

THE HOLY SPIRIT PART OF GOD

John 14:16-17; 16:7-11

Introduction: God has loved man from the very beginning and even told Adam and Eve that some day man would be restored to the fellowship that they lost after sinning in the Garden. God promised a Redeemer, a Messiah, a Savior and in God's time, that promised one came and was known as "Jesus," God in the flesh. God walking on the earth He made, talking to people He came to die for and just before His death, He told His followers of someone else coming after Him and that would be the Holy Spirit who would continue the work He (Jesus) had been doing. God, the Father, God the Son (Jesus) and now God, the Holy Spirit. Today there is God's Word, the Bible and the Holy Spirit. What does the Holy Spirit do today?

I. THE HOLY SPIRIT RESTRAINS (2 Thessalonians 2:3-10)

1. The Holy Spirit restrains man's Old Sin Nature.
2. The Holy Spirit restrains Satan's evil angels.
3. The Holy Spirit restrains Satan, himself.

II. THE HOLY SPIRIT CONVICTS MAN OF HIS NEED FOR GOD (1 Corinthians 2:14; 4:3-4)

1. The Holy Spirit convicts man of his sin of unbelief in Jesus.
2. The Holy Spirit convicts man that Christ's imputed righteousness is necessary.
3. The Holy Spirit convicts man that the cross of Christ judged the world, man and Satan.

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT MAKES BELIEVERS NEW

1. A complete rebirth is necessary as man is beyond restoration.
2. The Holy Spirit gives a complete new life to the believer.
 - Knowledge of God is given.
 - Power in prayer is given.
 - Understanding God's Word is given.
 - Recognizing God's Family is enabled.
 - Compassion for unbelievers is given.
3. The very nature of God is given by the Holy Spirit.
4. The Holy Spirit brings the believer into God's Family and Household.
5. The Holy Spirit bestows heirship to God's throne to the believer.

6. The Holy Spirit changes the believer to fit what God has in mind for that person's life.
7. The Holy Spirit increases the faith of the believer in order for that believer to become all God expects.

IV. THE HOLY SPIRIT INDWELLS THE BELIEVER

1. God's presence, the Holy Spirit comes to stay within the believer upon belief in Jesus.
2. *Romans 8:9 1 Corinthians 6:19-20*

V. THE HOLY SPIRIT BAPTIZES THE BELIEVER

1. The believer is joined to God's Family by the Holy Spirit baptism.
2. *Romans 6:1-4 John 14:20*

VI. THE HOLY SPIRIT SEALS THE BELIEVER

1. The believer is permanently "marked" by the Holy Spirit's presence so all the spirit world can see that the believer belongs to God.

VII. THE HOLY SPIRIT FILLS THE BELIEVER

1. The believer is empowered by the Holy Spirit to be or do whatever God wants.

CONCLUSION:

1. God has given the Bible (His Written Word) to reveal Himself and to show to people their own real selves.
2. God wants fellowship to be restored between Himself and mankind.
3. God visited the earth in flesh and was known as "Jesus" and showed people how God, the Father wanted everyone to live, dying then to become man's redeemer and enabling God and man to be restored and reunited to one another.
4. Once one becomes a child of God by belief in Jesus, God, the Holy Spirit, then indwells the believer, helping the believer live as he/she ought and to mark that person as belonging to God.
5. If a person does not have the Holy Spirit living within, then that person has no part in the kingdom of God.
6. Does the Holy Spirit live within YOU?