

## **CHAPTER 9**

### **"BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT"**

...."The meek He will guide in judgement and the meek He will teach His way...."

Psalm 25:9 KJV

...."But the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, Standby) the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name to represent Me and act on My behalf, He will teach you all things...."

John 14:26 Amplified

...."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; He will disclose to you what is to come"....

John 16:13

...."If we live by the Holy Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. If by the Holy Spirit we have our life in God, let us go forward walking in line, our conduct controlled by the Spirit"....

Galatians 5:25 Amplified

...."But as for you, (the sacred appointment, the unction) the anointing which you received from Him, abides permanently in you; so then you have no need that any one (flesh and blood) should instruct you. But just as His anointing teaches you concerning everything and is true, and is no falsehood, so you must abide, live never to depart, rooted in Him, knit to Him just as His anointing has taught you to do"....

1 John 2:27 Amplified

### **MANY CHILDREN OF GOD HAVE LITTLE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Each one of the above scriptures points out clearly the essence of the true Christian life. As we continue on with this teaching we will look closely at the

ministry of the Holy Spirit and we shall see clearly what an absolute and wondrous blessing we have received in the Person of the Holy Spirit. We shall see just how important He is to us personally - and indeed to our entire calling and purpose in this earth. Many children of God have little knowledge of the ministry of the Holy Spirit, and this MUST change before the church begins to walk in the fulness of the authority she has been given in Christ (Matthew 28:18-20). As we look at the many different aspects of the ministry of the Holy Spirit we shall be enabled to see clearly how important it is for each and every believer to bring themselves into a position of total and absolute submission to Him in every facet of their lives. It is only when the awesome truth concerning the ministry of the Holy Spirit has been revealed to the heart of the believer that they will begin to walk in the fulness of their calling - having become that pure and clean "channel" of the Father's Love and Light to a world which is perishing in darkness and sin.

**EACH AND EVERY BELIEVER MUST KNOW THAT THEY ARE CALLED TO BE SEPARATED FROM FELLOWSHIP WITH THE WORLD AND ITS WAYS, AND LIVE A LIFE OF HOLINESS BEFORE THEIR HEAVENLY FATHER - FROM THE POSITION OF ABIDING IN THE PLACE OF A HEART "WHOLLY GIVEN TO HIM**

As we have mentioned in previously many times, it is a most important thing for each child of God to have firmly established in their heart a revelation of the Divine Requirement set out for them in the Word of God (Luke 10:27). Each and every believer must know that they are called to be separated from fellowship with the world and its ways (James 4:4), and live a life of holiness before their Heavenly Father (1 Peter 1:16) - from the position of abiding in the place of a heart "wholly given to Him. Until the child of God comes to the full realization of this truth in their heart they will be bound by carnality to some degree, and will not be found walking as a representative of the "true" Christian life. This is a most urgent matter for the church to deal with! It is certain that the Word of God concerning holiness and the ministry of the Holy Spirit must be taught and preached from every pulpit - for the hour is late and the flock MUST come to "know" the Voice of its Master. How are people to call upon the Holy Spirit and the Word in Whom they have no faith - and on Whom they have no reliance? And how are they to trust in and rely upon Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher (Romans 10:14)?

**IF A CHILD OF GOD CONTINUALLY NEGLECTS THE WONDROUS PROVISION OF DIVINE EMPOWERMENT THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THEY WILL BE AN EASY TARGET**

Many pastors within the church - and in particular amongst traditional denominational circles - are either ignorant of, or afraid of, putting forth the Word of God concerning the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. This has caused a very serious and dangerous situation to develop! In this last hour Satan has begun to come against the household of God (Hosea 8:1) in a very intense and ferocious way - knowing that his time is short. He can sense the continually greater presence of the Holy Spirit in many parts of the Body of Christ with each passing day and this strikes great fear and terror in his heart. Because of these things he must continually attempt to keep the believer who has not received a revelation of the Divine Requirement and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in darkness. If a child of God continually neglects - in these most critical and glorious days - the wondrous provision of Divine empowerment they have been given in the Holy Spirit, they will be an easy target for the destruction and death that Satan is seeking to inflict upon every child of God who - by an act of their will - chooses to make themselves a stranger to the covenants of promise found in the Word of God. The failure to adhere to the fulness of the wonderful salvation which the Heavenly Father has provided for each one of His children in Christ (Hebrews 1:14-2:4) shall surely result in some form of tragic devastation at the hands of the Evil One and his forces.

**THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE AND CALLING IS NOT SOME GAME!**

The true Christian life and calling is not some game! It is a profound reality that is about to manifest corporately in the earth - and literally turn it upside down! Satan has continually attempted to stop the manifestation of the Glorious Church and the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit that shall be her legacy - but he has failed, and shall continue to fail - miserably! Every child of God who is seeking to walk after the commandments of God will be led by the Holy Spirit to the place - day in and day out - wherein they will have the opportunity to experience His fulness. It is the will of the Father for each and every one of His beloved children to be filled with His Spirit (Luke 11:13) at all times. He knows - AND SO SHOULD WE - that we will need to operate continually in the fulness of our

salvation in Christ to get the job done accurately and thus reap the maximum fruit and glory for the Kingdom that He has purposed!

**WHATEVER IS NOT DONE (EMPOWERED) BY HIM ..... IS SIN!**

On a much more serious note, the believer who would attempt to serve God in ANY way - without being led and empowered by the Holy Spirit - is in sin! For WHATEVER is not done by "Him" - and thus is not the product of faith in the Word of God and empowered and led by the Holy Spirit is sin (Romans 14:23) (Hebrews 11:6) - without exception! If the child of God refuses to acknowledge the fact that it is only through the Holy Spirit that they can receive the Father's direction - as well as His strength for accomplishing the given task - they will constantly lean upon their own understanding, and this will keep them in darkness.

**IN CONSTANTLY LEANING UPON THEIR OWN UNDERSTANDING -  
THEY WILL HAVE NO INCLINATION TO EITHER BE LED BY, OR BE  
FILLED WITH, THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Every child of God must realize that they are called to holiness. 1 Peter 1:16 states:

...."You shall be holy, for I am holy"....

The refusal to believe the truth that whatever the Father commands He also empowers will, again, cause that believer to seek out - and lean upon - their own understanding, apart from the Wisdom of God and the Spirit of God. This will always, if continued, make that believer more and more uncertain of their position in Christ Jesus and they will turn even farther away from the Word of God as their final authority. It is because of these things that they will abandon the command to walk by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7) and sin will continue to abound in the life of that child of God - until such a time as true repentance comes. From this we can see the scheme of the Evil One to separate the child of God from the Word, thereby moving them out into an area where - in constantly leaning upon their own understanding - they will have no inclination to either be led by, or be filled with, the Holy Spirit.

## **YEARS OF TRADITION AND UNBELIEF HAVE DELUDED MANY WITH THE LIE THAT HOLINESS IS BUT FOR A FEW SPECIAL ONES CHOSEN BY GOD**

It is the ministry of the Holy Spirit to bring each child of God into holiness - for indeed He is the Spirit of Holiness. Everything is provided in Him for us to be one with Jesus Christ in every way. Years of tradition and unbelief have deluded many with the lie that holiness is but for a few special ones chosen of God. This is an abominable lie which we need to put under the exposing and consuming light of the Holy Spirit in order that we might lay it - and all of the discord it has caused - to waste forever. The Father desires each of His children to share His Holiness (Hebrews 12:10) - becoming a partaker of His Divine nature through His precious and magnificent promises (The Word of God) (2 Peter 1:4).

