

FOUNDATIONS – THE HOLY SPIRIT – THE APPLICATION

Jehovah God – The Planner - The Soul (thought/reasoning) – Conductor - Adoration

Jesus – The Provision – The Body (the ability to perform) – Performer - Admiration

Holy Spirit – The Power – The Spirit (the unseen force) – Breath - Application

THE HOLY SPIRIT AS SEEN IN SCRIPTURE

- I. The **Potential** of the Holy Spirit (Old Testament Sightings) He came upon men/women for particular purposes.
 - A. Joseph (Gen 41:38) – To discern dreams and lead Egypt
 - B. Bezaleel (Exodus 31:3) – To be a craftsman for tabernacle
 - C. Balaam (Numbers 24:2) – To prophecy blessing on Israel
 - D. Joshua (Numbers 27:18) – To conquer and lead
 - E. The Judges – Military Power
 - F. David (I Samuel 16:13) to play the harp, discern right, kill Goliath, conquer and lead, to write
 - G. Elijah (I Kings 18:12) To stand strong in the face of opposition, to raise the dead to life, to control the weather
 - H. Elisha (II Kings 2:15) Double dose, Fearless, raised the dead.
 - I. Daniel – To prophecy and interpret dreams about the future
 - J. All O.T. Writers – (II Peter 1:21) – They spake and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit
 - K. It is obvious, the Holy Spirit is multifaceted. He doesn't just have one ability. Like Jesus, He shows up in the need and empowers for the need of the moment. Power is His distinguishing characteristic, portrayed in a myriad of ways. He is the same today.

This Applies to us in that God never changes, what He has done He can do.

- II. The **Performance** of the Holy Spirit.
 - A. Jesus
 1. He never performed until He was filled with the Spirit
 2. He was verbally and publicly approved after the Spirit of God descended upon Him.
 3. He was taken by the Spirit into the wilderness
 4. He was undergirded by the Spirit to withstand Satan
 5. He proclaimed His first message under the control of the Holy Spirit (Isaiah 61:1-2)

6. He performed His first miracle after He was filled
7. He called His followers after He was filled with Holy Spirit
8. He healed, loved, fed, rebuked, prayed, spoke, and died for the sins of humanity all under the leadership and empowerment of the Holy Spirit

If Jesus waited until He was empowered, how much more is it imperative that we have the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon our lives for the acts of service to which God calls us?

III. The **Promise** of the Spirit (John 14-16)

- a. In these passages, Jesus begins to inform His followers that His days on earth are numbered. This was troubling and many stopped following Him at this juncture, concluding that He could not be the Messiah because the Messiah was supposed to reign.
- b. However, Jesus does not speak of His departure as a negative, rather telling His followers that the Spirit would accomplish greater things than He had done.
 - i. John 14:16 The Spirit would never leave
 - ii. John 14:17 He would guide into truth
 - iii. John 14:17 He would indwell the believer
 - iv. John 14:18 He would be exactly like Jesus, just not in skin.
 - v. John 14:20 He would bring discernment of spiritual things.
 - vi. John 14:20 We will be in God by being in Christ.
 - vii. John 14:21 True love is possible through the Spirit's indwelling.
 - viii. John 14:23 Obedience is enhanced by the Spirit's presence.
 - ix. John 14:26 He is the *Paraclete*. He is our helper.
 - x. John 14:26 He is Christ's Representative. (In My Name)
 - xi. John 14:26 He is our Teacher.
 - xii. John 14:26 He helps us to remember the things of Christ.
 - xiii. John 14:27 He is our Peace.
 - xiv. John 14:27 He protects us from anxiety if we allow.
 - xv. John 14:28 He gives us reason to rejoice.
 - xvi. John 14:29 He makes us believe.
 - xvii. John 15:2 He purges us to make us fruitful.
 - xviii. John 15:3 He cleans us.
 - xix. John 15:4-5 He causes us to bear fruit.
 - xx. John 15:6 He protects us from judgment.
 - xxi. John 15:7 He is the Source of answered prayer.
 - xxii. John 15:8 God is glorified by His working in our lives.
 - xxiii. John 15:11 Fullness of joy.
 - xxiv. John 15:14-15 We are no longer servants, but friends.
 - xxv. John 15:15 Fruit that remains.
 - xxvi. John 15:18-19 We are chosen out of the world.
 - xxvii. John 15:20 Power to endure

- xxviii. John 15:26 He testifies of Christ, not Himself.
- xxix. John 16:7-8 He convicts the world of sin.
- xxx. John 16:8 He convicts the world of righteousness.
- xxxi. John 16:8 He convicts the world of judgment.
- xxxii. John 16:13 He guides into all truth concerning Christ.
- xxxiii. John 16:13 He speaks what He is told to speak by Christ.
- xxxiv. John 16:13 He will show us prophetic truth.
- xxxv. John 16:14 He glorifies Christ.
- xxxvi. John 16:14 He is all of Christ's wisdom.
- xxxvii. John 16:16 You see Christ through the Spirit's workings.

