

## The Helper

### Chapter 5

Who is a Christian? A Christian is a person who is a child of God, who is born again, and who has received a new clean and pure Spirit—a new Spirit of Jesus. This is a person who believes in God and the sacrifice of Jesus His Son, who has asked for God's forgiveness and so trusts God to fulfill His promise by giving His most precious Gift of salvation, and who receives this gift by faith. This is a person who now wants to be obedient to God by repenting, which is to change their mind, ways and attitudes to those of Christ. This is a person who wants to follow God and no one else. This is a person who loves God and wants to be totally obedient to Him. This is a person who wants to do nothing else but to please God.

But a Christian is human and so cannot be perfect, but a Christian is forgiven. So we say "a Christian is not perfect, just forgiven".

REV 3:14 "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

"These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. [15] I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! [16] So, because you are lukewarm--neither hot nor cold--I am about to spit you out of my mouth. [17] You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. [18] I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see."

REV 3:19 "Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. **So be earnest, and repent.** [20] Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me."

REV 3:21 "To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with Me on My throne, just as I overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. [22] He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

Of all the things that God asks, repentance is the hardest to do. God does not say that you must have repented to be saved, but He asks that because you are saved to repent. However, He knows that you do not have the power to fulfill your repentance, so He asks that each person to be willing to repent—to change, but how? Lets think about change. Do we have the power to change ourselves? Have you tried? I have and it is hard

to do. So can we change a bad habit, like smoking or over eating? Do we have the power or will power to stop speaking foul language or simply stop getting angry? Lets look at a couple of scriptures of what God says about these things.

MT 5:21 "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' [22] **But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment.** Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca, ' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell."

EPH 4:20 "You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. [21] Surely you heard of Him and were taught in Him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. [22] You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; [23] **to be made new in the attitude of your minds;** [24] **and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.**"

EPH 4:25 "Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. [26] **"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,** [27] **and do not give the devil a foothold.** [28] He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need."

EPH 4:29 "Do not let any **unwholesome talk come out of your mouths**, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. [30] And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. [31] **Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.** [32] Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

EPH 5:1 "**Be imitators of God,** (Definition of a Christian) therefore, as dearly loved children [2] and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

1JN 3:11 "This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. [12] **Do not be like Cain**, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. [13] Do not be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you. [14] We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does

not love remains in death. [15] **Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him.**”

Hate!! Extreme dislike, which usually follows being angry with someone and not forgiving them. How do you know you hate someone? Well hate occurs when you are disobedient to God by not loving that person. So the reward by the evil spirit is the feeling of hate. When you hate someone, you know it because you feel hatred toward them. When you are obedient to God, you will love them, even when they do not deserve it or even when they are mean toward you. When you love them instead of hate, the Holy Spirit rewards you with the feeling of Love. When you act on your faith, you will see the fact of their meanness diminishing or even their liking you, and then the Holy Spirit will reward your obedience with the feeling of love in you.

How do we stop all of these evil feelings that we have been living by all of our life? These feelings come because we were disobedient to God. But with all of these evil feelings, how can we be imitators of God, how can we put off all of these things that the world has been teaching us all of our life? How do we change our attitudes, our habits and our prejudices? How do we stop all of that which the evil spirits in our heart did to us before we were “Born again?” Jesus put it this way:

JN 14:15 "If you love Me, you will obey what I command. [16] **And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor (a Helper) to be with you forever-- [17] the Spirit of truth.** The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you **and will be in you.** [18] **I will not leave you as orphans;** I will come to you. [19] Before long, the world will not see Me anymore, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. [20] On that day you will realize that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you. [21] Whoever has My commands and obeys them, He is the one who loves Me. He who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

So Jesus says that He knows that we are human, and are subject to all kinds of temptations and abuses and attacks by the evil one. So to help us to live like a Christian, God has sent to us His Holy Spirit. He will live in us, dwell in us, lead us, guide us, teach us, remind us of God’s teachings and in short, He will live through us in power and authority. He will give us special gifts that will help us stand against the enemy and to even fight the enemy; He will give us a special armor to help us stand against the enemy.

