

THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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📖 Key Scriptures:

- John 16:7–11
- John 3:3, 5–8
- John 14:26
- 2 Thessalonians 2:3
- 1 Peter 1:2
- John 16:12–14

INTRODUCTION.”

Our Lord, Jesus, in John chapter 16, called the Holy Spirit the Comforter. He also referred to Him in other places as the Spirit of truth. The Scripture records many other names by which the Holy Spirit, the third person in the Trinity, is known as. Christ did many great and wonderful works while He was with His disciples. But towards the close of His ministry on earth, He told them of the need for His departure to pave way for a greater and more extensive work to be done through the ministry of the Holy Spirit: ”.. If I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness and judgement: Of sin, because they believe not in me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; of judgement, because the prince of this world is judged.” Christ’s use of personal pronouns “Him” and “He” for the Holy Spirit is to show that He is a “Person”. And as a person, He talks, inspires, enables,

gives skills, transforms and changes. He can be grieved, loved, and communed with. The ministry of the Holy Spirit is both to the unbelievers and believers alike. He reproves sinners/backsliders of sin, thereby bringing conviction for evil deeds in their hearts. For convicted sinners/backsliders who repent of their sins, He also converts them and makes them to be born again and bear the fruit of the Spirit. Besides, the Holy Spirit assures the believer that he has become a child of God. Obviously, the Holy Spirit comes, not only to make us speak in tongues unceasingly but also to teach us the truth of the Scripture. Saved by the Spirit, believers are also sanctified by the same Spirit of God. Even after we are sanctified, He keeps teaching and guiding us into the truth of God.

Some people have erroneously limited themselves to the truth Christ revealed in the synoptic gospels as being the only and full revelation God has for them. But the truth is, Christ has promised that the believer will have greater revelations from the Spirit of God, much more obtained in the gospel: "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself: but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come." The believer then needs to make more room for knowledge,

understanding, inspiration, instruction from the Holy Spirit.

1. THE SACRED TITLES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Romans 8:14; John 14:26; 1 John 4:5; 2 Timothy 1:7

The titles of the Holy Spirit reveal His activities, functions, power, and how He fulfills the significance of His titles.

These titles are:

(i.) The Spirit of God (Romans 8:14):

After salvation, the believer does not live an independent, self-centered, or society-controlled life; but allows the Spirit of God to lead and control his speech, steps, and decisions.

(ii.) The Spirit of Christ (Romans 8:9):

He guides believers in the way of Christ, not in the way of antichrist. He makes believers live like Christ and possess the passion, purpose, and desire of Christ. Anyone who acts according to the dictates of his own impulse, mind, self, or flesh does not belong to Christ nor have His Spirit.

(iii.) The Spirit of Truth (John 14:26; 17:16; 1 John 4:5–6):

The believer who has this Spirit will love the truth of the Scripture about salvation, sanctification, the Holy Spirit, baptism, etc. Unbelievers hold to the tradition of the world, and they remain under the control of the spirit of error.

(iv). The Spirit of Grace (Hebrews 10:29):

He makes grace flow into the life of the believers to walk godly, gloriously, and victoriously—over temptation, during persecution, and through the vicissitudes of life.

(v.) The Spirit of Life (Romans 8:12):

He gives us eternal, abundant, conquering life.

(vi.) The Spirit of Love (2 Timothy 1:7; Galatians 5:22–23)

He clears all the dirty and weakening thoughts that make one tremble out of the mind. His prominence and pre-eminence in the believer's life will make him bear the fruit of the Spirit.

(vii.) The Spirit of Holiness (Romans 1:4; 1 Thessalonians 4:7–8)

Being holy, He reproduces the holy life of Christ when He comes into the believer. The believer then begins to love holiness—he no longer likes watching pornographic things that satisfy the flesh.

(viii.) The Spirit of Supplication (Zechariah 12:10; Romans 8:26)

He teaches and inspires us to pray.

(ix.) The Spirit of Guidance (John 16:13; Acts 8:29; 10:19–20; 11:12; 16:6–7; Romans 8:14)

He guides into all truth on Christian living, family matters, place of worship, soul-winning, and also restrains us from taking harmful decisions.

(x.) The Spirit of Promise (Ephesians 1:13)

He reveals, interprets, applies, and makes all the promises of God concerning salvation, sanctification, power, healing, deliverance, spiritual stability, victory, preservation, etc., real to the believer.

(xi.) The Spirit of Glory (1 Peter 4:14)

He sustains and makes the believer live a godly, virtuous, and glorious life even during persecution, pain, and trials. The Holy Spirit also makes the believer the temple where He dwells.

2. SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT

2 Corinthians 3:18; Titus 3:5; 1 Corinthians 6:9–11; Hebrews 9:14; Romans 5:1–5; 8:1–4, 29; 12:1–2; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; John 16:12–13

When the Holy Spirit takes over a life, He transforms everything in it from one level of glory and holiness to another. The Holy Spirit, by whose conviction the sinner is saved and the believers sanctified, is the same who renews spiritually. This transformation actually begins at regeneration. When He comes into a life, He renews and transforms it that things are no longer the same.

The believer's testimony becomes so sure and sound:

“And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.”

This is because:

“The blood of Christ... through the eternal Spirit... purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.”

There is emphasis on the Spirit of God in conversion, sanctification, victorious living, Christian conduct, and Christ-like living. These underscore the fact that baptism in the Holy Spirit goes beyond speaking in tongues. The Christian is purged and purified, made blameless and spotless, transformed, renewed, and made rapturable by the ministry of the Holy Spirit. He is the One who makes us conform to the image of Christ.

This is why Christians are enjoined to “present their bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God” for transformation by the Holy Spirit. Those who present themselves to Him and allow Him to do what He wills are saved, sanctified, and made holy and victorious in every temptation.

Therefore, those who desire that their lives, families, attitudes, character, conduct, and lifestyle should bring glory to God must avoid the error of laying claim to being chosen or elected without a life of holiness.

All who are truly elected are made holy and pure. And with a life of holiness, revelations and guidance by the Spirit of God will be a daily occurrence:

“When He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come.”