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Introduction

In 1 John 4:8 it tells us that **“God is love.”** In 1 John 5:7 it tells us that the Holy Spirit is God with the Father and the Son. In 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 it explains what love is. It tells us **“Love suffers long and is kind...”** (1 Cor. 13:4, NKJV). In verse 5, it tells us that love **“is not rude, nor selfish...”** (1 Cor. 13:5, NKJV).

When we know God is love, then we can go to 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 where it explains to us how that God operates in love. When we understand that God is love and when we understand how God operates in this world we will get to know what is of God and what is not of God. At the same time, we must understand the Holy Spirit, based upon the knowledge of **“God is love.”**

When we truly love someone, we are never **“rude”** in the way we do things concerning them. The word “rude” means “cruel, harsh, or rough in the way we do things.” That means, the Holy Spirit is never “cruel, harsh, or rough in the way He does things.” In 1 Corinthians 13:4, it also tells us that love is **“not selfish.”** The word “selfish” means, “too much concerned with one’s own welfare or interests and having little or no concern for others.” This is also a description of the Holy Spirit. He is not selfish or self-centered.

The Holy Spirit will never force Himself upon someone else. The Holy Spirit will never do things against your will. Love does not operate by force and is never rude or selfish. Love also **“...suffers long and is kind...”** (1 Cor. 13:4, NKJV). Therefore the Holy Spirit also **“...suffers long**

and is kind...”

Knowing that God is love, we can better understand God and the Holy Spirit. In the new birth alone we see that God will not force anyone to receive Jesus Christ as LORD and Savior in their lives. They must “receive Jesus themselves,” otherwise they cannot become born again. The Bible says, **“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name”** (John 1:12). In John 20:22 Jesus said to His disciples, **“...Receive ye the Holy Ghost.”** Had His disciples not received the Holy Spirit they would not have become born again of the Word and the Holy Spirit (1 Peter 1:23; John 3:6).

God is love, and God never forces Himself upon anyone. God **“is not rude,”** therefore in Acts 2:21 it says, **“...it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”** What about those who do not **“...call on the name of the Lord...”**? They may never become saved, not because of anything they did wrong, but because they did not **“...call on the name of the Lord...”**

Why did Jesus say to us in Luke 11:9, **“And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you”**? Simply, because God is love and if we do not ask we may not receive. God will not force us to ask. We must do the asking, and then God will respond according to what we ask.

Jesus said in John 14:13,14, **“And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son....If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.”** God is love, and will do what we ask in Jesus’ name, but Jesus said we should “ask.”

In James 4:3 it is talking about asking God. It says, **“Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.”** Why not find out what God wants for us? Why not have fellowship with the Holy Spirit and let Him help, guide, comfort, lead and teach us what God’s desires are for us? Why not do things God’s way?

We need the Holy Spirit working in our lives every day, so we do not ask amiss and so we do not offend God or the Holy Spirit in the desires we have in this life.

God loves us. God has great plans for our lives. So why not say to the Holy Spirit, **“Welcome Holy Spirit?”**

Welcome HOLY SPIRIT Part 2

God is so good to us. He has given us everything He could to help us here on earth. When the Father and the Son sent the Holy Spirit they gave us one of themselves to be our Helper, Guide, Comforter, Leader, and Teacher in every area of our lives. The Holy Spirit should be considered “the greatest gift” that God could give to His born again Children. No matter what the situation in our lives is, the Holy Spirit is here to do everything He can to overcome all the works of the enemy.

In Luke 1:37 the angel said to Mary, **“For with God nothing shall be impossible.”** When the angel said **“with God,”** he was speaking specifically of the Holy Spirit.

Even at that there are times when we want so much to help other Christians, and they refuse our help. We are grieved in our spirit when they do not want our help. Just think how much the Holy Spirit is grieved when Christians do not want His help.

As a Christian, the love of God within us wants to help other Christians when we can plainly

see they are going in the wrong direction in their lives. We go to them, trying to help them, but they refuse to listen or sometimes even talk with us. Oh, how that grieves our spirit, knowing that if they continue in what they are doing, it will only lead to more problems in their lives.

There was one Christian I knew who got involved with a person who was a spiritual healer. That person admitted she was not a Christian. Yet this individual went to her for healing, rather than the LORD. Then later this individual Christian started to get involved in what is called the New Age. Things were taking place in this Christian's life that we know were not of God.