### **THE SPIRIT OF HOLINESS**

Every child of God must come to the full realization that He has been commissioned to carry out the work of sanctification in every believer and that it is His direct task - as the Spirit of Holiness - to "conform us to the image of His Dear Son", with our cooperation. With the fact established in our hearts that the Holy Spirit needs our full cooperation let us look at three key steps to Divine guidance.

### **THREE STEPS TO RECEIVING DIVINE GUIDANCE BY THE HOLY SPIRIT**

1. The child of God needs to surrender their whole heart - and therefore be willing (to be made willing if necessary) to do ALL the will of God for their life.
2. The child of God must be ever ready and willing at all times to obey even the simplest instruction given by the Holy Spirit.
3. The child of God must have full and absolute trust in the Holy Spirit - and this can ONLY be brought about through daily intimate fellowship with the Father and His Word.

**IT IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE FOR EVERY BELIEVER TO FULLY REALIZE THAT THEY IN NO WAY HAVE THE POWER TO PRODUCE THE DESIRED EFFECT OF HOLINESS IN THEIR LIFE**

One area which is too often misunderstood is the area of sanctification. This process has nothing to do with the perfecting of the old nature, but rather it is the process by which we "receive" the impartation of God's nature by the joining together of our souls (mind, will, emotions) with the person of Jesus Christ - in and by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is of the utmost importance for every believer to fully realize that they in no way have the power to produce the desired effect of holiness in their life.

Romans 7:18 The Amplified Translation states:

..."For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot perform it. I have the intention and urge to do what is right, but no power to carry it out"....

Having this portion of scripture revealed to the heart of the believer is the definite prerequisite to the Spirit\_led life of faith and obedience which the Father requires. Many believers have "allowed" themselves to be deceived in the belief that they are complying with the Divine Requirement (Luke 10:27) for their lives, but in reality they continue to follow after their own understanding - seeking only to please themselves first. If the deepest desire of one's heart is truly to do the will of God then as the Holy Spirit convicts this "hardness of heart" that believer will inevitably be led into a situation where it will become obvious that they - in their own strength - are not able to cope. This testing or trial will bring the child of God to the point of decision and, again, depending on the deepest "motivation" of their heart, they will either repent and forsake all that stands between God and themselves, or they will remain in rebellion against God and proceed directly into the great spiritual darkness which is encompassing the earth in this last hour (Isaiah 60:2).

**OUR LIFE IN CHRIST DOES NOT CONSIST OF IMITATING HIS EXAMPLE BY OUR OWN STRENGTH AND EFFORTS, BUT RATHER IT IS LIVING HIS LIFE WITH HIS LIFE; THUS ALLOWING HIM TO POSSESS OUR ENTIRE BEING**

The child of God who, because of the pureness of their heart toward God, is able to see the "all-encompassing" evil of the "old nature", is greatly blessed, for they will no longer seek to justify themselves before God or man and this will lead them directly into a full and absolute dependence on the Spirit of God for all things - and away from the darkened understanding of the flesh. Again, sanctification is not a human experience or state worked by human hands, but it is the reception of Jesus Christ as our very substance and life with the end result being that He is our all in all. For our life in Christ does not consist of imitating His example by our own strength and efforts, but rather it is living His life with His life; thus allowing Him to possess our entire being.

**EVERY CHILD OF GOD MUST LEARN TO WALK IN THE SPIRIT FOR THEN - AND ONLY THEN - WILL THEY NOT SEEK TO FULFIL THE LUSTS OF THE FLESH**

Galatians 2:20 states:

...."I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me" ....

The more definitely and thoroughly the heart of the believer is surrendered to the Holy Spirit the greater and more pronounced their spiritual growth will become. As the Holy Spirit works in any given area of their lives where sin exists - and they continue to allow His light to expose any darkness in their hearts - He will supernaturally remove those areas (ground of fear) which had plagued them and kept them from closer fellowship with the Father and the Son (Ephesians 4:26) (1 John 1:7). Every child of God must learn to walk in the Spirit for then - AND ONLY THEN - will they not seek to fulfil the lusts of the flesh (Galatians 5:16). Every believer must desire above all else to be filled and consumed by the Holy Spirit, for then - AND ONLY THEN - will there be no more room (allowance) for self-will and self-desire.

**THE ESSENTIAL CONDITION OF THE LIFE OF HOLINESS IS THE STEADFAST MAINTENANCE OF OUR CLOSE FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER AND HIS WORD - AND IMPLICIT OBEDIENCE TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The essential condition of the life of holiness is the steadfast maintenance of our close fellowship with the Father and His Word - and implicit obedience to the Holy Spirit. Obedience to the Word of God and the voice of His Spirit constitutes sowing to the Spirit which will reap life and peace. Disobedience and inattentiveness to the Holy Spirit constitutes leaning on one's own understanding or sowing to the flesh which will reap corruption and death (Galatians 6:7-8). This will most certainly cause the believer's "fellowship" with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to be interrupted, and even suspended, until such a time as the believer repents of all disobedience. Our Heavenly Father is merciful to us in our "unwilful" ignorance, but if one hardens their heart against Him "purposely" - through pride and rebellion - then in His perfect love He will deal harshly with that one in due time. We, as Spirit-filled, Spirit-led children of God have absolutely no excuse whatsoever to "retain" (maintain) wilful sin in our lives - for this is caused solely by the evil thoughts and intentions (self-desire) of one's heart and is an abomination to God!

**EVERY CHILD OF GOD MUST MAKE THE DECISION TO PUT THE WORD OF GOD FIRST AND THEN ACT ON IT OR THEY WILL NEVER KNOW FULLY THE IMPORTANCE AND BENEFIT OF DOING SO, AND ULTIMATELY THEY WILL SUFFER GREAT LOSS AND RUIN AT THE HANDS OF SATAN AND HIS FORCES**

If we allow Him to, the Holy Spirit, by the blood of Jesus, will keep us cleansed and purified from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). If we make the determined decision to walk in the light of God's Word in ALL that we do, the Holy Spirit through the application of the power of the Blood of Jesus - will protect us from any stain that would defile us in any way. He will keep us from and cause us to overcome the effects of temptation and the influence of the Evil One through the illuminating power of the Word of God that abides in our hearts. These things just spoken of are fully dependent on the child of God placing the Word of God first and foremost in their life. Every last Word that God has spoken has the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon it, and as it is fed into the "spirit-man" light will shine and both expose and drive out any areas of darkness. Those believers who have - to some degree - forsaken the Word of God and given it a back seat in their lives will always retain wilful sin and they will always therefore be hindered in their spiritual growth by the darkness which they have "allowed" to remain in their heart. One could begin to write on the immeasurable benefits of

putting the Word of God first in one's life and they would find themselves writing forever. For the riches of the Wisdom and Love of God are boundless and deep and infinite! Every child of God must make the decision to put the Word of God first and then "act" on it or they will NEVER know fully the importance and benefit of doing so, and ultimately they will suffer great loss and ruin at the hands of Satan and his forces. The Word of God and the Spirit of God are our only provision for successful survival in this earth and the sooner the child of God comes to this realization the better for both them and for the entire Body of Christ (Joshua 1:8)!

### **WE MUST OBEY THE FATHER'S EXPLICIT COMMAND TO MEDITATE IN HIS WORD DAY AND NIGHT**

An important fact to always remember is that, although wholly separated from the inherent sin nature of man, the reborn human spirit at the new birth is like a new born child at physical birth. The spirit-man must be developed on spiritual food (Word of God) the way a baby is weaned on physical food. The Word of God must be assimilated into the spirit (inner man) regularly in order for strong and sure spiritual growth to ensue. At the New Birth the human spirit has within it all the components of full spiritual maturity in Christ; but it is like a seed, which although it has within it the life and potential to produce the full grown plant, it must first go through a series of progressions before it reaches its full maturity. In like manner the child of God must learn to guard their "heart" with all diligence, for it is as they do that the fruit of the Spirit will be manifested in their life to a continually greater degree with each passing day. The child of God must realize that they are not responsible in themselves to accomplish this process of assimilation for the Holy Spirit has been sent to teach us and guide us and lead us into ALL truth. But it is certain we must obey the Father's explicit command to meditate in His Word "day and night" - and we must bring every thought captive to that Word in order to experience the total renewing of our minds by that Word and by the power of the precious Blood of Jesus which will purge us of the "sin-consciousness" which has been unnecessarily prevalent in the church for centuries.

