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IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER

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The Christian has been delivered from the law of sin and death through the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus – the desire and capacity to live for the Lord through the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

The Upper Room Discourse

John 13-17

Jn 16:13–16 *However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you. “A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father.”*

- **In the life of the believer** - for salvation, sanctification, and service

A few key points...

The Bible teaches the personality of the Spirit He is a Person, not an “influence”

- He bears witness (Rom. 8:16)
- He intercedes (Rom. 8:26)
- He moves upon His people (Moses, Samson)
- He speaks (Acts 8:29; Heb. 3:7)
- He teaches and reveals truth (1 Cor. 2:10,13)
- He hears and will speak (John 16:13-15)

The Bible declares His deity

Gen. 1:2 - “The Spirit of God was moving upon the waters”

Psa. 139:7 – “whither shall I flee from your Spirit”

1 John 5:7 – “..three that bear witness in heaven The Father, the Word and the Spirit – these three agree in One”

2 Cor 13:14 – “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.”

There is a difference between OT/NT operation of the Spirit

Samson – Judges 14:6

David – Ps. 51:11; cp. John 14:17

THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT IN SALVATION

1. **The Spirit Calls** (Gen. 1:2; Lk 14:15-22; 2 Thess. 2:13–14; Rev 22:17.)
2. **The Spirit Convicts** (Jn 16:8-11; Gen. 24:49; 1 Thess. 1:4-5; Ps. 34:18; Acts 24:25 - Felix)
3. **The Spirit Converts** (2 Cor. 5:17; Titus 3:5-6; John 3:5-6; 6:63; 7:37-39 14:17; 1 Cor. 6:19 - indwells; Rom 8:10; 2 Thess. 2:3; cp. 2 Kings 5)

4. The Spirit Confirms (John 16:16-17; Rom 8:9; 2 Cor. 1:21-22)

- He baptizes us into Body of Christ (1 Cor 12:13; Matt. 3:11; John 1:33)
- He assures us that we are the children of God (1 Cor. 12:13; Matt. 3:11; John 1:33; 2 Cor. 1:22; Gal. 4:4; 1 Thess. 1:5)
- He seals us until the day of redemption (2 Cor. 1:21-23; Eph 1:13; 4:30)
- He transforms us to the image of His Son (2 Cor. 3:18)

THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT IN SANCTIFICATION Gal. 5:16-17

WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES FOR US IN BRINGING MANY SONS TO GLORY (HEB. 2:10)

1. HE TEACHES US (1 Cor. 2:10-12; Acts 8:30-35; 1 John 2:20; 27)

1 Co 2:10–12 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

2:10–12 -

Acts 8:30-35 – the spiritual ignorance of the Ethiopian and the ability of Philip

1 Jn 2:20 *But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.*

1 Jn 2:27 *But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.*

2. HE REMINDS US OF THE WORDS OF CHRIST (John 14:26; Luke 12:12)

John 14:26 *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.*

Lk 12:12 *For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”*

3. HE LEADS AND GUIDES US (Jn 16:13; Rom. 8:14; Acts 8:29; 16:6; Isa. 30:21)

Jn 16:13 *However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.*

Ro 8:14 *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*

Acts 8:29 *Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go near and overtake this chariot.”*

Acts 16:6 *Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia.*

Isa. 30:21 *Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This is the way, walk in it,” Whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.*

4. HE INTERCEDES FOR US AND HELPS US IN OUR WEAKNESS (ROM. 8:26)

Ro 8:26 *Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*

5. HE COMFORTS AND ENCOURAGES US (ACTS 9:31; 1 THESS. 1:6; 2 COR. 13:14)

Ac 9:31 *Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.*

1 Th 1:6 *And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit,*

2 Co 13:14 *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.*

WHAT WE SHOULD DO AS A RESULT OF HIS WORK IN US...

1. We should walk in the Spirit (Gal. 5:16; Phil 3:14; 1 John 2:6)

We should walk...

