

## **Holy Spirit and You: The Power Returning Back to the Believers Part 2**

### **The Spirit at Work in the Believer**

#### ***Key Concepts***

1. The Holy Spirit dwells in the heart of everyone who receives Christ and is born of the Spirit.
2. The indwelling Spirit performs several functions in every Christian's life: assurance of salvation, revealing the Word, transforming the character, guiding in the affairs of life, and discerning of true and false doctrine.
3. There is a difference between the Spirit "within" and the Spirit "upon."

- I. The Holy Spirit dwells in every believer.
  - A. Ezekiel 36:26-27      There was prophesied a day when God would actually give men a new heart and then take up residence in them by the Holy Spirit.
  - B. John 14:16-21      Jesus told His disciples that there was coming a day, after His resurrection, that the Spirit of God would be in them. This indwelling would be inscrutable to the world but would provide the disciples with confirmation that Jesus lives.
  - C. Romans 8:9      The indwelling of the Spirit is required for salvation.  
  
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.
  - D. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20      Your body is called the temple of the Holy Spirit. It is His sanctifying presence that sets you apart from other people. He goes with you wherever you go!

- E. Romans 8:11 It is the indwelling Spirit which will infuse life to your death-doomed body at the resurrection of the just.

Romans 8:11: 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.

II. The Holy Spirit within the believer has many functions common to all Christians.

- A. He gives assurance of salvation.

- 1. Romans 8:15-16

Romans 8:15-16: For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

- 2. 1 John 4:13

1 John 4:13: By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. **(V12 – states because we love one another)**

- B. He teaches us the Word.

- 1. John 16:13-15

V13: Tell (KJV – show) (gr) *odego*: a guide who will show a traveler the safest cause or passage through an unknown territory.

John 16:13–15 (NLT) <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. <sup>14</sup> He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me. <sup>15</sup> All that belongs to the Father is mine; this is why I said, 'The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.'

Guide: a person who advises or shows the way to others.

5 Things the Holy Spirit does in this passage.

When did the Holy Spirit come?

- 2. 1 Corinthians 2:9-16 Note particularly verse 12. The Spirit is in us to show us what is ours!

1 Corinthians 2:9–12 (NLT) <sup>9</sup> That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”\* <sup>10</sup> But\* it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God’s deep secrets. <sup>11</sup> No one can know a person’s thoughts except that person’s own spirit, and no one can know God’s thoughts except God’s own Spirit. <sup>12</sup> **And we have received God’s Spirit (not the world’s spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.**

<sup>13</sup> When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit’s words to explain spiritual truths.\* <sup>14</sup> But people who aren’t spiritual\* can’t receive these truths from God’s Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can’t understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means. <sup>15</sup> Those who are spiritual can evaluate all things, but they themselves cannot be evaluated by others. <sup>16</sup> For, “Who can know the LORD’s thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?”\* But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.

**\*\*It’s important to take the time in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal God’s Word before we read it.**

1 Corinthians 2:9–16 (NKJV) <sup>9</sup> But as it is written: “*Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.*” <sup>10</sup> But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup> For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> **Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.**

<sup>13</sup> These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. <sup>14</sup> But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup> But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is *rightly* judged by no one. <sup>16</sup> For “*who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?*” But we have the mind of Christ.

The Word of God shows no partiality:

Acts 10:34: Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. **(Receiving the Holy Spirit – Cornelius’ Household)**

Romans 2:10: but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

3. Ephesians 1:17-18 The believer can always receive increasing insight in the Word by revelation of the indwelling Spirit. Paul prayed that the believer would receive.

Ephesians 1:17-18 (NKJV): that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

Ephesians 1:17–18 (NLT) <sup>17</sup> asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom\* and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. <sup>18</sup> I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.\*

Enlightened (gr) *phōtizō* *fo-tid'-zo* From G5457; to *shed rays*, that is, to *shine* or (transitively) to *brighten up* (literally or figuratively): - enlighten, illuminate, (bring to, give) light, make to see.

- C. He works with the Word in our life to transform us into the image of Christ.

Transform: To change the form of; to change the shape or appearance; to metamorphose as a caterpillar transformed into a butterfly.

1. Galatians 5:22 The Spirit produces predictable outcomes in the life of the believer.

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

2. 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 (NKJV): Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

- D. He leads the believer. Romans 8:14 (Example: Groups of 4; 3 people with eyes closed and 1 with eyes open. Lead them through obstacles)

Romans 8:14 (NKJV): For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Led: (gr) agō ag'-o A primary verb; properly to *lead*; by implication to *bring, drive*, (reflexively) *go*, (specifically) *pass* (time), or (figuratively) *induce*: - be, bring (forth), carry, (let) go, keep, lead away, be open.

Romans 8:14 (NLT) <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children\* of God.

- E. He gives internal discernment concerning true and false doctrine.  
1 John 2:20,27

1 John 2:20,27 (NKJV): But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things; But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

III. The Scripture teaches a second experience for every believer where the Spirit comes “upon” as well as “within”.

- A. Compare John 14:17 with Acts 1:8. Notice “in” versus “upon”.

John 14:17: "even 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.

Acts 1:8: "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."

- B. Luke 4:18 After being baptized at Jordan and receiving the Holy Spirit “upon” Him, Jesus said, “*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.*”

Luke 4:18: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

- C. Compare John 4:14 with John 7:38-39. Salvation brings the Spirit in us like a well. There is a place where the Spirit flows out like a river. These two are the same Spirit, different experience.

John 4:14 (NKJV): "but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

John 4:14 (NLT) <sup>14</sup> But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."

John 7:38-39: "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

John 7:38–39 (NLT) <sup>38</sup> Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.' <sup>39</sup> (When he said, "living water," he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him. But the Spirit had not yet been given, \* because Jesus had not yet entered into his glory.)

- D. The apostles received two different experiences.

1. John 20:22 Their salvation took place on the day of the resurrection

John 20:22 (NKJV): And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

- a. Salvation came because they believed and called Him Lord. John 20:20 Romans 10:9

John 20:20 (NKJV): Now when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

Romans 10:9 (NKJV): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

- b. After their conversion, they began to bear fruit of salvation. Luke 24:50-53

Luke 24:50–53 (NLT) <sup>50</sup> Then Jesus led them to Bethany, and lifting his hands to heaven, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. <sup>52</sup> So they worshiped him and then returned to Jerusalem filled with great joy. <sup>53</sup> And they spent all of their time in the Temple, praising God.

- c. They were able to understand things of the kingdom which were hidden from them before. John 3:3  
1 Corinthians 2:1-14 Acts 1:2-3

John 3:3 (NLT) <sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, unless you are born again,\* you cannot see the Kingdom of God.”

Acts 1:2–3 (NLT) <sup>2</sup> until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit. <sup>3</sup> During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God.

- 2. Jesus commanded these born-again people who had received the Holy Spirit to wait until the Spirit came upon them.
  - a. Acts 1:4-7 Jesus calls this experience “the promise of the Father” and being “baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 1:4–7 (NLT) <sup>4</sup> Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. <sup>5</sup> John baptized with\* water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>6</sup> So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?” <sup>7</sup> He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know.

- b. Acts 1:8 Jesus says the purpose of this “upon” experience is to provide power, or ability for ministry.

Acts 1:8 (NKJV): "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."

Acts 1:8 (NLT) <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

- c. Luke 24:49 Jesus cautioned them to wait until they received this empowerment before they attempted to propagate the Gospel. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Experience

Luke 24:49: "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

- 3. Acts 2:38-39 Peter proclaimed the promise to be to all believers throughout the ages.

Acts 2:38-39 (NKJV): 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. "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."