirit isn’t lighting your way. You’re on your own. Confess the sin. Invite God’s Spirit to shine again in your soul.

DAY 4

1 Thes 5:19 Quench not the Spirit.

Eph 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

The Holy Spirit kindles a flame in our hearts to purify us and make us effective witnesses. But we must keep the fire burning by walking in obedience to Christ.

Two missionaries in Korea discovered that they had violated the command in 1 Thes 5:19. They had disagreed on a policy matter and had left a conference with bad feelings toward each other. But when they got back to their respective stations, neither had peace. Both sensed that something was wrong. Each felt a lack of power in his witness. Finally, one of them could stand it no longer, so he boarded a slow-moving train and traveled 100 miles to see his fellow worker.

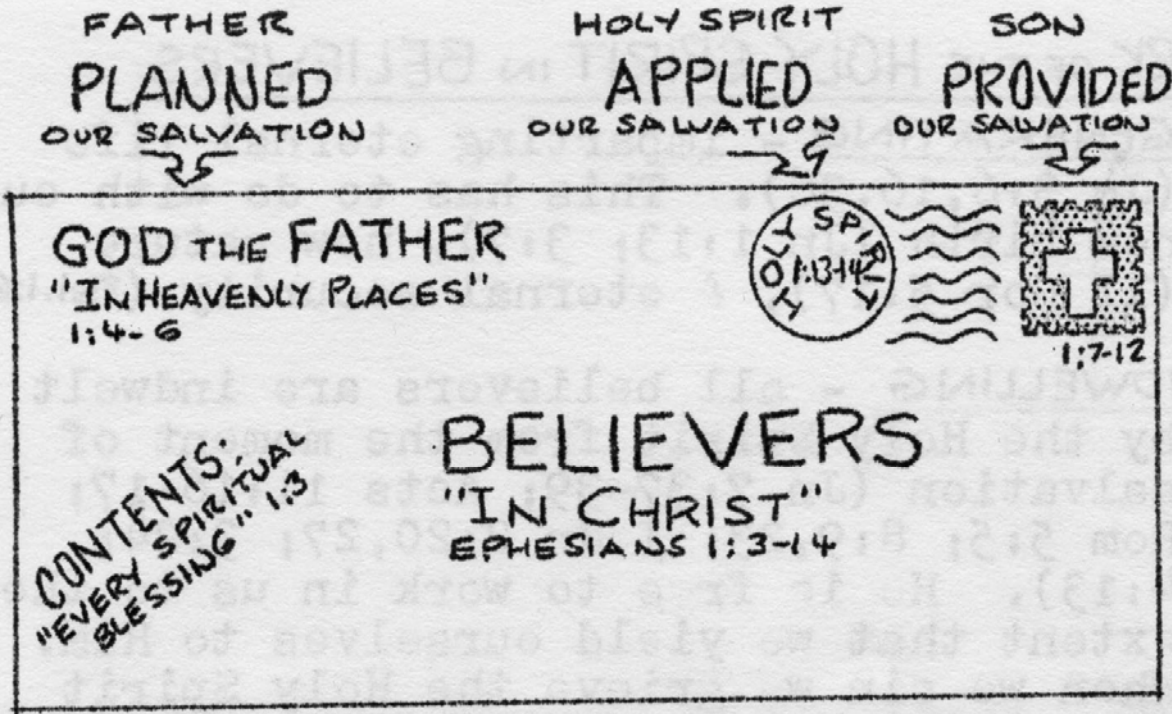
When the two men met face to face, they embraced and both of them wept. Then, getting down on their knees, they asked God to forgive them and to rekindle their spiritual fervor. As a result, they returned to their labors with a new sense of the Holy Spirit’s glow in their hearts. Moreover, the news of their reconciliation brought conviction to many believers who were at odds with one another. A wonderful revival followed and souls were won to Christ!



PRAY: Ask God to show you if you have anyone you need to forgive or to ask for forgiveness. Make sure no unforgiveness blocks the Spirit’s work in your life. Remember, the human spirit fails unless the Holy Spirit fills.