PS 23:1 “The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.”

PS 23:2 “He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
He leads me beside quiet waters,”

PS 23:3 “He restores my soul.  
He guides me in paths of righteousness

for His name's sake.”

PS 23:4 **“Even though I walk  
through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,  
for You are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff,  
They comfort me.”**

PS 23:5 “You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.”

PS 23:6 “Surely goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD  
forever.”

If you notice, He does not say that He will remove you out of the evil path, or that He will destroy the evil on the path, but that you will not have to fear it. Have you asked God how He plans to do this? He does not say that He will take you out of evil; He says that when you walk through the path that has evil, you will not fear that evil, because He is with you. How is He with you? He is with you through the Holy Spirit. He—the Holy Spirit—is your rod and staff, which is His authority and His power. The rod is the authority of Moses and when it is a staff, it is his power.

When you are willing to be obedient and are willing to follow God and not the evil one, then the Lord will fill you to overflowing with the Holy Spirit; it is called being Baptized in the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is God’s great secret weapon.

## **How do you change the influences on you?**

What does this mean?

1TH 5:16 “Be joyful always; [17] pray continually; [18] give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”

Be joyful. How? How do I be joyful? What is joyful? So how can I be it? How to make myself to be joyful when I do not feel like being happy or joyful? Well after many, many, and many years of prayer and searching, I think I found it. It is an attitude.

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He is saying to have a joyful attitude. It is looking for joyful things. You have to decide to do that. When you decide to have this attitude, the Holy Spirit then gives you the joyful feeling out of obedience.

The right attitudes follow the 3 F's: Faith, Fact, and Feeling. We walk by faith, not by sight. When you do, then God will show you the fact, or revelation, teaching or knowing by opening your eyes, ears, minds and hearts to the spirit world. Then as a reward for your faithfulness, the fruit of the Spirit will settle in your heart and give you the feelings to support your faith.

2CO 5:6 “Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. [7] **We live by faith, not by sight.** [8] We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. [9] So we make it our goal to please Him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. [10] For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due Him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad”

How do you become kind and how do you become compassionate? They come from the attitude of love. Love is doing, it is an action and not just a feeling. The action of obedience comes first then as a reward, the Holy Spirit will fill you full of the Love feeling. You do not feel love and then act on that feeling, but faith says that it works the other way around with God. If you do it by feeling, then the devil can give you a substitute love feeling and so influence you the wrong way.

1CO 13:1 “If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. [2] If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. [3] If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

1CO 13:4 “**Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. [5] It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. [6] Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. [7] It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.**

1CO 13:8 “Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. [9] For we know in part and we prophesy in part, [10] but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. [11] When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. [12] Now we

see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

1CO 13:13 “And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1CO 14:1 “**Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy.** [2] For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit. [3] But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort. [4] He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. [5] I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. He who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may be edified.”

Where does it say here that love is a feeling? I feel that I love you. It does not say that here. He says that love is patient, love is kind, love is not envious, love is not boastful, love is not proud, love is not rude, love is not self-seeking, ...

To love is to act loving. These are all actions or the lack of actions—“is not”. Love is an attitude. If you do not have the attitude of love, you will not be motivated to act loving. It is a decision to be a certain way; it is a decision to have an attitude of wanting to be that certain way.

What are faith, hope, and love? Are they nothing but attitudes? Yes. So the right attitude will create the right motive and from the right motive you will act and with a righteous motive you act, naturally, righteously and so you will be obedient and being obedient to God’s commands **is** to love God.

Here He is saying to repent from you wicked ways. But that means that you have to repent from your ungodly motives, which are controlled by your attitudes. So it must start with repenting of your attitudes then the rest will follow.