### **THREE EFFECTS OF THE INDWELLING HOLY SPIRIT**

1. Total deliverance from indwelling sin through the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:1-2 KJV; Hebrews 10:1-2,12 Amplified

2. The empowerment of obedience to the Word of God through the indwelling Spirit of God.

Romans 8:5-6

3. Quickening life for our bodies - the anointing for every task we are given through the indwelling Spirit of God.

Romans 8:11

As the child of God will make the "quality decision" to separate themselves from the world and all of its lusts and selfish motivations - and is therefore enabled to partake of the true fellowship and ministry of the Holy Spirit - they will then begin to experience to a greater degree the quickening power of the Holy Spirit in their body. We were given a new spirit by the power of the Holy Spirit and our minds are renewed by the Word of God which has within it the very life of God Himself, so we should not think it strange that the power of the Holy Spirit will affect our mortal bodies in a wonderful way!

In Romans 8:11 (King James Version) the Word of God states:

...."But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you"....

The word translated as "quickenning" in this verse can be defined as reviving, stimulating, invigorating of its strength. The translation of this word does not refer to the glorified bodies we will receive after we leave this earth, but rather to the physical bodies of flesh and blood we have now to carry out the will of the Father in the earth.

**AS THE BELIEVER LEARNS TO WAIT ON THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ALL THINGS THEY WILL ALWAYS FIND THAT THEY HAVE THE STRENGTH (PHYSICAL AND OTHERWISE) TO ACCOMPLISH ANY TASK WHICH IS SET BEFORE THEM**

The following passage refers to the revival and restoration continually of the strength we expend in our service to the Lord.

In Isaiah 40:29,31 the Word of God states:

...."He gives strength to the weary and to him who lacks might He increases power...Those who wait for (obey) the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary"....

From this passage we can see the marvelous promise of God to restore and renew the strength of those who wait on Him. As the believer learns to wait on the Holy Spirit in all things they will always find that they have the strength (physical and otherwise) to accomplish ANY task which is set before them. The word "dwell" used in Romans 8:11 is the Greek word "oikeo" - "enoikeo" which means to dwell habitually; to dwell as one would dwell at home, to make a permanent abode, unceasing fellowship with. From this we are able to see clearly the distinguishing feature of our relationship with the Holy Spirit. It is this close and never ceasing relationship which the Holy Spirit desires with each one of God's children, but it must be clearly understood that this perfect relationship with Him demands our "whole surrender" to Him in ALL things.

**FOR WHATEVER REASON - AND THERE ARE MANY TO CHOOSE FROM - WE ALL HAVE SETTLED AT SOME POINT FOR FAR LESS THAN THE FATHER'S BEST IN THIS AREA**

How many are the great and glorious benefits which are the product of a life guided and empowered by the indwelling Spirit of Almighty God! It is Father's will for every child of His to be in "perfect health" at all times. The healing of our bodies was bought with a great price at Calvary by the precious Blood of Jesus and ANY believer not diligently seeking to appropriate "all" that Jesus gained for them at the Cross is doing disservice to His Holy name - without exception! For whatever reason we ALL have settled at some point for far less than the Father's best in this area, but now - as the conflict of the ages escalates it is certain that each and every Christian who truly loves God must come to abide in the fulness of their inheritance in Christ. To continually seek for anything less than the Father's

best - day in and day out - could prove fatal and at the very least will cause one to fall far, far short of His glorious plan for their life and ministry.

## **IN THEIR PERSEVERANCE AND FAITHFULNESS THEY WILL FIND THE REALITY OF WHO THEY ARE IN CHRIST JESUS**

The process of "divine healing" and "divine health" begins as the believer begins to diligently assimilate the Word of God into their spirit - day in and day out. At first this seems like a very difficult thing to do. The Evil One will make a serious (and I do mean serious) attempt to stop them because he knows what will happen if the child of God has the Word of God established in their heart. They will not only be free from his evil influence as far as they themselves go, but they will then also be a powerful vessel of truth and freedom to all those the Father places in their path. The child of God must persevere through the initial attempt at deception and the pressure tactics of the Evil One - for in their perseverance and faithfulness they will find the "reality" of who they are in Christ Jesus!

## **DIVINE HEALTH IS CAUSED BY THE CONSTANT OVERFLOW OF THE HOLY SPIRIT FROM THE SPIRIT OF THE BELIEVER (THE INNER MAN) INTO EVERY CHANNEL OF THEIR PHYSICAL BODY**

The quickening of our mortal bodies is the direct operation of the Holy Spirit upon our vital organs and functions - with the fulness of this "quickenning" ending in healing and, ultimately, in divine health. This divine health is caused by the "constant" overflow of the Holy Spirit from the spirit of the believer (the inner man) into every channel of their physical body. This, of course, also has a continual and supernatural effect on the soul (mind, will and emotions) and allows one to abide in the "mind of Christ". Every believer must make it their priority to feed their spirit (inner man) with the Word of God on a continual basis. For, in doing so, the physical food for their body and also the intake of "food" for their soul (what one sees and hears) will be controlled and guided by the Holy Spirit - and because of this that child of God will not "seek" in any way to fulfil the lusts of the flesh. It is only in this way that one can enter into that place wherein they are continually cleansed "from all defilement of flesh and spirit - perfecting holiness in the fear (reverence) of God" (2 Corinthians 7:1). There is a large problem in the church with "food intake" - concerning both the body and the soul - but quite simply, a constant obedience to the Word of God and the voice of the

Holy Spirit would eradicate any trace of the problem on every front in the lives of those who are truly seeking first the Kingdom.

### **THE KEY TO DIVINE HEALING AND DIVINE HEALTH**

In Proverbs 4:20-23 the Word of God states:

...."My son, give attention to My Words; incline your ear to My sayings. Do not let them depart from your sight; keep them in the midst of your heart. For they are life to those who find them and health to all their whole body. Watch over your heart (spirit) with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life"....

From this passage we see clearly that our Heavenly Father desires each one of His children to incline their ear to His Word. In verse 21 we are told to keep them in the "midst" of our heart. As one meditates on this passage they will see that it is from our spirit or inner man that the very springs of life flow. This life is the force which flows into our spirits through the indwelling Word and the Holy Spirit and empowers our entire being. One can now see clearly the importance of filling their heart with the Word of God! To the degree one is obedient to this command, it is to that degree that they will have a superabundance of power for themselves and their own sustenance - as well as having an superabundance of life, light, truth and love flowing from them to meet the "needs" of all those who cross their path (John 7:38)! The Holy Spirit will supervise, maintain and help guard the heart that is "wholly given" to Him - for He delights to watch over, with a keen eye, those who are continually seeking to depend upon Him for ALL things.

### **THE CHILD OF GOD MUST NEVER ALLOW THE WAY THEY FEEL TO INFLUENCE THEIR DECISION TO OBEY A COMMAND OF GOD**

One last point in this area of the quickening of our bodies. The child of God must never allow the way they "feel" to influence their decision to obey a command of God. They must know that regardless of how their physical body feels, (or their emotions for that matter), they must "set out" in faith to be obedient to the task the Holy Spirit has given to them, "then" the necessary anointing will be there to accomplish ALL that they are called to do and will supernaturally sustain them in every way until the Father's perfect purpose is accomplished.

