

**The Holy Spirit
and
A Christian**

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INTRODUCTION

The Holy Spirit is a very important subject touching on Christianity and one cannot divorce it from Christianity as he is the power behind Christianity. The scripture says that one that does not have the Holy Spirit is not of Christ or let me put it in a simple way such a one is not a Christian, as being a Christian talks of being Christ like and Christ lived a life here on earth filled with the Holy Spirit, moreover he is the Son of God and God is a Spirit. (Romans 8:9, Acts 11:19-26, 1 John 2:6, Acts 10:38, John 4:24).

The Holy Spirit is paramount in Christianity as he is the power in a Christian for enabling him or her to live a life well pleasing to the Lord and to do the works of God by the same. He the Holy Spirit is the helper of a Christian in life. Without him one is unregenerate and can do nothing for the Lord which is well-pleasing (John 15:1-5, Romans 8:5-8).

Now this book is going to talk at length on this very important subject how the Holy Spirit relates with a Christian. I do hope and believe it will be of much

use to your life as a Christian. You will get to know that the Holy Spirit is not merely ‘something’ or ‘force’ as many have assumed but he is God and powerful he is, and holy he is, as the name implies. If at any time you try to divorce the Holy Spirit from a Christian you will end up with not a Christian but a Religionist, just as Saul was before his conversion. No wonder he wrote an epistle to those Jews in Rome on the issue. (Romans 10:1-3; 8:6-8).

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Chapter One

Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is a divine person, being the third person in the Godhead as God is a Trinity. Therefore, being part and parcel of the Godhead (1 John 5:7), he is God. He is a person for he: Speaks (Exodus 3:1-5, Acts 13:2), Sees and hears and works (Exodus 3:6-8, Genesis 1, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11), Teaches and guides (John 14:26; 16:13) and also has these characteristics: Love (John 3:16, Romans 5:8), Mind (Romans 8:27, 1 Corinthians 2:16), Intelligence (Nehemiah 9:20), Will (1 Corinthians 12:11) Grief (Genesis 6:1-6, Ephesians 4:30).

He is the agency through which God does make things to happen and can be said to be the hand of God; as in normal life we use our physical hands to work with. Let us now go to the scriptures to see for ourselves what it has to say on the subject matter.

IN the beginning God created the heaven and earth.

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.

And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

And God said, Let these be light: and there was light.

Genesis 1:1-3

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

John 4:24

And God said, Let us make man in our image after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Genesis 1:26-27

From the above scripture we find that God is a spirit and at creation the Holy Spirit was at work.

So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my Lord?

Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Ze-rub'-ba-bel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

Zechariah 4:4-6

Things do happen by the Holy Spirit, that is, the things of God.

I and my Father are one.

John 10:30

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

That they all be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

John 17:20-21

The above scriptures talk of God the Father and God the Son being one.

Who is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature:

For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Colossians 1:15-16

Christ Jesus is the image of the invincible God and only came down on earth, to take a physical body but he was and is a Spirit and was with God from the very beginning and therefore is the first born of heaven and therefore the first-born of every creator. (Genesis 1:26, Matthew 1:18-21, John 17: 1-5).

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee,
into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.
And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but
some doubted.

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All
power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing
them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and
of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I
have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you
always, even unto the end of the world. A'-men.

Matthew 28:16-20

All that believe in the Son of God must be baptized
in the trinity as they are one- The Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit. You can also read their oneness
as presented at the baptism of Jesus at River Jordan
by John the Baptist- All were present- The Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:13-17).

Now let me take you to some of the scriptures that
confirm that the Holy Spirit is a divine person, a

personality and not ‘something’ as many have referred him, unfortunately even some Christians.

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another **Comforter**, that he may abide with you for ever;

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

John 14:15-17

But the comforter, which is **the Holy Ghost**, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatever I have said unto you.

John 14:26

But when **the Comforter** is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even **the Spirit of truth**, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

John 15:26

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, **the Comforter** will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

John 16:7

Howbeit when he, **the Spirit of truth**, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.

John 16:13

The above scriptures are full proof of the identity of the person of the Holy Spirit, without an iota of doubt whatsoever, as only a person can comfort and can teach and can testify and can guide and can hear and can speak and can show. Glory to the most High God, the only Redeemer of mankind, especially those that believe in Christ Jesus. Let us now look at how the Holy Spirit is represented symbolically in the scriptures.

1. Dove

And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and **he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove**, and lighting upon him:

Matthew 3:16

2. Wind

The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and wither it goeth: **so is every one that is born of the Spirit.**

John 3:8

And suddenly there came a **sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind**, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Acts 2:2

3. Fire

And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:3-4

When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgement, and by **the spirit of burning.**

Isaiah 4:4

4. Oil

I have found David my servant; **with my holy oil have I anointed him:**

Psalms 89:20

They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

Matthew 25:3-4

But **the anointing which ye have received** of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, **and is truth**, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

John 2:27

5. Water

Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: **for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.**

Joel 2:23

But **whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst**; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

John 4:14

He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said,
out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

(But **this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given;** because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

John 7:38-39

Now the Spirit of God as recorded in the scripture is described by many names, which we are going to look at one by one.

1. The Comforter

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.

John 14:15-16

2. Spirit of truth

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

John 14:17

3. Eternal Spirit

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Hebrews 8:14

4. Spirit of Prophecy

And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Revelation 19:9-10

5. Spirit of the Lord

And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,.....

Isaiah 11:2

6. Spirit of Wisdom

Isaiah 11:2

7. Spirit of Understanding

Isaiah 11:2

8. Spirit of Counsel

Isaiah 11:2

9. Spirit of Might

Isaiah 11:2

10. Spirit of Knowledge

Isaiah 11:2

11. Spirit of the fear of the Lord

Isaiah 11:2

12. Spirit of Promise

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise,

Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:13-14

13. Spirit of Christ

Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

1 Peter 1:10-11

14. Spirit of Adoption

For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of Adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Romans 8:15

15. Spirit of Life

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:2

16. Spirit of Grace

And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born.

Zechariah 12:10

17. Spirit of Holiness

And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

Romans 1:4

18. Spirit of the Father

For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

Matthew 10:20

19. Power of the Highest

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Luke 1:35

20. Spirit of the Son

And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

Galatians 4:6

The Holy Spirit is an appetiser – a foretaste, an encouragement for a Christian to start walking in God climbing and climbing going deeper and deeper in Him in holiness and righteousness and distancing oneself from sin (Romans 8:23, Ephesians 1:12-14).

Chapter Two

The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

In the Old Testament of the Holy Bible when you look at the scriptures you will notice that the Holy Spirit was given only to the kings, the priests, the prophets and a few individuals to do a specific task for God. Also, the Holy Spirit was more so temporary in their lives save for the prophets, an example is the case of Prophet Elisha, as we are going to see in the scripture. It was more common for the Holy Spirit to depart from a person. It seems that the anointing oil was a precursor to the Holy Spirit and it was often used for the consecration of people and to dedicate things for the Lord for a particular purpose. The anointing oil had to be prepared using five ingredients (Exodus 30:22-25) and I believe each ingredient had its useful effect on those people who would be anointed by that anointing oil, incidentally the Holy Spirit too has five ministries with each to do a particular task for God on his flock (Ephesians 4:4-13).

Moses and the seventy elders

And the LORD said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee.

And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone.

And say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves against tomorrow, and ye shall eat flesh: for ye have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for it was well with us in Egypt: therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall eat.

Ye shall not eat one day, neither ten days, nor twenty days;

But even a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you: because that ye have despised the LORD which is among you,

and have wept before him, saying, Why came we forth out of Egypt?

And Moses said, The people among whom I am, are six hundred thousand footmen; and thou hast said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month.

Shall the flocks and the herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them?

And the LORD said unto Moses, Is the LORD'S hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not.