I had another brother in the LORD come with me to talk to this individual. All the time we talked to this individual, she only justified what she was doing based upon her own opinion. She did not base her opinion on the written Word of God. We were unable to help this person, even after trying prayer and personally contacting her according to Galatians 6:1,2.

Why is it that we cannot help some Christians, when it is easily seen that they are going in the wrong direction? We do not have the power in ourselves to come against another person's will. What they desire to do, is totally in their own power. Even the Holy Spirit cannot help them when they do not want help. God is love and will not force Himself upon anyone, even Christians who are His own children by the new birth.

Many Christians, including Spirit-filled Christians do not truly know the Holy Spirit. By a lack of knowledge of the Holy Spirit, they live their lives sometimes as though the Holy Spirit is not here.

We need to know and understand the Holy Spirit. We need to know Who He is and what He is doing here on earth at this time. Let us get a brief overview of who the Holy Spirit is and what He is doing here on earth today.

The Holy Spirit is God with the Father and the Son (1 John 5:7). To many, He is considered the third person of the Godhead. God the Father is considered as the first person of the Godhead. God the Son is considered as the second person of the Godhead. And the Holy Spirit is considered as the third person of the Godhead.

All of this does not make the Holy Spirit any less important than the Father and the Son. When we study the teachings of Jesus, which Jesus said "He only speaks that which is given to Him by the Father," we see that the Father and the Son work through the Holy Spirit here on earth. Therefore, there is no competition among the three. Even though the Father is greater than the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Father works through the Son and the Holy Spirit. They are all important and each one has an important position in the Godhead.

In Genesis 1:2 it says, "**And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.**" Already in Genesis 1:2 we see the Holy Spirit was at work upon the earth. In this verse the Holy Spirit is called "**the Spirit of God.**"

All throughout the Bible you will find that the Holy Spirit is the one that brings the Word of God into manifestation. The time when the Word of God manifests is dependant upon when the Holy Spirit brings it into manifestation. Without the power of the Holy Spirit nothing would manifest in the natural here on earth. Everything of God that manifests in the natural comes into being by the power of the Holy Spirit.

All of the gifts of the Spirit in 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 manifest as the Holy Spirit wills. All of the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22,23 are manifestations of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said in Matthew 12:28, **“But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.”** Every demon that is cast out, is cast out by the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus spoke the Word. The Holy Spirit casts the devils out.

It is important that Christians understand the work of the Holy Spirit in the New Covenant. There are certain things to understand about the New Covenant that would be very helpful for everyone to understand.

One thing is that when John the Baptist came preaching repentance, he was preparing the way for the coming of Jesus, to take away the sin of the world (John 1:29). Speaking of Jesus, John the Baptist said in Matthew 3:11, **“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.”** John the Baptist did what he was sent to do. Then Jesus came to do what He was sent to do. Jesus did many things besides taking away the sin of the World.

While Jesus was here doing what He came to do, He was also preparing the way for the Holy Spirit to come. Actually the Holy Spirit was always here all the time from Genesis 1:2 on. But, there was a special purpose for the Holy Spirit to come after Jesus completed the work He came to do.

Therefore, Jesus went about teaching the Kingdom of God which was to come. In Mark 1:14,15, it says, **“Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God...And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.”**

The Kingdom of God actually came the day that Jesus arose from the dead. Jesus said to His disciples in John 20:21,22, **“Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you...And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost.”** That same day, Jesus’ disciples were born again. (John 3:5-7). They were born of the Word and the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ (1 Peter 1:23; John 3:6; Col. 1:13).

In our Bibles, the words “kingdom of God,” should have been translated “reign of God,” for the kingdom of God is the reign of God the Holy Spirit here on earth. The kingdom of heaven is also the reign of God the Holy Spirit in heaven. The Holy Spirit reigns in heaven and on earth by His power to cause all things that are of God to manifest.

The Holy Spirit never does anything unless He first receives His instructions from the Father or the Son. The Holy Spirit does everything the Father and the Son tell Him to do. The Holy Spirit does not need to ask the Father or the Son what to do. He knows what His position is and does whatsoever He knows the Father and the Son desire of Him. One of the main operations of the Holy Spirit is to confirm the Word of God with signs following.

In the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit is many times called “God.” Many times when it says, God did this or God did that, it was the Holy Spirit that did what is spoken of. He is also called “the Holy Ghost” in some English translations of the Bible, and “the Holy Spirit” in other English translations. He is also called “the Spirit of God” many times in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. These are some of the primary names and titles of the Holy Spirit. There are over twenty different titles or names given to the Holy Spirit throughout the Old and New Testament.