Every child of God MUST seek to be "continually" in a state of absolute surrender to the Holy Spirit - for this is the secret of walking in the absolute Life and Peace of God!

## **THE PEACE OF GOD - WHICH SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING - COMES FROM THE INDWELLING HOLY SPIRIT**

In Isaiah 26:3 (KJV) the Word of God states:

...."Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee"....

The peace of God - which surpasses all understanding - comes from the indwelling of the Holy Spirit within us and is manifested to the greatest degree in the heart that has been wholly given to Him. Many believers search for and seek to experience that wondrous peace that rises up in the heart - regardless of any circumstance or situation - yet they have no intention of giving up those things which are a "direct hindrance" to their relationship with the Holy Spirit. Consequently, often they will grieve the Holy Spirit in their daily walk. One day they may walk in obedience, but the hardness of their heart due to "fellowship" with the world precludes them from maintaining a moment to moment relationship with the Spirit of God - and thus the next day will find them following after the leading of their "own understanding".

## **THROUGH THE EXPERIENCE OF YOUR FAITH**

In Romans 15:13 (Amplified Translation) it is written:

...."May the God of your hope so fill you with all joy and peace in believing, through the experience of your faith, that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound and be overflowing (bubbling over) with hope"....

In this passage the apostle Paul is exhorting the Church at Rome and praying that they might be filled with all joy and peace and then states: "through the experience of your faith". It is as the believer continually exercises their faith in the Word of God by readily acting on the commands of the Holy Spirit that they will be filled with joy and peace continually. The Holy Spirit seeks to make His

home in the heart that desires to walk in "all" of the will of God. It is then that He is able to exalt the Name of Jesus powerfully in the earth in all that is said and done through that holy vessel. As the child of God continually fills their heart with the Word of God - thus "allowing" the Holy Spirit to enter in His fulness - the love of God, which surpasses all knowledge, the peace which passes all understanding, the joy of the Lord and indeed the entire spiritual realm will all become more real to that believer than the things they see and perceive with their five physical senses (2 Corinthians 4:16-18).

**EVERY BELIEVER MUST COME TO THE FULL REALIZATION THAT THEIR STRENGTH MUST ONLY BE SOUGHT AFTER IN THE WORD AND THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Nehemiah 8:10 states that:

...."the joy of the Lord is your strength"....

One can see this direct connection between the joy of the Lord being our strength and the Holy Spirit - Who dwells within us, and Who is the author of that joy - being our strength. Every believer must come to the "full realization" that their strength must only be sought after in the Word and the Holy Spirit, with no reliance whatsoever on their "own strength". It is as the believer develops this habit of "emptying themselves" in order to lean wholly upon the Spirit of God for every detail of their life - and the empowerment to do all of God's work which they have been entrusted with - that they will bear much fruit and glorify God in all that they say and do. There is no limit to what the Heavenly Father is able to accomplish through those of His children who cast down their own selfish ambition (self-desire) to do ALL for the establishment of the True Church and the Kingdom. The child of God must always seek to interpret every aspect of the will of God by the power and light of the Holy Spirit. Once having received the revealed knowledge of that will - they must then proceed on the course set out for them, firm in their convictions - "knowing" that their path will be established (Proverbs 3:5-6), and that any difficulties which may arise will only become occasions for their greatest victories! It is certain that the deepness of the joy found in the obedient heart will rise FAR ABOVE any of the persecutions and suffering (for righteousness' sake) which they are called to in this earth.

## **THE JOY OF THE LORD IS WHOLLY INDEPENDENT OF SURROUNDING CIRCUMSTANCES, AND IN THE HEART OF ONE WHO IS WHOLLY GIVEN TO HIM IT IS A FLOWING FOUNTAIN OF STRENGTH**

In Hebrews 12:2 the Word of God states:

...."Fixing our eyes on Jesus" the author and perfecter (developer) of faith, Who, for the joy set before Him endured the Cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the Throne of God"....

When the child of God keeps their eyes "fixed" firmly on Jesus they will not be conscious of - or susceptible to - any fear of humiliation (Isaiah 50:7) (Isaiah 54:4) or "apparent defeat", but rather they will always be lifted above their "consciousness" of the present circumstances by the "supernatural" joy (revelation) of the Lord - which is the spontaneous result of the exercising of a pure and absolute faith (trust). The joy of the Lord is wholly independent of surrounding circumstances, and in the heart of one who is wholly given to Him it is a flowing fountain of strength. Satan's only offence against the child of God is to attempt to plant seeds of discouragement, doubt and fear in them, but this vile attempt will only meet with abject failure in the faithful one unless that believer "allows" a transfer of their trust and confidence from the Holy Spirit (the wisdom of God) to the darkened understanding of the "world".

## **EVERY VICTORY WHICH IS WON BY THE BELIEVER IN THE SPIRITUAL REALM WILL BE WON BY THEIR STEADFAST PERSEVERANCE IN FAITH**

Every victory which is won by the believer in the spiritual realm will be won by their steadfast perseverance in faith. Perseverance in the Word of God will always bring forth great joy in the heart of the believer and a resounding and total defeat of Satan will be the result. As the child of God diligently sets their hand to the task that the Father has revealed to them by the Holy Spirit, there will be times - as they perseveres in faith - when all their circumstances will seem to indicate the "impossibility" of that which they have been given to do. Watchman Nee once said:

"When God desires to perform a small miracle He places us in difficult circumstances; when He desires to perform a mighty miracle with far-reaching effects, the circumstances in which He places us are impossible."

This is an extremely important point to remember. When we are walking and persevering in faith - and even more adverse circumstances surround us - we need only to rejoice and hold fast! For these circumstances will only serve to cause the one whose heart is pure to take the necessary steps to release even more faith into the situation - thus accelerating the defeat of Satan and causing the blessing of God to spring forth in precisely the way in which He intended (maximum fruit). All these things when put into action by the believer will draw them ever nearer in their relationship to the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Abraham and David are two perfect examples of persevering faith inheriting that which was promised. As the child of God will walk in persevering faith through ANY trial or test which may be before them they can be assured that they will not fail to inherit the promise in the perfect unfolding and ordering of the Father. As one abides in faith and love then all things will surely come forth and it will not take one moment longer than is necessary for the testing and establishing of their faith - and the thorough defeat (devastation) of Satan and his forces.

**AS ONE ABIDES IN THE WORD OF GOD - KEEPING HIS  
COMMANDMENTS AT EVERY TURN - THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT  
WILL BE MANIFESTED IN SOME WAY IN ALL THAT THEY SAY OR  
DO**

In Philippians 4:4 the Word of God states:

..."Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say rejoice!"....

and in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 it is written:

..."Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"....

Every believer must seek the close and intimate fellowship that the Father desires to have with each one of His precious children, for it is only as the child of God continually draws near to Him that they will be able to experience the

"fulness" of the fruit of the Spirit in their life. As one abides in the Word of God - keeping His commandments at every turn - the fruit of the Spirit will be manifested in some form in ALL that they say or do. This, of course, is what the Father intended for each of His children from the very beginning.

**THOSE WHO TRULY DESIRE TO WALK IN THE SPIRIT WILL ALWAYS BE OUT ON THE FRONT LINES OF BATTLE AGAINST SATAN AND HIS FORCES**

As each believer continues on in their call to faith and obedience to the Holy Spirit they must come to the full realization that they are not excluded from the "sufferings" of their Lord (resisting continually - through a perfect love and obedience - all that they have been redeemed from in Christ). One should NEVER be found seeking "fleshly comfort" - and thus attempt to escape from pressure, persecution or trial - but rather they must come to know that those who truly desire to walk in the Spirit will ALWAYS be out on the front lines of battle against Satan and his forces as long as they are still in this earth. Because of this they shall often find themselves confronted by the "sin and lawlessness" which are a certain product of this darkened world and its ways (first within themselves and then through certain vessels of persecution which Satan attempts to provoke them with).