And Moses went out, and told the people the words of the LORD, and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the tabernacle.

And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.

But there remained two of the men in the camp, the name of the one was El'-dad, and the name of the

other Me'-dad: and the spirit rested upon them; and they were of them that were written, but went not out unto the tabernacle: and they prophesised in the camp.

And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said El'-dad and Me'-dad do prophesy in the camp. And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his young men, answered and said, My Lord Moses, forbid them.

And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? would God that all the LORD'S people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit upon them!

And Moses gat him into the camp, he and the elders of Israel.

Numbers 11:16-30

In the above account you can see that God had given Moses his servant the Holy Spirit as he had appointed him as a prophet to lead the people of Israel to the promised land from Egypt where they were in bondage. But the task did somehow proved to be too much for him to bear and he cried to the

Lord, hence the Lord did some division of labour by taking of the spirit in Moses and putting upon the seventy elders so as to bear the burden with Moses. I do believe it is only by Moses' cry that these were selected by God using his discretion to have the seventy elders to receive the Holy Spirit. Looking at verse 29 in the above scripture where Moses wished that all God's people be filled with the Holy Spirit the prophet Joel inspired by God gave a prophecy on the same and which were to be fulfilled in the New Testament (Joel 2:28 – 32).

Balaam

AND when Ba'-laam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but set his face towards the wilderness.

And Ba'-laam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding in his tents according to their tribes; and the spirit of God came upon him.

And he took up his parable, and said, Ba'-laam the son of Be'-or hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said:

He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open:

How goodly are the tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel!

As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the river's side, as the trees of lign aloes which the LORD hath planted, and as cedar trees beside the waters.

He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted. God brought him forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of a unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows.

He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee.

And Balak's anger was kindled against Ba'-laam, and he smote his hands together: and Balak said unto Ba'-laam, I called thee to curse mine enemies, and behold, thou hast altogether blessed them these three times.

Therefore now flee thou to thy place: I thought to promote thee unto great honor; but, lo, the LORD hath kept thee back from honor.

And Ba'-laam said unto Balak, spake I not also to thy messengers which thou sentest unto me, saying, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the LORD, to do either good or bad of mine own mind; but what the LORD saith, that will I speak?

And now, behold, I go unto my people: come therefore, and I will advertise thee what this people shall do to thy people in the latter days.

And he took up his parable, and said, Ba'-laam the son of Be'-or hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said:

He hath said, which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the Most High, which saw

the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trace, but having his eyes open.

I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Scepter shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.

And Edom shall be a possession, Se'-ir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly.

Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion, and shall destroy he that remaineth of the city.

And when he looked on Am'-alek, he took up his parable, and said, Am'-alek was the first of the nations; but his latter end shall be that he perish for ever.

And he looked on the Kenites, and took up his parable, and said, Strong is thy dwelling place, and thou puttest thy nest in a rock.

Nevertheless the Kenite shall be wasted, until Assh'-ur shall carry thee away captive.

And he took up his parable, and said, Alas, who shall live when God doeth this!

And ships shall come from the coast of Chittim, and shall afflict Assh'-ur, and shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish for ever.

And Ba'-laam rose up, and went and returned to his place: and Balak also went his way.

Numbers 24

Ba'-laam was a prophet of God but involved himself also in other evil activities of enchantment which is sin before God. He was covetous of things (the wages of unrighteousness) and messed up his ministry. (2 Peter 2:15, Jude 11) God is a God of order and not a God of confusion. You can read much the account of the life of Balaam from the book of numbers from chapter 22 onwards how he conducted himself. The Israelites killed him, most probably, for his bad conduct in the prophetic ministry. Read the book of Joshua. (Joshua 13:22). In the chapter you have read (Numbers 24) God I believe gave him his spirit so that he blesses his people the children of Israel, instead of cursing

them as Balak had wanted and had hired him to do so, so as to defeat the Israelites whom were a threat to him.

Othniel

NOW these are the nations which the LORD left, to prove Israel by them, even as many of Israel as had not known all the wars of Canaan;

Only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof;

Namely, five lords of the Phil-is'-tines, and all the Ca'-na-an-ites, and the Si-do'-ni-ans, and the Hi'-vites that dwelt in mount Leb'-a-non, from mount Ba'-al-her-mon unto the entering in of Ha'-math.

And they were to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

And the children of Israel dwelt among the Ca'-na-an-ites, Hit'-ti-tes, and Am'-o-rites, and Per'-iz-zites, and He'-vites, and Jeb'-u-sites:

And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods.

And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgot the LORD their God, and served Ba'-a-lim and the groves.

Therefore the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Chu'-shan-rish-a-tha'-im king of Mes-o-po-ta'-mi-a: and the children of Israel served Chu'-shan-rish-a-tha'-im eight years.

And when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer to the children of Israel, who delivered them, even Oth'-ni-el. The son of Ke'-naz, Caleb's younger brother.

And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel, and went out to war: and the LORD delivered Chu'-shan-rish-a-tha'-im, king of Mes-o-po-ta'-mi-a into his hand; and his hand prevailed against Chu'-shan-rish-a-tha'-im.

And the land had rest forty years. And Oth'-ni-el the son of Ke'-naz died.

Judges 3:1-11

You can see from the above scripture that Othniel was chosen by the Lord and given the Holy Spirit to accomplish the task of delivering the children of Israel from their enemy.

Gideon

And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was cast down, and the grove was cut down that was by it, and the second bullock was offered upon the altar that was built.

And they said one to another, Who hath done this thing? And when they inquired and asked, they said, Gideon the son of Joash hath done this thing.

Then the men of the city said unto Joash, Bring out thy son, that he may die: because he hath cast down the altar of Baal, and because he hath cast down the grove that was by it.

And Joash said unto all that stood against him, Will ye plead for Baal? Will ye save him? he that will plead for him, let him be put to death whilst it is yet

morning; if he be god, let him plead for himself, because one hath cast down his altar.

Therefore on that day he called him Jerubbaal saying, Let Baal plead against him, because he hath thrown down his altar.

Then all the Mid'-i-a-nites and the A-mal'-ek-ites and the children of the east were gathered together, and went over, and pitched in the valley of Jez'-reel.

But the spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet; and A'-bi-e'-zer was gathered after him.

Judges 6:28-34

The above is a bit of a long story which I have cut short but it talks of how God called Gideon and gave him his spirit to take the lead and lead the children of Israel against their enemies so as to bring their deliverance.

Samson

AND the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Phil'-is'-tines forty years.

And there was a certain man of Zor'-ah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Ma-no'-ah; and his wife was barren, and bare not.

And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold, now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son.

Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing:

For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Phil-is'-tines.

AND Samson went down to Tim'-nath, and saw a woman in Tim'-nath of the daughters of the Phil-is'-tines.

And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Tim'-nath of the

daughters of the Phil-is'-tines: now therefore get her for me to wife.

Then his father and his mother said unto him, Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Phil-is'-tines? And Samson said unto is father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me.

But his father and his mother knew not that it was of the LORD, that he sought an occasion against the Phil-is'-tines: for at that time the Phil-is'-tines had dominion over Israel.

Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Tim'-nath: and, behold, a young lion roared against him.

And the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.

Judges 13:1-5; 14:1-6

The above also, is a long story cut short you can read up to chapter 16 on the account. It is an

interesting account. God has a plan and purpose for each child born. Samson's birth was for him to begin to deliver the children of Israel from the dominion of the Philistines.

It seems the enemy had sensed that and sent a young lion to finish Samson but God was in control and in the nick of time filled Samson with his spirit and Samson was enabled to tear the young lion into pieces bare handed. God is quite amazing in his deeds.

Saul

THEN Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not because the LORD hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance?

