

## US (BELIEVERS) AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

### John 14:16

**Introduction:** People lift up their hands, kneel, bow their heads, fall prostrate to the floor/ground, dance, say/shout "Amen," all done as an act of recognition of the Lord and of almighty God. All these acts are found in the Bible, therefore are "scriptural" therefore, any act or word of recognition of the Lord's greatness is never too great nor small. You might ask yourself, "just how close do you want to come to the Lord?" What part does the Holy Spirit have in our/the believer's life?"

### I. THE HOLY SPIRIT AND OUR SIN

1. *Romans* introduces us to the Holy Spirit
  - For mankind, all hope seems to be lost (*chapters 1-3*)
  - Jesus Christ's redeeming work brings hope (*chapters 4-5*)
  - Sin's power is broken, therefore the believer is free.
    - *Romans 6:12-13*
    - *Romans 7:14-15* - Sin is still present, however.
    - *Romans 7:24* - There is a constant battle with sin and the believer cries out for help.
2. The Holy Spirit is the "solution," the transformer to/for the believer in his/her struggle with sin.
  - *Romans 8:1* - The Holy Spirit brings a new dimension of living.
  - *Romans 8:2-14* - The curtain is pulled and divine light floods the believer.
    - The Holy Spirit is IN the believer/us and we can live without sin!
    - Since the believer/we are now able to live without sin, we/the believer MUST!

### II. OUR HUMAN FLESH AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Every believer/Christian has two (2) natures and there is a constant battle between the two.
  - *Galatians 5:16-27*
  - The evil, old sin nature on one side and the Godly things on the other side.
  - If it were not for the Holy Spirit's indwelling presence, Christians/believers/we would act like the lost.
2. What happens when the flesh is dominant - *Galatians 5:19-21*
  - When the Christian/believer/we follow the old sin nature, there is no difference between us and the world.
  - As if the Holy Spirit was not there, so no difference.
3. What happens when the Holy Spirit is in control:
  - *Galatians 5:22-23* - is only a brief sampling, but the believer/we begin to model the life of Jesus Christ, thus a transformation is beginning to happen.
  - *Romans 8:5* - The believer (we) decides - which he/she is going to produce.
  - *Romans 6:16* - The believer follows whichever he/she chooses.

- The things of the Holy Spirit are reproduced when the believer (us) allows the Holy Spirit to work.
  - A life of peace happens - **Romans 8:6**
  - There is an absence of fear and there is a closeness to God. **Romans 8:15**
  - There is inner assurance, doubts disappear. **Romans 8:16-17; 26-27**
  - There is an inner awareness that "all things" are working together for good and for God's glory. **Romans 8:28**

### III. THERE'S STILL ROOM FOR MYSTERY, HOWEVER

1. Jesus told Nicodemus about the Holy Spirit's mystery.
  - **John 3:8** - silently, unexpectedly, mysteriously
  - **Romans 11:33** - We just don't know how the Holy Spirit works!
2. The Holy Spirit cannot be "boxed" in, labeled, categorized for He is as the wind, mysterious, on the move, here, there, creating, changing, stimulating, calming, etc.
3. **1 Corinthians 2:9-13**
  - The believer (us) must leave room for the Holy Spirit to work in his/her life.
  - The believer needs to open his/her mind and heart and discover things he/she never knew existed.
  - The believer must allow the Holy Spirit to transform him/her.

### CONCLUSION:

1. There are realms of earthly experience we (believers) have never traveled and the Holy Spirit wants to take us there.
2. There are depths of God's will we have never "tapped" and the Holy Spirit wants to reveal them to us.
3. There are dimensions of supernatural power we have never touched and the Holy Spirit wants it to happen for us.
4. Think it over. When the believer (we) allows the Holy Spirit to transform him/her (us) he/she (we) shall be like Jesus Christ.
5. So, what are YOU waiting for?