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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 3:13). 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 **“Welcome Holy Spirit”**?

## Welcome HOLY SPIRIT

God is love. The Holy Spirit is God with the Father and the Son. Therefore, the Holy Spirit is also love. The Holy Spirit loves us and will not manifest where He is not welcome. If we want to see the manifestation of the Holy Spirit, we must make sure He is welcome.

Because that the Holy Spirit is God, and GOD is love, He will respond to what we ask, when we ask. One day my daughter called me about 5:30pm. She had parked her car in the parking space behind her apartment and took her groceries from her car into her apartment. As she was putting the groceries away, she looked out the window and her car was gone (someone had stolen her car).

First, she called the Police, then she called me. When she told me what happened, I told her, *“Right now, I am going to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help.”* I prayed, *“Holy Spirit, help us get her car back. Thank You Holy Spirit!”*

Then I told my daughter that I would bring one of my sons (her brothers) over to stay with her. I told her she should tell the Police everything that happened. I told her the Holy Spirit would help get her car back. The next morning, about 6:00am the Police called my daughter and told her that, they were watching her car all night. It was parked about forty blocks away from where she lived. They did not see who parked it there and no one came for it all night. She should come and get it.

When we ask the Holy Spirit to help us, He will help us. But, the Holy Spirit will not be rude and will not interfere with what we do if He is not welcome.

Wherever we are, we need to make sure the Holy Spirit is welcome. There is a song sung by many Christians today, which starts something like this: *“Holy Spirit, thou are welcome in this place!”* Then it continues on, telling the Holy Spirit that He is welcome. Many times before speaking at a church, I would have the congregation sing that song. During the church service I would see the Holy Spirit working among the members, setting them free.

When we understand the Holy Spirit (Who is God with the Father and the Son), we can relate to Him for Who He is, and what He does in the Body of Christ today. The Holy Spirit is our Helper, Guide, Comforter, Teacher, and Leader. Yet, He does not usually do these things in our lives unless we make Him welcome.

There are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (1 John5:7). These three make up the totality of the Godhead. They are not in competition with each other. God is love (all three are love). Love is not rude, and love is not selfish. Each of the three persons of the Godhead love and respect each other. When we ask the LORD to help us, the Holy Spirit responds with the power to accomplish whatsoever we ask. By this, we ask the LORD and the Holy Spirit does what we ask.

Another example of this is when Jesus said, **“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him...”** (John 6:44). How does the Father draw someone to Jesus? By the power and working of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was speaking of the Holy Spirit in John 16:8 when He said, **“When he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment...”** When the Father draws someone to Jesus the Holy Spirit does the works.

One day a woman said to me, *“The clothes dryer is not working.”* I told her I would take a look at it. I am not an appliance repair man. But I know that whatsoever the Spirit of God impresses me to do, I can ask and get the answer I need.

The two of us went to look at the clothes dryer. When I first started to check it, the switch and timer did not seem to do any good. There was no indication that it had anything to do with the switch and timer. Then I looked inside and there was a lot of wet clothes in the dryer. I tried to turn the drum on the dryer and it seemed to be tight. The woman asked if she should take the clothes out and I agreed. After she took the clothes out, the drum still seemed to be too tight. She left the room and I said, *“LORD, I need Your help to fix this dryer.”*

I removed the cover over the controls and could not see anything wrong. I tried to remove the top to get at the drum, but could not find any way to remove it. I noticed a plate over a hole by the motor. I disconnected the electric cord, the gas line, and the vent tube. I moved the dryer out so I could get behind it. I removed the plate in front of the motor area. I checked the motor by turning it and it seemed to be ok. I tried to turn the drum from the area of the motor and the drive belt. It did turn for me.

Then I got my shop vacuum and cleaned out all the dust and lint I could see. I put the cover back on over the motor area and connected up the vent pipe, the gas line, and the electric. I turned on the dry and it worked. I put in some wet clothes and tried it again and everything was working right.

I told the woman it was fixed and she could go and use it. Then I told her, I do not know what was wrong. I did not ask the LORD what was wrong. I only asked Him to help me fix it.

When we ask the LORD to help us He helps us do what we ask. It does not make any difference if we ask the LORD, or ask the Father, or ask the Holy Spirit. Ask any one of the three and they will help you when you need help. They are not in competition with each other, for they are God and God is love.

The Holy Spirit is the power of God dwelling in us. The power of the Holy Spirit must be released by permitting Him to manifest according to the will of God the Father and the Son. When we give Him the respect that belongs to Him, He will manifest in our lives to Help us, Guide us, Teach us, Comfort us, and Lead us in everything we do.