When thou art departed from me today, then thou shalt find two men by Rachel's sepulchre in the border of Benjamin at Zel'-zah; and they will say unto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seek are found: and, lo, thy father hath left the care of the

asses, and sorrowed for you, saying, What shall I do for my son?

Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plain of Ta'-bor, and there shall meet thee three men going up to God to Beth-el, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another a bottle of wine: And they will salute thee, and give thee two loaves of bread; which thou shalt receive of their hands.

After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where is the garrison of the Phil-is'-tines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy:

And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.

And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, that thou do as occasion serve thee; for God is with thee.

And thou shalt go down before me to Gil'-gal; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: seven days shall thou tarry, till I come to thee, and show thee what thou shalt do.

And it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day.

And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them.

1 Samuel 10:1-10

In the above case we find that Saul was chosen to be the king over the people of Israel and hence the prophet Samuel was sent by God to go and anoint him to be king and God gave him his spirit. I believe it was meant to help kings in their leadership but unfortunately many kings decided to go their own way and brought bad leadership and those they led suffered during their reign.

In the above case we do find that the Holy Spirit distinguished Saul from the other people transforming his life completely bringing a difference and as we read in the next chapter (Chapter 11) he was empowered by the same and courageously faced the Ammonites and defeated them.

David.

AND the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite: for I have provided a king among his sons.

And Samuel said, How can I go? If Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take a heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD.

And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show thee what thou should do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee.

And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Beth-lehem.

And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?

And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on E-li'-ab, and said, Surely the LORD'S anointed is before him.

But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his, stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outside appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

Then Jesse called A-bin'-a-dab, and made him pass before Samuel.

And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

Then Jesse made Sham'-mah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these.

And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said

There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

And he sent and brought him in.

Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.

Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ra'-mah.

1 Samuel 16:1-13

In the above incidence we find that God rejected king Saul and instead chose David the son of Jesse to be the king of his people Israel and that is the reason he sent prophet Samuel to go anoint David

to be king. But the king continued to rule Israel till his death. Saul used all kinds of delaying tactics as well trying in the same to have David killed in the war against the enemies of Israel. Even he himself continuously attempted to kill David, but God was with David and delivered him.

In the above case we find that David's life was also totally changed when he received the Holy Spirit and became even more daring and courageous and was able to go and face a Philistine giant named Goliath from Gath and defeated him.

We find that record in the next chapter (Chapter 17)

Bezaleel.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
See, I have called by name Bez'-a-leel the son of U'-ri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:
And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,
To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,

And cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.

Exodus 31:1-5

God had chosen Bezaleel and Aholiab for specific work in the construction and furnishing of the tabernacle of the congregation, and he filled Bezaleel with his spirit to be able to perfectly accomplish that noble task.

Jeftha

Then the spirit of the LORD came upon Jeph'-thah, and he passed over Gil'-e-ad, and Ma-nas'-seh, and passed over Miz'-peh of Gil'-e-ad, and from Miz'-peh of Gil'-e-ad he passed over unto the children of Ammon.

And Jeph'-thah vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands,

Then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be

the LORD'S and I will offer it up for a burnt offering.

So Jeph'-thah passed over unto the children of Ammon to fight against them; and the LORD delivered them into his hands.

Judges 11:29-32

The above yet is along account cut short. Jephthah received the spirit of God to be able to deliver the children of Israel from the children of Ammon.

Amasai

And there came of the children of Benjamin and Judah to the hold unto David.

And David went out to meet them, and answered and said unto them, If ye become peaceably unto me to help me, mine heart shall be knit unto you: but if ye become to betray me to mine enemies, seeing there is no wrong in mine hands, the God of our fathers look thereon, and rebuke it.

Then the spirit came upon A'-ma'-sai, who was the chief of the captains, and he said, "Thine are we,

David, and on thy side, thou son of Jesse: peace, peace be unto thee, and peace be to thine helpers; for God helpeth thee” Then David received them, and made them the captains of the band.

1 Chronicles 12:16-18

The spirit of God came upon Amasai so as to comfort and reassure to David, that they were on his side and had come to help him to fight against army of king Saul who was continually seeking to finish his life. It was wise of David to have appointed this particular group of captains to lead the whole band of the mighty men of war who had come to David’s aid.

Now let me come to the point where I said that the Holy Spirit came to people temporarily to accomplish some task, save for the prophets and I mentioned specifically prophet Elisha. Let us look at these few scriptures that can corroborate this fact.

Now E-li’-sha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Jo’-ash the king of Israel

came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my, father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.

And E-li'-sha said unto him, Take bow, and arrows.

And he took unto him bow and arrows.

And he said to the king of Israel, Put thine hand upon the bow.

And he put his hand upon it:

And E-li-sha, put his hands upon the king's hands.

And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened it. Then E-li'-sha said, Shoot. And he shot.

And he said, The arrow of the LORD'S deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in A'-phek, till thou have consumed them.

And he said, Take the arrows.

And he took them. and he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground. And he smote thrice, and stayed.

And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou should have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it:whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice.

And E-li-sha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Mo'abites invaded the land at the coming in of the year.

And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of E-li-sha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of E-li-sha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.

2 Kings 13:14-21

It is spectacular for one who was to be buried to be seen to stand again on one's feet!

The Holy Spirit that was in Prophet Elisha went with him to the grave at his death and made this dead man to revive and stand up on his feet. It is only the Holy Spirit that quickens and can raise up one from the dead or from serious sickness. Look further at the following scriptures.

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing:

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John 6:63

But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his spirit that dwelleth in you.

Romans 8:11

Chapter Three

The Holy Spirit in the New Testament

Before I proceed with this chapter, let me draw your attention first in the Old Testament during the time of the life of Abram. When God called Abram (Genesis 12:1-3) God saw that he had faith in him as he fully obeyed his command (verses 4 to 7 and God it seems was not only pleased but also impressed by Abram's faith and trust in him and God decided that he enter into a covenant relationship with Abram and that circumcision was to be the sign of the covenant and the nature of the covenant it was to be an everlasting covenant (Genesis 17:1-14).

The circumcision was to be a token between God and his people (the Israelites) and it would distinguish them from all other people on the earth. God expected them to be obedient to him just as Abraham was (Deuteronomy 7:6-11) as he had appeared to them and chosen them as 'his people' (Deuteronomy 5:1-6:25). It therefore was a covenant of faith, trust and obedience to their God.

But the people of Israel were satisfied only by that outside look done by the circumcision and that distinguished them from all the other people on the earth and they did not go further in having a changed heart and mindset which is not physical but spiritual in nature and that is why God rebuked them in the following text.

Thus saith the LORD, let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:

But let him that glorieth glory in this that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD that I will punish all of them which are circumcised with the uncircumcised;

Egypt and Judah, and E'-dom, and the children of Ammon and Moab and all that are in the uttermost corners, that dwell in the wilderness: for all these

nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart.

Jeremiah 9:23-26

The house of Israel had only their bodies which was physical circumcised and not their hearts which was spiritual and God purposed to punish (judge) them just as the other people on the earth for there was no difference when it came to spirituality (Romans 3:1-20) as they too did not understand or know God who expects obedience from the people the earth. The Israelites and all the other people on the earth lived not in the spirit but in the flesh and God had a plan of redemption for all mankind (Romans 8:1-9).

That plan of God involved the operation of the Holy Spirit in each individual who repents of his or her sins to God and put their faith in Christ Jesus for the forgiveness of sins and for their redemption (Romans 3:21-28, Galatians 3:6-14, Acts 2:36-42; 4:10-12)

The plan of salvation involves the operation of the Holy Spirit which is also known as the

circumcision of the heart (at one's conversion) and continues operating in one's life in moulding him or her to the fashion of God taking the nature of God (2 Peter 2-4). You can read more on the work of the Holy Spirit in chapter five. Let us now look at a few scriptures that touch on that operation in the life of one who has believed in the Lord Jesus Christ.

