

The Holy Spirit
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The Holy Spirit is the essence, power and spiritual extension of God; the 'proof' that God gives us of His promise of the resurrection to eternal life. The Holy Spirit has the power to keep events from happening, and it can force events to happen.

Genesis 1:

- 2 The earth was (became) without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.
 - The Holy Spirit is important enough that it is mentioned in the second verse in the Bible

Exodus 31:

- 1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:
- 2 "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.
- 3 "And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,
- 4 "to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze,
- 5 "in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of workmanship.
 - God uses the Holy Spirit to grant gifts to people
 - And those gifts are to be used for God's purposes

Psalms 51:

- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- 11 Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.
 - David knew that he had God's Holy Spirit
 - And that God could take it away
- 12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your

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generous Spirit.

- 13 Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.

Luke 11:

- 13 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"
 - Repeatedly the Bible tells us that it is up to us to ask
 - Ask for the Holy Spirit
 - Ask to be baptized
 - Ask for anointing
 - Ask for – whatever it might be that we desire
 - It will be granted – unless it is against God's plan
 - It may not be granted in the time frame we would prefer

John 14:

- 16 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever--
- 17 "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.
 - The Helper is identified as the Holy Spirit
- 18 "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.
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- 25 "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you.
- 26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.
 - The Holy Spirit was responsible for reminding the apostles and disciples of the events of the past 3 ½ years

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- Those memories resulted in the New Testament – especially the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

Acts 1:

- 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"
 - The followers still believed Jesus was going to establish the Kingdom of God at that time
- 7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.
- 8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
- 9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

Acts 2:

- 17 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.
 - This was a revolutionary statement – that there is no differentiation between men and women
- 18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.
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- 29 "Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.
 - David is NOT in Heaven
 - He is dead and buried!
- 30 "Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would

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raise up the Christ to sit on his throne,

- 31 "he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.
 - David will be resurrected along with everyone else in the 1st resurrection
- 32 "This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.
 - Jesus is the only one to have been resurrected as yet
- 33 "Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.
- 34 "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: "The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand,
- 35 Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."
- 36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."
- 37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"
- 38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
 - There is the Order!
 - Repent – turn your life around – away from the ways of the world
 - Be baptized – to show your obedience to God
 - Receive the free gift of the Holy Spirit – to give you strength and guidance

Acts 8:

- 12 But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.
- 13 Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he

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continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done.

- 14 Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them,
- 15 who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.
- 16 For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- 17 Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.
 - Being baptized was not enough
 - The laying on of hands conveys the Holy Spirit to one who has been baptized

Romans 8:

- 9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.
- 10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.
- 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.
 - Paul has equated the Spirit of God with the Holy Spirit and with the same Spirit that directs our lives after we receive it
- 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors--not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.
- 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.
 - The 2nd death – spoken of in Revelation 20
- 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.
- 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you

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received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

- 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
- 17 ¶ and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.
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- 26 ¶ Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.
 - Even when we have difficulty praying – not knowing exactly how to ask for what we want – we should go ahead and pray
- 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.
 - The Holy Spirit will interrupt for us
- 28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called **according to His purpose**.

2 Corinthians 5:

- 1 For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.
 - The body is perishable
 - But we will be resurrected and enter into the “house not made with hands” – the New Jerusalem described in Revelation 21-22
- 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven,
- 3 if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked.
- 4 For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life.
- 5 Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.
 - The Holy Spirit is our guarantee of the Kingdom

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- 6 So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord.
 - While we are alive, we are not in the Kingdom
 - We can only enter the Kingdom after our resurrection – or change
- 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.
- 8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.
- 9 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.
- 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.
 - Each person will be judged and given rewards based upon how they lived during this life

Galatians 5:

- 16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.
- 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.
- 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.
- 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,
- 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,
- 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
- 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

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- 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
- 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Matthew 12:

- 31 "Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men.
- 32 "Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.

Mark 3:

- 28 "Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter;
- 29 "but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation" --

Luke 12:

- 10 "And anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but to him who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven.
 - Going against the Holy Spirit is a stronger sin than going against Christ

Hebrews 6:

- 4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit,
- 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,
- 6 if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

Hebrews 10:

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- 26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,
 - Sinning **willfully** is going against the Holy Spirit

1 John 5:

- 16 If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that.
- 17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death.
- 18 ¶ We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.
- 19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.
- 20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

1 Timothy 1:

- 12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry,
- 13 although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

In today's world, ignorance of the law is no excuse – because man cannot judge the knowledge one has of the law. God can, so ignorance of His law is an excuse – until His Spirit gives us understanding. Going against that Spirit is not an excuse.

1 Samuel 16:

- 7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see

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as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

- He knows what we really know
- And He knows when we are **truly** ignorant

Ecclesiastes 12:

- 13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all.
- 14 For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.