



The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit - Part 11

Title: His ministry concerning the Christian.



Text: Acts 11:26 NLT:

26 When he found him, he brought him back to Antioch. Both of them stayed there with the church for a full year, teaching large crowds of people. **(It was at Antioch that the believers were first called Christians.)**

Introduction:

Thus far we have discussed the ministry of the Holy Spirit in regards to:

1. The universe
2. The Scriptures
3. Israel
4. Satan
5. Christ
6. sinners
7. The church
8. Pentecost

What ministry does the Holy Spirit perform for that special group of New Testament people called Christians?

The Bible teaches that the instant an unsaved person prays to “God be merciful to me, a sinner,” the Holy Spirit immediately invokes a five-fold work in him.

1. The Holy Spirit regenerates the believing sinner.

He literally recreates him and gives him the nature of God.

The goal of the Holy Spirit is to usher in the repenting sinner into the Kingdom of God.

This is accomplished by the instrument of “water,” which is symbolic language for the Word of God.

The following passages bear this out:

Titus 3:5 NLT:

5 he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.

Jn. 3:3-7 NLT:

3 Jesus replied, **“I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.”**

4 “What do you mean?” exclaimed Nicodemus. “How can an old man go back into his mother’s womb and be born again?”

5 Jesus replied, **“I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit.**

6 Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.

7 So don’t be surprised when I say, ‘You must be born again.’

1 Pet. 1:23 NLT:

23 For you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God.

Jas 1:18 NLT:

18 He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.



2. The Holy Spirit baptizes the believing sinner.

Rom. 6:3-4 NLT:

3 Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death?

4 For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

1 Cor. 12:13 NLT:

13 Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.

Gal. 3:27 NLT:

27 And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes.

Eph. 4:4-5 NLT:

4 For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.

5 There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Col. 2:12 NLT:

12 For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

The question that often asked: “Does a person have to be baptized to be saved?” The answer is an emphatic “yes,” but not by water baptism. We discover that the purpose of the Holy Spirit placing the believer into the body of Christ is twofold:

1. He does it to answer Christ’s prayer for Christian unity.

Jn. 17:21 NLT:

21 I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

2. He does it to prepare a bride for Christ, composed of all believers saved from Pentecost until the rapture.

Rom. 12:5 NLT:

5 so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

1 Cor. 10:17 NLT:

17 And though we are many, we all eat from one loaf of bread, showing that we are one body.

1 Cor. 12:13 NLT:

13 Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.

1 Cor. 12:27 NLT:

27 All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it

2 Cor. 11:2 NLT:

2 For I am jealous for you with the jealousy of God himself. I promised you as a pure bride to one husband—Christ.

Eph. 1:22-23 NLT:

22 God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church.

23 And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.

Eph. 4:4 NLT:

4 For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.

Eph. 4:12 NLT:

12 Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

Eph. 5:23 NLT:

23 For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church.

Eph. 5:30 NLT:

30 And we are members of his body.

Col. 3:15 NLT:

15 And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

Rev. 19:6-9 NLT:

6 Then I heard again what sounded like the shout of a vast crowd or the roar of mighty ocean waves or the crash of loud thunder:
“Praise the LORD!
For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

7 Let us be glad and rejoice,
and let us give honor to him.
For the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb,
and his bride has prepared herself.

8 She has been given the finest of pure white linen to wear.”
For the fine linen represents the good deeds of God’s holy people.

9 And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.” And he added, “These are true words that come from God.”



3. The Holy Spirit indwells the believing sinner.

In other words, he not only joins us to the Savior (through the baptism), but he joins himself to us. Jesus prior to his crucifixion, predicted both of these ministries.

He said:

Jn.14:20 NLT:

20 When I am raised to life again, you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

Jn. 14:16 NLT:

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you.

1 Cor. 2:12 NLT:

12 And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

1 Cor. 3:16 NLT:

16 Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you?

Rom. 8:9 NLT:

9 But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.)

1 Jn. 3:24 NLT:

24 Those who obey God's commandments remain in fellowship with him, and he with them. And we know he lives in us because the Spirit he gave us lives in us.



The purpose of this indwelling ministry is to control the newly created nature.

2 Cor. 5:17 NLT:

17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

Gal. 5:16-18 NLT:

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16 So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.

17 The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.

18 But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses.

Eph. 3:16 NLT:

16 I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit.

4. The Holy Spirit seals the believing sinner.

2 Cor. 1:22 NLT:

22 and he has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment that guarantees everything he has promised us.

Eph. 1:13 NLT:

13 And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago.

Eph. 4:30 NLT:

30 And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.

The presence of the Holy Spirit himself seems to be the seal here, who is given by the Father to assure the believer of his eternal salvation. This seal is also referred to as an earnest.

2 Cor. 1:22 NLT:

22 and he has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment that guarantees everything he has promised us.

2 Cor. 5:5 NLT:

5 God himself has prepared us for this, and as a guarantee he has given us his Holy Spirit.

Eph. 1:14 NLT:

14 The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.

5. The Holy Spirit fills the believer.

Acts 2:4 NLT:

4 And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.





What is the difference between being (indwelled) by the Holy Spirit and being (filled) by the Holy Spirit.

INDWELLING :

He lives in you, but is restricted to that area of your life awaiting the full- access to your complete and unconditional commitment.

FILLING:

Complete and unconditional commitment to God.

How do I ask Jesus to come into my life?



How do we get right with God, regardless of my sins?

Lord Jesus, I ask You to please come into my life, and to forgive me of all my sins, and I ask You to become my Lord and Savior, from this day forward.

Friends, if you prayed that prayer, I believe that you are born again, and that you have been made a new creation in Christ Jesus, and that ALL of your sins have been forgiven, and that you have Eternal life with our father in Heaven.

For Jesus Says to all of us: Jn.14:6 NIV:

6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

I encourage You, to get in a good bible teaching church, so that you may grow in Christ Jesus, so that HE may use you to preach and teach, the Good News!

In, Jesus Mighty Name!

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