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the

body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to the cross;

And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Colossians 2:6-15

AND you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

That in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Not of works, lest any man should boast.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 2:1-13

FINALLY, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe.

Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision.

For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

Philippians 3:1-3

God truly worked on us creating us anew in Christ Jesus so that we can walk in him in godliness in the fear of the Lord and in obedience to him. That was made possible by the Spirit of God in us which enables us to walk in his divine will. Therefore, we

need not to have any confidence in the flesh (our body) but to totally have confidence and to depend on the Holy Spirit who is our helper in Christ Jesus. From the foregoing it is quite evident that without the Holy Spirit we cannot live a Christian life and cannot serve Christ Jesus.

The Holy Spirit is central in Christianity and that is why Jesus said that anyone who lack him in his or her life is not His and also that we can do nothing without Him (Romans 8:9b, John 15:4-5).

In the Old Testament the Holy Spirit led the Israelites from the outside and they rebelled and disobeyed their God but now coming to the New Testament those who have been saved do receive the Holy Spirit in their hearts and are led from inside them and therefore are expected to behave differently in total obedience being helped from inside by the Spirit and need not be stubborn as such as the Israelites were.

And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and

devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, Now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

Luke 2:25-32

With the Holy Spirit one cannot go wrong. The Holy Spirit was leading the life of Simeon and revealed to him the baby Jesus and he was satisfied with the revelation of God's salvation and desired to go and rest with the Lord in heaven in peace. Mind you, heaven is a place of perfect peace, the

home of the just and righteous. For those who sleep in the Lord are blessed (Revelation 14:13). So it is important to not only have the Holy Spirit but also to be co-operative allowing him to lead one.

AND Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing; and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.

And Jesus answered him, saying, it is written, THAT MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD OF GOD.

And the devil, taking him up into a high mountain, showed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

And the devil said into him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, THOU SHALT WORSHIP THE LORD THY GOD, AND HIM ONLY SHALL THOU SERVE.

And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence:

For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee:

and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

Luke 4:1-14

Jesus the Son of God while on earth was led by the Holy Spirit and he overcame all the temptations of

Satan and became victorious and as we see later, he was raptured into heaven.

Jesus as you can see in the first verse, was led into fasting and praying in advance before the temptations of Satan. It is good to be led that way so that one overcomes all the temptations of Satan (Luke 22:31-40).

And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

When they therefore were come together, they asked him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses

unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Sa-mar'-i-a and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Acts 1:4-11

And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?

Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself:
handle me and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and
bones, as ye see me have.

And when he had thus spoken, he showed them his
hands and his feet.

And while they yet believed not for joy, and
wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any
meat?

And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of
a honeycomb.

And he took it, and did eat before them.

And he said unto them, These are the words which
I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all
things must be fulfilled, which were written in the
law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the
psalms, concerning me.

Then opened he their understanding, that they
might understand the scriptures,

And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it
behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead
the third day:

And the repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

And ye are witnesses of these things.

And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God.

A'-men.

Luke 24:36-53

Both the two scriptures speak of one thing, the ascension of Jesus Christ up into heaven.

The Holy Spirit did it for Christ and is going to do it also to the body of Christ at the time of rapture of Christ's holy Church. In the latter scripture, it is recorded the events after Jesus had been resurrected

coming out triumphantly as he had overcome death and Satan (Revelation 1:9-18, Colossians 2:8-15)

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

But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his speed Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye though the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Romans 8:10-14

If one is led by the Spirit of God one is truly a son of God and heir in his kingdom in heaven. To be led by the Holy Spirit is to live not after the desires of the flesh.

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

Galatians 5:16-18

Both the two scriptures do encourage life in the Spirit, allowing to be led by him and not by the flesh, as walking in the Spirit is life and not death. You can also read the epistle to the church in Rome (Romans 8:1-4) for even more clarity as well.

The Holy Spirit is so important to us as he is the only one that can lead us into heaven (Exodus 14:17-22; 23:20) for we have never been there but have just been told about it's presence and that is why Thomas one of Jesus' disciple asked the Lord where he was going when he told them he was going to his Father's house (John 14:1-6). We also know from the Scripture that heaven (paradise) is in the third heaven (2 Corinthians 12:1-4) but we

don't know how expanse the atmosphere above us is, not even the boundary between the heavens, as only God is the one that knows as he laid the foundation of the earth by Himself (Psalm 24:1-2). What we know is that large planes such as Jumbo jets like Boeing 737 and 747 and supersonic jets do fly 30,000 feet to about 45,000 feet above the sea level and yet that is most likely only in the atmosphere of the first heaven and in it alone on occasions have been reported to have disappeared and only on some occasions later their wreckage to be found in some thick forest or in the ocean or sea. We too can be lost on the way without the help of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the only one that knows the exact location of heaven as he was with God the Father and God the Son at the time of creation (Genesis 1:24-26) and still is.

The Holy Spirit has the power and capacity to raise us up from the ground and to lift us up into the air and take us to meet the Lord who would usher us into the kingdom of his Father and our Father (John 14:1-2, Matthew 6:9-10, 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17, 1 Corinthians 15:50-54). So we can see that the same

Holy Spirit who raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead (Romans 8:11) he shall raise up (resurrect) the holy saints who had slept and we who are still alive and are found holy he shall transform our bodies and lift us up to meet the Lord in the air (Philippians 3:20-21).

A Christian need to be led by the Holy Spirit in order to live the Christian life of holiness and righteousness (Romans 8:12-18, Galatians 5:13-25) or else the opposite will happen – one will live a carnal life which is not beneficial at all as it leads to death. Now we come to the New Testament dispensation and will see the operation of the Holy Spirit, who the recipients are and whether the stay is short lived in the recipients or not. I will begin with the Baptizer with the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Christ

Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water; and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Matthew 3:13-17

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Acts 10:38

The above account just is to corroborate the fact that Jesus Christ received the Holy Spirit at his baptism in River Jordan.

John the Baptist

There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zech-a-ri'-ah, of the course of Abi'-jah: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.

And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years.

And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, According to custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.

And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense.

And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right hand side of the altar of incense.

And when Zech-a-ri'-ah saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

But the angel said unto him, Fear not Zech-a-ri'-ah:
for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall
bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.
And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many
shall rejoice at his birth.
For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and
shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he
shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his
mother's womb.

Luke 1:6-15

Zechariah

And his father Zech-a-ri'-ah was filled with the
Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,
Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath
visited and redeemed his people,
And hath raised up a horn of salvation for us in the
house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets,
which have been since the world began:
That we should be saved from our enemies, and
from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and
to remember his holy covenant;

The oath which he sware to our father Abraham,
That he would grant unto us, that we, being
delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might
serve him without fear.

In holiness and righteousness before him, all the
days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the
Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the
Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by
the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the
dayspring from on high hath visited us,

To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the
shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of
peace.

Luke 1:67-79

That prophecy can be summarized as ‘the summon
of the year’

Simeon

And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation.

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and

rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

Luke 2:25-35

Before I move further a bit, I hope you have seen the whole pattern. All that were receiving the Holy Spirit in the above accounts were righteous/just men and that brings us to the core issue in this chapter. All those that believed in God received the Holy Spirit. Read on.

AND when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:1-4

When God the Father finally fulfilled the promise of sending the Holy Spirit to the body of believers on that day of Pentecost, all the 120 followers of Jesus Christ were filled with the Holy Spirit and were bold enough to go out and evangelize once again and Simon Peter was quick in this and began to address the people that were around (verses 5 to 47).

The Holy Spirit makes one to be a Christian and a child of God for that matter (Romans 8:9, 2 Corinthians 5:17, John 1:9-13). The Holy Spirit removes fearfulness in a person and replaces it with boldness and fearlessness enabling one to face all situations in life.

