

Evidence for Assurance Connection through the Spirit 1 John 4:13

Today we are continuing with the **SECOND** of these signs...

“CONNECTION THROUGH THE SPIRIT”

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ONE THING

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1. The Holy Spirit ENTERS us at salvation

1 Corinthians 12:13 (ESV) — For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Every Christian is “baptized” by the Holy Spirit into the body of Christ.

We are all plunged into the body.

This morning we saw two children baptized.

When they went under the water, how much of their body became wet? ALL

Romans 8:9b (ESV) — ... Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

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Romans 8:15–17 (ESV) — For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Some confuse their conscience with the Holy Spirit.

Every human ever born has the law of God stamped on their heart.

Romans 2:14–15 (ESV) — 14 For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. 15 They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them

Unless someone is taught differently, they know the Law of God.

Our own “Declaration of Independence” states such:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal...”

The indwelling Holy Spirit, however, testifies our relationship to God.

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Ephesians 1:13–14 (ESV) — In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and

believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Not only does the Holy Spirit “plunge” us into the body of Christ, but He also marks us as belonging to Christ.

2 Corinthians 1:21–22 (ESV) — And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

2 Corinthians 5:5 (ESV) — He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

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The phrase, “...he has given us...” is in the PERFECT TENSE

He gave us His Spirit at conversion and continually gives us His Spirit to live the Christian life!

The Holy Spirit equips us by doing two things...

The Holy Spirit teaches us...

Ephesians 6:11–13 (ESV) — Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Ephesians 4:22–24 (ESV) — To put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

The Holy Spirit trains us...

Psalms 18:34 (ESV) — He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

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5. The Holy Spirit EMPOWERS us to live like Jesus

Romans 8:11–14 (ESV) — If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 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. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

The Bible tells us that the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead lives within us, but it is our “obligation” to rely upon His power.

To live by the Spirit is a two-sided coin.

On one side we must – resist the flesh.

On the other side we must – rely on the Spirit.

We have a choice!!!

When you gave your life to Christ, the Holy Spirit crucified your old life and has given you new life.

Before the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within, we battle against sin in the flesh and always lose.

Now, in the Spirit, we can choose to win!

We are free!!!

Galatians 5:13 (ESV) — For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Galatians 5:16–17 (ESV) — 16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

1 John 2:6 (NLT) — Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

How do we do this?

I can't produce Jesus!!! So how does this happen?

By relying on the Holy Spirit to produce Jesus through us!

Through our daily choosing to live by the power of the Holy Spirit!

Galatians 2:20 (ESV) — I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

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