What is important for Christians to understand is what the Holy Spirit is doing here on earth today. He is the One who carries out the will of the Father and the Son in the kingdom of God.

Without the Holy Spirit, there could be no “kingdom of God” here on earth. The Holy Spirit is God in the Kingdom of God. Jesus is still the King of kings and LORD of Lords. But the Holy

Spirit is the one here on earth that causes all things to manifest according to the will of the Father and the Son. Without the Holy Spirit there would not be a Kingdom of God.

Let us look at something that is happening in the world and the Body of Christ that many Christians do not understand. Because of a lack of understanding, many Christians are deceived by the enemy. We do not need to be deceived, for we have been given the written Word of God and the Holy Spirit to teach us all things (John 6:45, 16:13-15; 1 John 2:27).

There are many things happening in the churches that should not be allowed to happen. Why does God not do something about all that false operations and the deception that is going on in the churches today? Let us see some of what Jesus said about this.

In John 5:22, Jesus said, **“For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son.”** Therefore, God the Father is not judging Christians for the things that go on in the churches. Then in John 8:15, Jesus said, **“Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man.”** By this we see that even though the Father left all judgment up to the Son, Jesus said He does not judge anyone either. Therefore, the Father is not judging anyone and the Son is not judging anyone.

But Jesus did say in John 12:47,48, **“And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world...He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.”** By this we see that Jesus will not judge anyone until that last day spoken of in Revelation 20:12,13 (when the books are opened and everyone is judged according to what is written in those books).

What about the Holy Spirit? Will He judge the world and Christians before that last day when the books are opened? In John 16:7-11, Jesus said, **“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you...And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment...Of sin, because they believe not on me...Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more...Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.”**

If we study these verses very carefully, we will see that the Holy Spirit will do everything He can to bring people to the understanding of what Jesus did for us, that we might come to Jesus and receive Him as our LORD and Savior. He will expose the works of darkness, and open our minds, and hearts to receive God’s plan for all of mankind. Yet, being God is love, the Holy Spirit will not force anyone to receive Jesus Christ as their LORD and Savior.

For Christians there is another operation of the Holy Spirit that many seem to know nothing of. That is, without the Holy Spirit working in our lives, we cannot repent and receive forgiveness of sins. In 2 Timothy 2:25,26 it talks about those in the Body of Christ who have gone in the wrong direction. Christians should go to them, **“In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth...And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.”**

As a Christian, we do not have power over another person’s will. We must rely upon the Holy Spirit to bring them to repentance that they acknowledge their error and receive forgiveness of whatsoever they have done that is not pleasing to God. Many Christians do not understand spiritual operations of the enemy. Satan has a snare whereby he takes Christians captive at his will.

Christians do many things they should not do, and by this Satan takes them captive. For them to recover themselves from the powers of the Devil it takes a work of the Holy Spirit to bring them to repentance, before they can receive forgiveness. Without repentance, they will remain held captive by the Devil and not be able to come free.

Repentance is in the control of the Holy Spirit. If the Holy Spirit does not lead a person to repent, they cannot repent. This is sad, because many Christians get themselves into situations where they cannot repent. Hebrews 6:4-6 says, **“For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost...And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come...If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.”**

If you will notice, the Holy Spirit is God, and He is long suffering, not willing that any should perish. These verses in Hebrews 6:4-6 tells us that the Holy Spirit first makes sure these do know the truth. Hebrews 6:4-6 applies to those, **“...who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost...And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come...”** By this we know this is not speaking of babes in Christ. This is speaking of mature Christians who permit the Devil to take them in his snare.

Some Christians believe that Hebrews 6:4-6 is only speaking of those who blaspheme the Holy Spirit. It does not say that in Hebrews 6:4-6. Jesus did say in Matthew 12:31,32 **“Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men...And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.”**

There are times in the lives of some Christians, where they did not blaspheme the Holy Spirit, yet the Holy Spirit cannot do anything to help them. Looking at Romans 1:18-32 we see where the wrath of God comes upon Christians for many different reasons. In Romans 1:18-22 it says, **“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteous-ness...Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them...For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse...Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened...Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.”**

We know that the Father does not judge anyone. We know the Son does not judge anyone. What about the Holy Spirit? When the Holy Spirit does all He can to help, guide, comfort, lead, and teach the Children of God, and they still insist on following the spirits of this world, He has no choice but to let the Devil have them. This does not sound good, but what else can the Holy Spirit do?