It is interesting that so many Christians do not understand the Holy Spirit. They seem to put Him off into a position where He is unnoticed. Some Churches do not seem to want to say anything in fear they would be raising Him up instead of raising up Jesus. Yes, we do not glorify the Holy Spirit, but we should recognize Him for Who He is.

We are living in the time when the Holy Spirit is here on earth to do the will of God the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit is here to bring to pass that which was ordained from the foundation of the world. At a time like this, He is here to manifest through Christians the power of God to change the lives of people to be like Jesus.

When we understand the plan of God from the foundation of the world, we can then appreciate the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We need to be taught by the Holy Spirit, not by man. The teachings of men will hinder the teachings of the Holy Spirit.

In 1 Corinthians 2:12,13 it says, **“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God...Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”** The Holy Spirit does not teach according to man's wisdom. Therefore, we must be taught by the Holy Spirit.

Until Christians learn to die to themselves and let the Holy Spirit be God in their lives, Satan

will still control what Christians do. Jesus was not speaking only of Himself in John 12:24,25, where He said, **“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit...He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.”**

In Zechariah 4:6 it was prophesying of the time we are living in today, when it said, **“...Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.”** This is God’s creation, and God is going to do His good pleasure in these days of the Kingdom of God here on earth.

The Kingdom of God is “God’s Kingdom,” not man’s kingdom here on earth. Yet, we must understand, Jesus said, **“...The kingdom of God cometh not with observation...Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you”** (Luke 17:20,21).

Until Christians deny themselves, the Holy Spirit is hindered from manifesting from within them. Satan loves to manifest with counterfeit operations through people who want to be someone important in the Body of Christ.

We need to know and understand the Holy Spirit. We need to recognize Who He is and what His purpose is here on earth at this time. The Holy Spirit manifests through Christians who will give Him the opportunity to be God in their lives. That is, through those who will deny themselves and let the Holy Spirit do His will in their lives. Until we learn to deny ourselves and let the Holy Spirit put us where He wants us, Satan will still have a certain amount of control in what we do.

## **Show the Holy Spirit that He is Welcome**

How do you show the Holy Spirit that He is welcome? You honor Him by letting Him do in your life what He is sent by the Father and the Son to do. Jesus said, **“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you”** (John 14:26).

Therefore, the Holy Spirit is our Teacher. If we go around trying to do things without asking the Holy Spirit to teach us what to do or how to do something, He just sits by and watches as we make so many mistakes, and make a mess out of our lives trying to do it our way. He is love, and love is not rude, and does not force us to do anything.

But when we ask Him, because of His love He does whatsoever we ask according to the will of God the Father and the Son. Do not ask Him to do something that is not according to the will of God the Father and the Son. He never goes against the will of God the Father or the Son.

When we understand that the Holy Spirit is our helper, guide, comforter, teacher, and leader, we can be confident that when we ask Him in any of these areas of our lives He will know He is welcome. When He knows He is welcome He responds according to our asking.

One of the greatest areas of our lives that the Holy Spirit responds to the most is in the area of “teaching.” Jesus said, **“It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God...”** 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.”** This verse is talking about the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit is the Anointing.

First we must understand that the Holy Spirit inspired the writing of the Scriptures (2 Tim. 3:16). If anyone knows the true meaning of what the Scriptures have to say, it is the Holy Spirit Himself. If you want to make the Holy Spirit welcome, ask Him to teach you from the Scriptures (the written Word of God).

Yet, if you do not take the time to study the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit cannot teach you from the Scriptures. You must take the time to study the Scriptures. In 2 Timothy 2:15 it says, **“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”** If you do not take the time to study, the Holy Spirit cannot help you. But, when you take the time to study, and ask the Holy Spirit to help you know the truth, He knows He is welcome. When He knows He is welcome, He will help you study the Scriptures. Never try to understand the Scriptures according to what someone else teaches. Let the Holy Spirit teach you all things according to the Scriptures.

At the same time, listen closely when you are in Church, the Holy Spirit uses those He has equipt to speak the Word of God so He can confirm the Word you hear. Do not get so high-minded that you cannot receive what the Holy Spirit says through someone whom He has sent to teach. It is “the anointing” that will teach you all things. The Holy Spirit uses other Christians by anointing them to teach.

Where most Christians fail is they do not ask the Holy Spirit to help them and teach them. They try to do it on their own, and make big mistakes in what they believe. They think they know what they are saying, when in fact it is all mans ideas, and mans wisdom, not the wisdom of God (1

Cor. 2:13).

