

The Ministry of the Holy Ghost

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1. Who is the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit)?
 - A. He is **God** Himself, the **Lord**, a **Divine Person**, the distinct third Person of the Godhead (aka Trinity), with **some** shared Divine attributes with God the Father and God the Son. - Gen. 1:26; Matt. 28:19; Luke 3:21-22; Acts 5:3-4
 - B. The Holy Ghost is equal to the Father and the Son in the Godhead (horizontally but **not** vertically) while at the same time each person of the Trinity is at times subordinate or complementary to the other two persons of the Trinity in fulfilling God’s will and purposes. - John 16:13-15, 8:29; 2 Cor. 13:14
 - C. “Godhead” (3x) - Acts 17:29; Rom. 1:20; Col. 2:8-9
 - D. The Holy Spirit is “**the Lord**” (exactly as Jesus Christ and God the Father are shown in the scriptures to be “**the Lord**”) - 2 Cor. 3:17 (cf. Rom. 10:9; Jude 1:5)
 - E. The Holy Spirit is **not** merely an influence or power, but one of the three **distinct personages** which reveal God’s **character, power, and fruit**.
 - F. Types of the Holy Spirit. (A “type” is a sign, symbol, or figure which represents something else, but NOT in every attribute or element.) - **Water/Dew** - Ps. 1:1-3, 72:6, 133:3; Isa. 18:4, 55:1; John 3:5-6, 4:14; 7:38-39; Rev. 22:17; **Wind** - Isa. 40:7; John 3:8; **Oil** - Ex. 29:7, 40:9; 1 Sam. 16:13; Ps. 23:5, 45:7; Heb. 1:9; **Fire** - Neh. 9:12; Matt. 3:11-12; **Dove** (gentleness)- Matt. 3:16, 10:16, Gal. 5:22; **Voice** (of the Lord) - Isa. 6:8, 30:20-21; Matt. 10:20; John 16:13; Rom. 8:16; Heb. 3:7-11; **Seal** - Eph. 1:13-14; 4:30; 2 Cor. 1:21-22
 - G. A drought or lack of rain pictures God’s removal of the work of the Holy Spirit upon a nation who has rebelled against, forgotten, or turned its back on God. - Deut. 11:16-17; 1 Kings 8:35-36; Job 5:8-10; Jer. 51:6 → result of removal of H.S.
 - H. When understood and viewed **properly** as a distinct and Divine Person, He will **not** be misunderstood or misused as an **influence or force** to fulfill selfish desires (i.e. “name it and claim it”), but **rather** a **Divine Person** who believers are to surrender to, obey, and serve, **as He wills**.
 - I. He is the One who **forever and permanently indwells** each new believer at salvation. - John 14:16-17
 - J. While there are **many fillings** of the Holy Ghost during the course of the Christian life, the scriptures do not teach “a separate/second work of grace” as many wrongly teach and believe today. - Rom. 8:1-9, 16; Eph. 4:30, 5:30-32
 - K. The issue is **never** how much of the Holy Ghost do **I possess**, but rather **how much OF ME** does the **Holy Ghost possess**. - Rom. 8:4-9; 1 Cor. 6:19-20
 - L. The Holy Ghost **does not exist** to be used (or manipulated) by believers, but believers exist to be used by the Holy Ghost, as He wills and pleases!

- M. He testifies, magnifies, glorifies, and bears witness to the Lord Jesus Christ and **NOT** Himself. - John 16:13-14 (Note: Believers who are filled with the Holy Ghost also do the exact same thing as they win lost souls to Christ.)
- N. Those who glory in the Holy Spirit are **not** being led by the Holy Spirit, but are being led and controlled by the spirit of Satan (an “unclean spirit” or “devil” as in Luke 9:42) which they falsely claim is the Holy Spirit. - 2 Cor. 11:11-15
- O. The Holy Spirit gives spiritual power for effective ministry. - 2 Cor. 3:1-11

2. Holy Ghost (90x) compared to Holy Spirit (1x)

A. Five Examples: “ghost” used interchangeably with “spirit” - Luke 23:46

- 1) Who descended like a dove? - Luke 3:22; Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:10; John 1:32
- 2) Who resides in (dwells in) the temple of a believer’s body? - 1 Cor. 6:19; 2 Tim. 1:14; Rom. 8:11; 1 Cor. 3:16
- 3) Who sanctifies a believer? - Rom. 15:16; 1 Cor. 6:11
- 4) Who is the Comforter? - John 14:26; John 15:26
- 5) Who spoke in the OT? - Acts 28:25; Mark 12:36; Acts 1:16; 2 Sam. 23:2;

