

Understanding the Holy Spirit

(3) Know the Grace: The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Lives of NT Saints

Know the Person

- The "Motherhood" of the Holy Spirit
 - He Is a Full Person (Mind, Heart, Will)
 - He Is Divine (The 3rd Person of the Trinity)
 - He Is Equal in Position but Differs in Roles
 - He Plays the Role of the Wife and Mother in the Household of God
 - He Had a Reversal of Roles with the Son
 - He Desires to Honor the Father & the Son
 - He Is Gentle but Powerful
 - He Works to Find a Worthy Bride for the Son

Know the Mission

- The Four "Comings" of HS in Acts
 - To the Jews, on Pentecost, w/ Tongues, Baptism before Receiving HS
 - To Samaritans, w/o Tongues, w/ Hands, Baptism before Receiving HS
 - To Gentiles, w/ tongues, w/o Hands, Baptism *after* Receiving HS when Believe
 - To Jews Again, w/ Tongues, w/ Hands, Baptism before Receiving HS

Know the Grace: The Making of the Bride of Christ

- The Election by the Father and the Son
 - (Eph 1: 4-6) 4 just as **He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world**, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love 5 **He predestined us to adoption as sons** through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will
 - (John 15:16) "You did not choose Me but **I chose you**, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you."

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- The Redemption by the Son
 - (John 1:29) The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, **the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**
 - (1 Pet 3:18) For **Christ also died for sins once for all, *the just for the unjust***, so that He might bring us to God
 - (1 John 3:16) **We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us**; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

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- The Conversion and Sanctification by the Holy Spirit
 - (Tit 3: 5-7) 5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, **by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit**, 6 whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by His grace **we would be made heirs** according to *the* hope of eternal life.

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- The Protection and Preservation by the Father and the Son
 - (John 10:27-19) 27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and **no one will snatch them out of My hand.** 29 My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and **no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father's hand.**
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The Work of the Holy Spirit in Conversion

- The Pre-Conversion State of Man
 - (Rom 10:9-12) 10 as it is written, "**THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;** (Ps 14:1-3) 11 **THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS, THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD;** 12 **ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS; THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD, THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE** (Ps 53:1-3; Eccl 7:20)."
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- The Pre-Conversion State of Man
 - Two Primary Sins:
 - **Pride:** Independence from God
 - **Greed:** Act out of Selfishness
 - No One Is Free from Both!
 - Doing Good to Others in Order to Enter Heaven Is Out of Greed/Selfishness
 - Doing Good to Others to Declare the Goodness of Self Is Out of Pride
 - Only Saved People in Christ Can Do Good w/o the Two Primary Sins
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- Convicting the Sinners in Their Heart
 - (John 16:8-11) 8 "And He (the Holy Spirit), when He comes, will **convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment;** 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; 11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.
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- Regenerating to Make Believers
 - (John 3:3-8) 3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born again** he cannot see the kingdom of God. 5 ... Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born of water and the Spirit** he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is **born of the flesh** is flesh, and that which is **born of the Spirit** is spirit. 7 Do not be amazed that I said to you, '**You must be born again.**' 8 The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is **born of the Spirit.**"
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- Spiritual Baptism of Believers into the Body of Christ
 - (1 Cor 12:13) For **by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body**, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to **drink of one Spirit.**
 - All Believers WERE Baptized by the Holy Spirit at the Moment of Regeneration
 - (Eph 1:4-5) 4 *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in *one hope* of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, **one baptism**
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- Use Water Baptism to Identify the Believers with Christ
 - (Col 2:12) having been **buried with Him** in baptism, in which you were also **raised up with Him** through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.
 - Baptism Is a Vow of Purity
 - Not Only Accepting the Forgiveness of Sins (Justification)
 - But Also Devote to Live in Righteousness (Sanctification)

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- Justifying the Believers as the Citizens of the Kingdom of God
 - (1 Cor 6:9-11) 9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor *the* covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 Such were some of you; **but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.**

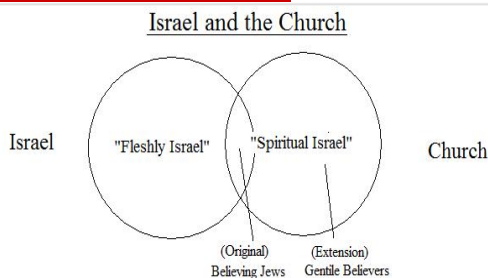
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- Accepting the Church (Believers as a Whole) as the Future Bride of Christ
 - (Eph 5:25-27) 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as **Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her**, 26 so that He might sanctify her, having **cleansed her by the washing of water with the word**, 27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that **she would be holy and blameless.**

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- Inward Circumcision of Believers to Make Them Part of the "Spiritual Israel"
 - (Rom 2:27-29) 27 And he who is physically uncircumcised, if he keeps the Law, will he not judge you who though having the letter *of the Law* and circumcision are a transgressor of the Law? 28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh. 29 **But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit**, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God.