The above people who were filled with the Holy Spirit were one hundred and twenty true

believers/disciples of Jesus Christ and received just as they were promised by the Lord (Acts 1:4-8).

Unity in exercising Spiritual gifts

When one has believed in Christ Jesus after repenting of one's sins and has been water baptized, one becomes a candidate for baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Finally when one is filled with the Holy Spirit, one at the same time receives the fruit of the Spirit and other spiritual gifts as the Lord chooses. Those gifts need to be exercised in life as well as to be safeguarded.

I will now begin with Ministry gifts and later go to other spiritual gifts as well, that do facilitate those gifts.

I THEREFORE, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called.

With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love;

Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

For the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man,

unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4:1-13

In summarizing the above scripture, Ministry gifts are specifically for the perfecting of the body of Christ, that is, the Church.

Let me now give two examples of the same from the following scriptures:

I EXHORT therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

Who will have all men to be saved, and come unto the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

Whereunto **I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.**

I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shame-facedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

1Timothy 2:1-10

The same words underlined above-apostle, preacher, teacher, are repeated in the second epistle (2 Timothy 1:11) you can also read the calling of Saul in the book of Acts (Acts 9:1-22). You can see for yourself from the foregoing that Paul was given three ministry gifts to serve the Lord in.

PAUL, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day; Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;

When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lo'-is, and thy mother Eu'-ni-ce; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou

**partaker of the afflictions of the gospel
according to the power of God;**

Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

2 Timothy 1:1-10

From the above scripture you can see evidently that Timothy a young man was equally called by God and was given an evangelistic ministry to serve the Lord in. It seems he was timid, going by his age, and apostle Paul who had preached to him and he was converted to Christ was compelled by the Holy Spirit to write that second epistle to him thanking him for his faith, reminding him of his ministry and encouraging him to endure hardships in serving the Lord. Now read the following which do confirm the ministry he was called to.

I CHARGE thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

But watch out thou in all things, endure afflictions, **do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.**

2 Timothy 4:1-5

The underlined words - preach, work, evangelist, thy ministry do say it all. In the above scripture apostle Paul charged and admonished Timothy to be steadfast in the work of the Lord. You can read further on ministry work in the second epistle to the

church at Corinth (2 Corinthians 3, 4 and 5) respectively.

NOW concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

Ye know that ye were Gentiles carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.

Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit dividing to every man severally as he will.

For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

For the body is not one member, but many.

If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing?

If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?

But now hath God set the members one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

And if they were all one member, where were the body?

But now are the many members, yet one body.

And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.

For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked:

That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one to another.

And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondary prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments diversities of tongues.

Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?

Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

But covert earnestly the best gifts: and yet show I unto you a more excellent way.

1 Corinthians 12

That was quite a conversation between the Lord and his Church. It is quite a reminder to believers who are the body of Christ to see the necessity of each one of them in the work of the Lord and not to esteem oneself higher than the others- meaning there need to be no boasting in the body of Christ. All the above capabilities are from the Lord for the work of the Lord, period.

Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Sa-mar'-i-a had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

(For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus).

Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

Acts 8:14-17

One of the reasons why apostles Peter and John went to the city of Samaria when they were called upon to do so is because the people in that city had been bewitched by a sorcerer by the name Simon and therefore were used to evil power of the Devil and not the Holy Spirit and would confuse between the power of the Devil and the power of God and therefore they badly needed help as also can be seen from the following scripture:

When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and

finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out.

And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished.

Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.

Luke 11:24-26

In the above scripture looking at it keenly and the new experience in the city of Samaria where evil/unclean spirits had just left the lives of those who believed, there was real danger for those unclean spirits to come back later and enter into their lives if they had not yet received the Holy Spirit who is the power of God and who only could hinder them from entering their lives once again. Please do not that the human heart need not be left in a vacuum/vacant/unoccupied. As for a believer the heart becomes the house/temple of the Holy Spirit and only him who need to dwell there and not any other (1 Corinthians 6:15-17).

Apostle Paul being led by the Holy Spirit asked some believers at Ephesus if they had received the Holy Spirit after their conversion and they answered him in the negative and the apostle went a head to enlighten them of about the Holy Spirit as he so the importance of being Spirit filled and prayed and laid his hands on them and they were all filled (Acts 19:1-7).

It is important that when one has believed and received the Holy Spirit; one need to live in the Spirit and not in the flesh as to live in the flesh has been left to the unbelievers. To continue living in the flesh for sure one will end badly in the walk of faith.

O FOOLISH Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

This only would I learn of you received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

Are ye so foolish? having begun in the spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

Galatians 3:1-3

Therefore brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Romans 8:12-14

Let us stop being foolish by allowing to be led by the flesh, but rather to allow the Holy Spirit to lead us as sons of God. Amen.

And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named An-a-ni'-as; and to him said the Lord in a vision, An-a-ni'-as. And he said, Behold, I am here, my Lord.

And the Lord said unto him,

Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, And hath seen in a vision of man named An-a-ni'-as coming in and putting his hands on him, that he might receive his sight.

Then An-a-ni'-as answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:

And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles and kings, and the children of Israel:

For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

And An-a-ni'-as went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest hath sent me, that thou might receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith and arose, and was baptized.

Acts 9:10-18

In the above case where Saul from Tarsus was converted to Christ Jesus we do find that he was filled with the Holy Spirit that totally transformed his life and he immediately left being a persecutor of Christians and became a preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the amazement of the people (verses 17 to 22).

THERE was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always.

He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.

And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy

prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

And now send men to Joppa, and call for a one Simon, whose surname is Peter:

He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and devout soldier of them that waited on him continually;

And when he had declared all these things unto them, he sent them to Joppa.

On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:

And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance, And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:

Wherein were all manner of four-footed beasts of the earth; and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.

But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean.

And the voice spake unto him again the second time, what God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.

Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate,

And called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there.

While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.

Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.

Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the cause wherefore ye are come?

And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all nation of the Jews, was warned from God by a holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.

Then called he them in, and lodged them. And on the morrow Peter went away with them, and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

And the morrow after they entered into Cae-sa-re'-a. And Cornelius waited for them, and had near friends.

And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him.

But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.

And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many that were come together.

And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep

company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

Therefore came I unto you without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me?

And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,

And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither, Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the seaside: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee.

Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

Him God raised up the third day, and showed him openly;

Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the judge of quick and dead.

To him all the prophets witness that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

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

Then answered Peter,

Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

Acts 10:1-48

AND it came to pass, that, while A-pol'-los was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper

coasts came to E-‘ph’-e-sus: and finding certain disciples,

He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John’s baptism.

Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

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

And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

Acts 19:1-6

In the New dispensation after Jesus Christ had come into the earth, and had sacrificed his life on the cross for the remission of sins of mankind, all that receive the word of God in faith of Christ Jesus

and repent of their sins, they are forgiven their past sins, cleansed by the blood that was shed at Calvary on the cross by the Lord and receive the Holy Spirit as they are now a peculiar people and royal priests of the Lord.

Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, The stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

and a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: where unto also they were appointed.

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

1 Peter 2:7-9

More details on issue of Holy Spirit's stay in an individual can be found in chapter six.

Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

The apostle Paul led by the Holy Spirit brought to the church at Corinth a very important fact in his first epistle that as Christians they need not live just any how but to glorify God in what they do as they were no longer on their own but have the Holy Spirit in them and by that fact, they were actually now the temple (house) of God as God has bought their bodies (by the blood of Jesus Christ) to be God's habitation.

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober,
and hope to the end for the grace that is to be
brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves
according to the former lusts in your ignorance.
But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye
holy in all manner of conversation;
Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.
And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of
persons judgeth according to every man's work,
pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:
Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed
with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from
your vain conversation received by tradition from
your fathers;
But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb
without blemish and without spot.