**FOR THE BELIEVER TO EXPERIENCE THE HOLY SPIRIT AS THEIR ONLY SOURCE OF COMFORT, THEY MUST KEEP THEMSELVES IN A CONSTANT POSITION OF COOPERATION WITH HIM**

Every believer must know in their heart that the grace of God is more than sufficient to meet not only their needs, but also the needs of those "captives" that they will minister to. Regardless of how hard the various trials and afflictions may seem to us we may rest assured that our Heavenly Father will deliver us out of them ALL by the power of His Holy Spirit (Psalm 34:19). Every time of spiritual conflict or persecution should be viewed by the child of God only as another "glorious opportunity" to prove the love and faithfulness of God to all those around them (2 Corinthians 6:10). It is in these times of heavy trial and persecution that the child of God will come to know the Holy Spirit in His Ministry of "comfort". For the believer to experience the Holy Spirit as their only source of comfort, they must keep themselves in a constant position of cooperation

with Him. Even at times when all the circumstances surrounding them are dark and foreboding - or when their "feelings" are not conscious of any joy or peace and there is no sign or evidence of relief from the spiritual pressure inflicted upon them by the Evil One (intercession) - they must simply rejoice by faith, continue on in perfect obedience and count all that comes their way as joy.

**THE FATHER - BY HIS SPIRIT - HAS MADE THE FULL PROVISION FOR THEM TO WALK "ABOVE" ANY ADVERSE CIRCUMSTANCE OR SITUATION THEY MAY FIND THEMSELVES IN**

In 2 Corinthians 4:17 it is written:

...."For momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of Glory far beyond all comparison"....

This "light" affliction the Apostle Paul is referring to is mentioned in verses 8-9 of this same chapter where it is written:

...."We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed, perplexed, but not despairing, persecuted but not forsaken, struck down, but not destroyed"....

Paul, having received all manner of persecution and affliction, was able to refer to this affliction as "light", for his trust and hope were in God, and would later write by the Spirit of God in 2 Corinthians 12:9-10:

...."and He has said to me "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake for when I am weak, then I am strong"....

To give us another indication of Paul's absolute dependence and trust in the Holy Spirit - and His ability to comfort and sustain us in all circumstances - he writes in Romans 8:18:

...."For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the Glory that is to be revealed to us"....

As the child of God meditates on these portions of scripture they will clearly see that the Father - by His Spirit - has made the full provision for them to walk "above" any adverse circumstance or situation they may find themselves in. As the believer continues to seek the perfect will of God continually they will come to know fully that nothing will overwhelm them as long as they continue to abide in the Word of God. For they can always be assured in their heart that the Holy Spirit will minister to them, in His infinite and sovereign wisdom, the comfort and counsel needed to sustain them at that time - thereby meeting their "every" need perfectly.

**THE KEY TO OUR KEEPING OURSELVES IN A POSITION TO PARTAKE OF THE COMFORT MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS TO REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS - AS AN ACT OF OUR WILL**

The key to our keeping ourselves in a position to partake of the comfort ministry of the Holy Spirit is to rejoice in the Lord always - as an "act of our will". Counting all things joy will "allow" the Holy Spirit to bring our "feelings" into line with mind and heart of Christ in every situation. It is this process which will indeed bring about the renewing of our emotions and bring them to where we will "feel" as Jesus would feel - in any given circumstance. To fellowship with the Lord Jesus in this way, as we walk this earth, is a blessing beyond description! And this is exactly what awaits the child of God who will separate themselves from the "world" and unto God's Word - seeking to walk in obedience to the Holy Spirit in all things.

**THE FATHER DESIRES EACH ONE OF HIS CHILDREN TO LOVE HIM FIRST AND FOREMOST FOR WHO HE IS - RATHER THAN JUST FOR THE GIFTS AND BLESSINGS WHICH HE SO FREELY BESTOWS UPON HIS CHILDREN**

The true source of lasting joy is the Holy Spirit. As the child of God ignores their "own" feelings and emotions to act entirely on the principles of faith and obedience found in the Word of God, they will experience peace and joy to a degree never thought possible in the earth this side of Heaven. Often there are times when the Heavenly Father will seem to have withdrawn His joy from us and we will have no "consciousness" of that joy in our minds, but in EVERY case the peace that passes all understanding will remain in our hearts. It is those times of

"seeming" weakness - when the joy of the Lord, which is our strength, seems to have vanished - that God proves and tests our love for Him. The Father desires each one of His children to love Him first and foremost for Who He is - rather than just for the gifts and blessings which He so freely bestows upon His children.

## **FAITH IS THE KEY WHICH OPENS THE DOOR TO EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING WE RECEIVE FROM THE FATHER**

Another aspect of the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to teach the child of God to walk in love at all times in order that they might continually exalt the Name of Jesus - and be a pure and clean channel of the Father's love to ALL who cross their path (Ephesians 5:1-2) (Romans 5:5) (2 Timothy 1:7). Every believer must realize that the Holy Spirit in His fulness is received into our hearts by faith - faith being the key which opens the door to EVERY spiritual blessing we receive from God. From this fact we are able to see that to the degree the child of God will feed on the Word of God - and therefore continually develop their faith (for faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word (Romans 10:17), - it is to that degree that the love of God will be shed abroad in their heart superabundantly (to overflowing), by the Holy Spirit. It must be established in the heart of every believer that as they will allow themselves to receive the Holy Spirit into their life as their indwelling guide and strength, they will bring into their life the "abiding presence" of Jesus - thus uniting that believer to the nature and person of Christ in every way.

## **THE TWO PREREQUISITES TO ABIDING IN LOVE ARE THE RENOUNCING OF ALL SELF-DESIRE (SELF-AGENDA) AND TOTAL SEPARATION FROM FELLOWSHIP WITH THE WORLD UNTO THE FATHER AND HIS WORD**

The two prerequisites to abiding in love are the renouncing of all self-desire (self-agenda) and total separation from fellowship with the world unto the Father and His Word (John 15:10) (1 John 4:16). Every child of God should recognize the fact that the trials and tests which come their way - and the "obstacles" which block their path from time to time are not put there to defeat them (although that is Satan's intention). They are, in reality, opportunities to learn the deeper lessons needed to become a purer channel of love to all those who cross their path.

## **LOVE'S GREATEST BLESSING TO OUR HEART IS THAT HE ENABLES US TO BLESS OTHERS AS WE OURSELVES HAVE BEEN BLESSED**

In 2 Corinthians 5:14-16 the Word of God states:

...."For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that One died for all, therefore all died, and He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him Who died and rose again on their behalf. Therefore from now on we recognize no man according to the flesh, even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer"....

We, as believers, must always seek to love each person who crosses our path just as our Heavenly Father loves them (Matthew 5:48), and the only way to accomplish this successfully in our walks is to see ALL things and discern ALL things by the Word of God. Love's greatest blessing to our heart is that He enables us to bless others as we ourselves have been blessed; giving all who cross our path a taste of the love that the Father has for them - believer or unbeliever!

## **HATRED AND FALSE JUDGEMENT - WHICH ARE PRODUCTS OF FEAR, SELFISHNESS AND DARKNESS - CAUSE ONLY A GREATER HARDNESS OF HEART**

Every child of God must continually seek to diligently obey the command of the Lord found in Matthew 5:44 to:

...."love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...."