12. HE FILLS BELIEVERS

"God commands us to be filled with the Spirit; and if we aren't filled, it's because we're living beneath our privileges." --D.L. Moody



SALVATION	PAST	PRESENT	FUTURE
PLANNED BY GOD THE FATHER 1:3-6	CHOSEN IN CHRIST 4	ADOPTED IN SONSHIP 5	ACCEPTED IN THE BELOVED 6
PROVIDED BY GOD THE SON 1:7-12	PURCHASED BY HIS BLOOD 7	ENLIGHTENED BY HIS WISDOM 8-10	APPOINTED BY HIS WILL 11-12
APPLIED BY GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT 1:13-14	SAVED IN CHRIST 13a	SEALED IN CHRIST 13b	REDEEMED IN CHRIST 14

Eph 1:3-14

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. 4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will- 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace 8 that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. 9 And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, 10 to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment-to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ. 11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, 12 in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession-to the praise of his glory.

SALVATION	CHRISTIAN LIFE
Believed that Jesus was our Savior from the guilt of sin	Believe that Jesus is our Savior from the power of sin
Trusted Him for forgiveness	Trust Him for righteousness
Took Him as a Savior in the future from the penalties of our sins	Take Him as a Savior in the present from the bondage of our sins
He lifted us out of the pit	He is to seat us in heavenly places with Himself
Faith SAVED us from the penalty of sin once for all	Faith SAVES us from the power of sin daily



FULLNESS

Eph 5:18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

Holy Spirit is like an ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT who comes in to help to get the job done.

NOT fill self with Holy Spirit like others fill self with wine

"fill" and "drunk" go together (to be drunk means more than to drink or fill up)

it means to be under the control of, to surrender body. mind & spirit to it, dominate

to be filled with Holy Spirit is to put oneself under the influence of HOLY SPIRIT

total surrender to the gentle prompting of HOLY SPIRIT

fill = CONTROL (easier word to use)

ACTS	EPHESIANS 5:18
First receiving of HOLY SPIRIT (Salvation or first time for national group dispensationally)	After salvation
Apostles to wait, passive	Believers told to act, active
HOLY SPIRIT initiated the filling	Bel commanded to be filled
"filled <i>with</i> Spirit" - no preposition (9x) Idea of content	"filled by Spirit" preposition by/with (1x) Idea of agent
Filling is permanent	Repeatable

NOT a once-for-all event like salvation but gradual process

STEPS TO THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

Be absolutely and thoroughly convinced you can do nothing apart from indwelling strength of HOLY SPIRIT, not just SAY you are convinced, but really ARE convinced (some of us are harder to convince than others)

Call it whatever: brokenness, hit bottom, etc.

Step I - salvation, accept Jesus (mental choice) - can't go back on

Step II - discipleship, put Jesus in first place in life to live for him (mental choice) can go back on

Step III - controlled by HOLY SPIRIT, sensitive to His leading, realize own strength no good (mental choice) can go back on

DEPENDENCE AND SURRENDER go hand in hand (won't totally depend on HOLY SPIRIT until we are convinced we can't do it on own, which is after we have tried and tired)

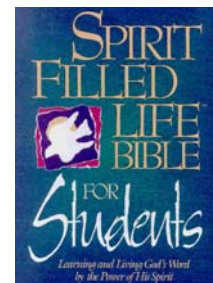
THE MORE YOU OPEN TO HIM THE MORE HE WILL FILL YOU

Elisha to widow woman (II Kings 4:6)

Gather as many empty jars as possible, will fill them all with oil

More had more filled, wished had put out more!

US same way with Holy Spirit



WALK BY THE SPIRIT

Walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desires of the flesh. Galatians 5:16

"Walk" = present tense, command "Keep on continually walking"
one step at a time under control of Holy Spirit

WALK BY THE SPIRIT = key phrase in NT @ our Christian life

To walk by the Spirit is to live with moment-by-moment dependency on and sensitivity to the initial promptings of the Holy Spirit.



DON'T GRIEVE THE SPIRIT

Eph 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

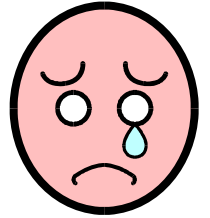
GRIEVE = "to cause pain, or grief, to distress, grieve,"

lupeo (loo-peh'-o); from NT:3077; to distress; reflexively or passively, to be sad: KJV - cause grief, grieve, be in heaviness, (be) sorrow (-ful), be (make) sorry.

lupe (loo'-pay); apparently a primary word; sadness:

KJV - grief, grievous, + grudgingly, heaviness, sorrow.