1 Peter 1:13-19

Apostle Peter too being led by the Holy Spirit
admonished the church of Christ to dedicate her life
to the Lord and not to live carelessly as the body of
Christ, that is, the Church has been called to live a

holy life as the one who has called her is holy and that her redemption was as a result of paying a very heavy/high price by the precious blood of Jesus Christ who became a lamb of God for the remission of sins committed. Hence the need for holiness in order to be revealed with the Lord in the end (Hebrews 12:14, Matthew 5:8).

The promise of the Holy Spirit.

Although Jesus Christ promised his disciples the coming of the Holy Spirit into them, the prophet Joel had also prophesied on the same. The prophecy of Joel was a two-fold event in that it was partially fulfilled at the day of Pentecost and it seems it is now being completely fulfilled in our time in this end-time revival of the Church of Jesus Christ, for the great end-time harvest of souls for Christ and for the purification of the Church in readiness for the rapture by the Lord.

Let me first begin by the prophecy of God through the prophet Joel.

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD come.

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

Joel 2:28-32

Let us look at another scripture touching on this end-time revival of the Church of Christ.

For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;

And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.

The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.

The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

Haggai 2:6-9

Now before I come to the fulfilment of the above, let me come to the promises of the Lord to his disciples.

And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. A'-men.

Luke 24:49-53

When they therefore were come together, they asked him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom of Israel?

And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Sa-mar'-i-a, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 1:6-8

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither, knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

John 14:15-17

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.

John 16:7, 13

Now I come to the fulfilment. God is a Spirit (John 4:24) and his word which is his breath is therefore spiritual in nature (2 Timothy 3:16) and for one to understand/interpret it correctly one need God's

spirit, the Holy Spirit who only can reveal to one God's truth (2 Peter 1:20-21, 1 Corinthians 2:6-12) and that is why even Jesus' disciples could not understand him before they had received the Holy Spirit (Matthew 13:24-43) and Jesus told them of that fact (John 16:12) and later after his resurrection from the grave (Luke 24:36-49). No wonder all who do not have the Holy Spirit do not understand the Scriptures and interpret it wrongly as they receive no revelation from it and that is why some religious people do walk around holding a wooden cross on their hand and claiming to be the followers of Jesus Christ. What they don't realize is that they took the word of God literally while in the flesh, not understanding what the Lord meant by the saying, 'Take up your cross daily and then follow me'. (Mark 8:31-35).

We therefore find that the Holy Spirit is very important and is a must have for any one claiming to be a true believer in Christ Jesus, that is, a Christian. One reason as an example among many others is, how can one obey the commandments of God without first understanding what his word says

(Hosea 4:6) and which is only possible by the help of the Holy Spirit. Not all Scripture is straight forward/direct, for instance, like the ten commandments, as others are in parables such as the teachings of the Lord among others and only God's Spirit can make one to clearly understand it just as Jesus told his disciples (John 14:21-26; 16:12-15).

AND when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

And there appeared unto them cloven tongues, and sat on each one of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:1-4

Now those who have been frequent in attending the meetings organized by the Ministry of Repentance

and Holiness in conjunction with Jesus is Lord
Radio have on various occasions experienced the
rain of the Holy Spirit- literally the out pouring of
the Holy Spirit.

Levels of anointing of the Holy Spirit.

I would do a disservice to you if I don't touch on
the various levels of the infilling of the Holy Spirit
in an individual Christian. The scripture do
recommend Christians to be filled with the Holy
Spirit.

Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding
what the will of the Lord is.

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but
be filled with the Spirit;

Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and
spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your
heart to the Lord;

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and
the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of
God.

Ephesians 5:17-21

AFTERWARD he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under, from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar.

Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the outer gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side.

And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ankles.

Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins.

Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were

risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.

Ezekiel 47:1-5

I do believe that many new believers receive the ankle level of anointing in their lives but have the capacity to be filled to the higher levels. I am yearning that the Lord fill me to the last level so that I swim with him in the Spirit. The low level of anointing can be summarized in the following scriptures (1 Corinthians 12:3, Romans 8:9, John 1:12, Galatians 3:2-3, Ephesians 1:11-14). It is but a down-payment.

Chapter Four

The Holy Spirit's character and fruit

The characteristic of the Holy Spirit we are going to look at here I can say is not exhaustive as he is one of the Tri-unity of God and therefore can be said to be the characteristic of God.

A) Character

Eternity

The Holy Spirit is Eternal

For if the blood of bulls and goats, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Hebrews 9:13-14

And Abraham planted a grove in Beer-She'-ba, and called there on the name of the LORD, **the everlasting God.**

Genesis 21:33

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, **that the everlasting God, the LORD**, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

Isaiah 40:28

a) Truth

The Holy Spirit is truthful.

GIVE ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear,
O earth, the words of my mouth.

My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall
distil as the dew, as small rain upon the tender herb,
and as the showers upon the grass:

Because I will publish the name of the LORD:
ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways
are judgment: **a God of truth** and without iniquity,
just and right is he.

Deuteronomy 32:1-4

Howbeit when he, **the Spirit of truth**, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.

John 16:13

For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife.

Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:

That by two immutable things, in which **it was impossible for God to lie**, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

Hebrews 6:16-18

b) Wisdom

The Holy Spirit is wise

With the ancient is wisdom₁; and in length of days understanding.

Job 12:12

AND there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

And **the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom** and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

Isaiah 11:1-2

c) Holiness

The Holy Spirit is holy.

But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgement, and **God that is holy** shall be sanctified in righteousness.

Isaiah 5:16

And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.**

Revelation 4:8

Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like thee, **glorious in holiness** fearful in
praises, doing wonders?

Exodus 15:11

d) Compassion

The Holy Spirit is compassionate.

But thou, **O Lord, art a God full of compassion**,
and gracious, long- suffering, and plenteous in
mercy and truth.

Psalms 86:15

e) Peace

The Holy Spirit is peaceful.

For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I
am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would
have you wise unto that which is good, and simple
concerning evil.

And **the God of peace** shall bruise Satan under
your feet shortly.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. A'-
men.

Romans 16:19-20

f) Perfection

The Holy Spirit is perfect.

As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all them that trust in him.

2 Samuel 22:31

He is the Rock, **his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgement: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.**

Deuteronomy 32:4

g) Might

The Holy Spirit is mighty.

AND when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, **I am the Almighty God;** walk before me, and be thou perfect.

Genesis 17:1

Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any: he is **mighty in strength and wisdom.**

Job 36:5

AND I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, **Lord God almighty**; just and true are thy ways, thou king of saints.

Revelation 15:1-3

h) Jealousy

The Holy Spirit is Jealous.

AND God spake all these words, saying,

I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the water under the earth:

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for **I the LORD thy God am a jealous God**, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Exodus 20:1-6

i) Goodness

The Holy Spirit is good.

And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? **none is good, save one, that is, God.**

Luke 18:18-19

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write

upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest.

And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Si'-nai, and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount.

And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mount.

And be hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Si'-nai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone.

And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, **The LORD, The LORD God,** merciful and gracious, long - suffering, and **abundant in goodness** and truth,

Exodus 34:1-6

That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

How **God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good**, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Acts 10:37-38

j) Sight

The Holy Spirit sees.

And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, **Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?**

Wherefore the well was called Beer la'-hai-roi; behold, it is between Ka'-d-esh and Be'-red.

Genesis 16:13-14

Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, have been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away not empty. **God hath seen my affliction**_and the labour of my hands, and rebuked thee yesternight.

Genesis 31:42

Go, and say to Hez-e-ki'-ah, **Thus saith the LORD,** the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, **I have seen thy tears:** behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.

Isaiah 38:5

k) Hearing

The Holy Spirit hears.

And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ish'-ma-el; because **the LORD hath heard thy affliction.**

Genesis 16:11

And it came to pass in the process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage.