The second way to make the Holy Spirit welcome is to speak in tongues and pray in the Spirit. In 1 Corinthians 14:2 it says, **“For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.”** When we pray in the Spirit, or speak in tongues, the Holy Spirit knows He is welcome. When He knows He is welcome, He will do His part, which is to help us and show us the mysteries of God that we do not know in the natural.

O’ how much the Holy Spirit desires to do what the Father and the Son sent Him to do. But, God is love, and love never forces anyone to do anything. Love is not rude. The Love of God waits until we make the Holy Spirit welcome, before the Holy Spirit can help us.

Stubbornness, high-mindedness, and self-will prevents the Holy Spirit from working in the lives of Christians. Those who think they know it all will not receive from the Holy Spirit that which the Holy Spirit is sent by the Father and the Son to do here on earth. You cannot force the Holy Spirit to do anything. You must make Him welcome before He will respond to your needs.

Some Christians just do not want to let the Holy Spirit work in their lives. The Holy Spirit wants to help them, but they keep going around trying to do it their way, and fail, and fail, and fail over, and over again. When all they needed to do was get rid of their pride and ask the Holy Spirit to help them. Make the Holy Spirit welcome and He will do things for you in your life that no man can do.

It is so sad that there are so many Christian who say they are called into the ministry, yet they never ask the Holy Spirit to help them. They want to do it their way, according to what someone else told them, or taught them.

Here is wisdom. You cannot do God’s will for Him. It must be the Holy Spirit doing God’s will in your life. The Scripture says, **“...Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts”** (Zech. 4:6). Oh, how the Holy Spirit wants to do what He has been sent to do, but so many Christians do not want to let Him do what He is here on earth to do.

When I went to Bible School, I was taught that we must make out an outline on what we are going to preach or teach. Then we must practice speaking according to the outline until we get it perfect.

I tried it, and it did not work for me. I did not have “peace in my spirit” in trying to do what I was being taught in Bible School about making outlines and practicing. I just let the Holy Spirit use me to do whatsoever He wants to do. When I start speaking, I find myself saying a lot of things I did not intend to say myself. While I am speaking, I watch what is happening in the congregation. Their eyes are wide open, their ears are listening, and they are hungry for what God has to say.

I have seen many people set free of things I had no idea they were struggling with. Some of them come up to me afterwards and tell me what God did in their lives while I was speaking.

When you spend time with the Holy Spirit in private, in your own home, alone, just you and the Holy Spirit, He will take over for you when it comes to speaking to others. He will put the words in your mouth for you. All you need to do is open your mouth and let Him speak through you.

The Holy Spirit wants to do what He has been sent here on earth to do. He does not need all our wisdom and knowledge. All He needs is our willingness to make Him Welcome, wherever we go and in whatever we do. When He knows He is Welcome, He will manifest His power in our lives.

Christians need to get to know the Holy Spirit for Who He truly is. They need to know Him

even better than they know their father and mother, their brothers and sisters whom they spent most of their lives with.

Once you receive the Holy Spirit by being baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, get to know Him. Spend time with Him in private, just you, your Bible, and the Holy Spirit, working together as one.

Once you receive the Holy Spirit He will be in you and will not leave you (Eph. 4:30). But, if you do not make Him welcome in your daily life, He cannot help you when you need Him.

We need the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We need all three, not just one. We need to make all three of them welcome in our lives every day. In everything we do, all three need to be made welcome in our lives.

Tell God the Father how much you appreciate Him. Tell Him how much you love Him. Tell Him how grateful you are that He loved you, even when you did not love Him. Let God the Father know He is welcome.

Tell Jesus how much you love Him. Praise Him and worship Him and the Father for who they are and all they have done in your life. Raise Jesus up, and He will draw all men unto Him. Glorify the LORD in everything you do. Let Him know how much you appreciate Him. Make sure the LORD knows He is welcome in your life.

But, do not neglect the Holy Spirit. He is also God with the Father and the Son. Make Him Welcome in your life every day and in everything you do.

Sing, "*Father, I love You, Jesus I adore You, I worship You...etc.*" Then do not stop there. Sing, "*Holy Spirit thou are welcome in this place...*"

In 1 Corinthians 6:19 it tells us that our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we should present our bodies as a temple for the Holy Spirit to live in. He is God and should have a beautiful and clean body to live in. Keep sin out of our bodies, and keep our bodies holy for the Holy Spirit.

We should also be careful how we treat other Christians, for the Holy Spirit also dwells in their bodies. The way we treat other Christians is the way we treat God.

Do not give any place for the Devil in your life. Present everything you have and everything in your possession to God, as belonging to God, not to yourself. And especially, not to the Devil.

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