



“The Holy Spirit Within”

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Background: Bring the lessons from the past forward; we may be discovering something new.

The Holy Spirit within...

- Old Testament vs. New Testament work of the Holy Spirit. OT-HS was job specific/NT the HS indwells his people
 - **John 14:17**, the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for *he lives with you and will be in you.* (John 16:7)
- Our bodies are his temple, his dwelling place. He works individually as evidenced by how the tongues of fire divided and rested on each person. (Acts 2:1-4)
 - **1 Cor. 6:19-20**, Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.
- He knows everything about us. How do you feel about that?
 - **1 Cor. 2: 10-11**, The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.
- We overcome sin and the world because of the transforming power of the Holy Spirit within us.
 - **1 John 4:4**, You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

We only have a short lifetime to figure things out. We need the Holy Spirit to teach us about life, sin, ourselves, our purpose and God. As the Spirit teaches us and we remain teachable our perspective enlarges as well as our enjoyment and trust for God.

The Holy Spirit takes you seriously when you come to the revelation that you are dead in your sins and need Jesus Christ to save you. Believing the truth causes us to be reborn into God's family (John 3:1-21). He will never break his side of the covenant and becomes grieved when we break ours but will work with us to get it repaired if we are serious about doing so. The Spirit of God is constantly committed to teaching us the truth, so we adopt the character of Jesus Christ, to follow God's will for our lives. When we get off track, the Holy Spirit is committed to getting us back on. Listening and obeying his promptings is essential.

Holy Spirit is a pure lover, just like the Father and Jesus. The Spirit knows something most of us don't know. *The best part of our love belongs to God* but instead we give it to other lovers/false gods and try all sorts of compromises with the world. This is why many Christians lives are miserable because they try to mix love for the world and love for God and the Spirit within us won't put up with it!

- **James 4:1-10**, What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? 2 You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God.
- 3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.
- 4 You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? *Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.* 5 Or do you think Scripture says without reason that **the spirit he caused to live in us envies intensely?**
(GW: “the Spirit wants us to be his own”, NET: “envious yearning”, NLTse: “filled with envy”, NIV: “The Spirit that God caused to live in us wants us to belong only to God.”)

God's Spirit is intensely jealous of your love. He deserves to develop a love relationship with each of us. He will always be faithful, will we? Jealousy is another facet of God's love for us.

- 6 But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."
- 7 *Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*
- 8 *Come near to God and he will come near to you.* Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

We will become like the one we give our love, trust, time, affection, attention, and the best of what we have. That determines who our god really is. If we have asked Jesus Christ to be our Savior, and we have given our lives to him, and to God as our Father, the Holy Spirit is inside of us as part of that package.

Are you happy with your Christian life? If not, are there other lovers in your life competing for the love that belongs to God? Love for people is a natural byproduct of love for God.

- **Galatians 6:7-8**, Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.
- **Romans 8:13**, For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, 14 because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

"HOMEWORK":

- **This week study the Holy Spirit's partial Job Description included on the sermon notes.**
- **Personalize and welcome His work into your life.**
- **Ask for His empowerment to be led by Him so we no longer need to be afraid.**

The Spirit's partial "Job Description": He is...

- the counselor, giver of wisdom, source of understanding and knowledge (John 15:26, Is. 11:2)
- responsible for all spiritual rebirth (John 3:1-16)
- our intercessor
- the giver and administrator of Spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 12, 14)
- our guide to what is real truth (John 16:13)
- empowers us to share our faith (Acts 1:8)
- the source of true wisdom (Eph. 1:17)
- brings unity to body (Eph. 4:3-4)
- convicts the world of sin, the need for righteousness, and the certainty of the judgment to come (John 16:8-11),
- will teach you all things and help you remember what you were taught (John 14:26)
- can be grieved by our choices and behavior and beliefs (Eph. 4:30-31)
- assurance to the believer of the indwelling presence of Jesus (1 John 3:24).
- always pointing glory and honor back to the Father and to Jesus Christ. (John 16:14-15)