- As He walked (1 Jn 2:6) In love (Eph. 5:2)
- In wisdom (Col. 4:5) In the light (1 Jn 1:7)
- Circumspectly (Eph 5:16) Prudently (Eccl. 5:1)
- In His ways (Deut.5:33) Humbly (Micah 5:6)
- By faith (2 Cor. 5:7) Newness of life (Rom. 6:4)
- Worthy (Col. 1:10) As children of light Eph. 5:8)
- Walk within my house with a perfect heart (Ps 101:2)

2. We should live in the Spirit (Gal. 5:25; 1 Peter 4:6)

Ga 5:25 *If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

1 Pe 4:6 *For this reason the gospel was preached also to those who are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh but live according to God in the spirit.*

3. We should be led of the Spirit (Rom. 8:14; Acts 10:19-20; Isa. 30:21)

Ro 8:14 *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*

Acts 10:19–20 *While Peter thought about the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Behold, three men are seeking you. Arise therefore, go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them.”*

4. We should be filled with the Spirit (Acts 6:3; 7:55; 13:52)

Acts 6:3 *Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business;*

Acts 7:55 *But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God,*

Acts 13:52 *And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.*

5. We should display the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)

Gal 5:22–23 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.*

6. We should pray in the Spirit (Jude 20)

Jud 20 *But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,*

What we should not do regarding the Spirit...

- **Should not quench the Spirit – in others (1 Thess. 5:19)**

1 Th 5:19 *Do not quench the Spirit.*

- **Should not grieve the Spirit – in ourselves (Eph. 4:30)**

Eph 4:30 *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

- **Should not lie to the Spirit (Acts 5:4)**

Ac 5:4 *While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.”*

THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER IN SERVICE: “ENABLING, EQUIPPING, EMPOWERING, ENGAGING”

“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 Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth”. Acts 1:8

1. He enables (Col. 1:8; Rom 5:5; Phil. 1:19; Acts 21:4; 1 Cor. 2:10-11; Ex 35:34)

Col 1:8 *who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.*

Ro 5:5 *Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

Phil 1:19 *For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,*

Acts 21:4 *And finding disciples, we stayed there seven days. They told Paul through the Spirit not to go up to Jerusalem.*

1 Co 2:11 *For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.*

Ex 35:31, 34 *and He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and understanding, in knowledge and all manner of workmanship, 34 “And He has put in his heart the ability to teach, in him and Aholiab ...*

2. He Equips (Rom 12:5-8; 1 Cor 12:4-6; Eph. 4:7-16; 1 Pet. 4:10-11; Matt 25:14-30; Luke 19:11-27)

Rom 12:5–8 *so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.*

1 Co 12:4–6 *“There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all”.*

1 Peter 4:10–11 *As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

Matt 25:14-30; Luke 19:11-27 - the parable of the talents vs. the minas

3. He Empowers (Acts 11:24; Eph. 5:18-19; Col. 3:16; Jud 3:10; 14:6; Zech. 4:6)

Ac 11:24 *For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.*

Eph 5:18–19 *And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord*

Jdg 3:10 *The Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel. He went out to war, and the LORD delivered Cushan-Rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed over Cushan-Rishathaim. (cp. 14:6)*

Zec 4:6 “... ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ Says the LORD of hosts.

4. He Engages some in FT ministry (Acts 13:4-5)

Acts 13:4–5 *So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. And when they arrived in Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. They also had John as their assistant.*

What does this mean for us...?

- **It means brokenness for the Spirit to work (Ps. 51:17)**

Ps 51:17 *The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise.*

- **It means holiness and that we do not grieve the Holy Spirit in order to be fit for the Master’s use (2 Tim. 2:19-21; Eph. 4:30)**

2 Tim. 2:20–21 *But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.*

- **It means that in all things that He might have the preeminence (Col. 1:18)**

Col 1:18 *And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.*