Hatred and false judgement - which are products of fear, selfishness, rebellion and darkness - cause only a greater hardness of heart in the one who chooses to walk apart from the love of God. When even the slightest temptation to "judge" a brother or sister arises or the thought to take pleasure in his or her calamity comes, we must love them and pray for them instead. Obedience in this area is another key to "maintaining" the love walk with all who would cross our path - for it is only through "continued diligence" in the things of God that the child of God will truly become the vessel of the Father's love and power they are

called to be. It can be said that to love is life and the impartation thereof, and to act in selfishness (fear) is death and the impartation thereof (John 12:25)! Every believer must always choose the way of Love in EVERY circumstance by a direct act of their will, for a prideful and bitter and envious heart is not even willing to receive the Love of God - and if "held" in the heart "willingly" it shall render that one incapable of loving those around them. It is for this reason that every believer must forgive "immediately" any transgression against them - for to "water" the seeds of unforgiveness is to sow darkness and failure into their lives. If the child of God allows themselves to act in selfishness - and therefore apart from love - they have allowed themselves to fall prey to the snare Satan has set for them.

**IT IS A VAIN (FUTILE) THING TO ATTEMPT TO LOVE WITHOUT THE WORD OF GOD AND THE HOLY SPIRIT ABIDING DEEP WITHIN OUR HEARTS FOR THAT TYPE OF LOVE IS BORN OF SOME FORM OF SELF-SEEKING DESIRE AND IS, IN ACTUALITY, LUST!**

There are two areas of deep-rooted sin which must be dealt with immediately in the church! One is the sin of unforgiveness and bitterness which are blatant refusals to love one another at all cost to oneself, and the other is the sin of unbelief (Matthew 18:21-35) (Mark 11:25- 26) (Romans 14:23). It is a selfish thing for any believer to come to the conclusion that they cannot love someone, for God knows that we, in ourselves, are not capable of loving anyone. It is only the love of God "shed abroad" in our hearts that can empower us to love. It is a vain (futile) thing to attempt to "love" without the Word of God and the Holy Spirit abiding deep within our hearts for that type of "love" is born of some form of self-seeking desire and is, in actuality, lust. Any attempt at love outside of God's Word and Spirit (He is the Spirit of Love) is designed to serve one's own best interests and is therefore not love but selfishness (love of self-hatred of all else).

**OUR OBEDIENCE IS ALWAYS THE TRUEST TEST OF OUR LOVE FOR GOD**

The child of God can never know the love which surpasses all knowledge until they place their "entire life" at the foot of the Cross and yield themselves fully to the Holy Spirit. The love of God which is shed abroad in our hearts will not always be experienced as a warm glowing fire or in waves of joy which flood

our entire being, but rather the love of God sometimes will be manifest in us as that strong and overwhelming desire to obey the commands of our Heavenly Father - at all cost to ourselves. Our "obedience" is always the truest test of our love for God (John 14:15). As the Love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit we will find our emotions and affections for one another intensified and we will be able to love both friend and enemy fervently - seeking nothing for ourselves, but all for the Lord in the process.

### **WALKING IN LOVE CONTINUALLY IS THE KEY TO ALL ENDURING HOLINESS AND HAPPINESS (SATISFACTION)**

It must be clear in the heart of every believer that walking in love continually is the key to all "enduring" holiness and happiness (satisfaction) in their life, and that it will be the Holy Spirit Who maintains the love which He has shed abroad in their heart as they submit themselves to Him at ALL times. One area of the Holy Spirit's ministry which has been widely misunderstood is the administering of His power in the earth. This power is for each and every believer in order that they might fulfil all that they have been called to by their Heavenly Father, and it must be clear in the heart of every child of God that it is only as they rely on the Holy Spirit as their "sole source" of strength and power that they will be empowered to do all of God's will for their lives (Acts 1:8).

### **WHEN THE CHILD OF GOD HAS MADE THE QUALITY DECISION NOT TO LEAN ON HUMAN WISDOM AND INSTEAD LEAN UPON THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR ALL THINGS THEY WILL THEN - AND ONLY THEN - BE ENTRUSTED WITH HIS POWER**

The nature of the power which fills the believer is not an intellectual force - but rather a spiritual force. In 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 the Apostle Paul defined the essence of the anointing or power he was operating in and he wrote:

...."and when I came to you brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the wisdom of God. For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. And my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the

Spirit and of Power, that your faith should not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God"....

verses 4-5 in the Amplified Translation state:

...."and my language and my message were not set forth in persuasive (enticing and plausible) words of wisdom, but they were in demonstration of the Holy Spirit and power, that is, a proof by the Spirit and power of God operating on me and stirring in the minds of my hearers the most holy emotions and thus persuading them, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men (human philosophy), but in the power of God"....

This spiritual power which the Apostle Paul spoke of in this passage is the convicting power of the Holy Spirit. As we empty ourselves - and thus "allow" ourselves to be filled with the Holy Spirit - we shall become channels of that power. When the child of God has made the quality decision not to lean on human wisdom and instead lean upon the Holy Spirit for ALL things they will then - and only then - be entrusted with His power. One aspect of this power is that it convicts men of their sin, and humbles them before God. Many times when the Word of God is being put forth by a man or woman who is under a powerful anointing it will send some away saddened and grieved, "feeling" worse and not better. This is caused by the convicting power which is on the words being put forth - and those words will enter into the heart of the child of God who has retained wilful sin in their life and expose that sin by the illuminating light of the Holy Spirit which is on the Word which was preached (Hebrews 4:12). This same Word put forth will greatly bless (elevate and empower) the one sitting beside them if that one has kept their heart clean before the Lord and will enrich them spiritually.

**IN THIS THIRD DAY THE CONVICTING POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL LAY BARE THE HEARTS OF ALL THOSE WHO CROSS THE PATH OF A BELIEVER WHO HAS CONTINUALLY EMPTIED THEMSELVES TO BE A PURE VESSEL OF THE POWER AND LOVE OF GOD**

From this we can see that those who are anointed mightily of God may not be "popular" at times but it is certain that they will be pleasing to the Father and

effectual in all their service and work Him. In this the Third Day the convicting power of the Holy Spirit will "lay bare" the hearts of ALL those who cross the path of a believer who has continually emptied themselves to be a vessel of the power and love of God! The power and anointing which goes forth on the words we speak by the unction of the Holy Spirit is what causes Jesus to be exalted and thus, He will become a living reality in the heart of the "hearer" who is open to Him. The convicting power of the Third Day anointing will ALWAYS bring men and women to a decision - and cause them to either accept or reject what has been spoken. As the uncompromised Word of God is preached and taught from the pulpit and in the "market place" in this last hour men and women and children will be brought to the place wherein they will be "forced" (by the "force of righteousness and truth) to make a decision for Jesus - or against Him. The fulness of time has come in the matter of separating the chaff from the wheat - and because of this it is certain that we will once again be able to distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him (Malachi 3:18).

### **THE ANOINTING ON THE WORDS SPOKEN BY THE TRUE SERVANTS OF GOD IN THIS LAST HOUR WILL BE AWESOME IN POWER**

In this last hour men and women and children will make "quality" decisions for Jesus and they will lay down their entire lives at His feet and He will establish them in His Kingdom and use them greatly in their remaining time on earth. But there will be those who harden their hearts against Him and they will dwell in an ever-deepening darkness because they would not seek the One True Light. The anointing on the words spoken by the true servants of God in this last hour will be awesome in power, and even the hardest of hearts will be "melted" before them. There are many captives who are in tremendous bondage, but deep in their heart remains a "seed of repentance". These ones shall be gloriously set free as they meet the Living Christ - even though up until that time their "eternal destiny" seemed sealed!

