

## Living Water

### Part 3

#### Holy Spirit; Your Partner, Your Comforter, Your Teacher, Your Guide

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In Part 1 and Part 2 of Moving into the Gifts of the Indwelling Holy Spirit, when a person is born-again and baptized into Christ there is an opportunity to receive the extra benefit of being baptized again, this time into the Holy Spirit of Christ, which Jesus strategically sent to us! When the Bible refers to the “Holy Ghost” it is accurately translated the ‘Spirit of Prophecy’ – the Spirit of Christ in the Strongs Concordance. That is a revelation of major proportions if you will grab hold of it, rather than just believe the misconceptions relayed by the evil spirit of religion, which Jesus strongly opposed His whole time while on earth. After Jesus commanded the believers to wait, He then rose and ascended just as He said would happen. **John 7:39a** (AMPC) “But He was speaking here of the Spirit, Whom those who believed (trusted, had faith) in Him were afterward to receive.”

Jesus said this:

**Acts 1:5, 8** (AMPC) “For John baptized with water, but not many days from now you shall be baptized with (placed in, introduced into) the Holy Spirit.” Vs 8 “But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends (the very bounds) of the earth.”

Moving into the Abundant Overflow of God’s Spirit is a choice for every believer. Since it is a gift from Jesus to the Body of Christ to enable us to do all that He did while He was resident here on the earth, it is of benefit for us to receive it from Him and through Him in our everyday lives.

**Acts 2: 1-4** (KJV) “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

There is also proof that the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is a separate experience from being born-again yet is totally connected to the spiritual laws that Jesus and the Father have planned. Here are scriptural references to move deeper into the reality of God’s desire for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost to believers:

Cornelius and his household endowed with Holy Ghost anointing:

**Acts 10: 44-48** (KJV) <sup>44</sup> While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. <sup>45</sup> And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. <sup>46</sup> For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered

Peter, <sup>47</sup> Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? <sup>48</sup> And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

#### Apollos Baptized in Holy Ghost anointing:

**Acts 18:24-28** (AMPC) “Meanwhile, there was a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, who came to Ephesus. He was a cultured and eloquent man, well versed and mighty in the Scriptures. He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and burning with spiritual zeal, he spoke and taught diligently and accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he was acquainted only with the baptism of John. He began to speak freely (fearlessly and boldly) in the synagogue; but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him with them and expounded to him the way of God more definitely and accurately. And when [Apollos] wished to cross to Achaia (most of Greece), the brethren wrote to the disciples there, urging and encouraging them to accept and welcome him heartily. When he arrived, he proved a great help to those who through grace (God's unmerited favor and mercy) had believed (adhered to, trusted in, and relied on Christ as Lord and Savior). For with great power he refuted the Jews in public [discussions], showing and proving by the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ (the Messiah).” Paul led by Holy Spirit to Baptize believers into Holy Ghost (The Spirit of Christ).

**Acts 19:1-6** (AMPC) “WHILE APOLLOS was in Corinth, Paul went through the upper inland districts and came down to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. And he asked them, Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed [on Jesus as the Christ]? And they said, No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit. And he asked, Into what [baptism] then were you baptized? They said, Into John's baptism. And Paul said, John baptized with the baptism of repentance, continually telling the people that they should believe in the One Who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus [having a conviction full of joyful trust that He is Christ, the Messiah, and being obedient to Him]. On hearing this they were baptized [again, this time] in the name of the Lord Jesus. And as Paul laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke in [foreign, unknown] tongues (languages) and prophesied.”

Jesus prophesied the full intent of the Gift of the Father to us so simply:

**John 15:26** (AMPC) “But when the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengtheners, Standby) comes, Whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth Who comes (proceeds) from the Father, He [Himself] will testify regarding Me.”

**John 16:13** (AMPC) “But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce *and* declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future].”

The “Spirit of Prophecy” as I related in Part 2, written of in **Revelation 19:10b** (KJV) “of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

The Spirit of Christ (Prophecy) is intertwined in the gift of praying in Tongues. When a person prays in tongues individually, that person is praying to the Father and praying out mysteries that you don't know of with our natural mind. **1 Corinthians 14:2** (AMPC) "For one who speaks in an [unknown] tongue speaks not to men but to God, for no one understands *or* catches his meaning, because in the [Holy] Spirit he utters secret truths *and* hidden things [not obvious to the understanding]."

The Word of God tells us that we can ask for the interpretation of the Spirit words that we are speaking. Paul gave lots of instruction to the believers on how to keep order in their lives and in their Assembling together as a faith family. Holy Spirit Gifts are featured in **1 Corinthians 12:10** (KJV) "To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues..."

I have learned that the Gifts of the Spirit are purposeful and bring Blessing to the Body of Christ and to those who are seeking Christ. Next, we will talk about the three categories of the Gifts that Jesus sent to us, a total of 9 in all:

The Revelation Gifts: Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, and Discerning of Spirits.

Power Gifts: Gifts of Healings, Faith, Working of Miracles.

Oral or Prophetic Gifts: Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues, and Prophecy.

More to come! Read the scripture references above, meditate on them, go to the Strongs Concordance and the Vines and ask the Lord to impart to you more Truth in what I'm teaching you. Have a blessed day and time of prayer and study in The Word and The Spirit of Christ!

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