## **Who Is the Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is a part of God, He is one of the Trinity of God: The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. He is the power of God. He holds God together; somewhat like our body holds us together. We have a mind, a spirit, and then our body. We are made in His image, in His likeness.

GE 1:26 “Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, in Our likeness...”

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Huhhh, who is He talking to in this scriptures. He says, the words “Us” and “Our”, that is indicating more than one. If God was alone, He would say, “I will make man in My image.” But He is specifically talking to someone, Who?

Well it was Jesus, lets see what John says.

JN 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] He was with God in the beginning.”

JN 1:3 “Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. [4] In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. [5] The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.”

JN 1:14 “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

John here says that the Word became flesh, Jesus is the only one that was part of God that became flesh, but He was from the beginning, and He made all things. But Genesis, says that God made all things, then that means that Jesus is God or part of God, which relates back to us, in that God is a trinity and we are in His image, so we should be a trinity too.

God the Father is the will of God—the heart of God, and Jesus is called the word of God—the Mind of God. Where does our will come from? Does it not come from our heart? And where do our words come from? Do they not come out of our mouth, which is controlled by our mind? Finally what holds all of this together? Is it not our body. Likewise the Holy Spirit holds God the Father, God the Son together. So like us, our body is our power, so with God the Holy Spirit is the power of God.

In short in Genesis, God the Father wanted it, Jesus the Word said it and God the Holy Spirit--being the power of God--made it.

So who is the Holy Spirit? He is the Power of God. And God the Father wants us all to be one with Him through the Holy Spirit by His living in us, and also as a result of the Holy Spirit living in us, He will give us the power of God to help.

## Why the Holy Spirit

MT 12:43 "When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. [44] Then it says, '**I will return to the house I left. When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order.**' [45] Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live

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there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first. That is how it will be with this wicked generation."

When you are born again, God gives you the gift of salvation because of your faith in Him. He removes your old, dirty, full of sin spirit and replaces it with a new, clean, holy, and pure spirit from Jesus.

Now that you are "Born again", do you have the power and strength to fight against the evil one? Does your spirit and your power match up to his spirit and his power?

Oh, I know, now that you are "Born again" the devil, the ruler of this world will just leave you alone and will not bother you; oh, oh I know, he will respect your new spirit and not touch you again. Right!

Wrong. Here is what God says:

1PE 5:8 "Be self-controlled and alert. **Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.** [9] Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings."

Lets see what God thinks of the enemy.

2CO 11:13 "For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ. [14] And no wonder, **for satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.** [15] It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve."

He is a master deceiver, a liar and the father of all lies.

AC 19:11 "God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, [12] so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them."

AC 19:13 "Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, "In the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out." [14] Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. [15] **One day the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and I know about Paul, but who are you?" [16] Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding.**"



AC 19:17 “When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor. [18] Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed their evil deeds. [19] A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. [20] In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.”

These Jews were religious but not saved; they did not know Jesus personally, nor where they born again or baptized in the Holy Spirit, and as such they did not have the personal power and authority of God with them; so they were almost killed.

There were people who had pure and clean blood and spirits before us, they had much more faith then we do, for they physically lived with God and walked with Him; well lets see what the enemy did to them.

GE 2:25 “The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

GE 3:1 “**Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made.** He said to the woman, "Did God really say, `You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

GE 3:2 “The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, [3] but God did say, `You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.' "

GE 3:4 "**You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. [5] "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."**

GE 3:6 “When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. [7] Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

GE 3:8 “Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. [9] But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

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GE 3:10 "He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

GE 3:11 "And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

GE 3:12 "The man said, "The woman you put here with me--she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

GE 3:13 "Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

**The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."**

GE 3:14 "So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this,

"Cursed are you above all the livestock  
and all the wild animals!  
You will crawl on your belly  
and you will eat dust  
all the days of your life.