B. “**Holy Ghost**” (90x, all in NT) compared to “**holy spirit**” (1x in OT - Ps. 51:11); “**holy Spirit**” (2x in OT & 3x in NT); **Holy Spirit** (1x in NT - Luke 11:13) (a total of only 7x), i.e. “Holy **Ghost**” is used nearly 13 times as often as “Holy **Spirit**”. Possible Explanation - Since there is **only one use of “Holy Spirit”** (with both the “**H**” and “**S**” being capitalized) in the entire Bible (Luke 11:13), it is likely **the Name** of the third Person of the Godhead (aka “**Holy Ghost**”) which is always used to refer to the Third Person of the Godhead. The other references to “holy spirit” (1x) & “holy Spirit” (5x) are most likely referencing the fact that God Himself **also has** a “holy spirit” that is **separate and distinct** from the third Person of the Godhead which is the **Holy Ghost**.

C. “filled with the Holy Ghost” (9x, all in NT) - Third Person of the Godhead.

D. “filled with the spirit” (1x) “of wisdom” - Ex. 28:3 (the spirit of God’s wisdom).

E. “filled with the Spirit” (1x) - Eph. 5:18 (how the believer is to walk).

F. “Spirit of the LORD” (20x) - (all in OT) - Third Person of the Godhead.

G. “Spirit of the Lord GOD” (1x) - Isa. 61:1 - God’s own personal holy spirit which comes upon or fills another person.

H. “spirit of the LORD” (5x) - Isa. 11:2, 40:7, Ezek. 37:1; Mic. 2:7, 3:8 - God’s own personal holy spirit.

I. “Spirit of grace” - Heb. 10:29 - The Holy Spirit administers God’s grace.

J. “Spirit of truth” - John 15:26, 16:13 - All truth is found in the Holy Spirit and He guards the Spirit-filled believer from false doctrine.

K. “Spirit of life” - Rom. 8:2 - The Holy Spirit is source of all spiritual life.

L. “eternal Spirit” - Heb. 9:14 - The Holy Spirit as connected with the blood of Christ, purging the conscience from dead works, and serving the living God.

- M. “spirit of holiness” - Rom. 1:4 - The Holy Spirit is the holiness of God.
- N. “spirit of glory and of God” - 1 Pet. 4:14 - The Holy Spirit allows the believer to not only endure reproach for the name of Christ, but to thrive and glory in it!
- O. “spirit of judgment/burning” - Isa. 4:4; Heb. 10:30-31 - The Holy Spirit is connected with God’s judgment and God’s burning (with fire and hell).
- P. “Spirit of the Lord” (5x) - Luke 4:18; Acts 5:9, 8:39; 2 Cor. 3:17, 18 - Third Person of the Godhead.
- Q. “Spirit of his Son” - Gal. 4:6 - God the Father sending Jesus Christ into all believers in the person of the Holy Spirit.
- R. “Spirit of the living God” - 2 Cor. 3:3 - God’s own personal holy spirit which comes upon or fills another person.
- S. “Spirit of God” (10x in OT & 12x in NT) - Third Person of the Godhead.
- T. “spirit of God” (4x - Ex. 31:3, 35:31; Num. 24:2; Job 27:3) - God’s own personal holy spirit which comes upon or fills another person.
- U. The **work, power, or influence** of the Holy Spirit is correctly shown in the KJV in the **neuter “itself”** in Rom. 8:16, 26; “**it**” in 1 Pet. 1:11. (Compare Jesus Christ referred to in the **neuter** as “**seed**” and “**it**” in Gen. 3:15 and “**holy thing**” in Luke 1:35.)