It is not just the immoral sins or abuse of our physical bodies in sexual perversion. There are a lot of other things that Christians get involved in that are not pleasing to God. Look at all the other things mentioned in Romans 1:29-32. It says, **“Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers...Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things,**

disobedient to parents...Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful...Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.” None of these things are pleasing to God. Of those who do these things and do not repent, it says in Romans 1:28, **“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient.”**

What is a reprobate mind? A reprobate mind is an unapproved, rejected mind. When the Holy Spirit can do no more for them, He turns them over to the Devil to have a certain amount of control in their minds. When the Devil has a certain amount of control in their minds, they are unable to change. They continue on doing those things which are not pleasing to God. This is not good, to say the least. What will happen to these Christians whom God has turned over to a reprobate mind? I do not even want to guess. We can pray for them, but if they are not willing to change, even our prayers may not do any good. If God cannot change them, who can?

This is serious business, for there are some whose names could be taken out of the Book of Life. What will happen to those whose names are taken out of the Book of Life? In Revelation 20:15, it says, **“And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”**

Is there anything in this world worth more than having our names written in the Book of Life? We are here on this earth for only a short time compared to eternity. Why would anyone give up their life in heaven for a few years of doing their own thing on this earth?

The Holy Spirit is also called a blessing. In Galatians 3:13,14 it says, **“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree...That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”**

The blessing of Abraham which is promised to the Christians is the Holy Spirit. We receive the Holy Spirit through faith. Along with the Holy Spirit comes the anointing. It is the anointing within us that teaches us all things. In 1 John 2:27 it says, **“But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.”**

Therefore, it is the anointing within us that will teach us all things. Why would anyone not want to be taught by the Holy Spirit, who knows all things? It is by the teaching of the Holy Spirit within us that we can know the truth.

The LORD has put in the body of Christ, “teachers.” But if we will look at where it tells us about the fivefold ministries that the LORD has put in the body of Christ we will also see the purpose for these, including the teachers.

In Ephesians 4:11-13 it says, **“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers...For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ...Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.”** The main reason for the fivefold ministries is listed in verses twelve and thirteen. They are for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry. And for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come in the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, etc.

How can this come about through the fivefold ministries? It cannot come by a work of the flesh. It cannot come by a work of man. It can only come by the anointing upon these ministries “bringing us into agreement with that which is taught by the Holy Spirit.”

It is the anointing of the Holy Spirit that works from within us that brings us to the knowledge of the Son of God. Without the anointing we are like the men of the world, not knowing the perfect plan of God.

Without the anointing we cannot enter into the kingdom of God. We do not enter the kingdom of God by the anointing upon some other individual. The anointing must be in us, individually, if we are to enter into the kingdom of God.

It is the anointing that destroys the works of the enemy. It is the anointing that enables us with the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:7-11). By the gifts of the Spirit operating by the anointing within individual members of the body of Christ, all things work together for the good of the whole body of Christ.

Every member of the body of Christ needs the anointing within themselves. We receive the anointing when we receive the Holy Spirit “through faith” (Gal. 3:14). This is the same anointing that Jesus spoke of in Acts 1:4,5,8, when He said **“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”**

Every born again Christian needs the anointing of the Holy Spirit within them. It is from within ourselves that the Holy Spirit teaches us. The world teaches people from without, through their minds. The Holy Spirit teaches us from within, from our spirit.

This is the greatest blessing any person can receive from God following their new birth into the family of God. Once we are born again, and God becomes our Father, God wants to bless us with the greatest blessing that is available to mankind, which is the Holy Spirit. By the anointing of the Holy Spirit God can teach us all things.

God is love, and therefore, we must keep in mind that the Holy Spirit will not force us to be taught by God. It must be a willingness on our part to spend time with the Holy Spirit in the written Word and in prayer. We must be willing to be taught by God, if we are to receive from God that which He desires for us. As it says in 1 John 2:27, **“...ye shall abide in him.”** The **“Him”** is the Holy Spirit, which is the anointing within us.

Christians should strive to do only the will of God the Father, instead of their own will. God’s will for our lives is so much better. Eternity in heaven is worth more than anything this world has to offer.

Once we are born again of the Word and the Spirit, we need the Holy Spirit working actively in our lives every day. We should welcome the Holy Spirit in every area of our lives. We should never neglect the Holy Spirit, in anything. Give Him all the attention He deserves. He is here on earth to be our Helper, Guide, Comforter, Leader, and Teacher.

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