

## The Presence of the Holy Spirit in the World

### Introduction:

The world cannot receive the Holy Spirit but His presence is active in the world to evangelize them. When they turn to God and for redemption, even though they may not fully understand all it entails, they are converted and become candidates for all the promises that are in Christ and for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Conversion is for Eternal Life and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is for the Abundant Life. It also involves power evangelism and service to others in the Spirit.

Eternal Life is guaranteed but the Abundant Life is conditional! Eternal Life is when a person is “saved by the grace of God through faith in Christ.” The Abundant Life is when a person “walks in the grace of God through faith for the abundance of all things.”

The most important thing the person of the Holy Spirit is for is to facilitate an ‘intimate relationship’ with the Father and Jesus.

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#### John 14:15-18

15 “If you love Me, keep My commandments.

16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever

17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

**There are three distinct ways the Holy Spirit is PRESENT in the life of people:**

#### 1. He is “along side” the Believer and the Non-Believer

*para* (Greek for *with* or *beside*)

The Holy Spirit is present in the world and is “beside; with” a person even before they become saved. He is the “Spirit of Truth” who declares the reality of Christ.

He continues to be with them throughout their life. We know this because the is the “Spirit of Truth” who is in the world drawing them to Jesus. The world cannot receive Him until they accept Jesus.

*Paraclete*- one who is “alongside” as an advocate (lawyer) or intercessor.

This is the “Communicator” function of the Holy Spirit.

The Paraclete is the “Advocate” for Jesus. He is NOT the Advocate for the Believer! He communicates for Jesus because He knows His will.

This allows the Believer to judge; to make the final determination to accept or reject. It is called “free-will.”

#### John 14:26

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

#### John 15:26-27

26 “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

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27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

### **John 16:13-15**

13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

## **2. He is “within” the Believer**

en (Greek for *in* or “*to put into*”)

The Holy Spirit is “put into” a person when they are “born-again”; or “saved.” This is when a person receives the “life of Christ” within themselves.

The is the primary objective of the Holy Spirit to reside “within” a Believer (saved person)

This function is for the sanctification or “setting apart” of a person who believes for God’s purpose. They are sealed for the day of redemption.”

Separation unto God occurs the moment a person receives salvation and continues to be “walked out” by the Believer throughout their life. We are “saved,” AND we are “being saved” for the day of redemption.

**John 14:17** the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

**John 14:20** At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

**John 14:23** Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

**John 20:22** And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

(This was both temporary and conditional for teaching purposes. Later they would receive the “anointing” that would remain in them forever. The disciples were operating in the same manner as the Old Testament prophets.)

### **Romans 8:9-11**

9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who

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raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

### **Galatians 4:6**

6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”

7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

### **3. He is upon the Believer**

***epi*** (Greek for ***upon***)

This is what is referred to as the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit comes “upon” a person. It is the “anointing for service” just as in the Holy Testament. The “Gifts of the Holy Spirit” are released when a person is “Baptized in the Holy Spirit.”

This function of the Holy Spirit is for the purpose of evangelism and for spiritual gifts to be used to edify (build up) the Body of Christ

The Holy Spirit comes upon the Believer for the supernatural, miracle-working power for evangelism, a sign of God’s support, and for direction.

It is seen as a sign of God’s acceptance to other, whether they are “saved” or “not saved.”

### **Mark 16:16-18**

**(Salvation)**

16 He who believes and is baptized (*into Christ*) will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

**(Signs that accompany the Baptism in the Holy Spirit)**

17 And these **signs will follow those who believe**: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;

18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

These verses are speaking of two separate events.

- One is at salvation where a person passes from death into life and sins are forgiven. They are made the “righteousness of God in Christ.”
- The second event is the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. This is for ministry and service to others. Jesus was baptized in the Holy Spirit in the Jordan River by John when He started His ministry to Israel.

### **John the Baptist’s Testimony of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit**

#### **Luke 3:16**

16 John answered, saying to all, “I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

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### **Jesus's Testimony of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit**

#### **John 7:37-39**

37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

#### **Luke 24:46-48**

46 Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day,

47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48 And you are witnesses of these things.

49 Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

"endued" means "clothed; have put on a garment." This is a reference to the "anointing" like the Old Testament kings, priests, and prophets

#### **Acts 1:8**

8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." [speaking to the Twelve]

#### **Acts 8:14-17**

14 Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them,

15 who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.

16 For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

17 Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

### **Peter's Testimony of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit**

#### **Acts 10:44-46**

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word.

45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.

46 For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

### **Peters accounting to the other apostles and brethren about Cornelius**

**Acts 11:15** And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning. [SEE Acts 11:1-18]

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### **The disciples at Ephesus had not heard of the Holy Spirit but had received Jesus**

#### **Acts 19:1-7**

1 And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples

2 he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” So they said to him, “We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.”

3 And he said to them, “Into what then were you baptized?” So they said, “Into John’s baptism.”

4 Then Paul said, “John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.”

5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

7 Now the men were about twelve in all.

A person can ask for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Sometimes this baptism comes from an internal desire for truth. (He is the Spirit of Truth.) For others it comes from a revelation of truth found in the scripture. The important thing is to “ask.” Ask and you will receive!

#### **Luke 11:13**

13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to **those who ask Him!**”

Paul to the Galatians, “Did you receive the Spirit by works or by faith?”