

The personality of the Holy Spirit

2 Corinthians 13:14 [The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.](#)

Paul ends his letter to the church of Corinth highlighting each person of the Adorable Godhead

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ: as believers, we must never forget that our righteousness, the forgiveness of our sins, the restoration of our lives, and all the blessings we enjoy as believers would have not been possible if it were not for the Grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

The Love of God: the perfect love of God the Father **1 John 4:8** [He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.](#) How amazing is the love of God for us though we were His enemies, we are now His children. He expressed His love for us when we were His enemies how much more will He love us now that we are His children?

When I think of all I've done for my children and everything I'm willing to do for them, in my sinful ways, limitations, and how Jesus described **Matthew 7:11** [If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven](#)

The communion of the Holy Spirit: Paul; is not referring to communion (bread wine/ last supper) but communion with the Holy Spirit **κοινωνία**: fellowship, companionship, communication, intimacy, sharing together, partnership, joint participation, and close mutual association.

John 16:7 [Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.](#)

Jesus is trying to convince His closets followers that it would be better for them to have the Holy Spirit present than Jesus being physically present with them

However, for us to enter into a close relationship with the Holy Spirit

We must know who He is, what He pleases Him, and what He dislikes, and aim to know His personality

This knowledge will help me have a better relationship with the Holy Spirit

I need to know who He is

We have Approached the Holy Spirit of God trying to experience His power rather than to know Him,

We will end up with an Experience and not a relationship

For example, my wife and I have been married together for 24 years, I know what her personality is what she likes, what she dislikes, what brings joy to her, what grieves her, and what makes her angry (I know from a look in her eyes that she's upset)

and vice versa I know what brings joy to her heart

She knows what food I like (handmade tortillas).....(my grandma)

I know what food she likes or dislikes

This intimacy didn't come overnight, years in the making. Good times, bad times, hard times, healthy times, sick times, abundance, lack, we have gotten to know each other

In a similar (not the same but similar) way as we walk with the Holy Spirit, we get to know Him. The problem is that many of us have been believers for a long time and have not gotten to know the Holy Spirit.

Like a husband or wife that don't get to know each other.....

As time goes by walking with Jesus and the Holy Spirit we will get to know Him, we will be sensitive to his voice, to His guidance, His conviction, His correction.

As we attempt to know what the personality of the Holy Spirit

Let's see some of what the Bible says about the Holy Spirit

- He has a mind **Romans 8:27** Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is
- He has a will **1 Corinthians 12:11** But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.
- He Has emotions **Romans 5:30** Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit,
- He comforts **Acts 9:31** Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.
- He Speaks **Hebrews 3:7** Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice,
 - He speaks clearly in **1 Timothy 4:1** Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,
- He teaches **1 Corinthians 2:13** These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches,
- We can make Him feel sorrow **Ephesians 4:30** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption
- We can insult Him (comparing the consequence of the law and grace) **Hebrews 10:29** Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace
- We can resist Him (Stephen's defense) **Acts 7:51** "You stiff-necked[a] and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you.
- And we can lie to Him **Acts 5:1** But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit
 - This last one is mind-blowing because He knows all things

A few things to consider about the Holy Ghost

The gentleness of the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary [h]edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. 32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

- Paul charges us to be tenderhearted but not without showing us the tenderness of the Holy Spirit first
- If I want to have and enjoy healthy relationships I must be tenderhearted, especially towards special people in my life. (Wife, children, loved ones)
- Likewise in order to have a beautiful relationship with the Holy Spirit we must be careful to be intentional and sensitive to the things that bring Him Glory and be watchful of the things that bring Him sorrow
- Paul identifies things that bring the Holy Spirit sorrow: Foul language, bitterness, rage, anger, clamor, evil speaking, and malice
- Paul doesn't say don't grieve the Father, or don't grieve Jesus, he says don't grieve the Holy Spirit
- The Holy Spirit has made our hearts His dwelling place
- Everywhere we go He goes, everything we say He hears, everything we do He sees, even every thought He knows.
- That's how close our relationship is with Him, so we must be careful about what we allow in our lives because He is deeply affected.
- **Matthew 12:31** "Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy *against* the Spirit will not be forgiven men. **32** Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come."
 - Look at the warning towards speaking against the holy Spirit
- Our relationship with the Holy Spirit is to be treasured and protected
- We must keep in mind that we can cause Him sorrow and at times deep sorrow
- It is **important** to know this because the manifestation of His presence in our lives can be affected if we lack understanding of how to relate to the Holy Spirit