3. The Primary Work of the Holy Spirit

- A. He does **nothing** outside the revealed word of God. - Ps. 138:2; Eph. 6:17
- B. He **permanently indwells** all believers forever. - John 14:16; Rom. 8:9-11; 1 Cor. 3:16-17; 1 Pet. 1:11; 1 John 3:24, 4:13
- C. He **seals** and provides assurance of salvation, son-ship, and **eternal security** to believers unto the day of redemption.- 2 Cor. 1:21-22; Eph. 1:12-14, 4:30; Gal. 4:6; Rom. 8:16-17; 1 Thess. 1:5
- D. He works in all believers to **conform them to the image of Christ** as He effectually works through the word of God. - Rom. 8:29; Phil. 1:6; 1 Thess. 2:13
- E. Today, the outstanding characteristic of the Holy Spirit is that He empowers and anoints the gospel to be preached boldly. - Prov. 28:1; Acts 4:12-13, 29-31; Eph. 6:19-20; Phil. 1:14-21; 1 Thess. 2:1-4
- F. He teaches the believer how to judge righteously and how to study and understand the scriptures. - 1 Cor. 2:9-16
- G. The power and work of the Holy Spirit is made perfect in the believer’s humility, infirmities, and weakness. - 2 Cor. 12:7-10

4. The Holy Spirit’s Role in Salvation

- A. He reveals the suffering, sacrifice, and gospel of Jesus Christ. - Deut. 29:29; Zech. 12:10 cf. Rev. 1:7; Luke 2:25-35; 1 Cor. 15:1-4; 2 Cor. 8:7-9; Gal. 1:11-12
- B. He is the source and anointing power for the gospel, through the use of the word of God. - 1 Thess. 1:5; Luke 4:14-19

- C. He is the author of and gives eternal life; He quickens (makes alive), anoints, equips, and enables believers to accomplish God's will for their lives. - John 6:63; Acts 10:38; 1 Cor. 5:4; 2 Tim. 1:7
- D. He provides the **power** to make true Bible preaching effective. - 1 Cor. 2:4
- E. He magnifies the Lord Jesus Christ and draws sinners to Him. - John 6:43-44
- F. He reproveth/convicts the lost of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and their need of a Saviour. - Isa. 64:6; Prov. 29:1; John 3:16-18, 36, 5:24, 16:7-11; Acts 17:31; Rom. 3:10, 23; 10:3-4; Heb. 9:27; Rev. 20:15
- G. The primary conviction of the Holy Spirit is the **sin of unbelief**, i.e. the sin of ignoring or rejecting the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. - John 8:24; Eph. 2:8-9; Rom 5:1 (Contrast requirements in OT - Ezek. 18:24-32; 33:10-20)
- H. He provides **spiritual leadership** to believers. - Rom. 8:14
- I. Soul-winners must **believe** 1) in the Holy Spirit's **power** to **quicken**, and 2) completely depend and fully rely on Him to **convict**. (That's **not** our job!)
- J. He **reveals** the Lord Jesus Christ to sinners and induces, convinces, and enables lost people to trust Jesus Christ and receive Him as their personal Saviour. - John 14:6; 16:14-15; Acts 4:12; 1 Cor. 12:3
- K. Today the **Holy Spirit** baptizes each believer into the Body of Christ, **without water**. - John 3:5-6; Rom. 6:3-4; 1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:27; Eph. 4:5; Col. 2:8-15
- L. Believers "receive the **promise of the Spirit** through **faith**". - Gal. 3:14, 22
- M. He regenerates and imparts **new spiritual birth** and **everlasting life** into each new believer. - Eph. 2:1, 1 Cor. 6:11; Titus 3:5-6; 1 Pet. 1:22-23
- N. He gives each believer all things that pertain unto life and godliness. He imparts a new divine nature (a new mind & will) and the **power** to escape the corruption and sinful lusts of this present evil world. - 2 Cor. 5:17; 2 Pet. 1:3-4

