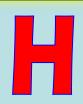


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THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE FAMILY.

The title of this study may well have been the Holy Spirit AND the the Family of God, but the heading chosen is more precise.

WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN WHAT JESUS SAID THE HOLY SPIRIT WOULD DO FOR THE APOSTLES.

When they received the promised BAPTISM of the Spirit. (their 'overwhelming' by and in the Spirit) - they would be qualified and equipped to become the Lord's WITNESSES, because the Holy Spirit would:-

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REMIND them:- (give them TOTAL RECALL,)
of all that He had taught them during

His ministry John 14:26;.

GUIDE them:- into ALL THE TRUTH that the Father intended them to receive.

"He shall TEACH:- you all things" John 16:13; REVEAL to them 'THINGS TO COME' John 16:13-14;.

TESTIFY to Him (bear witness by means of the miracles they would be able to perform John 15:26-27;

This promise of the miraculous testimony of the Holy Spirit to their preaching of the Gospel was again promised by the Lord, after His resurrection, as recorded in Mark 16:17-18;.

The passage is sometimes wildly misunderstood by some who claim that believers today are able to perform miracles – especially of the kind mentioned in these two verses.

But if we read the verses in Mark 16:7;, we see that, at first, His disciples did not believe the claims of those who said they had seen Him after His resurrection (v 11, 13;) and Notice that the Lord 'rebuked' them for their unbelief.

Then follows His Commission – 16:15-20; "Go!..."

And He gives the promise of miraculous support to 'those who believe'.

Heb 2:3-4; records that the apostles did believe, and their witness to Jesus and His resurrection was endorsed by the miracles they performed.

Remember Jesus words In Mark 9:1; "I assure you that some of you standing here right now will not die before you see the Kingdom of God arrive in great power!"

Again in Luke 24:48-49; "You are witnesses of all these things. "And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised.

But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills YOU with power from heaven."

Again in Acts 2:1-4 "And when the day of Pentecost was now come, they were all together in one place. 2. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound as of the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3. And there appeared unto them tongues parting asunder, like as of fire; and it sat upon each one of them. 4. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

In Acts 2:43; "A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders."

Acts 3:6-7: "But Peter said, "I don't have any money for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk!" Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and anklebones were healed and strengthened."

Acts 4:33;. "And the apostles gave powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great favour was upon them all."

Acts 5:12; "Meanwhile, the apostles were performing many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And the believers were meeting regularly at the Temple in the area known as Solomon's Colonnade."

Paul says 2 Cor 12:12; "When I was with you, I certainly gave you every proof that I am truly an apostle, sent to you by God himself.
For I patiently did many signs & wonders & miracles among you."

The miracles are described by Paul in Rom 15:19; as:"mighty signs and wonders by the power of the Spirit of God."

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1. In John 16:8-11; "Jesus reveals the work of the Holy Spirit with regards to THE WORLD. He sums this up as convicting the world in respect of three powerful facts. These are: - The fact of SIN. The fact of RIGHTEOUSNESS. The fact of JUDGMENT.

This means that, whenever and wherever the Gospel is preached faithfully, the Holy Spirit will use the message to convict men and women of:-

The fact that 'all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God' (Rom 3:23;). Here, sin is described as 'missing of the mark'. The word 'HAMARTIA'-to fall short - means to fail to reach the target, - the standard - which God requires.

- 2. The fact that 'there is none righteous, not one Rom 3:10; Having no righteousness of our own, we need the righteousness which is made possible by the sacrifice of Christ. Rom 5:21;
- 3. The fact that "It is appointed to men once to die, BUT after this the judgment" Heb 9:27;.

 Notice the word 'BUT'.

 It assures us of the certainty of future judgment.

3 In Rom 2:16; Paul speaks about:"the day when God shall judge the secrets of men,
by Jesus Christ...", and he tells us that this is
the message contained in what he calls, 'my gospel.'

In human affairs, evil may seem to evade punishment, but no-one will escape the inevitable judgment of God. Rom 2:3;.

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HOWEVER, in the gospel of Christ, the Holy Spirit declares that, for those 'IN CHRIST, there is no condemnation'. Rom 8:1;

The Greek word 'KATAKRIMA' means 'No sentence to be served', Because the Lord Jesus has taken our guilt upon Himself, and because we have 'put on Christ' in our baptism, we are clothed with His righteousness and, therefore, there is no sentence to serve'.

Paul expresses this truth in a powerful way in Rom 8:33-34; when he asks, "WHO shall lay anything to the charge of God's Elect?" He asks a series of RHETORICAL questions, although this is something which does not appear in some translations.