A great preacher, Pusey, once said that one of the greatest surprises of heaven will be our amazement at the number of ways in which we insult the divine grace and grieve the Spirit of God.



DON'T QUENCH THE SPIRIT

1 Thess 5:19 Do not put out the Spirit's fire;

QUENCH = NT:4570

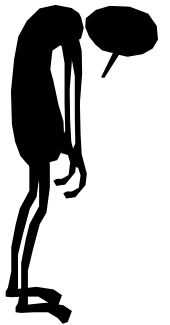
sbennumi NT:4570 is used (a) of "quenching" fire or things on fire, extinguish
literally used of torches, lamps

figuratively used of putting out the fire of Satan's darts

KJV - go out, quench.



"DON'T STAND ON YOUR OWN AIRHOSE!" Sadly, too many believers are standing on their own spiritual airhose by failing to live in the power of the Holy Spirit. When He is quenched, we suffocate!



DEEDS OF THE FLESH

Gal 5:19-20 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Associated with **sex**: immorality, impurity, sensuality

Associated with **religion**: idolatry

Associated with **drugs**: sorcery (pharmakia)

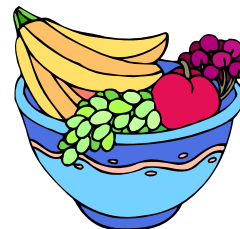
Associated with **relationships**: enmity, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying

Associated with **alcohol**: drunkenness, carousing

FRUIT OF HOLY SPIRIT

Gal 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

LOVE for those who do not love in return
 JOY in the midst of painful circumstances
 PEACE when something counting on doesn't come thru
 PATIENCE when things aren't going fast enough for you
 KINDNESS toward those who treat you unkindly
 GOODNESS toward those who have been intentionally insensitive to you
 FAITHFULNESS when friends have proved unfaithful
 GENTLENESS toward those who have handled you roughly
 SELF-CONTROL in the midst of intense temptation



Spirit-filled bel, like Jesus, not:
 -free from temptation
 -isolated from hurts
 -lacking disappointments

The HOLY SPIRIT's power cannot be harnessed. It cannot be used to accomplish anything other than the Father's will. he is not a candy dispenser. He is not a vending machine. He is not a genie waiting for someone to rub His lamp the right way. He is holy God.

HOLY SPIRIT PRODUCES FRUIT OF HOLY SPIRIT IN US

Gal 5:24-25 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Only the Holy Spirit can transform
 Your marriage
 Your family
 Your self

ABIDE IN THE SPIRIT

John 15:1-8

15:1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.



How does branch bear fruit? by trying its best, working hard
 or by just letting vine produce it on it

Branch can't bear fruit, not designed for that
Gal 5 DEEDS of the flesh
FRUIT of the Holy Spirit
No such thing as DEEDS of HOLY SPIRIT
It is HIS fruit, He hangs it on us!



Branch must just be in contact with vine ('CONTROL')
We BEAR fruit, we don't PRODUCE fruit
"Apart from me you can do nothing."
"ALL OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS LIKE FILTHY RAGS"

CHRISTIAN LIFE SAME AS SALVATION

We have nothing to do for salvation but receive it, He did it all (Eph 2:8-9) Same with Christian life - He does that through us, too!

Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?" Gal 3:3

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him. Col 2:6-7

The life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God Gal 2:20

HOLY SPIRIT brings us to Christ, moves in us to understand and want salvation, to stop rejecting it. HOLY SPIRIT works same way after salvation, too - moves in us when we listen

Most bel: "Thanks for salvation by grace, I'll take over from here!"

Like me SINGING: no matter how hard try, confess failure, commit to sing better, sing more and louder, not change what comes out!

Not in me to do it no matter how hard try

WE can't, don't change - but letting HOLY SPIRIT within guide & direct us brings about change
HOLY SPIRIT IS THE CHANGE AGENT!

For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. Phil 2:13

SECURITY OF SALVATION

I. SEC OF SAL PROVED BY KEY PASSAGES

A. GOD'S FAITHFULNESS - II Tim 2:13

"It is a trustworthy statement: ... If we are faithless, He remains faithful; for He cannot deny Himself."