5. Attributes of the Holy Ghost / Holy Spirit which prove He is a Divine Person

- A. He completely and fully knows, searches, reveals, interprets, and applies the deep things of God. - 1 Cor. 2:9-16
- B. He was actively involved in creation. - Gen. 1:2-5; Job 26:13-14, 33:4; Ps. 33:6, Ps. 104:30; Amos 4:13
- C. He is eternal. - Heb. 9:14
- D. He is omnipresent. - Gen. 1:2; Ps. 139:7-10; Luke 1:35; Job 26:13
- E. He is omniscient (all-knowing). - 1 Cor. 2:9-14; Acts 15:18; 1 John 2:20, 3:20
- F. He is omnipotent (all-powerful). - Mic. 3:8; Luke 4:14; Rom. 1:1-4; 1 Cor. 2:4-5
- G. He is the source of supernatural physical strength. - Judges 14:5-6
- H. He inspires, preserves, and interprets the Holy Scriptures. - Gen. 40:8; Job 32:8; Ps. 12:6-7; Prov. 1:23; Isa. 59:21; Zech. 7:12; Luke 24:44-49; John 3:34, 6:63, 16:13-14; 1 Cor. 2:4-16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21
- I. He creates, preserves, sustains, renews, and destroys at God's will, and deserves all credit for doing so. - Isa. 40:7-8; Ps. 104:30, 115:1-3

- J. He prays (intercedes/cries out) on the behalf of believers, and does so in accordance with the perfect will of God. - Rom. 8:15, 26-27; Gal. 4:6
- K. He is the Divine: teacher (Luke 12:12); instructor (Neh. 9:20), the believer's source of spiritual power (Acts 1:8; Rom. 15:13), the leader, guide, and source of all spiritual knowledge, wisdom, and truth. - Ex. 31:3; John 16:13; Rom. 8:14; 1 Cor. 2:10-12; Eph. 1:17-18; 1 John 2:27, 5:6
- L. He gives skills, talents, and spiritual gifts to all believers for use according to His will for the purpose of glorifying God. - Ex. 31:1-11; 1 Cor. 12:1-11, 27-31; Eph. 4:11-12; Rom. 12:6-8
- M. He has a **Divine love** for all believers. - Rom. 15:30; Rom. 8:35-39
- N. He can be: lied to and tempted (Acts 5:1-11), grieved (Eph. 4:30), resisted (Acts 7:51), quenched (1 Thess. 5:19), rebelled against & vexed (Isa. 63:9-10), done despite (Heb. 10:29-30), blasphemed (Matt. 12:31-32; Mark 3:28-30), and rejected by unbelief (John 16:7-11; Heb. 3:15-19).
- O. He knows every thought, hears every word, witnesses every action, and goes every place the believer goes. - 1 Cor. 6:19-20; Ezek. 11:5; Prov. 15:3
- P. He **speaks**. - Isa. 6:8-10 cf. Acts 28:25-27; Acts 1:16, 8:29, 10:19, 11:12, 21:11; 1 Tim. 4:1-3; 2 Pet. 1:21; Rev. 2:7,11,17,29, 3:6,13,22 (7x in book of Revelation)
- Q. He **testifies, invites, reveals, and commands** concerning Jesus Christ using the **word of God**. - John 15:26, 20:30-31; Acts 11:12, 28:25-27; Rev. 22:17
- R. He **calls, separates, ordains, and sends out** missionaries, preachers (and all believers) to proclaim the word of God. - Acts 13:2-5
- S. He is the source of **true liberty and freedom**. - 2 Cor. 3:17-18
- T. He **appoints overseers** to feed the church of God. - Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:1-3
- U. He **brings understanding** and removes the scales from our eyes so we can see our **mission** to proclaim Jesus Christ. - Acts 9:17-20
- V. He **helps** believers with their infirmities. - Rom. 8:26
- W. He can **forbid** things. - Acts 16:6-7
- X. He provides **leadership** to believers, from out of the bondage of the Law and into the liberty that is in Jesus Christ. - Ps. 143:10; Rom. 8:13-14; Gal. 5:18

6. The Holy Ghost Relationship to Jesus Christ

- A. Jesus Christ was conceived of the Holy Ghost. - Matt. 1:18-20
- B. Jesus Christ was born physically of the Holy Ghost. - Luke 1:35
- C. Jesus Christ was led into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit to be tempted of the devil. - Matt. 4:1
- D. God anointed Jesus Christ with the Holy Ghost. - Acts 10:38; John 3:34
- E. Jesus Christ went to the cross "through the eternal Spirit offered himself" as a perfect and pure blood sacrifice to pay for all of mankind's sins. - Heb. 9:14
- F. Jesus Christ was resurrected by the power of the Holy Ghost. - Rom. 1:4
- G. Jesus Christ commanded His apostles through the Holy Ghost. - Acts 1:2
- H. Jesus Christ gave believers the Holy Ghost. - Acts 2:33