He asks; "Who shall make any accusation God's chosen ones? GOD, Who Himself justifies them? Who will condemn them? Christ — who died for them? He who rose from the dead, and who, even now is at the right hand of God making intercession for them?"

So, the Holy Spirit tells the world, through the proclaiming of the Gospel:1. That SIN is a reality.
That God demands Righteousness.
That there will be a final Judgment.

2. BUT, through Christ,
SIN can be forgiven.
The Guilty can become justified before God,
through the sacrifice of Jesus.

3. And, when we are justified we need not fear the Judgment, because, when God Himself declares us righteous, no-one can lay any charge against us.

1 Pet 1:12; refers to the part played by the Holy Spirit in the preaching of the Gospel. He says that those first preachers, "preached the Gospel.... with the Holy Spirit, sent down from heaven".

What then, is the work of the HOLY SPIRIT where the CHURCH is concerned?

Expressing this more directly;
WHAT CAN THE HOLY SPIRIT DO FOR US?
We have received the GIFT of the Holy Spirit,
so, WHAT PURPOSE DOES THIS GIFT SERVE?

Perhaps we should first ask the question:What is meant by THE INDWELLING OF THE SPIRIT? Or; HOW DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT ENTER TO CONTROL OUR LIVES?

Paul tells us, in Rom 6:16; "Don't you realize that whatever you choose to obey becomes your master? You can choose sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God and receive His approval."

This means that, as we submit ourselves to the guidance and leading of the Holy Spirit, through His word. His control over us grows, and certain changes occur in us.

We DEVELOP 'THE MIND' of the Spirit and we begin to THINK like Him.

We ACT as He wants us to act, because we know what PLEASES Him, and we are LED by Him.

WHEN we are willing to allow the Holy Spirit to control our lives, He GUIDES us, through the Word, and we find that HE REALLY DOES become OUR COMFORTER.

Jesus Himself described the Holy Spirit as 'THE COMFORTER'.

You will remember that He used the word 'PARAKLETOS, which means 'ONE CALLED ALONGSIDE TO HELP'.

The English word, 'COMFORTER', is formed out of the LATIN 'con' = 'with', and 'fortis' = 'strength', and this gives us a very similar definition; 'The Strengthener'.

I think that Paul had this in mind when he wrote to the congregation at Philippi, from Rome. Phil 1:19;. "know that through your prayers, and THE SUPPLY of the Spirit of Jesus, this will turn to my salvation."

That word 'SUPPLY' is a very interesting word.

It is the word 'EPICHOREGIA,

It is really a THREE-PART word, and,
in English, the three parts are 'ON CHORUS LEAD'.

The basis of the word is 'CHOREGEO' which you will recognize in the word 'CHOREOGRAPHY', and we all know what choreography is!

The word, 'EPICHOREGIA' was used in Hellenistic Greek in several other ways. It was used to describe the ABUNDANT, RICH PROVISION that a wealthy man provided when he invited guests to a feast. It paints a picture of a table groaning under the weight of the rich food upon it!

That was his 'supply'.

The word was used in MEDICINE,
to describe the function of
The LIGAMENTS which bind the parts of the BODY
together; (the idea of 'bringing together into unity.')

It was also used of the EQUIPMENT that was provided for a soldier to fit him out for battle. (Everything needed with which to face the enemy.)

When Paul writes about the 'SUPPLY of the SPIRIT; he has in mind ALL the HELP and ALL the RESOURCES that the HOLY SPIRIT can supply.

Paul was confident that the Holy Spirit would enable him to survive whatever trials lay before him, whilst he was Nero's prisoner in Rome.

Peter uses the same word in 1 Pet I:5; "ADD to your faith, virtue, knowledge" etc.

So, if only we understood what the Holy Spirit can do for us, and how He can help us, our Christian lives would be far less stressful than they sometimes are.

THE WORK of the HOLY SPIRIT In the Family of God.

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Of course, it is difficult to understand HOW the Holy Spirit can INDWELL - live in – US.

This should not trouble us! After all, we all surely believe that there is a SPIRIT - a HUMAN spirit inhabiting this physical body of ours.

In this 'TABERNACLE', as Paul calls it in 2 Cor 5:1; which is made up of about 16 different chemicals, a few elements, and a lot of water.

And, if you can explain to me, how our own HUMAN spirit inhabits our body. Then that may help us to explain how The HOLY SPIRIT is able to live in us!

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But HERE is something to consider. Look at John 14:23; Jesus replied, "All those who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and live (abide) with them."

So, FIRST, we find that both the FATHER and the SON, INDWELL - live in — Abide - the Christian who keeps the word of the Saviour.