Keeping salvation is not dependent on our faithfulness to our promises, but God's faithfulness to His promises.

Bottom line is God, not man

B. GOD'S PROTECTION - Mt 12:20; Ps 37:24

"A battered reed He will not break off, and a smoldering wick He will not put out." Mt 12:20, quoting Isa 42:3

Shepherds played music on a reed or straw until it broke and was useless, then threw it away and cut another

God, thru Isaiah, reminding the Jews He will be faithful to them even though they have been unfaithful to Him.

Christ coming to earth proved that very point
He came because God was faithful promises,
Not because the Jews faithful to theirs

"Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholds him with His hand."

Psalm 37:24

When Peter lost faith walking on the water, Jesus did not let him drown but rescued him

"Christ, who has begun a good work in you, will carry it on to completion as the day of Christ Jesus." Phil 1:6

C. GOD'S FORGIVENESS - Rom 4:1-12

"Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will not take into account." Romans 4:1-12 (v. 8 here), quoting Psalm 32:2 About David and sin with Bathsheba. David should have been stoned to death for adultery and murder, for sure would have lost salvation. David's testimony is that God does not take his salvation or hold the sin against him eternally

D. STEADFASTNESS - Jn 10:28; Rom 8:37-39

"In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us, For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Rom 8:37-9

Nothing can separate a believer from God

Not Satan or demons

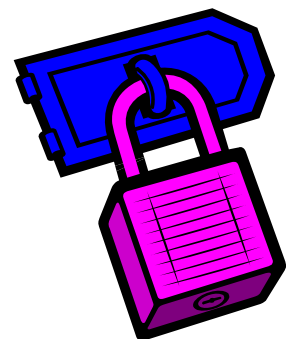
Not any event on earth

Not even man's free will giving back salv.

"I give to them (Christians) eternal life and they shall never perish. No one can snatch them out of my hand. My father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of my father's hand." John 10:28-9

WE ARE SECURE BECAUSE:

1. Christ our Shepherd responsible to care for us, get us to heaven, that He'd fail a sheep blasphemy
2. Sheep too dumb to take care of self, resp on Shep
3. "Eternal" life already a possession now
4. "Given" - sheep just receive it unconditionally
5. Jesus says we will "Never" perish, He doesn't lie
"NEVER" = *ou ma* strongest Greek negative
6. Secure in Christ's hand, none can open it
"NO ONE" = Satan or man himself
7. Christ & us in God's hand, extra protection



II. SEC OF SAL PROVED BY ORIGINAL GREEK

A. "BELIEVE"

"He who believes has eternal life."

Believe Gk tense (aorist) once-for-all

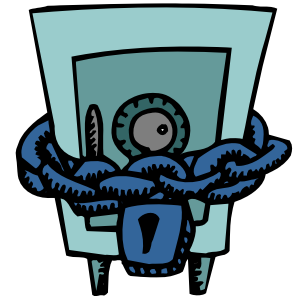
Believe once in past, results keep on forever

NOT: "Must keep on believing or no eternal life"

B. "BELIEVE AND BE SAVED"

"Believe and you shall be saved."

"Believe" same as above
"Be saved" future certainty (Indicative)
Passive, we freely receive this



C. "ARE SAVED"

"Have been saved." *"Are saved"*

"Saved" = one time event (like believe)
Passive: received, unconditionally

D. "NEVER PERISH"

"Will never perish"

Strongest Greek negative, can't possible change

III. SEC OF SAL PROVED BY ALL INVOLVED IN SALV

A. EFFECTS/ASPECTS OF SALVATION

Everything in salvation is by God, man unable to do anything but stop rejecting the free gift
No conditions on man's part so no reason God
can take it back

38 things God does at moment of salvation are eternal
(not turned on and off)

Reconciled	Redeemed	Forgiven
Seated w/ Jes	Son of God	Born Again
Regenerated	Adopted	Accepted
Righteous	Justified	Sanctified
From Satan	Holy Priesthood	Access God
Citizen Heaven	Baptized by HOLY SPIRIT	Sealed HOLY SPIRIT
Indwelt by HOLY SPIRIT	All Sp Bless	