**GE 3:15 "And I will put enmity  
between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will crush your head,  
and you will strike his heel."**

They walked with God and lived with God, but they failed. Why, because even though they had so much faith, they did not have the power to overcome the evil ones power and temptation. They did not have the Helper in them to in power them to defeat the evil one.

So God put enmity between the serpent and woman and her offspring (male and female). This means that we are at war with this serpent all of our lives. The war will never end until Jesus returns and puts him in hell once and for all. So we have to be able to fight this serpent. If our first parents could not fight and win how can we? Lets continue and see.

Our enemy is an angel, with all the power and authority of all angels (EZE 28:13-19). He was the best, most beautiful and powerful angel God ever created. And his helpers are also angels, not as strong and power but needless to say, they are all more powerful than us; today we call these other fallen angles, demons (MT 4:23; MT 8:16; MT 9:32; MT 17:17).

So how do we fight against all evil against us? The Holy Spirit, for He will give us the power to do this.

JN 16:12 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. [13] But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. [14] **He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.** [15] **All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.**"

AC 1:1 "In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach [2] until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. [3] After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. [4] On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. [5] For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

AC 1:6 "So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

AC 1:7 "He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. [8] **But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;** and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

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Like with Adam and Eve, Lucifer and his supporters, were kicked out of heaven and sent to earth. When He did this, He changed their names to the devil and his demons.

What happens to the old evil spirit that is removed from you when you were Born Again? Does it just disappear? Does it get thrown into the abyss or the bottomless pit? No, it just roams around looking for somewhere to rest. But according to the Gospel of Jesus, when he gets tired of searching for a new home to live, he goes back to the place that he was forced out from. So when he goes back to you, what will he see, an empty house or a full house. But if your house is to be full, then the question is, "What will it be full of? God or evil?"

So once you are Born again, you are like what Jesus said in His parable.

LK 11:23 "He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me, scatters."

LK 11:24 "When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' [25] When it arrives, it finds the house swept clean and put in order. [26] **Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there.** And the final condition of that man is worse than the first."

LK 11:27 "As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, "Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you.""

LK 11:28 He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

This is what He showed me as to why it is so important for the Holy Spirit to live in us. When we are "Born Again", our evil human spirit is removed from us, and our Father washes us—our house--clean with the blood of Jesus. But if we neglect to ask the Father to fill us with the Holy Spirit, then when that evil spirit returns, and does not see the Holy Spirit living in us, he gets his friends and they all reclaim the house and now the house is worse then before. You have seen this when a person gives their life to Christ and they are happy and joyful for a while, but then something happens and they become worse then before. Well this is what He is describing here. You must be filled with the Holy Spirit if for nothing else then to be protected from evil

And this also shows why you—your house—must be cleaned, because the Holy Spirit will not live in an evil and defiled house.

The implication of this parable of Jesus is that your house must be full of the Holy Spirit of God. It is important so that when the evil spirit looks into your house he sees is full of the Holy Spirit and he does not dare to enter because he knows what the Holy Spirit will do to him.

## **Jesus' First Command**

So now that you are saved, the next step is to be obedient to God. What was the first command that Jesus gave His disciples after He rose from the dead?

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occasion, while He was eating with them, He gave them this command: **"Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift My Father promised, which you have heard Me speak about. [5] For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be Baptized with the Holy Spirit."**

AC 2:1 "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. [2] Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. [3] They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. [4] **All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

He is saying that now that you are saved, you must be full of the Holy Spirit or you will be worse off then you were before you were saved. So this is what Jesus was referring to when He gave the above parable in Matthew 12:44-45 about the empty house. He never planned for us to be left helpless like orphans and vulnerable and under the control of evil spirits. He had always planned to fill us and to live in us, to empower us with His power and authority.

