

“Relying On The Holy Spirit” by Charles F. Stanley

Chapter 4

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Ch. 4 “Relying On The Holy Spirit’s Presence”

Does the Holy Spirit remain in you for eternity? Can you lose the Holy Spirit?

John 4:13 – Jesus said: **“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”**

What does this scripture say to you?

John 7:37-39 – On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, **“If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.”** By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.”

What is Jesus telling us about the Holy Spirit?

“Living water refers to artesian springs-water that bubbles up through the earth in unending supply. The water from artesian springs is considered the purest water available to humankind. It flows freely without end.”

When have you been quenched of your thirst in your life by the Holy Spirit?

Jesus Promises To Send The Holy Spirit

John 14:15-18 – Jesus said: **“If you love me, you will obey what I command. What is Jesus referring to here?**

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. What is Jesus telling us about the Holy Spirit?

But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. What is Jesus saying here?

Because I live, you also will live.” What does this mean to you?

The disciples did not have the Holy Spirit in themselves but rather experienced the Holy Spirit through the presence of Jesus. What does this tell you about your witness to those who have not excepted Christ as their savior?

John 15:26-27 – Jesus said: **“When the Counselor 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. And you also must testify for you have been with me from the beginning.”** Where does the Holy Spirit come from? What is His job or purpose?

John 16:7 – Jesus said: **“But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgement: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; What is Jesus saying here?**

in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; What does this mean? and in regard to judgement, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.” Who is Jesus referring to?

Why is it beneficial to have the Holy Spirit dwelling in you?

Why did Jesus need to ascend to heaven for this to take place?

The Holy Spirit In Jesus’ Birth

The Holy Spirit was active before the birth of Christ as we can see with Elizabeth and John The Baptist, Zacharias being struck speechless for doubting and later being (Luke 1:67,76) “...filled with the Holy Spirit.”, Simeon who was just and devout having the Holy Spirit upon him. But what about the Holy Spirit in the life of Jesus Himself? Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit. Have you ever thought about this and how Jesus is intertwined with the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit In Jesus’ Ministry

Mat. 3:16-17 – “As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” Was this when Jesus received the Holy Spirit?

“Nowhere in the Gospels do we have an account of Jesus receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit. ...He had no need to be filled with the Spirit, as He was always filled with the Spirit.” Have you ever considered this?

The Holy Spirit And The Birth Of The Church

1 Cor. 12:12-13 – “The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body.” What is this referring to? “So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body – whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.” What is this saying?

“The Holy Spirit in us is the life of Christ in us. It is His Spirit, in His body – ours individually, and our collectively, as we are connected to other believers.” Have you ever considered your relationship with fellow believers as being related like brothers and sisters in the family of God through the Holy Spirit?