Then in 1 Cor 6:19;. "Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is IN YOU, whom you have (received) from God, and you are not your own. You were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

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Rom 5:4-5; "endurance produces character, and character produces hope. Now this hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."

Do we really REALIZE WHAT
THESE VERSES MEAN?
They mean that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
INHABIT the obedient child of God!
THE GODHEAD LIVES IN YOU!

Let us look at some passages briefly which tell us very precisely what the Holy Spirit is capable of doing for us.

Rom 8:14-18;. "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. So you should not be like cowering, fearful slaves. You should behave instead like God's very own children, adopted into his family calling him "Father, dear Father." The Spirit himself joins with our spirit to bear witness that we are children of God."

And since we are his children, we will share his treasuresfor everything God gives to his Son, Christ, is ours, too. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering. Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will give us later."

He bears witness that we are CHILDREN of GOD. because He is the 'Spirit Who adopts.'

2 Cor 1:22; " and he has identified us as His own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first instalment of everything He will give us.

He CONFIRMS our SONSHIP, as the SEAL of our Salvation.

A SEAL does several important things.

It marks as GENUINE. Rom 8:9; "But you are not to be 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 are not Christians at all.)

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It indicates OWNERSHIP.
It guarantees SECURITY.
It is a pledge of an INTENTION,
('EARNEST' / 'ARRABON.)

He is 'the Holy Spirit of promise'. Eph I:13-14; "And now you also have 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."

The Spirit is God's guarantee that He will give us everything He promised and that He has purchased us to be His own people. This is just one more reason for us to praise our glorious God."

HE is the Spirit who SANCTIFIES. 2 Thess 2:13;.

"As for us, we always thank God for you, dear brothers and sisters loved by the Lord. We are thankful that God chose you to be among the first to experience salvation, a salvation that came through the Spirit who makes you holy and by your belief in the truth."

'sanctification of (by) the Spirit.' 2 Pet I:2-3;
"chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:May grace and peace be multiplied to you."

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." "This is the will of God, even your sanctification."

1Thess 4:2-5;

"For you remember what we taught you in the name of the Lord Jesus. God wants you to be holy, so you should keep clear of all sexual sin. Then each of you will control your body and live in holiness and honour- not in lustful passion as the pagans do, in their ignorance of God and His ways."

The word 'sanctification' - 'HAGIASMOS'reveals that it is related to HOLINESS.
The word, 'HAGIOS', is the word
for 'HOLY', and 'HAGIASMOS'
is the word for 'HOLINESS'.

What is 'sanctification'? It means 'separation'. Anything, or anyone, described in the scriptures as 'sanctified', or 'holy', has been separated for service.

This being the case, the first step in 'sanctification' is 'cleansing'.
Hence, the Holy Spirit helps us to cleanse ourselves from the sin in our lives, so that we may effectively serve God.

Listen to Paul to Timothy in 2 Tim 2:21-22; "If you keep yourself pure, you will be a utensil God can use for his purpose. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.

Run from anything that stimulates youthful lust.

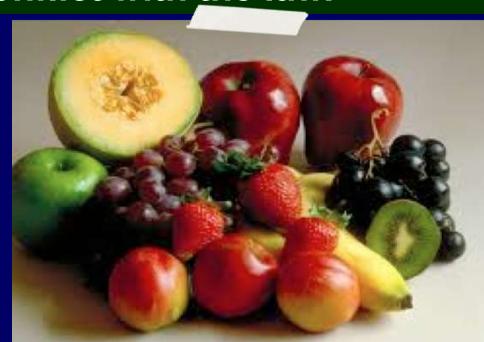
Follow anything that makes you want to do right.

Pursue faith and love and peace,
and enjoy the companionship of those
who call on the Lord with pure hearts."

"If a man cleanses himself from these (v.22) he shall be a (utensil) vessel of honour, sanctified and fit for the Master's use".

This cleansing makes it possible THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT. Gal 5:22-25;.

"But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives,
He will produce this kind of fruit in us:love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
Here there is no conflict with the law.



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"Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to His cross and crucified them there.

If we are living now by the Holy Spirit,
let us follow the Holy Spirit's leading in every part
of our lives. Let us not become conceited,
or irritate one another, or be jealous of one another."

"So, my brothers, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit to God." Rom 7:4;

> In our relationship with God:-JOY.
> PEACE.

IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS:-

LOVE
PATIENCE
KINDNESS
GOODNESS
GENTLENESS



IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OURSELVES:FAITHFULNESS. SELF CONTROL.

THE EVIDENCE OF GOD'S SPIRIT:NOT in subjective or emotional experiences
NOT in spectacular signs. We are crucifying
the deeds of the flesh We are exhibiting
GROWTH in the Character of Christ.

