

The Holy Spirit

Chapter 6

Who Is the Holy Spirit

Lets review. 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, some what 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...

Huhhh, who is He talking to. He says, the words “Us” and “Our”, that is indicating more then one. If God was alone, He would say, “I will make man in My image.” But He is specifically talking to some one, 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 Him image, so we should be a trinity too. God the Father is the spirit of God, Jesus is the word, which is like our mind for our words come from our minds and our body holds our mind and our spirit together, just like the Holy Spirit hold God the Father, God the Son together with Him, the Holy Spirit. So like us, our body is our power, so with God the Holy Spirit is the power of God.

In short of Genesis, God the Father wanted it, Jesus the Word said it and God the Holy Spirit made it for He is the power of God.

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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 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 us.

The Power of God

Now that Holy Spirit can live with our spirit and so in us, here is what He wants to do. He comes with many spiritual gifts. These gifts the Holy Spirit uses for us so that we can obey God's commands.

MT 28:16 "Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. [17] When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. [18] Then Jesus came to them and said, "**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.** [19] Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

LK 9:1 "**When Jesus had called the Twelve together, He gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases,** [2] and He sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick."

LK 10:17 "The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

LK 10:18 "He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. [19] **I have given you authority** to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. [20] However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

LK 10:21 "At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure."

LK 10:22 "**All things have been committed to Me by My Father.** No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom **the Son chooses to reveal Him.**"

When we are obedient, we are given authority from Jesus, who was given all authority from God. He gives it to us through the Holy Spirit. He is the power of God. When we are obedient, we pray our authority and the Holy Spirit does it. Just like He did for God when He made the world (GE 1). When God said, He was releasing His

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authority to the Holy Spirit to do as He has said. The Holy Spirit only does what the Father will; and only on His authority, until now, when Jesus gave to us His authority (see JN 16:12 below). The Holy Spirit will take what is from Jesus and give it to us. So we need the Holy Spirit to receive His authority, as well as the Holy Spirit to have the power of God.

Most importantly what the Holy Spirit wants to do is to also obey our Father as in

JN 14:25 "All this I have spoken while still with you. [26] But the Counselor (Helper), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, **will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.** [27] Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

JN 15:26 "When the Counselor (Helper) comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, **He will testify about Me.** [27] And you also must testify, for you have been with Me from the beginning.

JN 16:12 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. [13] But when He (The Helper), 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."

MT 10:17 "Be on your guard against men; they will hand you over to the local councils and flog you in their synagogues. [18] On My account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. [19] But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. **At that time you will be given what to say, [20] for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.**

MK 13:9 "You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of Me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. [10] And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. [11] **Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.**

LK 12:8 "I tell you, whoever acknowledges Me before men, the Son of Man will also acknowledge him before the angels of God. [9] But

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he who disowns Me before men will be disowned before the angels of God. [10] And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

LK 12:11 "**When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, [12] for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.**"

Functions of the Holy Spirit

Here we see that Jesus is making a very big deal about the Helper. He has indicated that the Helper will do several things—John 14, 15 and 16.

1. He will teach you all things about Jesus and the Kingdom of God
2. He will remind you of all things that Jesus taught you
3. He will testify about Jesus
4. He will guide you into all truth
5. He will take all this is of Jesus and make it known to you
6. He will speak through you when needed
7. He will give you many spiritual gifts to help fulfill God's will
8. He will perform the miracles as the Father wills

Lets look at what else the Holy Spirit will do. He has many gifts.

1CO 12:1 "**Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant.** [2] You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. [3] Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit."

Of course He is saying that not just saying words will move the Holy Spirit to work, but you have to have the righteous attitude and faith behind these words.

1CO 12:4 "**There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.** [5] There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. [6] There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men."

1CO 12:7 "**Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.** [8] To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, [9] to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, [10] to another miraculous powers, to another

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prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. [11] All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and He gives them to each one, just as He determines.”

He has for us many spiritual gifts and they are:

1. Wisdom
2. Knowledge
3. Faith
4. Healing
5. Miraculous Powers
6. Prophecy
7. Distinguishing between spirits
8. Different kinds of tongues (angelic language and human language)
9. Interpretation of tongues
10. Interpretation of dreams, visions and prophecy

Lets take a minute to remember as to why the Lord wants us to have the Holy Spirit.

What is God’s first command?

MT 22:37 “Jesus replied: " `Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' [38] This is the first and greatest commandment. [39] And the second is like it: `Love your neighbor as yourself.' [40] All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Another way to look at this command is:

JN 15:9 "As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. [10] **If you obey My commands, you will remain in My love**, just as I have obeyed My Father's commands and remain in His love. [11] I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. [12] **My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.**”

His commands are to love God and to love each other. How can you do that if the enemy is always trying to destroy you? He is always trying to make you dirty, filthy and unholy and disobedient. How do you stop him?

1PE 5:5 “Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

"God opposes the proud (haughty)
but gives grace to the humble."

1PE 5:6 "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. [7] Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

Remember that the enemy is always after you.

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."

MT 12:43 "When an evil spirit comes out of a man, (like being born again) 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 (empty), 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 there. **And the final condition of that man is worse than the first. That is how it will be with this wicked generation.**"

The main problem many people have once they are "Born again" is that they are still empty. God says that He wants to live in that house, but He must be invited. He respects our free will. We must be willing to have Him live in our house.