And **God heard their groaning,** and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

Exodus 2:23-24

Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts?

And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered.

Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and **the LORD hearkened, and heard it**, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

Malachi 3:14-16

l) Thought

The Holy Spirit thinks.

For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.

For **I know the thoughts that I think towards you**, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Jeremiah 29:10-11

O LORD,_how great are thy works! And **thy thoughts are very deep.**

Psalms 92:5

m) Speech

The Holy Spirit speaks.

For who is there of all flesh, that **hath heard the voice of the living God speaking** out of the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived?

Deuteronomy 5:26

For **God speaketh** once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth not.

Job 33:14

Howbeit when he, **that Spirit of truth,**_is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he **shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak:** and he will show you things to come.

John 16:13

n) Grief

The Holy Spirit grieves

And **grieve not the holy Spirit of God**, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Ephesians 4:30

And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison.

And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought it to her mother.

And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus.

When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people heard thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities.

Matthew 14:10-13

o) Groaning

The Holy Spirit groans.

When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, **he groaned in the spirit**, and was troubled,

And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

Jesus wept.

Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!

And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?

Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

John 11:33-38

Likewise **the Spirit** also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself **maketh intercession for us with groanings**_which cannot be uttered.

Romans 8:26

p) Understanding

The Holy Spirit understands.

AND there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

And **the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding**, the spirit

of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD;

Isaiah 11:1-2

Teach me, **O LORD**, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

Psalms 119:33-34

And **God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding** exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the seashore.

1 Kings 4:29

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that **the everlasting God, the LORD**, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? **there is no searching of his understanding.**

Isaiah 40:28

q) Life

The Holy Spirit is life.

And **the LORD God formed man** of the dust of the ground, **and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.**

Genesis 2:7

It is **the spirit** that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: **the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.**

John 6:63

THERE is therefore no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

For the law of **the spirit of life in Christ Jesus** hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1-2

r) Grace

The Holy Spirit is gracious.

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

Psalms 103:8

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

Psalm 116:5

For if ye turn again unto the LORD, your brethren and your children shall find compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for **the LORD your God is gracious and merciful**, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him.

2 Chronicles 30:9

s) Love

The Holy Spirit is loving.

Nevertheless the LORD thy God would not hearken unto Ba'-laam; but the LORD thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because **the LORD thy God loved thee**.

Deuteronomy 23:5

But **God commendeth his love toward us**, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

For **God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,** that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

t) Witnessing

The Holy Spirit witnesses.

But when **the Comforter** is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he **shall testify of me.**

John 15:26

u) Forgiveness

The Holy Spirit forgives.

Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God: **thou wast a God that forgavest them,** though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions.

Psalms 99:8

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long - suffering,

Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another,
if any man have a quarrel against any: **even as
Christ forgave you, so also do ye.**

Colossians 3:12-13

But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he
answering said unto them, What reason ye in your
hearts?

Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee;
or to say, Rise up and walk?

But that ye may know that **the Son of man hath
power upon the earth to forgive sins**, (he said
unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise,
and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.

And immediately he rose up before them, and took
up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own
house, glorifying God.

Luke 5:22-25

BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is
within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his
benefits:

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Psalm 103:1-3

v) Deliverance

The Holy Spirit delivers.

The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, **to preach deliverance to the captives,** and recovering of sight to the blind, **to set at liberty them that are bruised,**

Luke 4:18

Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak anything amiss against the God of Sha'-drach, Me'-shach, and A-bed'-ne-go, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because **there is no other God that can deliver after this sort.**

Daniel 3:29

w) Remembrance

The Holy Spirit remembers.

And God heard their groaning, and **God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.**

Exodus 2:24

And the waters prevailed upon the earth a hundred and fifty days.

AND God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters assuaged;

The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven restrained;

And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.

Genesis 7:24-8:3

x) Omnipresence

The Holy Spirit is omnipresent.

Whither shall I go from thy spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

Psalm 139:7-12

y) Searching.

The Holy Spirit searches.

For thus saith **the Lord GOD**;_Behold, I, even **I will both search my sheep**, and seek them out.

Ezekiel 34:11

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me,
and know my thoughts:
And see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead
me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 139:23-24

As you can see and as I said, the above is not an
exhaustive character of the Holy Spirit.

B) Fruit

The fruit of the Holy Spirit is nine in number as
listed below:

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Long-suffering
5. Gentleness
6. Goodness
7. Faith

8. Meekness

9. Temperance.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

When the Holy Spirit comes to a believer in Christ Jesus, the above nine fruit of the Spirit will be manifested in his or her life.

Chapter Five

The Holy Spirit's Work

The work of the Holy Spirit can be said to be interchangeable in the Godhead and is not limited to the Holy Spirit as part of the Tri-unity. Just like the character of the Holy Spirit, the work of the Holy Spirit listed here may not be exhaustive as such.

a) Empowerment

The Holy Spirit empowers.

But **ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:** and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Sa-mar'-i-a, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 1:8

And, behold, **I send the promise of my Father,** upon you: **but tarry_**ye in the city of Jerusalem, **until ye be endued with power from on high.**

Luke 24:49

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and **they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.**

Acts 4:31

b) Comfort

The Holy Spirit comforts.

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

And I will pray the Father, and **he shall give you another Comforter,** that he may abide with you for ever;

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

John 14:15-17

Then had the churches rest throughout all Judea and Galilee and Sa-mar'-i-a, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and **in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.**

Acts 9:31

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and **the God of all comfort;**

2 Corinthians 1:3

For **the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places;** and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

Isaiah 51:3

THE LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Psalms 23:1, 4

c) Guidance

The Holy Spirit guides

Howbeit when he, **the Spirit of truth**, is come, **he will guide you in all truth**: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.

John 16:13

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: **I will guide thee with mine eye**.

Psalms 32:8

And **the LORD shall guide thee continually**, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

Isaiah 58:11

d) Teaching

The Holy Spirit teaches.

Because of all the evil of the children of Israel and of the children of Judah, which they have done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

And they have turned unto me the back, and not the face: **though I taught them, rising up early and teaching them,** yet they have not hearkened to receive instruction.

Jeremiah 32:32-33

But **the comforter, which is the Holy Ghost,** whom the Father will send in my name, he **shall teach you all things,** and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 14:26

It is written in the prophets, **And they shall be all taught of God.**

Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

John 6:45

Ought not **Christ** to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he **expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.**

Luke 24:26-27

AND seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him?

And **he opened his mouth, and taught them,** saying

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Matthew 5:1-5

e) Regeneration

The Holy Spirit regenerates.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee,

Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Nic-o-de'-mus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, of **Except a man be born water and of the Spirit,** he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

John 3:3-5

Therefore, if any man be **in Christ,** he is a new creature: **old things are past away: behold, all things are become new.**

2 Corinthians 5:17

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of **regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;**

Titus 3:5

f) Remembrance

The Holy Spirit reminds.

But **the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost,** whom the Father will send in my name, he **shall**

teach you all things, and **bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

John 14:26

g) Reproof

The Holy Spirit reproves.

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, **the Comforter**, will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

And **when he come, he will reprove the world of sin**, and of righteousness, and of judgement:

Of sin, because they believe not on me;

John 16:7-9

h) Conviction

The Holy Spirit convicts (judges)

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, **the Comforter** will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

And **when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgement:**

Of sin, because they believe not on me;

Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

Of judgement, because the prince of this world is judged.

John 16:7-11

i) Sanctification

The Holy Spirit sanctifies (cleanses).