How the Fruit of the Spirit is Produced:Supernatural in Origin.
Natural in Growth.
Gradual In Maturity.

Remember: We are DEPENDENT on God, We are RESPONSIBLE to obey!

"Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation, but it is not to the sinful habits, to live according to them.

For if you live according to your sinful habits, you will die; but if:-

By the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live." - Rom 8:12-13;

"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Gal 6:7-8;

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How do we sow to the Spirit? Natural in Growth:-

Our Thoughts.
Our Habits.
Our Relationships - who we hang out with.
Our leisure time.
Where we go.
What we read, watch, look at.

Gradual in Maturity

Give up too soon:- "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." - Gal 6:9;

Character changes occur our whole lifetime!



Since Fruit is Gradual:-We Need PATIENCE.

"Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains". JAS 5:7;

We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn. In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again.



"You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness."

"But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings

about Christ and go on to maturity." Heb 5:11-6:1;



Notice that we do not read of 'fruits', but of 'fruit' Different fruit come from different trees. Every virtue named in these verses is produced by the action of the ONE, TRUE HOLY SPIRIT.

The Holy Spirit Warns against False teachers.

1 Tim 4:1;

"Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from what we believe; they will follow lying spirits and teachings that come from demons."

What the Apostles wrote were the commands of God. 1 Cor 14:36-38; "What! Did the word of God originate with you, or are you the only ones it has reached?"

"If any one thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, he should acknowledge that what I am writing to you is a command of the Lord. If any one does not recognize this, he is not recognized."

What the Apostles wrote were the commands of God.

"FINALLY, BRETHREN, we beseech and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you learned from us how you ought to live and to please God, just as you are doing, you do so more and more.

2. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. 8. Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives His Holy Spirit to you." 1 Thess 4:1-8;

We need to listen to the Holy Spirits teaching through the Apostles writings.

"Little children, you are of God, and have overcome them; for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are of the world, therefore what they say is of the world, and the world listens to them.

We are of God. Whoever knows God listens to us, and he who is not of God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error." 1 John 4:4-6;

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The New Testament (Covenant) is the inspired word of God. Given to man, by Christ Jesus, through the agency of the Holy Spirit, through the apostle's writings.

In the Old Testament concealed. In the New Testament Revealed.

The Work of The Holy Spirit.

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Ephes. 3:3-5 (NKJV)

how that **by revelation** He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly **written** already, [4] by which, **when you read**, you may **understand** my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), [5] which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has **now been revealed by the Spirit** to His holy apostles and prophets:

THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE NEW TESTAMENT.
The mysteries of the Old Testament
are revealed in the New Testament.
(We ought to allow the Bible to interpret
itself. We simply need to believe it!)

Revelation means to make known that which was hidden! Eph. 3:3-5;
The mystery (that which was previously hidden) was made known to Paul. That which was made known to Paul he wrote down.

That which Paul wrote down, the Ephesians could understand when they read. These things had not been previously revealed. But NOW it is revealed to His holy apostles and prophets.

THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE NEW TESTAMENT.

The New Testament, therefore, is the inspired word of God given to man, by Christ Jesus, through the agency of the Holy Spirit, through the apostle's writings.

"The promises of supernatural aide to the apostles had not reference merely to their verbal instructions and extemporaneous addresses; but also to all their writings, as the appointed legislators and plenipotentiaries of the kingdom of heaven.

The latter, indeed, are even more important than the former. The effect of their addresses was temporary; but the influence of their writings will endure forever.

("Reason & Revelation," Milligan)

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Conclusion:

The Holy Spirit continues to work.

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The GOSPEL that HAS been revealed, the New Covenant relationship is to be found in Jesus Christ.



For many people religion is a maze!

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IS TO SHOW US THE WAY / GUIDE US THROUGH THE WORD / TO HELP US GET BACK TO GOD.

Conclusion:

"The seed is the Word of God" Luke 8:11;



The Bible Alone



A Christian.

Bible + Methodist Discipline

A Methodist.

Bible + 39 Articles

Church of England.

Bible + Catechism

Catholic Church.

Bible + Baptist Manual

A Baptist.

Bible + Book of Mormon

Mormon.

If you add any other book of Rules to the Bible you end up with a different gospel and a different religion.

The Holy Spirit Has Spoken.

Conclusion:

Where is the room for more divine instruction?

The Inspired Revelation
By The Holy Spirit
Was Supernatural,
Verbal, And Final!

Are we satisfied with what the Spirit has said about Himself, and other things?

Have WE obeyed the Holy Spirit?

Don't reject what the Holy Spirit has revealed.

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