One of the mysteries of God is this concept of being "Baptized in the Holy Spirit." The true definition of Baptism is "To be immersed or to be filled completely." To be Baptized in water is to be completely immersed in water such that the water could drown you—and so drowning is to symbolize your dying and raising out of the water is then raising from the dead like Jesus did. To be baptized in the Holy Spirit is to be completely immersed and filled in the Holy Spirit. It is when you are willing to be fully committed to God and His ways that allows He fill you with the Holy Spirit. So much so that He can be allowed to communicate to you in various methods. This way is how He can guide you into all truth and teach you all things according to John 14, 15 and 16. (Please read these scriptures when you have finished reading this.)

Why is this important? Because being completely filled and overflowing in the Holy Spirit is how God works with us and through us. The Holy Spirit is to either work in us so that we can stand and fight against the evil one or to work with us so that we can be used to help others who are weaker and need our help and support. In order to be part of this you need to understand what it is, who it is and why God is doing this.

## **The Beginning of Our Power and Authority**

Here is how it started. This is the act of the first Baptism in the Holy Spirit, which was done on Pentecost.

AC 2:1 "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. [2] Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. [3] **They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest**

**on each of them. [4] All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”**

AC 2:5 “Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. [6] When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. [7] Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? [8] Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? [9] Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, [10] Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome [11] (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs--we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" [12] Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

AC 2:13 “Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine. "

AC 2:14 “Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. [15] These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! [16] No, **this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel (JOEL 2:28):**

AC 2:17 " `In the last days, God says,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your young men will see visions,  
your old men will dream dreams.”

AC 2:18 “Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out My Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.”

AC 2:19 “I will show wonders in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.”

AC 2:20 “The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.”

AC 2:21 “And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

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AC 2:22 "Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through Him, as you yourselves know. [23] This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put Him to death by nailing Him to the cross. [24] But God raised Him from the dead, freeing Him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him."

**Note:** Pentecost comes from 50, meaning it was the 50<sup>th</sup> day after the Passover.

So this is the fulfillment of John 14, 15 and 16 for when the Helper (Counselor) comes He will Baptize you in the Holy Spirit and you will do greater things than Jesus did.

JN 14:9 "Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? [10] Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in Me, who is doing His work. [11] Believe Me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. [12] **I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.** [13] And I will do whatever you ask in My name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. [14] You may ask Me for anything in My name, and I will do it."

## Keeping the Holy Spirit in Our Hearts

Here is how we live as a Christian. The Holy Spirit is the Key. When we are "Born Again", we receive a new Spirit from God that is Holy and Pure. And so now that we have a holy and pure spirit, we can receive the Holy Spirit of God to live in and with us. He lives with our spirit in our heart. But for Him to live with our spirit in our heart, our heart must be holy and pure. There is no way that He will live with a sinful or dirty spirit in our hearts.

In order for Him to live in our heart, we must have a clean heart. As we have mentioned, when we born in this world, we were born with an evil spirit in our heart, and our evil spirit had friends and they lived there too. (Did you not have lots of evil feelings in your heart as in Galatians 5: 1-21.) We have had many other evil spirits living in our hearts that must be removed before we can receive this great gift of God. God has replaced the evil human spirit that we were born with because of the evil in our sinful blood, but that does not mean that He has replaced all the evil spirits of this world that your old evil spirit let into your heart.

**This is the whole purpose of attitudes. With the right attitude you can keep your heart holy and pure for the Holy Spirit to live in and with you. God looks at your attitude more than anything else. If you have the right attitude, God will forgive many sins. He understands that we make mistakes and fall into traps, but with the right attitude, He will help you over come them, which is why He has given us the Holy Spirit to help us.**

For example, here He tells how the attitude of love helps:

1PE 4:7 “The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. [8] **Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.** [9] Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. [10] Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. [11] If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.”

We cannot over come the evil one, but the Holy Spirit can. All God requires is that we are willing to change our attitude to be Godly and He will help with all of His power to help you succeed.