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- Indwelling in the Body of Believers Permanently and Making a Temple of God
 - (John 14:17) ... the Spirit of truth ... **He abides with you and will be in you.**
 - (1 Cor 3:16) Do you not know that **you are a temple of God** and *that the Spirit of God dwells in you*?
 - (Rom 8:9) However, you are not in the flesh but **in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.** But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

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- Sealing and Guaranteeing Salvation
 - (Eph 1:13) In Him... **having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise**
 - (Eph 4:30) Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom **you were sealed for the day of redemption.**
 - (2 Cor 1:21-22) Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, 22 who also **sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.**
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- Positional Sanctification: Set Apart and Made Holy
 - (2 Thess 2:13) ... God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through **sanctification by the Spirit** and faith in the truth.
 - (Rom 11:16) If the first piece *of dough* is **holy**, the lump is also; and if the root is **holy**, the branches are too.
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- Assurance of Salvation
 - (Rom 8:16) **The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ,** if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*.
 - Not "Universal Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man" in the Sense of Universal Salvation; but Children of God (Potential Heirs) Becoming Sons of God (Fellow Heirs with Christ)
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- Illumination of the Mind, Giving Understandings to Biblical Truth
 - (John 16:13) "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, **He will guide you into all the truth**"
 - (1 John 2:27) As for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as **His anointing teaches you about all things,** and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.
 - (1 Cor 2:10) 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that **we may know the things freely given to us by God**
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- Enabling the Discernment of Truth and Error
 - (1 John 4:1-4) 1 Beloved, **do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God,** because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; 3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the *spirit* of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world. 4 You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because **greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.**
 - The Confession of Christ by the Indwelling Spirit, Not the Indwelt Person, Reveals the Nature of the Spirit
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- Filling (Controlling) the Yielding Believers
 - (Eph 5:18) And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but **be filled with the Spirit,**
 - Result of Being Filled with the Holy Spirit
 - Full of the Joy of Salvation
 - (Eph 5:19) speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;
 - Thankfulness in Attitude of Life:
 - (Eph 5:20) always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;
 - Mutual Submission in Church and Family Life:
 - (Eph 5:21) and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.
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- Praying for the Believers
 - (Rom 8:26-27) 26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but **the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;** 27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to *the will of God*.
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- Suffer When Believers Do Not Submit
 - **"Grieve** the Holy Spirit of God" (Eph 4:30)
 - **"Quench** the Spirit" (1 Th 5:19)
 - Produces Christ-like Character in Those Who Submit
 - (Gal 5:16) But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.
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- Give the Spiritual Gifts for Ministry
 - (1 Cor 12:4-7) ... 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. 6 There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all *persons*. 7 **But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.**
 - (1 Cor 4:11) But one and the same Spirit works all these things, **distributing to each one individually just as He wills.**
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- Empowering for witnessing
 - (Acts 1:8) but **you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."
 - (1 Cor 2:4-5) 4 and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but **in demonstration of the Spirit and of power**, 5 so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.
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- Enabling Spiritual Growth
 - (Col 1:28-29) 28 We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may **present every man complete in Christ.** 29 For this purpose also I labor, striving **according to His power**, which mightily works within me.
 - Fostering Fellowship
 - (Phil 2:1) ... if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any **fellowship of the Spirit**, if any affection and compassion ...
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The Key of Believer's Victory

- Be Constantly Filled with the Holy Spirit
 - Confession and Repentance of Sins
 - (1 John 1:9) "If we **confess our sins**, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
 - Pray in the Will of God, and Believe & Act on It
 - (Eph 5:18) "Be filled with the Holy Spirit" is a Command, Thus Definitely in God's Will
 - (1 John 5:14) "This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, **if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.**"
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