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Embracing the Power to a Spirit-Filled Life

Ezekiel 36:22-28 KJV

22 “Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went.

23 And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.

24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.”

Ephesians 5:15-21 KJV

15 “See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

16 “redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”

17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be **filled** with the Spirit;

19 speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

20 giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

21 submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.”

Introduction: An Old Revelation for A New Reality. The Holy Spirit has always been in the existence and activity of God. He is God’s Spirit.

To some he is a myth, to others he is a mystery, and to some he is a misrepresentation of their flawed doctrine.

John 7:38-44 KJV

38 “He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

40 Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet.

41 Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee?

42 Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?

43 So there was a division among the people because of him.

44 And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.”

If as a believer you do not have an understanding of the Holy Spirit, your salvation and walk as a believer is anemic and misguided.

Holy Spirit's Resume:

- **With God in Creation**
- **Third Person in the Godhead Union**
- **Affirmed Jesus at His baptism.**
- **Sent as the Comforter to Man and bore witness to the truth and teachings of Christ.**
- **Dwells in every faith believing believer in Christ.**

The Holy Spirit's Reality

1. See the Truth regarding the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 2:14

“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

2. Seek the Spirit for who he is, not what he does:

Luke 11:9-13

9 “And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?your”

James 4:8 KJV

“Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.”

Why is it so hard to hear when the Spirit is speaking?

- You don't hear because he's not speaking, you don't hear because you are consumed by too much noise.**
- Quietness of your spirit allows the Holy Spirit space to speak to you and move through you.**
- You have to remove, in order for Him to move.**

You have to Work On You!!

3. Subject yourself fully to the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:4-5, 8 KJV

4 “and, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

- **Don’t just carry the Spirit but move in him, you are empowered by him and his presence.**

4. Saved but not Surrendered:

Surrender: The Greek word for surrender is the word, paradiddomi, which means to hand over, entrust, yield. Another Greek word is the word hypotasso which is used for submitting or subjecting oneself to authority. Romans 12:1 is a perfect example of this word.

Romans 12:1 ESV

1 “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.”

Hand yourself over or turn yourself in.

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.”

Colossians 2:12 ESV

“having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.”

- **What is Baptism in the Holy Spirit?**

It means to be fully immersed in him, to the point where he who resides in you also flows through you.

- **It’s the difference between drinking water and diving in the ocean.**
- **One refreshes you and the other consumes you.**

It’s time for you to go all of the way In:

Don’t Suppress, Surrender.

Don’t Object, Obey

Don’t Reject, Receive.

Don’t Doubt, Believe.

Don’t Be Afraid, Be Affirmed