I. The Holy Spirit **ALWAYS** glorifies Jesus Christ, **NOT** Himself! - John 16:13-14

7. The Holy Ghost and Speaking in Tongues

- A. During the period of the apostolic signs and wonders, in a few instances the Holy Ghost gave the unique ability for **the Apostles** to speak in foreign languages as a sign to **unbelieving** Jews and Jewish proselytes. - Acts 2:4
- B. Speaking in tongues is a sign gift and signs are only for Israel and the Jewish Apostles. - 1 Cor. 1:22, 14:22
- C. The gibberish in modern-day apostate “churches” is not found in the Bible, i.e. “**unknown** tongues” always refers to existing **foreign languages** which are unknown to the speaker and/or hearer. - Acts 10:45-46
- D. The way to prove the gibberish currently going on today in many groups is **not Biblical** is 1) the scriptural guidelines are not followed and 2) there is no interpretation. Therefore, nobody can determine if the “tongues speaker” is praising or cursing God. - 1 Cor. 14:19
- E. Many modern-day apostate groups preach “**another Jesus**”, by “**another spirit**”, and promote “**another gospel**” which has no relationship or connection to the Holy Spirit of God or the true Gospel. - 2 Cor. 11:1-4
- F. The gift of tongues is in the Bible only three times and each time is used **as a sign to unbelieving Jews**. - Acts 2:4-8, 10:44-46, 19:1-6
- G. The Bible regulations for speaking in unknown tongues within local assemblies (during the transitional book of Acts). - 1 Cor. 14:13-40
- H. Today, the gift of tongues is not needed at all if everybody in the local assembly speaks the same language.
- I. We must rightly divide to understand which gifts **are still in effect** for the church today and which are sign gifts for Israel and hence **not in effect** today:
 - Mark 16:17-20 - All supernatural powers in this passage are signs (in the context the word “gift” isn’t even used) given only to the Apostles which ended before the end of the 1st century when the Apostles ended their ministries and therefore are **NOT IN EFFECT TODAY**. - Casting out devils, speaking in tongues, taking up serpents (Acts 28:1-6), ability to drink any deadly thing without any hurt, laying hands and recover the sick (healing).
 - 1 Cor. 12:8-10 - **GIFTS IN EFFECT TODAY** - Word of wisdom, word of knowledge, faith, prophecy (proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ and ability to rightly divide the scriptures), discerning of spirits. **GIFTS NOT IN EFFECT TODAY** - Gifts of healing (Ex. 4:6-9), working of miracles, divers kinds of tongues, interpretation of tongues.

- Rom. 12:6-8 - GIFTS IN EFFECT TODAY (ALL) - Prophecy (proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ and ability to rightly divide the scriptures), ministry, teaching, exhortation, giving, ruling (lead or administrate), mercy.
- Eph. 4:11-12 (Note: This list consists exclusively of **men** who provide a **spiritual function**) FUNCTION IN EFFECT TODAY - Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers. FUNCTION **NOT** IN EFFECT TODAY - Apostles; Prophets (for Israel, including ability to foretell future events.) - Eph. 2:20; 2 Pet. 1:19-21

HOW WE KNOW THE MODERN TONGUES MOVEMENT

IS NOT FOR TODAY IN THE AGE OF GRACE?

- a. Gibberish in the modern tongues movement is **NOT** the gift of tongues used in the Bible. Tongues in the Bible are known and existing foreign languages, but unknown to the speaker, and are given miraculously to declare “**the wonderful works of God**”, and were given **ONLY** to **Jewish unbelievers**. - Acts 2:1-11
- b. Gibberish in the modern tongues movement today is unintelligible peeps and mutterings which are connected to familiar (unclean) spirits and wizards in the scriptures. - Isa. 8:19-20 cf. Lev. 19:31
- c. The gibberish today originated from pagan and heathen religions (**NOT** from the Bible) and is based primarily on emotions, feelings, and spiritual experiences.
- d. The modern tongues movement does not limit the speakers to two or three as required in the scriptures. - 1 Cor. 14:27, 29
- e. In the modern tongues movement, there is no interpreter as required by the scriptures. - 1 Cor. 14:28
- f. The modern tongues movement is often led by women, which violates the scriptures. - 1 Cor. 14:34-35
- g. The scriptures teach that tongues are for a sign for unbelievers (and **NOT** for believers) and that signs are for the **Jews** (and **NOT** the Body of Christ). - 1 Cor. 14:22 cf. 1 Cor. 1:22
- h. Signs (along with the other apostolic gifts given by the Lord in Matt. 10:1-8) ended with the apostles. - 1 Cor. 13:8-10

THE SCRIPTURES MUST BE OUR FINAL AUTHORITY IN ALL MATTERS OF FAITH, DOCTRINE, AND PRACTICE!

