

August Newsletter

Eleutheros Books

Recent News

In the last two weeks 300 copies of *The Ramifications of Our Salvation* were printed in Africa! 220 books are now in Uganda and 80 are now in Kenya. God is good!

Those who are interested in making a donation to this great cause can learn more: www.eleutherosbooks.com Click on "African Book Project"

A Spanish translation of the same book is underway! God willing, the first draft will be completed soon. A missionary in Argentina will help make the book available there, and Eleutheros Books is making an effort to make arrangements so it can be printed in other Spanish speaking countries.

We will provide more details about this in upcoming newsletters.

The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you ([1 Corinthians 3:16](#))?

Many Christians today wonder how they can be effective in serving the Lord. After all, we are humans and have many limitations.

The truth be told, if we had to serve our Savior in our own strength or ingenuity, we would fail miserably! God, however, has sent His Holy Spirit to indwell us.

The Holy Spirit is very active in the life of a believer!

- 1. Jesus prophesied that the Holy Spirit would indwell believers. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever. Even the Spirit of truth, Whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you ([John 14:16-17](#)).***

Notice, "Whom the world cannot receive." The Holy Spirit does not indwell

unbelievers because they do not know Him or our Savior!

2. *All believers possess the Holy Spirit. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His ([Romans 8:9](#)).*

What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own ([I Corinthians 6:19](#))?

It is important to note the Greek noun translated “temple” in [I Corinthians 6:19](#) (quoted above). This word refers to the innermost sanctuary of the temple where only high priests could enter in Old Testament times. Our physical bodies are so important to God that He treats them as a place where His Holy Spirit continually dwells, and He insists that His temple be kept clean!

3. *The Holy Spirit is involved in many aspects of our salvation.* He regenerates, baptizes into the body of Christ, sanctifies, seals, produces fruit, provides gifts, and will fill a believer (this filling is distinct from His indwelling ministry).

4. *His indwelling ministry is multi-faceted.*

A. We can walk and live with Him. *If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit ([Galatians 5:25](#)).*

B. He disciplines when the occasion calls for it. *But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, And kept back part of the price, his wife being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostle’s feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? While it remained, was it not thine own? And after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. And Ananias, hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things ([Acts 5:1-5](#)).*

C. He gives direction to those who face uncertain circumstances. *And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south*

unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot ([Acts 8:26-29](#)).

D. He makes appointments. *As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had...prayed..they laid their hands on them ([Acts 13:2-3](#)).*

E. He sometimes prohibits certain activities, even though they may seem good. *Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the Word in Asia. After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not ([Acts 16:6-7](#)).*

F. He gives wisdom when making decisions. In Acts 15 the Apostles held a council in Jerusalem. The issue under discussion was whether or not the Gentiles who had been saved needed to observe the regulations of the Old Testament Law. It was clear to the Apostles that the Gospel was intended for Gentiles as well as the Jews, but was it God's will that those who knew nothing about the Law be required to live up to it? The Apostles, under the leading of the Holy Spirit, wrote a letter to the newly saved Gentiles:

For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: that ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: which, if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well ([Acts 15:28-29](#)).

G. He gives believers the ability to get victory over sin. *For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live ([Romans 8:13](#)).*

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh

[\(Galatians 5:16\)](#)).

We will continue this discussion in next month's newsletter.

Fill Me Now

Elwood H. Stokes

*Hover o'er me, Holy Spirit,
Bathe my trembling heart and brow
Fill me with Thy hallowed presence,
Come, O come and fill me now!*

*Thou canst fill me, gracious Spirit,
Tho I cannot tell Thee how;
But I need thee, greatly need Thee,
Come, O come and fill me now!*

*I am weakness, full of weakness,
At Thy sacred feet I bow;
Blest, Divine, eternal Spirit,
Fill with power, and fill me now!*

*Cleanse and comfort, bless and save me,
Bathe, O bathe my heart and brow;
Thou art comforting and saving,
Thou art sweetly filling now!*

*Fill me now, fill me now!
Jesus, come and fill me now!
Fill me with Thy hallowed presence,
Come, O come, and fill me now!*