

## PRAYER

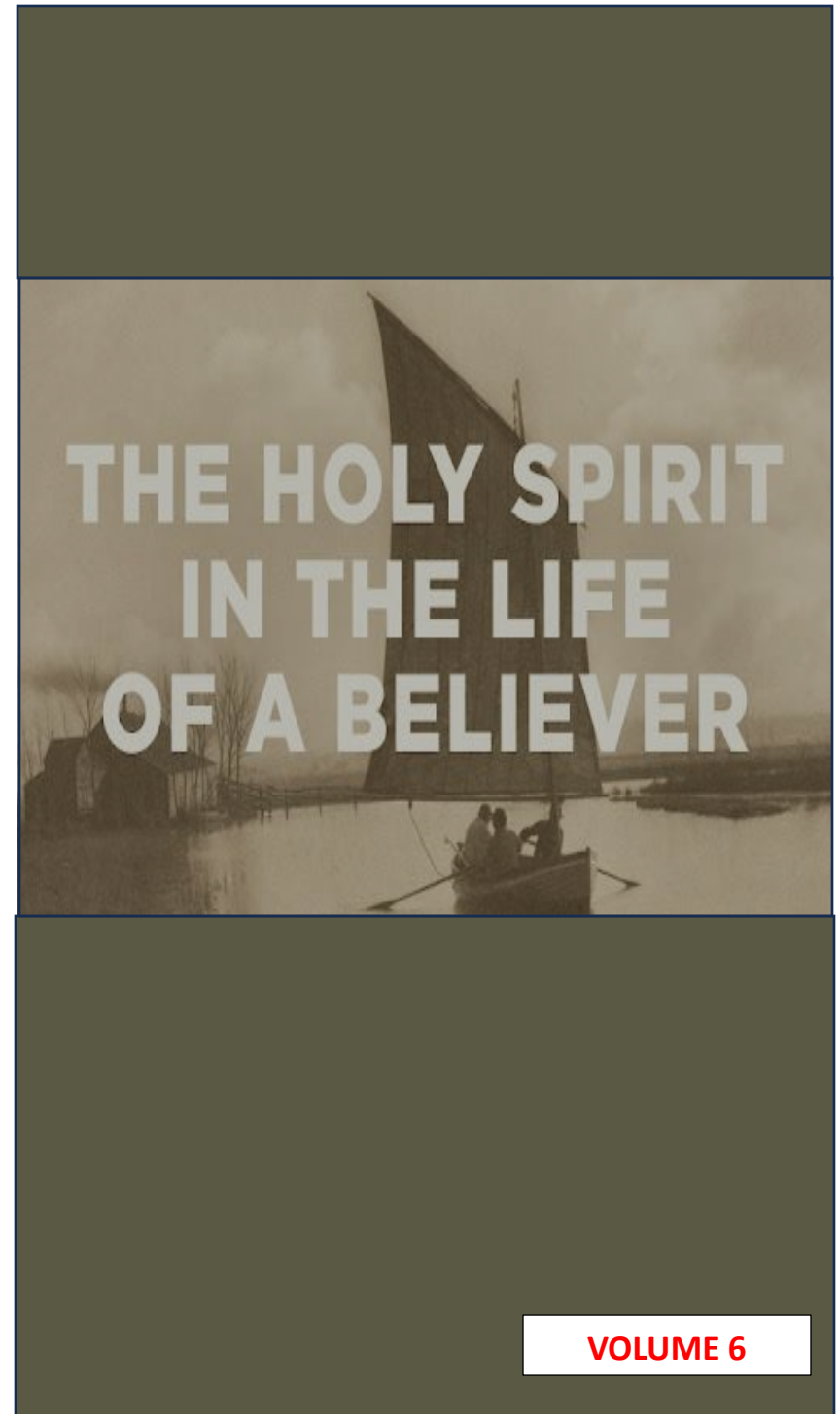
“Heavenly Father, I come to you in Jesus’s name. Today, I ask you in Jesus’s name to fill me with your Holy Spirit, to baptize me in his fire, and to clothe me in his power. According to the promise in your word, I believe that your answer is, “Yes,” and that therefore by faith I have received your Holy Spirit into my life today. Thank you, Father in Jesus’s name. I love you. Amen.”

### **Positioning your life, spiritually, to the place to receive the Holy Spirit.**

Ask – You are not spiritually in the place to receive.

Seek – You are spiritually moving to the place to receive.

Knock – You are spiritually at the door of the place to receive.



**Ephesians 2:10 KJV** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

- The design for which we have been created in Christ is, that we should lead a holy life.
- We are re-made, re-born, in order to work the will of God.
- We are saved that we may perform good works, to the glory of God and the benefit of man.

**Philippians 2:13 KJV** For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

- It is not man's work; nor is it the work of ministers, no, nor of angels, but it is God's work.
- God “produces a certain effect in us;” he exerts such an influence over us as to lead to a certain result in our minds – the outcome, “to will and to do”, what is pleasing to GOD.
- It is not God who acts for us. He leads us to “will and to do”, what is pleasing to GOD.
- He does not compel or force us against our will, the Holy Spirit influences the believer to want to do what is pleasing to GOD.

#### HOW DO THE HOLY SPIRIT WORK IN THE BELIEVER

- Thru the word of GOD
- Thru Spiritual promptings
- Thru circumstances
- Thru the conscience
- Thru people

##### I. TO DELIVER FROM CONDEMNATION –

**Romans 8:1 KJV** There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

**Condemnation:** the judicial act of declaring one guilty and dooming him to punishment.

**Conviction:** when the Holy Spirit reveals an area of sin for which we need to confess and repent.

- a. There is no declaration of our innocence because we are guilty.
- b. By living according to the Holy Spirit, we are delivered from the condemning judgment of our guilt.
- c. The Holy Spirit will work in us to bring conviction within our heart when we are wrong.

##### II. TO HELP US LIVE IN RIGHTEOUSNESS –

**Romans 8:3-4 KJV** For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: (4) That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

- a. The Holy Spirit empowers us to resist the sinful cravings of the flesh.
- b. The Holy Spirit encourages and sustains the process of sanctification within us.

**Sanctification:** is the process of becoming more like Christ, by purifying our hearts and minds, through repentance, prayer, and spiritual practices.

##### III. TO STIMULATE A DESIRE FOR SPIRITUAL THINGS –

**Romans 8:5-6 KJV** For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. (6) For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

- a. The Holy Spirit produces within the believer a desire for relationship with GOD.
- b. The Holy Spirit enlightens the mind to spiritual truths and values.
- c. The Holy Spirit stirs the passions of the believer for spiritual insight and understanding.