

## **Why the Holy Spirit?**

### **– “Ministry of the Holy Spirit.”**

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#### **He transforms Us:**

1. Power to give life (Ps. 104:30) – give us NEW LIFE Regeneration (Jn. 3:5-6)
2. Cleanse us from sin/sanctify us. (Jn. 16:8, Rom. 15:16, 1 Pet. 1:2)
  - a. Seals us (Eph. 1:13)
  - b. Produces growth in holiness (1 Thess. 4:1-8)
3. Bears fruit (Gal. 5:22-23)

#### **He Unifies Believers:**

1. On Pentecost poured out and created a new community, marked by unprecedented unity (Acts 2:44-47)
2. Unity of heart and Mind (Phil. 2:1-2)

#### **He Reveals:**

1. Reveals Scriptures to Us (2 Tim. 3:16-17, 2 Pt. 1:21)
2. Reveals the truth (John 16:13)
3. Reveals understanding...illumination (John 16:13, 1 Cor 2:12)
4. Common Good (Rom. 12:7)
5. Reveals we are God's Sons and Daughters (Gal. 4:4-7)
6. Reveals God's presence and power
  - a. When he manifests his presence: atmosphere of Love
  - b. Peace and Joy (Rom. 14:17)
7. Reveals GOD's Power (2 Cor. 2:4-5)

#### **HE Empowers us to Witness:**

1. Power for service, OT power came on ppl. for a purpose Joshua, Judges, David, OT predicted power of Spirit coming upon Jesus. (Isa. 11:2-3, Isa. 61:1, Luke 4:18)
2. In the NT power given to believers to; witnesses (Acts 1:8), Miracles, Preach with Boldness (Romans 15:17-19, Acts 4:29-30)
3. He empowers by giving gifts 1 Cor 12:7 – Charisma – gifts of Grace
4. Helps us to pray and make it effective (Rom 8:26)
5. He empowers us for Spiritual warfare: power to cast out Demons (Matt. 12:28), distinguish between spirits (1 Cor. 12:10), Word of God functions as a Sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17)
3. He gives us Power over sinful nature/Flesh (Gal 5:16)

**Our Response to Him Matters:** Life in the Spirit is found through dependence.

1. The Holy Spirit can be resisted (Acts 7:51), Grieved (Eph. 4:30) and Quenched/Extinguish (1 Thess. 5:19)
2. And Blasphemed: (Mark 3:29), Pharisee's willfully and maliciously attribute to Satan the work of the Holy Spirit that was evident in the ministry of Jesus...when you experience the manifold presence and attribute the work to Satan, you are guilty

On the other hand, in the life of Christian who receives the fullness of the Holy Spirit as he was poured out at Pentecost (Acts 2:17-18)...

1. We can experience His fullness as temples of the living God (1 Cor. 3:16),
2. we can know close fellowship with the Holy Spirit (Phil 2:1, 2 Cor. 13:14)
3. We can receive his gifts (1 Cor. 12:11)
4. We can live full and abundant lives in his presence - Jesus promised that he would flow out of our inmost being (John 7:38-39).

All our ministry/lives must be done in his power and the NT invites us:

1. walk in the comfort of the Holy Spirit (Acts 9:31),
2. in the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8),
3. and to be in the Spirit like John in (Rev. 1:10)
4. It is possible to be filled with the Holy Spirit (Eph. 5:18) – the immediate presence of God himself, and it therefore will result in feeling what God feels, desiring what He desires, doing what he wants, speaking and moving in His power, ministering in His strength, knowing what knowledge he gives.
5. Jesus invites us to ask for more of the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13)