

Discerning the Life and Purpose of the Holy Spirit

Since the Holy Spirit indwells within us and it is a promised gift from God, it is important to know something about the attributes and qualities of that Spirit.

First, note that God is Spirit (Jn. 4:24) and that it fills the universe. We have suddenly been given a glimpse of the footprints of God embedded in the Universe as we come to understand how the Universe works.

There is only one Holy Spirit and it is indivisible, therefore a person who has the indwelling Spirit of God is intrinsically connected to the universe. The earth is located in the Milky Way galaxy that measures 100,000 light years wide. A light year is equal to six trillion miles.

This takes some time to absorb. We are located in vastness, in the vast heart of God. Although I am not moving, the earth on which I stand is revolving at 900 miles an hour. It is orbiting the sun at 19 miles/ second. We are moving as a solar system at 40,000 miles/hour around the center of our galaxy, and our galaxy is expanding at 12 million miles/minute.

Things are anything but still. I imagine God dancing with wild abandon through the farthest reaches of the cosmos. In today's Gospel of John, the words "Abide in me as I abide in you" take on new meaning. The place where the Divine abides is much vaster than we can imagine. Abide in me means "abide in my vastness, abide in my Universe."

The Holy Spirit is invisible to the natural eye, but it does have substance and It is invisible to the natural eye, but has substance and properties. In St. John 3 the Holy Spirit is compared to wind. You cannot see it, but it has the force to blow down buildings, trees and cover ships with waves of water. The Holy Spirit made the sound of a tornado when it entered the 120 on the Day of Pentecost. It does not have shape or image but takes on the shape of an image.

Jesus in the image of the invisible God (Col.2:14), the first born of all creation. When we see Jesus, who is the image of God, we see the container of God. If that is true, we also are the container of God. Jesus received the Holy Spirit without measure (Jn. 3:34), but we receive the Holy Spirit with a measure.

There are angelic spirits, who are ministering spirits to those being saved (Heb. 1:14), human spirits and deceitful, evil and unclean spirits— Satan and his demons. However, the Holy Spirit is God over all spirits.

According to (Genesis 1:2) the Spirit of God shaped and formed the earth into what we see today. It took what God had made from nothing and molded into a place suitable for life.

Not only did the Holy Spirit enter the 120 in Jerusalem, but later a few miles away He entered the Samaritans, and later the people in Caesarea then throughout the Roman empire. The Holy Spirit can be received from the remotest part of the earth. In every country I have been in, the Holy Spirit could be received.

Now let us unveil the Life and Purpose of the Holy Spirit.

According to some scientists, about ten billion years ago, the Universe began in a gigantic explosion—the Hot Big Bang! Its subsequent evolution from one hundredth of a second up to the present day can be reliably described by the Big Bang model. Right! Wrong! With each passing day, new theories are raised by scientists about the origin of the universe and life. The more they research the universe; they discover an increased complexity of matter. They will never find an absolute physical answer to creation. It only lays in God's power!

Creation is a fact. It did begin with a "Big Bang" when God said, "Let there be...." After six stages of creation, God declared it was finished and rested from His work.

The heart of God was that of a Father. He wanted a family after His image and likeness. A void had been created, probably from the rebellion of Satan and many angels, who were originally chosen to meet the needs of God. They had surrounded Him with praise and honor. (Ez. 27.)

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When Adam sinned in the Garden of Eden, he became a dying creature. "Thou shalt surely die". He became a mortal personal. Inserted in the DNA of Adam was the code of death. The length of life may vary, but death will eventually triumph. The human body renews itself constantly, but the renewal mechanism will eventually be overcome by the process of death.

The life of man is in the blood. The marrow of the bones manufactures this living substance that has the ability to take in and transport nutrition through a pump called a heart, and carries out waste and fight disease. We were wonderfully made by God to live eternally, but the factor of sin cut short the intended life of mankind.

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Human life has been shortened from 900 years to 70 years in 6,000 years. 81% loss of longevity since sin entered into the blood stream of mankind.

Adam and Eve were driven from the Garden of Eden and an angel with a flaming sword blocked the entrance from every direction. The sin factor that entered into the heart of Satan now had entered into the heart of man. God, who loved His creatures, chose to do for man what He had resisted in doing for Satan and other rebellious angels. Why? Only God knows the reason.

Faith in the ability of God to deliver a person from the jaws of death brought the promise of eternal life being restored. From Adam to Joseph and Mary, faith attached itself to the purpose and plan of God for salvation in a coming Messiah and faith from the 12 apostles to the believer today attaches itself to the Messiah that came—and that being the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Cross is the pivot point for salvation to all those who believe, before and after Christ. The sin of Adam did not take God by surprise because the Word says, "Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him" (Eph 1:4).

Even as God refused to join Himself with Adam and Eve after they sinned, so He refuses to join Himself with mankind today, but He did find a unique way to bring mankind out of the grip of death and join him anew.

The Spirit of God is the Life of God

This is what the scripture says: “What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we beheld and our hands handled, concerning the Word of Life— and the life was manifested, and we have seen and bear witness and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us“(1Jn 1:1-2).

“In Him was life, and the life was the light of men” (John 1:4)

“that whoever believes may in Him have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life” (John 3:15-16).

"For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself" (John 5:26).

"He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him" (John 3:36).

“but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life” (John 4:14).