2CO 6:14 "Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? [15] What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? [16] What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? **For we are the temple of the living God.** As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."

2CO 6:17 "Therefore come out from them
and be separate,
says the Lord.
Touch no unclean thing,
and I will receive you."

2CO 6:18 "I will be a Father to you,
and you will be My sons and daughters,
says the Lord Almighty."

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2CO 7:1 “Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.”

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.”

He is calling on you to let Him in, now that you have a holy and pure spirit. But make note of what He says about these lukewarm people for He is talking to the religious people (REV 3:14).

Help You Stand

But now lets get back to what the Holy Spirit will provide you to help you live a Godly life.

EPH 5:15 “Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, [16] making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. [17] Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. [18] Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. **Instead, be filled with the Spirit.** [19] Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, [20] **always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**”

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.”

The full armor of God comes only through the Holy Spirit. He wants to give you protection to stand against our enemy. This will enable you to stand against the devils flaming arrows.

1. Belt of truth
2. Breastplate of righteousness
3. Put the protection for you feet with by being ready to preach the Gospel
4. Shield of faith
5. Helmet of salvation
6. Sword of the word of God

The important part that the Holy Spirit wants to provide you is self-control. For without that we are our own worse enemy, as James shows here.

JAS 3:7 “All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, [8] **but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.**”

JAS 3:9 “With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. [10] Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. [11] Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? [12] My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.”

JAS 3:13 “Who is wise and understanding among you? **Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.** [14] But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. [15] Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. [16]

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For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.”

MT 12:33 "Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. [34] You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? **For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.** [35] The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. [36] **But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken.** [37] For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

Another bible says that "...that out of the abundance of your heart, your mouth will speak." So if your heart is full of the Lord, your mouth will speak that of the Lord, if your heart is still full of evil, then you will speak evil. Or you can look at it as your nature, if your nature is of God, then you will naturally speak Godly things, but if your nature is still evil, then you will naturally speak and do evil things.

This is one of the reasons the Lord uses tongues. If we let the Holy Spirit talk through us then that shows us that He has tamed our tongues. Then we will not speak evil but good, fulfilling our hearts desires.

So if your heart is full of the Holy Spirit, then you will naturally speak and show the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

One of the most powerful things that the Father has given us in the Holy Spirit, is shown in Galatians 5. Lets look at it.

GAL 5:1 "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."

GAL 5:2 "Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. [3] Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. [4] You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. [5] But by faith we eagerly await through the Spirit the righteousness for which we hope. [6] For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love."

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GAL 5:7 “You were running a good race. Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the truth? [8] That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. [9] "A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough." [10] I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. The one who is throwing you into confusion will pay the penalty, whoever he may be. [11] Brothers, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been abolished. [12] As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves!”

GAL 5:13 **“You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.** [14] The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." [15] If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

GAL 5:16 **“So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.** [17] For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. [18] **But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.”**

GAL 5:19 “The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; [20] idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions [21] and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

GAL 5:22 **“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. [24] Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. [25] Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. [26] Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.”**

The fruits of the Holy Spirit are:

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace (The peace that surpassed understanding)
4. Patience
5. Kindness
6. Goodness
7. Faithfulness
8. Gentleness

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9. Self-control

These are what? Feelings. As you obey the Lord or you are willing to obey Him, He then rewards you by having the Holy Spirit fill you with these feelings.

But if you are disobedient what happens. Look at verse 19. It is your free will. You can choose to follow God or you have the free will to be disobedient and the evil spirit will reward you with the evil feelings, indicated in verse 19.

Most Important Fruit

These are your choices. If you want to follow God then, obeying His commands indicate that your free will is to love Him and the Holy Spirit will fill you with love, but as a quick review lets look as what God defines love as.

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.”

He says that love is

1. Patient
2. Kind
3. Always protect (others)
4. Always trusts
5. Always hopes
6. Always perseveres
7. Does not envy

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8. Does not boast
9. Love is not proud
10. Love is not rude
11. Love is not self-seeking (carrying our your own cross)
12. Love is not easily angered
13. Love does not remember wrongs
14. Love does not delight in evil but love rejoices in truth

Does anything here say that love is a feeling? Does God say that unless you feel like loving that you do not need to act in a loving way? NO. He says that if you are to love some one you must act in these ways. To love is to act and show love in these ways or to love is to not act in evil, but good.

Well how to love someone who is always evil to you or at least never acts loving to you, they are never nice, they never have a kind word to you, they are always showing you your mistakes. How? Jesus says to love you neighbor as your-self or as He loves you. He showed His live by dying for you and so for them. If He was willing and did die for them too, why can you not act loving to them?

Well as I asked God about this, He said, "I did not love what the person did, that would be to love the evil spirit controlling them (EPH 2:1), the evil one controlling them is like a evil Puppet Master, he is pulling their strings making them do whatever he wants, and I am not asking you to love the puppet master, but rather I love the person, the soul of My children who are being controlled by that Puppet Master--the evil one. I know that if I set them free from the puppet master, then they will come to Me."

So we are to love the person not the puppet master who is controlling them (2CO 11:13). Loving the person helps God to set them free.

RO 12:14 "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. [15] Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. [16] Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited."

RO 12:17 "Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. [18] If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. [19] Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. [20] On the contrary:

**"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."**

RO 12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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But if you do not have a full house with the right attitude how can you do this? But if you do, then the Holy Spirit will empower you so that you can.

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