Sin in believer's life loses REWARD, not salvation

When sin we are told to "CONFESS" the sin (1 Jn 1:9)
Nowhere told to be "resaved"

God DISCIPLINES believers in sin, but still bel for treated
as His children - Heb 12

All bel in BODY OF CHRIST, can't be taken from body

Bel FREE from power of sin, so can't sin as unbeliever for
under blood of Jesus

B. GOD'S PART IN SALVATION

ETERNAL PLAN OF GOD - all is God's work, not ours

Foreknown
Elected
Predestined
Chosen
Called

One proof we can't lose salvation is God's Sovereignty/Election (as seen last week by Calvin)
we did nothing to get salvation, no conditions
We can't do anything to loose, give it back!

UNITED WITH GOD: "In God" "God in You"

C. CHRIST'S PART IN SALVATION

UNITED WITH JESUS: "In Christ" "Christ in You"

Part/member of His body

Crucified, died, buried, raised, ascended & seated with Christ - this can only happen
ONCE

(if loose salvation, no chance of saved again)

(Arminians don't teach this)

D. HOLY SPIRIT'S PART IN SALVATION

UNITED WITH HOLY SPIRIT: "In HOLY SPIRIT" "HOLY SPIRIT in you"

KEEPING WORK OF HOLY SPIRIT

Regeneration - new life

Indwelling - in each believer from salvation on

Baptizing - putting into Body of Christ

Sealing - guarantee!!!

SIN AGAINST HOLY SPIRIT

Grieve Not (by sin)

Quench not (by not yielding, submitting)

Not Walk by (own wisdom & goals)

No mention of losing HOLY SPIRIT, just hurting Him

IV. SEC OF SAL PROVED BY OT & NT EXAMPLES, ILL

A. O.T. ILLUSTRATIONS

ARK Noah built ("Pitch" word for "Atonement")

Inside, not hanging on outside by own strength

God shut the door, kept it closed/secure

SNAKE IN WILDERNESS look once & healed forever,
never got snake poison back, even if stopped looking

MOSES HIT ROCK TWICE - Christ only crucified ONCE

Moses didn't enter land (discipline) but to heaven

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT - basis of all God's dealings

Ab asleep, only God made promises, commitments

B. O.T. EXAMPLES

NOAH sinned (drunk, naked) still saved Heb 11:7

ABRAHAM & SARAH didn't trust God several times

Still saved, into heaven

JACOB: stole birthright, cheated Laban, but believer

MOSES: MENTIONED ABOVE

SAMSON: failed terribly, saved Heb 11:32

JOB doubted, questioned God, never lost salvation

LOT very worldly, sex with daughters when drunk

NT "Righteous Lot"

DAVID and Bathsheba, lost JOY but not salvation



C. N.T. ILLUSTRATIONS

BIRTH, born again, new babies, etc - Can't be UNborn

SONSHIP & ADOPTION

Can't change being physical son, irreversible

CARNAL BELIEVERS - Christians living by flesh, sin
still believers, didn't lose salvation
of that flock no matter what

GIFT - nothing to earn/deserve, nothing to lose

D. N.T. EXAMPLES

PRODIGAL SON denied father, never stopped being
Father's son

PETER denied Christ 3 times, never lost salvation

CHRISTIANS worldly, sinful, but still Christians

At ROME 7:14; 12:1; 2:16

At CORINTH

James's readers

Churches told to discipline them or God would

ANNIAS & SAPHIRA sinned, killed, but to heaven



V. SEC OF SAL PROVED BY GRACE AS WAY OF LIFE

A. PROVISION OF GRACE

Salvation freely given by grace

Accepted by grace (redemed, forgiven, etc)

Enabled by grace (free from law, power to live)

Position by grace (holy priesthood, citizen of heaven)

Inheritance by grace (complete in Him, all sp blessing)

B. FREEDOM FROM LAW

Law only for Israle, bel under Grace, not law

Law shows need of salvation, man's failure

C. FALACY OF LEGALISM

System of do's and don'ts to earn or keep salvation changes whole motive

God wants us to serve out of LOVE, not FEAR

(Like us with children)

Focus is on His free gift already given, our response is love

If not focus is on our good works, outer conformity

D. PRINCIPLE OF LIBERTY

We are FREE in Christ

Living to keep salvation is NOT living in liberty but BONDAGE