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life" (John 5:24).

"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life" (John 6:63).

The new spiritual Birth of Man

The story of Nicodemus, a teacher in the Jewish religion, as you would read it St. John 3, explained the new spiritual birth of a believer. Jesus said, “You must be born again!” He could not understand how this was possible. Jesus pointed out that it was a spiritual birth and not a physical one. When a person accepts Christ Jesus as their Savior, an inward miracle takes place. The human spirit that is dying is suddenly united with the Holy Spirit of life. Instantly upon the confession that Jesus is Lord and your belief system declares that God raised Him from the dead, you become righteous and born again. (Rom. 10:9-10).

From that point of declaration, you have been born of imperishable see that is through the living and abiding word of God. (1 Pet. 1:23). “But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him.” (1Cor 6:17)

Through faith you confess, repent or turn around and instantly the Spirit of God joins, not with your body or mind, but with your human spirit. The Life of God enters your human spirit that was cut off from fellowship with God. Consequently, the eternal life of God is present right now in your bodies.

The Holy Spirit is the brains of God

If you understand “microprocessors” such as the Intel® Pentium® 4 processor, you know what makes the computer work. A microprocessor is the most complex manufactured product on earth whose transistors can execute hundreds of millions of instructions per second. It is the brains of the computer.

In spite of the complexity of the microprocessor, it cannot compare to the cerebral function of the human. The human brain is the primary control center for the peripheral nervous system, "lower" or involuntary activities such as heartbeat, respiration, and digestion as well as sensation, movement, and a variety of special senses. The brain also controls "higher" order, conscious activities, such as thought, reasoning, and abstraction. The human brain is generally regarded as more capable of these higher order activities than that of any other known species. A brain has a processing capacity of 100 trillion instructions per second.

God omniscient

“Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor? (Rom 11:33-36). The breadth of capability of God’s mind expands beyond the boundaries of the Universe. Unfathomable is the description of the writer. 100 trillion instructions of the human mind in one second are but a drop of nothing in the expanse of the universe in comparison with the speed of God’s mind. In God’s mind are “hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Col 2:3).

Holy Spirit of truth: knowledge, wisdom, reality

"When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, {that is} the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness of Me” (John 15:26), and you will know Him “because He abides with you, and will be in you” (John 14:17), “and He will disclose to you what is to come” (John 16:13).

Transference of Divine Knowledge

“but just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen (invisible) and ear has not heard, (inaudible) and {which} have not entered the heart of man (unimaginable), all that God has prepared for those who love Him” (1 Cor 2:9). “Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God” (1Cor 2:12).

The Holy Spirit is the power of God

Creation demonstrates the omnipotence of God.

“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse” (Rom 1:20).

Jesus, after being baptized in the river Jordan, was driven by the Spirit into the wilderness to confront the devil who had successfully overcome the first man Adam. Where Adam and Eve had failed, Jesus did not. He did not give in to body temptations, soulish temptations or spirit temptations.

After Jesus’ baptism by John, the Baptist, He went into the wilderness, was confronted by Satan, overcame him through the written word of God and returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit. (Luke 4:14) With power He commanded the unclean spirits and they came out. (Luke 4:36). People, recognizing the power flowing from Jesus, tried to touch Him.

Jesus prophesied of his exaltation in the heavens when He said, “Hereafter you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven” (Matt 26:64).

As the stones were crushing his body, Stephen declared, "Behold, I see the heavens opened up and

the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God" (Acts 7:55-56). The power that Christ possessed and demonstrated during His earthly ministry is the pattern and example of what He wants demonstrated in the lives of every believer.

Jesus gave these instructions to His disciples before and after His resurrection from the dead.

"And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). "And gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," {He said,} "you heard of from Me; for John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now" (Acts 1:4-5).

Five steps of Jesus has made powerful ministry possible.

1. Jesus died—Salvation incomplete
2. Jesus was buried—Salvation incomplete
3. Jesus was raised from the dead—Salvation complete. Jesus passed through the heavens and applied his blood.
4. Jesus returned and taught for 40 days, and then ascended triumphantly.
5. Jesus was super exalted and sat down at the right hand of God.

"Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear" (Acts 2:33).
Our power ministry is based on the fifth step—the fifth dimension.

The Jews, Samaritans and the Gentiles all received the same Holy Spirit of power and they marched throughout the world demonstrating that power to the world.

After the great religious deception of the Middle Ages, and the great awakening following, a breaking forth of the Holy Spirit occurred. 1896 - The church of God. 1902 - Topeka Kansas 1906 - Azusa Street, LA.

We are 100 years removed from the movement of the Holy Spirit. What has been the progress? Has the job been done? How should we face off with the realities of the present? How urgent is this hour? What should we be doing now?

We are need of a personal and fresh revelation of who we are and where we are going and what we should be doing!

Resident inside of every believer is a new creation brought about by the Spirit of God being breathed into human spirits and this new creation is in the image and likeness of God Almighty, who dwells above all power and authority. Inside of every believer is the eternal life of God, the brains of God and the power of God. Is there anything impossible to those that believe in God?

“For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For indeed in this {house} we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven; inasmuch as we, having put it on, shall not be found naked. For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed, but to be clothed, in order that what is mortal may be **swallowed up by life**. Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge. Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the

Lord “for we walk by faith, not by sight” (2Cor 5:1-7).

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