This is a life long process, which is again why the Holy Spirit is so important. To keep the Holy Spirit in you is what most of the bible is about. So we will be going over this in greater detail in the next chapters. For now it is important to understand and know who is the Holy Spirit.

## **Are We Automatically Filled with the Holy Spirit?**

Is a new “Born again” person automatically filled with the Holy Spirit? Sometimes yes and sometimes no.

It depends on each person. Some people realize that they need and want a deep, strong, and close relationship with God and are willing to repent—they are willing to change their attitude to be like Christ, and they also realize that they need help to do this, so they seek to be as close to God as possible. For this seeking, He answers them with infilling of the Holy Spirit, for of course in order to have a close deep relationship it requires the Holy Spirit to establish it. So when they make a firm commitment with God, He gives this gift to Help them.

God does require us to ask Him to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

LK 11:9 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. [10] For



everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.”

LK 11:11 "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? [12] Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? [13] If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!**"

But many others do not know or realize this. So they do not receive the Holy Spirit. Only later when things do not work or they are having lots of problems, do they finally seek God to find out why and how; then the Holy Spirit shows them their lack of commitment and relationship, and then they seek God, for they realize that they need to become closer to Him. He then in turn shows them that they need to be filled with the Holy Spirit in order to achieve it.

JN 14:15 "If you love Me, you will obey what I command. [16] And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-- [17] the Spirit of truth. **The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him.** But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you. [18] I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. [19] Before long, the world will not see Me anymore, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. [20] On that day you will realize that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you. [21] Whoever has My commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves Me. He who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

As you see here, that Jesus says that because the world does not see or know the Holy Spirit, they will not accept Him, and if you do not accept Him you cannot receive Him.

This is why it is important for all to know the Holy Spirit and understand Him so that they can accept Him and so receive Him.

## **How Do You Receive the Holy Spirit?**

Now the question is: how? To receive that Holy Spirit you must be sincerely willing make a full and complete commitment (decision) to God, to follow Him and to obey all of His commands. For committing one sin, the Holy Spirit will leave you—this does not mean that He will desert you or forsake you, but that He will no longer live in you--and will no longer work with you, until you have been cleaned again, by asking for forgiveness and to be willing to repent from the attitude that influenced and caused you to sin.

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But that is the purpose of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit to help you to fight sin and the cause of it. The Holy Spirit will empower you and strengthen you. It is not magic or automatic. You need to understand the Holy Spirit and you must follow His ways. Then you will also be considered wise, for wisdom also comes from the Holy Spirit when asked for.

How do you get baptized in the Holy Spirit? As we said, God gives this gift once we make a deep commitment to be willing to obey all of His commands, this is a covenant. The covenant is an agreement between you and Him. You come to the understanding of what He wants from you and you in turn understand what He is willing to do for and with you.

You are willing to give your life for Him. You are willing to follow His commands. You are willing to live a clean, pure and holy life. You are willing to follow Him even if it means to your death. You are willing to repent from all ways not from or for God. You are willing to allow God to purify your heart; to remove all evil spirits in your heart making it holy. You are willing to seek Him and His kingdom first and to live in faith in Him. You are willing to allow Him to use you in anyway that He pleases.

That is a lot of willingness, and being human that is hard to keep. But do not worry or get stressed out about it, because if you do sin, He is more than willing to forgive you when you ask for forgiveness and then repent (to be willing to allow the Holy Spirit to change your attitude) from that sin. We are not perfect, but we can be and are forgiven. Being a Christian is not easy. Not when you have a relentless enemy always trying to stop you, always trying to really kill you or at least he is trying to discredit you and your savior, Jesus. **Whether you believe this or not, makes no difference to the reality of it; your belief does not make it real or not, but rather your believing brings you into the reality of the spirit world—the Kingdome of God.** You have to choose which side you want to be on and fight for it.