PETER, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cap-pa-do'-ci-a, Asia, and Bi'thyn'-ia,

Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, **through sanctification of the Spirit**, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

1 Peter 1:1-2

I AM the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

Now **ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.**

John 15:1-3

Husbands, love your wives, even as **Christ** also **loved the church,** and gave himself for it;

That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

Ephesians 5:25-26

But of him are ye **in Christ Jesus,** who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, **and sanctification, and redemption:**

1 Corinthians 1:30

Wherewithal shall a young man **cleanse** his way?
By taking heed thereto according to thy word.

Psalms 119:9

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

John 17:17

j) Inspiration

The Holy Spirit inspires

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2 Timothy 3:16

GOD, who at sundry times and in divers manners **spake in time past unto the fathers, by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son,** whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

Hebrews 1:1-2

AND it came to pass in the fourth year of Je-hoi'-a-kim the son of Jo-si'-ah king of Judah, that **this word came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,**

Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josi'-ah, even into this day.

Jeremiah 36:1-2

NOW these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said,

The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue.

The God of Israel said, The Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.

2 Samuel 23:1-3

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but **holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**

2 Peter 2:20-21

k) Creation

The Holy Spirit creates.

IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Genesis 1:1-2

The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

Job 33:4

For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

I will praise thee; for **I am fearfully and wonderfully made:** _marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

My substance was not hid from thee when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being
unperfect; and in thy book all my members were
written, which in continuance were fashioned,
when as yet there was none of them.

Psalm 139:13-16

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that **the
everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the
ends of the earth**, fainteth not, neither is weary?
there is no searching of his understanding.

Isaiah 40:28

1) Equipment

The Holy Spirit equips.

NOW concerning **spiritual gifts**, brethren, I would
not have you ignorant.

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same
Spirit.

And there are differences of administrations, but
the same Lord.

And there are diversities of operations, but it is the
same God which worketh all in all.

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; To another the interpretation of tongues:

But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-11

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man,

unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

Ephesians 4:11-13

For I say, though the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

Having then gift differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching;

Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness.

Romans 12:3-8

m) Intercession

The Holy Spirit intercedes.

Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and **made intercession for the transgressors.**

Isaiah 53:12

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray as we ought: but **the Spirit itself maketh intercession** for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Romans 8:26

n) Sealing

The Holy Spirit seals.

That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in

whom also after that ye believed, **ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise,**

Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:12-14

And grieve not **the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed** unto the day of redemption.

Ephesians 4:30

o) Counselling

The Holy Spirit counsels.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and
his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,
The mighty, God,

The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

AND there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of
Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

And **the spirit of the LORD** shall rest upon him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding, **the spirit
of counsel** and might, the spirit of knowledge and
of the fear of the LORD;

Isaiah 11:1-2

Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am
understanding; I have strength.

Proverbs 8:14

**This also cometh forth from the LORD of hosts,
which is wonderful in counsel,** and excellent in
working.

Isaiah 28:29

I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire,
that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that
thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy
nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with
eye salve, that thou mayest see.

Revelation 3:18

p) Baptism

The Holy Spirit baptizes.

For **by one Spirit are we all baptized** into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:13

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but **he that cometh after me** is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost**, and with fire.

Matthew 3:11

For **as many** of you as **have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.**

Galatians 3:27

q) Revival

The Holy Spirit revives.

But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

And killed the Prince of life, whom **God, hath raised up from the dead;** whereof we are witnesses.

Acts 3:14-15

But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also **quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit** that dwelleth in you.

Romans 8:12

r) Discernment

The Holy Spirit discerns.

For **the word of God** is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two - edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and **is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.**

Hebrews 4:12

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To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; **to another discerning of spirits**; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

1 Corinthians 12:8-10

s) Direction

The Holy Spirit directs.

THEN came he to Der'-be and Lys'-tra: and behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father was a Greek:

Which was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lys'-tra: and I-co'-ni-um.

Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him because of the Jews

which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek.

And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.

And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily;

Now when they had gone throughout Phryg'-i-a and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

After they were come to Mys'-i-a, they assayed to go into Bi-thyn'-i-a: but the Spirit suffered them not.

And they passing by Mys'-i-a came down to Tro'-as.

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Mac-e-do'-ni-a, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Mac-e-do'-ni-a, and help us.

And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into

Mac-e-do'-ni-a, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

Therefore loosing from Tro'-as, we came with a straight course to Sam-o-thra'-ci-a, and the next day to Ne-a'-po-lis;

And from thence to Phil'-ippi, which is the chief city of that part of Mac-e-do'-ni-a, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days.

And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a riverside, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purpose of the city of Thy-a-ti'-ra, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart was opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. and she constrained us.

And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying,
These men are the servants of the most high God,
which show unto us the way of salvation.

And this did so many days. But Paul, being grieved,
turned and said to the Spirit, I command thee in the
name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he
came out the same hour.

And when her masters saw that the hope of their
gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and
drew them into the market place unto the rulers,
And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These
men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city,
And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to
receive, neither to observe, being Romans.

And the multitude rose up together against them:
and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and
commanded to beat them.

And when they had laid many stripes upon them,
they cast them into prison, charging the jailer to
keep them safely:

Who, having received such a charge, thrust them
into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the
stocks.

Acts 16:1-33

AFTER these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth;

And found a certain Jew named Aq'-uila, born in Pontus, lately came from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them.

And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: (for by their occupation they were tent makers.)

And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.

Acts 18:1-8

While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.

Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.

Acts 10:19-20

Order my steps_in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

Psalm 119:133

And **the Lord direct your hearts** unto the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

2 Thessalonians 3:5

Man's goings are of the LORD;_how can a man then understand his own way?

Proverbs 20:24

t) Enlightenment

The Holy Spirit enlightens.

The entrance of **thy words giveth light**; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

Psalm 119:130

The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: **the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.**

Psalm 19:8

u) Evaluation

The Holy Spirit evaluates.

We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth.

For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

Acts 15:27-29

v) Renewal

The Holy Spirit renews.

For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by

the washing of regeneration, and **renewing of the Holy Ghost;**

Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:3-7

I BESEECH you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world: but **be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,** that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Romans 12:1-2

w) Revelation

The Holy Spirit reveals.

Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you **the spirit of wisdom and revelation** in the knowledge of him.

Ephesians 1:15-17

FOR this cause I Paul, the prisoners of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,

If you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:

How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery (as I wrote afore in few words,

Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now **revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.**

That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

Ephesians 3:1-7

IN the third year of Cyrus king of Persia **a thing was revealed unto Daniel**, whose name was Bel-te-shaz'-zar; and the thing was true, but the time appointed was long; and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.

In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks.

I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh or wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

Daniel 10:1-3

THE Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it **by his angel unto his servant John:**

Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

Revelation 1:1-2

But **God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit:** for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

1 Corinthians 2:10

x) Judgement

The Holy Spirit judges.

BUT a certain man named An-a-ni'-as, with Sapph-i'-ra his wife, sold a possession,
And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

But Peter said, An-a-ni'-as, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

While it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thin own power? why hast

thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

And An-a-ni'-as hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.

And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.

And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.

Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.

The she fell down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.

And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard of these things.

Acts 5:1-11

AND I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and **pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.**

And I heard another out of the altar say, **Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgements.**

Revelation 16:1, 7

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

For **God shall bring every work into judgement,** with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

And Herod was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Si'-don: but they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blas'-tus the king's chamberlain their friend, desired peace; because their country was nourished by the king's country.

And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them. And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man.

And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

Acts 12:20-23

y) Prophecy

The Holy Spirit prophesies.

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and **he will show you things to come,** He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you.

All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you.

John 16:13-15

z) Protection

The Holy Spirit protects.

For the LORD loveth, judgement, and forsaketh not **his saints; they are preserved for ever:** but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

Psalm 37:28

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven **for you.**

Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:3-5

Thou art my hiding place; **thou shalt preserve me from trouble;** thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

Psalm 32:7

FINALLY, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you.

And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.

But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.

2 Thessalonians 3:1-3

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