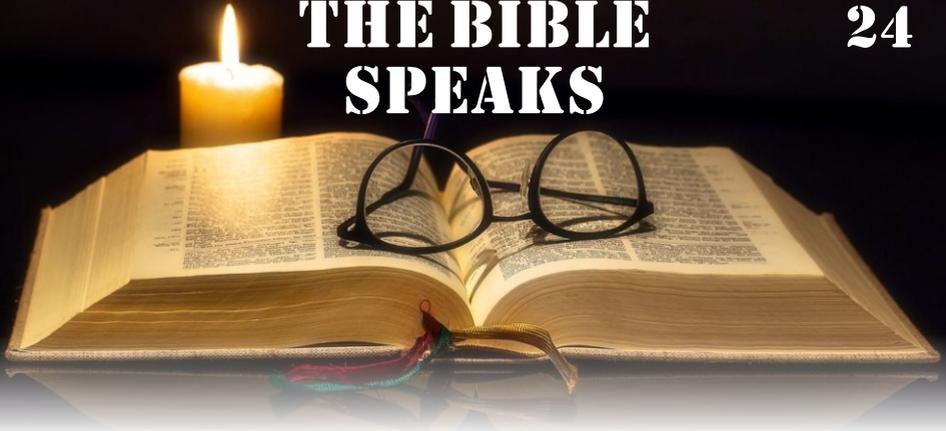


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The Holy Spirit and the Gifts



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Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus

Philippians Chapter 2 verse 5

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Before we venture any further, we need to stop and consider that we are about to come close to the throne room of the great God of the universe; so we need to “take off our shoes”, because we are standing on “Holy ground”. People too often rush into this topic and end up getting into trouble because they don’t treat this subject with the reverence and awe that it deserves.

So in approaching this study, the reader is asked to think carefully and prayerfully on the following issues: **1.** The promise of the Spirit is a matter little thought of; and the result is only what might be expected - spiritual drought, spiritual darkness, spiritual declension and death. Minor matters occupy the mind rather than divine power which is necessary for growth in a persons’ life. **2.** Just prior to leaving His disciples for the heavenly courts, Jesus promised them the power of the Holy Spirit. This promise belongs to us as much as it did to them, and yet how rarely is it seriously considered.

In consequence of the silence on this theme let us now search the Bible for the truth about the Holy Spirit and His gifts.

1. Who is the Holy Spirit? a). Acts 5:1-5 and b). 2 Corinthians 13:14 -

a. _____

b. _____

2. What is the connection between those mentioned in question 1a and 1b? Romans 1:20, Colossians 2:9, Acts 17:29 and 1 john 5:7 -

3. Does the Bible teach that the Holy Spirit is a person? John 14:15-17 & 26. John 15:26 and John 16:13 -

4. what promise did Jesus make concerning the Holy Spirit? John 14:16-18 -

And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you _____

that He may abide with you forever... I will not leave you _____;

I will come to you.” Also read **John 16:7-8.** _____

5. How does the Holy Spirit help us to experience the presence of Jesus?

1 John 14:17-18 - _____,

John 14:17-18 - Even the _____ of _____ whom the _____ cannot receive, because it seeth Him not neither knoweth Him; but ye know Him, for He _____ with you and shall be _____ you. Also read 1 John 4:13

6. What is the role of the Holy Spirit? **John 15:26** - _____
_____.

John 16:8 - "And When he is come, He will _____ the world of sin, and of _____, and of _____.

7. How much should the Holy Spirit affect a person's life? **Acts 1:5 & 8** -
"For John truly baptised with water; but ye shall be _____ with the Holy _____ not many days hence."

Note: God desires that His children be filled with the Holy Spirit - described by Jesus as the baptism of the Holy Spirit. (compare **Ephesians 5:18**)

8. What happens in the life of a person who has been filled with the Holy Spirit? **Galatians 5:22-23** -

"The fruit of the Spirit is _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____."

9. What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit? **1 Corinthians 12: 4-11 & 28-30** -

"For to one is given by the _____ the word of _____; to another the word of _____ by the same Spirit; To another _____ by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of _____ by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another _____; to another discerning of _____; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues".

10. Is there a distinction between the fruit of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit? **Galatians 5:22-23 and 1 Corinthians 12:4-10** -

The fruit of the Spirit deals with the character of the Christian. The gifts of the Spirit are a manifestation of His power given to the individual while other gifts can be developed over time as we allow the Spirit to work in us.

11. Who decides which spiritual gifts a person is to receive?

1 Corinthians 12:11 - But all these worketh that One and the selfsame Spirit dividing to _____ severally as _____ will.

12. How do we receive the Holy Spirit? **Luke 11:13** -

_____.

13. What warning is given to us regarding the Holy Spirit? **Ephesians 4:30** -
“And _____ the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed...”

The word “grieve” as used in **Ephesians 4:30** means to “make sorrowful” in failing to surrender to the spirit’s promptings, either by the sins we commit or by the things we refuse to do - sins of commission or sins of omission - we can grieve and turn away the Spirit of God.

In **Genesis 6:3**, God told Noah that His Spirit “shall not strive with man forever.” There is a limit to the Spirit’s forbearance. He will continue to speak to the conscience until the repeated refusal to yield to His voice brings about a condition where the heart becomes hardened and incapable of surrendering. Once that point is reached, the Spirit leaves the person to his own destiny.

Paul knowing how dangerous the error against the Spirit is, left the following loving but solemn warning in **Hebrews 3:7-12**.

Harden not your heart!

Are you willing to receive the Holy Spirit? And do you desire to be equipped to serve God, and to be more like Jesus?

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