8. The calling of God to be filled with the Holy Ghost

- A. There is **only one indwelling** of the Holy Ghost (at salvation - Rom. 8:9), but there are **many fillings** during the course of the Christian life.
- B. The best example in the Bible on what happens when a person is filled with the Holy Ghost is found in Acts 4:8-10 where Paul magnifies the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ! - 1 Cor. 15:3-4
- C. All believers are **called and commanded by God** to be filled with the Holy Ghost and to be in complete unity with Jesus Christ. - Acts 2:39; Rom. 1:1, 7, Rom. 11:29; 1 Cor. 1:9, 6:17; Gal. 1:15-16, 5:16; Eph. 5:18, 30-32; 1 Pet. 5:10-11
- D. He is God's anointed source of all hope, peace, joy, and spiritual power. - Ps. 62:11; Acts 1:8, 10:37-38; Rom. 15:13
- E. His purpose is to 1) spiritually testify concerning Jesus Christ and 2) equip and empower believers to obey and serve God, i.e. to make believers useful to God for the work God has called us to do.
- F. Believers themselves are **never** to choose their own field of service, rather we look to **Him** to choose our field of service, and for **Him** to qualify, equip, and empower us with the spiritual gift(s) required to successfully accomplish God's will and purposes. - 1 Cor. 12:11
- G. While believers today receive the **indwelling** of the Holy Ghost at salvation, (which seals our redemption and gives everlasting life), the manifestation of the power and character of the Holy Ghost comes about **ONLY** when the believer **surrenders/yields** daily to obey the will and purposes of the Holy Ghost. - Rom. 6:11-22

9. The role of the Holy Ghost as the Divine Comforter

- A. He comforts and abides FOREVER! - John 14:16-17
- B. He is the Divine Teacher and the only one who can cause the believer to remember the things Jesus says that have been faithfully learned. - John 14:26
- C. He shall never leave nor forsake the believer. - John 14:18-20; Heb. 13:5
- D. He loves and cares for each believer. - Ps. 55:22, Matt. 11:28-30; 1 Pet. 5:7
- E. He enables believers to successfully endure a broken heart, bereavement, loneliness, and even be content and prosper in every problem the believer will face in this life, including abuse, persecution, torture, sorrow, loss, pain, prison, or even martyrdom.

10. Steps to being filled with the Holy Ghost

- A. Repent and believe on Jesus Christ for salvation by faith alone. - Eph. 2:8-9
- B. Realize that God is looking for believers who are willing to live out their Christian lives being "full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom". - Acts 6:3-4

- C. Understand the Christian life is a **walk of faith** (simply trust & obey God). - Acts 6:5-8, 11:22-24; Mark 11:24; Rom. 10:17; 12:5-6, 14:22-23; Gal. 2:20, 3:1-3; 2 Cor. 4:13, 5:7; Eph. 6:16; 1 Thess. 5:8; 2 Thess. 1:11; 1 Tim. 1:5, 4:6, 6:12
- D. Fully change your mind about sin and renounce it in your life. - Rom. 6:13-14
- E. Publicly renounce sin and let your lifestyle show it. - Eph. 4:22-24; Col. 3:8-10
- F. Realize the middle letter of 'SIN', 'PRIDE', and 'LUCIFER' is 'I'. - 1 John 2:15-17
- G. Acknowledge that every act of sin is rebellion against God. - 1 Sam. 15:22-23
- H. Believers must get their hearts right with God and must **sincerely thirst** after God, i.e. long to be under the absolute control of the Holy Ghost, **at any cost**. - John 7:37-39; Isa. 44:3-4; Acts 8:17-22
- I. **As a believer you cannot please this world**. Remember, if you live for God the world will call you a **FANATIC**, and if you don't live for God the world will call you a **HYPOCRITE**. So, let's all be **FANATICS** for the Lord Jesus Christ! - Num. 25:11-13; Gal. 2:20; 1 Cor. 14:12; 2 Cor. 5:17-20; Tit. 2:13-15; 2 Tim. 2:1-3
- J. He must be **fully obeyed**. - John 14:15-17; Acts 5:32
- K. Believers must **unconditionally surrender** to the will to God. - Rom. 12:1-2
- L. **Believer's Initial Prayer of Surrender**: "Dear God, I completely belong to You. Please completely empty me of my self-will and bring my will into full surrender to Your will. I am completely and unreservedly available to You. I willingly and unconditionally yield myself in full submission and obedience to You. I acknowledge Your absolute ownership of my body, my life, my time, my talents, my treasure, and everything else I possess. I ask you to fill me with the Holy Ghost in my daily walk and in every decision I make for the rest of my life. Send me wherever You want me to go. Do with me as would please You, and use me in accordance with Your perfect will, wholly and totally for Your honour and glory. In Jesus' name. Amen" - Luke 11:13; 1 John 5:14-15