### **IT IS THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BOTH REVEAL CHRIST TO OUR HEART AND MANIFEST THE MIGHTY WORKS OF JESUS IN THE EARTH THROUGH US BY HIS POWER**

The child of God must know that the power has not been given to them, but to Jesus, Who in turn commissioned us to use that power to win the world (Matthew 28:18-20). If we, as believers, desire to walk in, and be entrusted with, God's power we must enter into the place of abiding in His Word, and "allow" His Word to abide in us. It is the ministry of the Holy Spirit to both reveal Christ to our heart and manifest the mighty works of Jesus in the earth through us by His power. We do not receive power from the Holy Spirit to accomplish "our" work, but rather it is the Holy Spirit within us that provides the power and does the works of God - according to His most holy purpose. The power of the Holy Spirit is well able to change the entire "outlook" one has of God. It is for this reason that we should desire to be mighty vessels of His power as we walk this earth - for this power within us (the pure and unadulterated love of God) is the very power that will both devastate and destroy the lies (strongholds) of the Evil One at every turn!

## **THOSE WHO SEEK TO WALK IN THE POWER OF GOD FOR SELFISH REASONS WILL NEVER BE ENTRUSTED WITH IT**

Those who seek to walk in the power of God for selfish reasons will never be entrusted with it. Following are five conditions which must be met before one will be able to walk as a pure vessel of God's power:

## **FIVE NECESSARY CONDITIONS FOR WALKING IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

### **1. DEDICATION AND DEVOTION TO THE WORD OF GOD**

- where the Holy Spirit truly possesses the heart there will always be a strong desire to do His Will.

### **2. HOLINESS**

- a strong desire to pursue and live the life of holiness; close fellowship with God will cause His Glory to rest on us and we will be a continual witness of the Kingdom to those around us.

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### **3. FAITH**

- a simple, yet absolute, trust in the faithfulness and power of the Father to honour His own Word - and work by His Spirit is all that is needed for effective and successful ministry.

### **4. LOVE**

- every believer who would walk in the power of the Holy Spirit must have the unwavering desire to NOT violate the law of Love - at ALL cost to themselves.

### **5. WISDOM**

- the constant desire to have the Word of God revealed by the Holy Spirit - and the desire to minister that knowledge and wisdom "perfectly" in Love - will open the flood gates of God's power in the life of that believer.

### **WE CANNOT IMPART TO THOSE AROUND US WHAT WE OURSELVES DO NOT POSSESS!**

The prime condition of all the aforementioned conditions is holiness, for we cannot hope to impart to those around us what we ourselves do not possess! No child of God has a right to attempt to teach others what they have not "tasted" and "tested" themselves. The strongest assurance any believer can have as they go forth to minister is to have the knowledge deep within themselves that they have lived - and continue to live - a life based solely on the Word that they are preaching and teaching. The power of the Holy Spirit will never be manifested to a great degree in a minister (or a church) who allows themselves to be continually entangled in the affairs of the "world", or whose preaching is not in complete accord with the revealed Word of God. It is only those who are ever seeking to abide in the Word of God who will be mighty channels of His power. It is certain that if one would expect to see the fulness of God's power they must put forth the Word in faithfulness - and without ANY form of compromise. Our motives must remain "righteous" before the Father at ALL times - for He will not entrust His power to anyone (to any great degree) unless their heart is pure in its desires (John 15:7), and the ONLY way that a heart can remain pure in its desires (motivation) is for one to abide in the Word of God!

## **THE TRUE SPIRIT OF PRAYER IS ONE OF DEEP HUMILITY AND DEPENDENCE ON THE FATHER FOR ALL THINGS - CAUSING US TO BE EVER CONSCIOUS OF OUR UTTER NEED FOR HIM**

Another area of our walk in which the Holy Spirit plays a large role is in the area of our prayer life.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:20 the Word of God states:

...."Pray without ceasing"....

There are many different forms of prayer found in the Word of God, but in reality each one of them is simply a different type of communication with God. When we are commanded to "pray without ceasing" it simply expresses the heart desire of the Father to be in continual fellowship and contact with each one of His children. We know that it would be very difficult to go into our prayer closet and stay there all day every day, but it is very possible for every child of God to remain in direct communication and fellowship with Him by constantly bringing every thought captive to His Word, thereby living in moment to moment contact with the Holy Spirit - Who guides us and leads us every step of the way. The true spirit of prayer is one of deep humility and dependence on the Father for all things - causing us to be ever conscious of our need for Him.

### **THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT**

In Romans 8:26-27 (Amplified) it is written:

...."So too the Holy Spirit comes to our aid and bears us up in our weakness" for we do not know what prayer to offer nor how to offer it worthily as we ought, but the Spirit Himself goes to meet our supplication and pleads in our behalf with unspeakable yearnings and groaning too deep for utterance. And He Who searches the hearts of men knows what is in the mind of the Holy Spirit - what His intent is - because the Spirit intercedes and pleads before God in behalf of the saints according to and in harmony with God's will"....

Every believer who has received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit has been given the ability of speaking with other tongues as the Holy Spirit gives them

utterance. This prayer language we have been given is a most valuable tool in our prayer life for we are often ignorant of both our own needs and the needs of those around us. Since this prayer language we have been given causes great harm to the Evil One and his strongholds it should not be surprising to the believer to find that Satan will go to any lengths in an attempt to sidetrack the child of God from regular fellowship with the Father - through praying in the Spirit. When the believer prays in the Spirit they are, in reality, speaking out of their spirit by the Holy Spirit to Heaven on high and their petitions are heard in the very Throne room of God.

### **PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT HAS MANY BENEFITS - AND IS AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY FOR THE CARRYING OUT OF THE FATHER'S WILL**

Praying in the Spirit has many benefits - and is an absolute necessity for the carrying out of the Father's will. Every believer must have the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in order to be empowered for service, and praying in "other tongues" will edify the believer and allow them to continually pray the perfect will of the Father for both their lives and the lives of their brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as all those who "cross their path". There have been numerous lies spread about the evil of speaking with other tongues, but it is of God! Every child of God must never settle for anything less than the "full provision" they have been given to defeat Satan with in this earth (Ephesians 6:18). With all these things which have just been written in mind, here are five important reasons for praying in the Spirit.

#### **FIVE IMPORTANT REASONS FOR PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT**

1. To edify and build oneself up spiritually. 1 Corinthians 14:4; Jude 1:20
2. To pray for all the saints (intercession). Ephesians 6:18; Romans 8: 27
3. To allow the Holy Spirit to aid our prayers (praying to the perfect will of God). Romans 8:26-27
4. To speak mysteries (Divine secrets) with the Heavenly Father. 1 Corinthians 14:20

5. To draw from the well of God's Wisdom - (from the Holy Spirit through our spirit). Proverbs 20:27

### **THE KEY TO ACCURATE AND SUCCESSFUL PRAYER**

In Mark 11:24 the Word of God states:

...."Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask believe that you have received them and they shall be granted you"....

As the child of God meditates in the Word of God to a continually greater degree they will find the secret to successful and accurate prayer. When one truly gives the Word of God pre-eminence in their life - and thus, they have surrendered themselves wholly in order that they might be filled and consumed by the Holy Spirit - they will pray both fervently and effectually at ALL times, and their prayers will avail much (James 5:16). The desire (motivation) of the believer's heart is all-important in prayer! If one's heart is continually filled with "godly desire" THEN they will remain sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit to pray - and continue praying (interceding) whenever necessary. They will also be strengthened and empowered to do so with an intensity (love-divine compassion) that will keep them steadfast in their perseverance to the end. In faithfulness and obedience they will have their heart enlarged to receive the blessing (answer to prayer) when it does manifest in the "physical realm".

