

## THE SPIRIT WITH OUR SPIRIT

- I. It is safe to say that Christians' view of the Holy Spirit determines what kind of Christian they become.
  - a. The Spirit is not just the source of "supernatural" activities
  - b. The Spirit is not just a feeling
- II. We must see that the Holy Spirit is focused on Jesus
  - a. The Holy Spirit teaches us all things and reminds of the sayings of Jesus

<sup>26</sup> *"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 that I said to you. John 14:26*
  - b. The Spirit glorifies Jesus and discloses to us the things of Jesus

<sup>13</sup> *"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. <sup>14</sup> "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. <sup>15</sup> "All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you. John 16:13–15*
- III. More than just conveying the things of Christ to us, today the Holy Spirit makes Christ so available to us
  - a. The last Adam, Christ, became a life-giving Spirit

<sup>45</sup> *So also it is written, "The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. 1 Corinthians 15:45*

    - i. This does not erase the distinction between the Son and Spirit, which is clear from many verses written by Paul

<sup>14</sup> *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:14*
    - ii. The exalted Christ's oneness with the Spirit does indicate how available Christ is to us today, for His dispensing of life, His riches, and His supply as the exalted Lord
    - iii. This same Spirit transforms us from glory to glory to bear the image of Christ

<sup>17</sup> *Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. <sup>18</sup> But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:17–18*
  - b. The Spirit is inseparably related to Christ Himself, the center and focus of God's plan. Thus, today the Spirit is the Spirit of His Son, the Spirit of Jesus, the Spirit of Christ, and the Spirit of Jesus Christ

<sup>6</sup> *Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Galatians 4:6*

<sup>7</sup> *and after they came to Mysia, they were trying to go into Bithynia, and the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them; Acts 16:7*

<sup>9</sup> 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. Romans 8:9

<sup>19</sup> for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, Philippians 1:19

IV. In order for us to connect with the Spirit in an intentional way, we must see that we have a human spirit with which to contact the Holy Spirit

a. God forms the spirit of man within him

<sup>1</sup> The burden of the word of the LORD concerning Israel. Thus declares the LORD who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him, Zechariah 12:1

b. We are made of three parts, body, soul, and Spirit

<sup>23</sup> Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

c. The distinction between soul and spirit

i. The word can divide from soul and spirit

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

ii. The soulish person cannot receive the things of God, while the spiritual discerns all things

<sup>14</sup> But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. <sup>15</sup> But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. 1 Corinthians 2:14–15

d. The Holy Spirit and our spirit are the key to fellowship

<sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, Romans 8:16

<sup>24</sup> “God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” John 4:24

V. Our experience of a rich life of the Holy Spirit with our human spirit

a. We can walk in spirit

<sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. Galatians 5:16

b. We can live by the spirit and walk by the Spirit

<sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

c. God’s Spirit is dwelling in us, giving us life

<sup>11</sup> But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. Romans 8:11

- d. When we drink of Jesus out of our innermost being flows rivers of living water

*<sup>37</sup> Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. <sup>38</sup> "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.' " <sup>39</sup> But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. John 7:37–39*

- e. We can live in the fruit of the Spirit

*<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22–23*

## VI. Even the church life is of the Spirit

- a. The kingdom of God is in Spirit

*<sup>17</sup> for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Romans 14:17*

- b. The manifestations of the Spirit are given to us for the common good

*<sup>7</sup> But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills. 1 Corinthians 12:7–11*

## VII. We can practice being filled in Spirit

- a. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit

*<sup>30</sup> Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Ephesians 4:30*

- b. Say "Jesus is Lord" in the Holy Spirit

*<sup>3</sup> Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed"; and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:3*

- c. Declare "I am a child of God" and sense the witness of the Holy Spirit

*<sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, Romans 8:16*

- d. Be filled in Spirit through speaking and singing with your heart to the Lord

*<sup>18</sup> And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; Ephesians 5:18–19*