IV. The **Power** of the Holy Spirit.

- a. Acts 1:8, Matthew 28 18 - 20
 - i. What did Jesus tell His followers?
 - ii. What was the result of the empowerment of the Spirit?
 - iii. What was the purpose not? (self)
 - iv. This is His last recorded direction to His followers.
- b. Acts 2
 - i. What happened when the Holy Spirit came?
 - ii. What is the MAIN thing that happened?
- c. Ephesians 5:18
 - i. The key word is filled (Greek - pleroo).
 - 1. The word filled means controlled.
 - 2. The word filled means saturated.
 - 3. The word filled means driven.
 - ii. What happens when a man is filled with the Spirit?
 - iii. The term filled does not mean to fill up.
 - iv. Look at Psalms 23:5. My cup runneth over.
 - v. A person who is filled cannot be contained.

V. The **Publicly displayed Gifts** of the Holy Spirit.

- a. Ministry gifts.
- b. Personal gifts.
- c. Romans 12:3-8
 - i. Prophecy
 - ii. Service
 - iii. Teaching
 - iv. Encouragement
 - v. Giving
 - vi. Leadership
 - vii. Mercy

d. I Corinthians 12-14

- i. Wisdom
- ii. Knowledge
- iii. Faith
- iv. Healing
- v. Miraculous power
- vi. Prophecy
- vii. Discerning of Spirits
- viii. Tongues
- ix. Interpretation of tongues

e. Ephesians 4:7-13

- i. Apostles – “Sent One” - Followers of and initiators of the ministry and heart of Christ. It is imperative that these have a close relationship with Jesus and they carry His will and message to the people – Elders in a church carry out the ministry of the apostle.
 - ii. Prophets – Speak the Word of God – Thus saith the LORD is the beginning message of Prophecy – This is not futuristic in messaging, though it can be. It is simply a proclamation of God’s message. This is a pastoral gift of articulation and writing. Boldness is a marked characteristic.
 - iii. Evangelists – Gifted men and women in the ministry of bringing people into a saving relationship with Christ.
 - iv. Pastors – Shepherds, care for the flock, overseers – They recognize that they are under-shepherds overseeing the flock of God. This gift is more toward the care of the sheep than the articulation of a message.
 - v. Teachers – Gifted in the teaching of the Word of God
- f. I Peter 4:10 “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” Be content with what God has bestowed upon you. Never feel it to be an inferior calling. Each are equally essential to the body of Christ.

VI. The **Personality** of the Holy Spirit. (the “fruit” is the result)

a. Galatians 5:22-25.

- i. Love
- ii. Joy
- iii. Peace
- iv. Longsuffering
- v. Gentleness
- vi. Goodness
- vii. Faith
- viii. Meekness
- ix. Temperance

- b. These are results, the true barometer. We don't muster these things up; they are results of the Person of the Holy Spirit indwelling and controlling our lives.
- c. How does this affect your life?

VII. The **Paining** of the Holy Spirit.

- a. Galatians 5:16-18 (The flesh wars against the Spirit)
- b. Matthew 6:24 (No man can serve two masters)
- c. Ephesians 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.
- d. I Thes. 5:19 Quench not the Spirit.
- e. II Corinthians 3:18 "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." (We reflect where we are focused)

VIII. The **Passion** of the Holy Spirit

- a. Ephesians 5:18 "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;"
- b. The word "filled" in the text is a Greek word *Plēroō* – *plēroō*. It has different applications in usage.
 - i. Luke 5:26, Acts 5:17, Luke 4:28 "They were filled with indignation, filled with fear, filled with anger, etc...." In this usage it carries the idea of being controlled by something, even to the degree that the thing by which a person is controlled by overrides all reasoning and personal control. Interestingly, in Ephesians 5:18, Paul uses drunkenness to describe the filling of the Spirit. This is also true in Acts 2 when the people wondered if the followers of Christ were drunk.
 - ii. John 12:3 "Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was **filled** with the odour of the ointment. In this usage, the context is the breaking of the alabaster box of perfume in a small room." This perfume was designed to overpower the stench of rotting flesh. Needless to say, it was the most apparent thing in the room at the time. So it is with the Holy Spirit.
 - iii. "The wind filled the sails." In this usage, a vessel in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea had lost its power due to the calmness of the atmospheric condition called wind. At the point that the crew felt total desperation and fear they would die in the sea, the wind came, lives were spared, and a cargo was delivered. The only thing that was missing was

power. So it is in the life void of the power of the Holy Spirit. John 3:8 “The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”^l

- iv. The Application. When a person yields his/her life to the control of the Holy Spirit, He takes control. The person is “out of control”, but in this case, that is a good thing. He/she is being controlled by One far smarter, greater, more powerful, and more in keeping with the will of God. The results are evidenced in Scripture and in life experience. Most of us have had times where the Spirit of God took over. In those times, the results are emphatically positive and powerful. Most will attest that those times were life altering and great. We can, and should, live under the control of the Holy Spirit.

In the Person of God, we have a Person over us.

In the Person of Christ, we have a Person with us.

In the Person of the Holy Spirit, we have a Person in us.

They are One God revealed in Three Persons.