

Holy Spirit in Control!



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When we follow the plan God gives in His Word—to repent, be baptized in the name of Jesus for remission of sins, then Acts 2:38 “*Ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*” Only by having the Holy Spirit in control, can we live a godly life that is pleasing to God.

The Holy Spirit within enables us to make scriptural choices, decisions, and right judgments in all things. We are instructed Ephesians 5:18 to “*Be filled with the Spirit.*” Every believer can receive that Gift and have the advantage of the Holy Spirit within—controlling their decisions, actions, and responses to situations they meet every day. The Holy Spirit within enables us to enjoy health and healing by faith—the Maker of the human body is with us to protect and provide for us.

The body is a marvelous system of everything working together perfectly—it is all to the glory of God. Psalm 139:14 “*I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.*” We cannot fully understand how the body works so well.

It is a privilege to have God control family members—and to control everything that is said,

done, or decided in that home. We are truly blessed to have that control because from the beginning, we were rebellious and unmanageable. Only God can control the actions, thoughts, and decisions of other people.

If we cannot control our own thoughts and words—how could we possibly manage and control the thoughts or words of others! All the wicked things in the world; all the strife, fighting, and contention that has ever taken place, has happened because human beings are trying to control each other by their own power, plans, or pressure—the Holy Spirit is not in control of them.

The body is to function right by divine power—with every family member, co-worker, neighbor, or anyone else around us, controlled by divine power. If our inward heart attitude is right, then our outward circumstances will be right also. Proverbs 16:7 “*When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him*”—self has been removed, so the Spirit comes in.

A person filled with the Holy Spirit knows that when someone is impolite or mean to them; or if someone harms them—we must know that this did not originate from the individual—so they are not to be blamed. The trouble, actually, originated with us—we had an attitude that was not right, or we were not scriptural in some area—that is why the problem arose.

The Holy Spirit within enables us to know that any wrong treatment is an opportunity to learn a valuable lesson. Those who are controlled by self and Satan do not see that it was anything within them, or that their inward spiritual condition was the cause of the problem. They blame the person from whom the insult came, and then complain about how they were treated.

When the Holy Spirit is in control, we meet things in God's way—we see it as something permitted by God to teach a spiritual lesson—a very

needed lesson! God allowed it to take place, for some spiritual learning on our part.

Meeting problems in a scriptural way enables us to receive the spiritual benefits in a right way—we will understand why it happened. Romans 8:11 “*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 [give life to] your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*”

The apostle reminded the believers Romans 8:12-14 “*Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation [are debtors]—but it is not to the sinful nature [flesh], to live according to it. 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, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.*”

It was a spiritual lack in Job that caused the troubles in his life; and it is a spiritual lack in us that causes the troubles in our life. When Job was right with God spiritually, he enjoyed peace, protection, prosperity, and victory over the devil's influence. He learned that happiness and contentment on the outside depended on his spiritual condition on the inside.

We are to ask for the Holy Spirit—Luke 11:13 “*If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!*” The Spirit of God is the Gift from God that we can receive because Jesus gave His life on the Cross. It is an Atonement right to have the Holy Spirit in control and be free from having self in control. It is a huge privilege to have God, the Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit in us!

The average person does not think that they are controlled by a wicked devil that is out to destroy them forever. They have no clue that an evil being is leading them to a place of suffering in a

lake of fire and brimstone—even though the *evidence* of *who* is in control of them is evident—it is their *words*; their *conduct*; and their *attitudes*.
Matthew 12:34 “*For out of the abundance [overflow] of the heart the mouth speaketh.*” And Matthew 7:16 “*Ye shall know them by their fruits.*”

Anyone controlled by the *Spirit* of God will trust in faith on the *living* God for everything—from the smallest to the greatest issue. They would give their life rather than trust in anything or anyone but God. What the Word of God teaches, we are willing to obey—that attitude prepares us for Heaven.

When God reveals how wrong it is to be controlled by Revelation 12:9 “*That old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world—*” we will know how right it is to *ask* for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Then we are to *believe* in *faith* that God has *given* us His Spirit—without sight or feeling—as the Holy Spirit is received by *faith* alone. If we experience anything, we would turn from the Word and put our faith in the experience. When *the experience* is gone, our *faith* is gone.

We are to abandon [forsake and vacate] the past fruitless life and move to a new fruitful life—controlled by the Spirit within. Galatians 2:20 “*I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*” **Our life now becomes like the Lord’s life!**

Everything is received *from God* by faith in *God*. Romans 1:17 “*For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.*” We are only asking God for what already belongs to us as a believer. No one has to beg for a bank to cash their check, and we do not have to beg for God to give us His Gift—a Gift that is ours through a blood sacrifice.

Only two powers rule humanity—one is God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit; and the other is Satan, self, and the world. The worst spiritual condition to be in, is to have the devil ruling our life, but not being aware of it. Most do not know that Satan is controlling their life and leading them to the flames.

Anyone controlled by the Holy Spirit will depend on God for everything pertaining to this life. We are to *ask* God and *receive* the Holy Spirit by faith. We are to reject any suggestion from Satan. *Faith* can be *faith* only through a spoken or written word—faith is never through seeing or touching. *Faith* and *sight* are opposites.

The easiest thing is to believe a *fact*, and God is just asking us to believe the *truth*. If God would allow His Son to take our place on the Cross and go through all that pain and suffering—that in itself is evidence of how much He *loves* us and how true His testimony is. Romans 8:32 “*He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?*”

Two verses tell of what the Atonement of Christ *did* for everyone who will believe *it*. Isaiah 53:4-5 “*Surely our sicknesses he hath borne, And our pains—he hath carried them, And we—we have esteemed him plagued, Smitten of God, and afflicted. And he is pierced for our transgressions, Bruised for our iniquities, The chastisement of our peace is on him, And by his [stripes] there is healing to us.*”

That atoning sacrifice of Christ encompasses *everything* needed in life—contentment, protection, provisions—health, healing, inner peace, and a blessed assurance of God’s eternal kingdom—as we *stay* the course in faith and *trust* on the Blood of the Lord Jesus.

First—we *conduct* our life in a way that is pleasing to God—desiring to do His will in all situations. Hebrews 11:6 “*Without faith it is impossible*

to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” Matthew 5:6 “*Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled*”—with His Holy Spirit.

Second—we *surrender* our will to be *God’s* Will. Romans 12:1 “*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*”

Third—we *repent* and *confess* our sins to God 1 John 1:9 because “*He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*” The Holy Spirit is within us by faith to control our life from that moment.

As we look to God for the strength we need *each day*; and as we continue to trust on the Blood of Jesus we need *every minute*, we will have God’s peace, protection, and prosperity. Romans 5:1 “*Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*”

Living forever with God in His kingdom—only by having the Holy Spirit in control!



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