He is sensitive yet strong

Isaiah 11:2 Calls him the spirit of Might,

Jesus said in **Acts 1:8** **But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;**

Be careful not to grieve Him

What shall we do when we grieve the Holy Spirit? We should repent and immediately ask for forgiveness.

It must be a genuine apology.

- When I have grieved my wife a simple I'm sorry doesn't work. She can see right through me
- She doesn't want to condemn me but rather doesn't want anything artificial about our relationship.

Similarly, The Holy Spirit doesn't want a superficial fellowship, but genuine intimacy and fellowship

Many times the Spirit of God will keep bringing something up when we have grieved Him
Especially in prayer, in worship, or praise

The Holy Spirit is prompting you, may be the way you spoke to someone, a moment of rage, a sinful action, maybe unwillingness to forgive.

The reason He keeps bringing that up is because he desires to have deep fellowship with us

We must repent and truly ask for forgiveness so that we can see and enjoy the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in our lives

He wants to be our closest friend

Closest friend, communion, fellowship, intimate friends, sharing together, talking to each other, and staying aware of what's happening in each other's life.

I have some friends, mentors, colleagues, and my wife who are close very close to me. We discuss our intentions, our struggles, our ministries, and our intentions. Men and women of God whom I have relied heavily on their experience, knowledge, and friendship. Sitting down and talking over a cup of coffee with friends my mom, my older sister, and my father. (My Pastor) (Pastor Kenton)

Many can identify with the words I've just shared about friends, mentors, and family of which my wife is my favorite.

However, this is the friendship, communion, and dependency we should have with the Holy Spirit of God

Acts 20:22 And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, 23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. 24 But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

Paul talked with the Holy Spirit about what was coming up ahead

The Holy Spirit didn't tell him jail is waiting for you and you'll be taken to Rome and be imprisoned there.

But because of his fellowship with the Holy Spirit, he knew that hardships were awaiting him

The Holy Spirit wasn't setting up Paul for hardship but rather preparing his heart, strengthening Paul for what was waiting for Paul

The Holy Spirit will prepare us

Acts 16:6 Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia. 7 After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them.

On one occasion the Holy Spirit told Paul that hardship was waiting for Him in Jerusalem

Yet the Holy Spirit allowed Him to go to Jerusalem

Here The Holy Spirit forbade them and did not permit them because through a Vision they would be led to Macedonia

I want to highlight that

Paul knew the difference between him being allowed to go even though hardship was waiting for him

Paul also knew when the Holy Spirit said no you can't go here

Acts 8:26 Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is [e]desert. 27 So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, 28 was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the Prophet. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot."

Look at how Phillip was able to distinguish between an angel of the Lord and the Voice of the Holy Spirit

Phillip knew the voice of the Holy Spirit

I am beginning to see how much communication happened between the early church and the Holy Spirit

Should it be any different today?

Were the early church believers just not equipped and primitive in their knowledge and technology?

Absolutely not!!!!!!

These believers expected the Holy Spirit to be involved in everything they did

Nothing has changed

Final thoughts

1. The Holy Spirit wants to be in partnership with us 1 Corinthians 3: we are God's fellow workers
2. The Holy Spirit's primary function is to reveal who Jesus is and to bring Him honor and glory. He will reveal Christ and manifest Himself where He is genuinely honored
3. The Holy Spirit is very gentle, tender, and comforting in nature. If we are not careful we can grieve or quench the spirit. We can sadden Him greatly and cause Him to draw back His manifestation in our lives
4. Every sin known to man is forgivable by God except one: blasphemy against the Holy Spirit
5. The Holy Spirit wants to have unbroken communion (*koinonia*) with us. As sons and daughters of God. Fellowship, partnership, deep communication, deep friendship, intimacy