11. Additional Benefits of the Holy Ghost's Relationship to Believers

- A. He fills believers with Himself and has empowers believers to be able to live a victorious and godly Christian life. - Acts 4:31, 20:22-27; 2 Pet. 1:1-3
- B. He sanctifies and sets apart believers from the worldly system to be used in God's service. - 2 Thess. 2:13; 1 Pet. 1:2; Ps. 4:3
- C. He endows and empowers believers to fulfill their God-ordained function in the Body of Christ. - Eph. 2:19-22; 1 Cor. 12:7
- D. He supplies the power & strength for believers to obey God. - Ezek. 36:26- 27
- E. He provides the ability to know and obey God's truth and to have a genuine love of the brethren. - 1 Pet. 1:22
- F. He has made believers free from God's law of sin and death and gives believers the power to have victory over the flesh. - Rom. 8:2-9, 13; Gal. 5:16
- G. He will quicken and resurrect our mortal bodies at the Rapture. - Rom. 8:11
- H. He helps believers with their infirmities and intercedes for believers by praying for believers according to the will of God. - Rom. 8:26-27

- I. He gives believers the power to **bear** (not produce) the fruit of the Spirit. - John 15:1-8; Gal. 5:22-23
- J. He leads believers to a holy walk with God. Believers ought to always focus on **bearing more fruit**, not on their spiritual gifts. - John 12:24-25; Gal. 5:24-26
- K. Magnifying spiritual gifts rather than the fruit of the Spirit leads to: artificial holiness, counterfeit gifts that edify self, and rotten fruit. - Prov. 24:14; Luke 14:11
- L. **Bearing fruit** for God's honour, glory, and pleasure is the **sole purpose** of a believer's existence. - Hos. 14:8; Matt. 7:16-20; Luke 13:6-9; Rev. 4:11
- M. He helps believers to put away things that displease God and to become a kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving person. - Eph. 4:30-32
- N. By submitting to God and resisting the devil **in the power of the Holy Spirit**, God causes the devil (and unclean spirits) to flee from believers. - James 4:7
(Note: **Only the Lord** can rebuke the devil (and unclean spirits), believers cannot and should not try. - Zech. 3:1-2; Jude 1:9; Matt. 17:14-18)
- O. He gives rest to believers. - Isa. 14:3, 26:3, 63:14
- P. He makes the believer to know Jesus Christ is **the** Lord. - 1 Cor. 12:3
- Q. He gives the believer God's divine love. - Rom. 5:5; Eph. 3:17
- R. He gives the believer an abundant Christian life that is full of joy, peace, hope, purpose, meaning, satisfaction, and happiness. - Acts 13:52; Rom. 14:17, 15:13
- S. He strengthens the believer's inner man with spiritual might. - Eph. 3:16
- T. He inspires true worship, adoration, and glory to God. - John 4:23-24; Phil. 3:3
- U. He is the power 1) behind believers who walk in the fear of God, 2) edification of the church, and 3) divine comfort. - Acts 9:31; Isa. 61:1-3
- V. He gives believers direct access to the throne of God the Father. - Eph. 2:18
- W. He desires close communion (common union) with all believers. - 2 Cor. 13:14