### **THE FATHER DESIRES THAT HIS CHILDREN COME TO DESIRE THE PETITION (THAT HE HIMSELF HAS PLACED ON THEIR HEART) AS MUCH AS HE WANTS TO GRANT IT TO THEM**

There are times in prayer when the petition sought for does not come right away. It is a truth that the Heavenly Father, Who is always in perfect control - and Who always has perfect timing - often appears to keep His children waiting for the visible answer to their petitions but, in reality He is moving ALL things perfectly into place. In the meantime He desires that His children come to desire the petition (that He Himself has placed on their heart) as much as He wants to grant it to them. In the faithful one coming to that place of one accord with the Father's heart and ardently desiring the blessing they will be enabled to receive it more fully and appreciate it more when it arrives - and in their ongoing obedience they shall be

found glorifying God to the greatest possible degree. As the child of God pursues holiness by abiding in the Word of God and walking in the Holy Spirit moment by moment they will soon come to the realization that their own needs are continually met and almost all of their prayer time will be spent in intercession for others - and for the establishment of the Church.

**EVERY CHILD OF GOD MUST KNOW THAT THEIR FAITH WILL BE TESTED, BUT THEY MUST ALSO KNOW IN THEIR HEART THAT THEY ARE NEVER ALONE**

It is a dangerous thing for any believer to get their eyes off of Jesus (the Word) and onto themselves, for then their prayer life will surely become vain and lead to an ever increasing unbelief. The believer's needs are continually met as they abide in an absolute faith in the Word of God - having already believed by faith that they have received their petition (Mark 11:24). When one truly believes they have received the petition (by faith) they should no longer continue to ask, for to do so would be exercising unbelief. Perfect obedience and a continual thanksgiving and praise will always bring about the manifestation (answer to prayer) in God's "perfect timing". A holy perseverance in prayer will always cause the joyful assurance of praise to rise up in one's heart and will cause them to eagerly anticipate the blessing before it becomes a reality in the physical realm. As they remain steadfast in their faith the Holy Spirit will be ever present to support them and comfort them in their tests and painful trials. Because of these things the faithful and obedient one will be able to rejoice and praise the Father for His perfection even when their circumstances seem contrary to the petition they are seeking. Every child of God must know that their faith will be tested, but they must also know in their heart that they are NEVER alone - for the mighty Spirit of God dwells within them and they will never be forsaken (Hebrews 10:36)!

**IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY BELIEVER TO BE IN CONSTANT COOPERATION WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The Holy Spirit will never override the will of a man or a woman intent on stepping outside of the will of God, but rather He will always respect that one's freedom of choice. He will knock gently patiently at the door of our heart waiting to be recognized. If we will continually seek to forsake all "self-desire" - continually heeding the voice of the Spirit THEN He will be enabled to work

powerfully in us - and through us - as we cooperate with Him by "hearing" Him, and then obeying Him. It is the responsibility of every believer to be in constant cooperation with the Holy Spirit and the onus is on each individual believer, day in and day out, to embrace the fulness of His ministry. It is only in this way that the child of God will come to "abide" in the fulness of the Father's plan for their life and ministry.

## **FIVE KEYS TO WALKING IN THE FULNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

1. Make the quality decision to receive the Holy Spirit as a Person into every aspect of your walk.

Hebrews 5:14; Titus 3:5

2. Be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:5; Acts 9:17; Ephesians 5:8

3. Trust the Holy Spirit - the Holy Spirit is sensitive to unbelief and His command is ALWAYS for our greatest good.

Hebrews 12:10

4. Learn to listen and obey the Holy Spirit by "abiding" in the Word of God.

Romans 8:6

5. Honour the Holy Spirit by partaking of His ministry in every facet of your life continually.

## **EIGHT ACTIONS THAT WILL GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT**

1. The Holy Spirit is grieved when we doubt Him through unbelief.

2. The Holy Spirit is grieved when we willfully refuse to yield ourselves wholly to Him.

3. The Holy Spirit is grieved when the child of God refuses to seek out - and walk in - the fulness of his inheritance in Christ.

4. The Holy Spirit is grieved when we fail to heed His voice.
5. The Holy Spirit is grieved when having heard His voice we willfully disobey Him.
6. The Holy Spirit is grieved when we retain idols in our lives through the maintenance of ANY element of self-desire.
7. The Holy Spirit is grieved whenever we neglect, distort, or dishonour the Word of God in ANY way. (mental ascension)
8. The Holy Spirit is grieved when ANY violation of the law of Love is allowed to occur in the life of the believer.

**THERE MUST BE NO COMPROMISE AND NO DELAY IN OUR OBEDIENCE TO GOD**

We must come to understand clearly that as we set out to obey the Holy Spirit's every leading and command there can be no compromise in us - and no delay in our obedience. If disobedience does enter into one's walk - even though their deepest heart desire is to come to that place of abiding in perfect obedience - they may still continue on down their "own" path for a time, but the Holy Spirit will wait patiently for them at the point of their waywardness until repentance is forthcoming. At that point He will then lead that believer back to the same instruction that was disobeyed originally (Psalm 95:7-11).

**WE SHOULD NEVER ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE A STEP BEHIND HIM (THE HOLY SPIRIT) OR - EVEN WORSE - A STEP AHEAD OF HIM!**

If the child of God truly desires to walk in the guidance and counsel of the Holy Spirit at ALL times they must learn to lean heavily upon Him by exercising faith in the Word of God continuously - in both word and deed. As children of God we need to become so sensitive to the voice of the Holy Spirit that when He gives an instruction or command our obedience should be prompt - and without question. We should never "allow" ourselves to be a step behind Him or - even worse - a step ahead of Him! Every child of God must come to the full realization

that the Holy Spirit is the very life and power of the true Christian walk, and that if we are outside His instruction and teaching then, quite simply, we are missing the will of the Father for our life and ministry. The Holy Spirit is our Teacher and it is He Who reveals to our heart the mind of Christ and the heart of the Father. The Holy Spirit will teach and instruct freely the believer that is "open" to instruction. He will reveal the wisdom of God to their heart and, thus, it will flow forth into every area of their life. This steady outflow of wisdom (and love) is of course dependent upon the child of God bringing "every thought" captive to the revealed knowledge of God's Word (2 Corinthians 10:5) in an absolute faith and obedience.

### **TRUE SPIRITUAL COMPREHENSION**

The Word of God is the only standard of Truth, and in all of His teaching and leading the Holy Spirit will NEVER contradict the Word in any way. Those who will continually allow themselves to be led by the Spirit of God will - without exception - always reverence the authority of the Word of God in their own lives and they will seek to walk in perfect conformity to Him, and Him alone. As the child of God walks in obedience to the leading of the Holy Spirit they shall be empowered to know the will of the Father - as revealed in His Word - by means of a true "spiritual comprehension", and from the very standpoint of the deepest thoughts and intentions of His heart. The only way that one is able to understand the deeper things of God, (for indeed His ways and thoughts are higher than the ways and thoughts of human understanding (Isaiah 55:9)), is for God, Himself, to impart to them the Divine Mind - which He has so magnificently done in sending the Holy Spirit to live and dwell in their heart.

As I close now I leave you with three important points which need to be constantly enacted by the children of Gods to bring about the "Glorious Church" without spot or wrinkle, and the mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all flesh in this last hour.

### **THREE PREREQUISITES FOR THE MANIFESTATION OF THE GLORY OF GOD**

**1. HOLINESS** - 2 Chronicles 5:1-14;

2. **PRAISE** - "Halal" - clamorously uninhibited) 2 Chronicles 5:13; 2 Samuel 6:14-6;

3. **HARMONY** - 2 Chronicles 5:13; Acts 4:29-35; Psalm 133:1-3; Matthew 18:19-20;

Amen