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Recent News

God willing, a Spanish translation of The Ramifications of Our Salvation will soon be complete and become ready for market. Interest in such a translation has come from a number of countries in South America, Mexico, and islands in the Caribbean. Please pray for this outreach!

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Indwelling of the Holy Spirit (part 2)

In last month's newsletter we saw that the Scriptures reveal quite a bit about the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Among the revelations are the following great truths:

1. Jesus prophesied that the Holy Spirit would indwell believers ([John 14:16-17](#)).
2. All believers possess the Holy Spirit ([Romans 8:9](#); [I Corinthians 6:19](#)).
3. We can live and walk with the Holy Spirit ([Galatians 5:25](#)).
4. The Holy Spirit disciplines when the occasion calls for it ([Acts 5:1-5](#)).
5. The Holy Spirit gives direction to those who face uncertain circumstances ([Acts 8:26-29](#)).
6. The Holy Spirit sometimes makes appointments ([Acts 13:2-3](#)).
7. The Holy Spirit sometimes prohibits certain activities, even though they may seem good ([Acts 16:6-7](#)).
8. The Holy Spirit gives wisdom when making decisions ([Acts 15:28-29](#)).
9. The Holy Spirit gives believers the ability to get victory over sin ([Romans 8:13](#); [Galatians 5:16](#)).

In addition,

A. The Holy Spirit convicts of sin. *Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. And when He comes, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father, and ye see Me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged ([John 16:7-11](#)).*

B. He teaches. *These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, Whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you ([John 14:25-26](#)).*

Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself: but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak; and He will show you things to come ([John 16:13](#)).

Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God: that we may know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things we also speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual ([I Corinthians 2:12-13](#)).

So who is this Holy Spirit Who indwells the believers from the moment of His salvation? Of course, He is God, the third Person of the trinity, but what kind of Person is He? There are some who seem to think He causes believers to do rather strange things, but below are listed the characteristics which the Scriptures reveal about Him:

1. He is very caring. Reread [John 14:26](#); [16:7](#). There are many Scriptures which teach this great truth. *Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid ([John 14:27](#)).*

2. He is very peaceful (as shown at our Lord's baptism). *And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit of God descending upon Him ([Mark 1:9-10](#)).*

3. He is not ostentatious, giving glory to the Son, not Himself. In speaking about

the Holy Spirit, our Lord said, *He shall glorify Me: for He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it unto you* ([John 16:14](#)).

4. He is sensitive and can be grieved. *But they rebelled and vexed His Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them* ([Isaiah 63:10](#)). *And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption* ([Ephesians 4:30](#)).

5. He is sensitive and can be lied to. *But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thy heart to lie to the Holy Ghost* ([Acts 5:3](#))?

6. He is sensitive and can be insulted. *Oh how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite to the Spirit of grace* ([Hebrews 10:29](#))?

7. He is sensitive and can be resisted. *Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye* ([Acts 7:51](#)).

8. He is sensitive and can be blasphemed. *Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men* ([Matthew 12:31](#)).

And so we see from Scripture that the Holy Spirit Who indwells the believer is caring, peaceful, not loud, and quite sensitive. He will not force us into things, but His ministry is to quietly urge the believer to yield to Him.

The following verses about Elijah are typical of how the Holy Spirit operates:

And He said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And behold the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord: but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake: but the Lord was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice ([1 Kings 19:11-12](#)).

One last thought about this subject. Many teach/preach that Christians should “dedicate” themselves to the ministry of the Holy Spirit. On the surface this sounds like a good thing, but actually it is rather inadequate. “Unconditional surrender” is much more fitting. It is possible to be dedicated to something *we want to do*, but in unconditional surrender a believer totally allows the Holy Spirit to dominate in

every aspect of life.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God ([Romans 12:1-2](#); see also [Galatians 2:20](#)).

Holy Ghost with Light Divine

Andrew Reed

*Holy Ghost with light Divine,
Dwelling in this heart of mine;
Take all doubts and fears away,
As I tread the narrow way.*

*Holy Ghost with pow'r Divine,
Strengthen this weak heart of mine
When my prayers I can't express
Thou dost aid in my distress.*