JAS 3:17 “But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. [18] Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

JAS 4:1 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? [2] You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. [3] **When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, (attitudes) that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.”**

JAS 4:4 **“You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.** [5] Or do you

think Scripture says without reason that the spirit He caused to live in us envies intensely? [6] But He gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

"God opposes the proud  
but gives grace to the humble."

JAS 4:7 "Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. [8] Come near to God and He will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, **you double-minded.** [9] Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. [10] Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up."

To be single-minded, you must decide to be fully committed to God. You must make the decision to stand for and with God and to not let anything change your mind. Changing you mind after you have made the right decision is being double-minded. It is questioning yourself as to whether you made the right decision or not, or rather you allow the enemy to put doubts in your mind and he starts questioning your motives and attitudes and decisions. God says to resist these thoughts from the enemy and he will flee from you. Why? Because the Holy Spirit will respect your decision and He will support your decision by forcing the enemy away.

This is your part of the covenant with Him. His part is to fill you with the Holy Spirit and to fulfill all that is written about the Holy Spirit. This you will have to study to know and understand. He will teach you. You can now expect God to fulfill John 14, 15, and 16 in your life and more. You can now expect God to live in and through you.

After you make this new covenant with God to be fully committed to Him and His Kingdom, then He will gladly fill, immerse, and baptize you in the Holy Spirit. Now you are being like Jesus the Christ and that is what makes you a Christian. The last thing you have to do is to ASK. Pray.

LK 11:5 "Then He said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, [6] because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.'"

LK 11:7 "Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' [8] I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs."

LK 11:9 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. [10] For

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everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.”

LK 11:11 "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? [12] Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? [13] **If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"**

But there is a caveat to this prayer thing.

MT 21:18 “Early in the morning, as he was on his way back to the city, he was hungry. [19] Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then he said to it, "May you never bear fruit again!" Immediately the tree withered.”

MT 21:20 “When the disciples saw this, they were amazed. "How did the fig tree wither so quickly?" they asked.”

MT 21:21 “Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, **if you have faith and do not doubt**, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. [22] If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

And

MK 11:20 “In the morning, as they went along, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots. [21] Peter remembered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered!"”

MK 11:22 "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. [23] "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. [24] Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, **believe that you have received it**, and it will be yours. [25] And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, **forgive him**, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins. "

## Summary

To help us who are Christians—who are “Born again”, God has provided us a Helper. He knows that we are not strong enough to fight against the evil one of this world. So He has provided for those who want to follow Him, to love Him, the Holy Spirit. He will give us the power and authority necessary to stand and be free against the evil one.

MT 16:24 “Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. [25] For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me will find it. [26] What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? [27] For the Son of Man is going to come in His Father's glory with His angels, and then He will reward each person according to what he has done. “

EPH 6:10 “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. [11] Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. [12] For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. [13] Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. [14] Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, [15] and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. [16] In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. [17] Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. [18] And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.”

To receive the Holy Spirit you must be willing.

- 1. Be willing to Obey God (JN 14:15; JN 15:9)**
- 2. Be willing to Seek first the Kingdom of God (MT 6:28)**
- 3. Be willing to Seek His righteousness (MT 6:28)**
- 4. Be willing to repent—change your attitude (EPH 4:20)**
- 5. Be willing to carry your own cross (MT 16:24; LK 14:25)**
- 6. Be willing to allow the Holy Spirit to live in you (JN 14:17; REV 3:19)**
- 7. Be willing to follow the Holy Spirit (JN 16:12)**

- 8. Be willing to let the Holy Spirit change you to live as a member of the Kingdom of God (GAL 5:16)**
- 9. After you are willing, you ask God to fill you and baptize you in the Holy Spirit (MT 7:9; LK 11:11)**
- 10. You then believe that you have received and start acting accordingly (MT 21:21; JAS 1:2; JAS 4:7)**

Finally all of this only works by Faith: believing, trusting and doing (acting on one's belief and trust).

