

Hezekiah's Tunnel - 1 Corinthians 14:26-40

Introduction

You can't have the promise without the process.

Where man disqualifies you, God qualifies you.

All God wants is a vessel willing and able, to believe have faith and hope that God will move by his spirit and set the captives free.

Galatians 5:19-21 – Sins of The Flesh

¹⁹ Now the practices of the sinful nature **are clearly evident**: they are **sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality** (*total irresponsibility, lack of self-control*), ²⁰ **idolatry, sorcery, hostility, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions (that promote heresies),** ²¹ **envy, drunkenness, riotous behaviour,** and **other things like these.** (Worry, doubt, confusion, depression, and feelings of condemnation) I warn you beforehand, just as I did previously, that those **who practice (We adopt these things and other, as a life style)** such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. **(16 identified sins of the flesh)**

NB: The devil is the father of lies – therefore everything he **does or says is filtered through a LIE.**

Galatians 5:22-23 – Fruits of the Spirit

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,** ²³ **meekness, temperance:** against such **there is no law.**

9 Fruits – Develop of personality and character.

NB: God is the fruit & gifts of the spirit – God is Love, he says it is the greatest gift – therefore, everything God does **is filtered through LOVE.**

Ponder: When you change on the **inside**, (HEART & MIND) the **outside**, flesh and nature behaviours, attitudes etc so on and so forth) changes automatically.

We have to take charge of our heart... proverbs says...guard your heart. We must renew our thought patterns to those of God.

NOTE: Your habits create the condition of your heart. In order to change, spiritually, you more than likely must change something fleshly.

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 – Manifestation of The Spirit

“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one **for the profit of all**: for to one is given the **word of wisdom** through the Spirit, to another the **word of knowledge** through the same Spirit, to **another faith** by the same Spirit, to another **gifts of healings** by the same Spirit, to another the **working of miracles**, to **another prophecy**, to another **discerning of spirits**, to another **different kinds of tongues**, to another the **interpretation of tongues**. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one **individually as He wills.**” (1 Corinthians 12:7-11)

9 Manifestations of the Spirit – MUST profit all.

1 Corinthians 14:26 – Gifts and bringers of Gifts – Order & Discipline

²⁶ What then is *the right course*, believers? (what is to be done in the case of what Paul was about to propose) When you meet together, **each one** has a **psalm**, a **teaching**, a **revelation** (disclosure of special knowledge), a **tongue**, or an **interpretation**. (When everyone is competing in the spiritual gift realm, and apparently all at the same time, chaos reigned) Let everything be constructive *and* edifying *and* done for the good of all the church. **9 Gifts of the Spirit**

Gifts are Signs & Wonders (Few below)

- Confirms God's presence & power. Acts 2:22
- Confirm God's word in practice. Mark 16:20
- Confirms God's presence in & through man. Acts 14:3
- Confirms God's will in action through man to the world. Hebrews 2:4
- Confirms God's awesome power to non-believers. Acts 2:43
- Confirms man as a vessel for Gods work & ministry. Acts 15:12
- Confirms Gods calling & purpose through man. 2 Corinthians 12:12
- Confirms Gods anointing through hands of believers. Acts 4:30
- Confirms Gods grace & power through believers. Acts 6:8

1 Corinthians 14:22

Thus (unknown) tongues are meant for a (supernatural] sign, **not for believers** but for unbelievers (on the point of believing), while prophecy (inspired preaching and teaching, interpreting the divine will and purpose) is not for unbelievers (on the point of believing) **but for believers**.

Note: Mark 16:17-18

¹⁷ These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will **cast out demons**, they will **speak in new tongues**; ¹⁸ **they will pick up serpents**, and **if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them**; they **will lay hands on the sick**, and they will get well.”

Romans 12:2

² And do not be conformed to this world (any longer with its superficial values and customs), but be **transformed and progressively** changed (as you mature spiritually) by the **renewing of your mind** (focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes), so that you may prove **(for yourselves)** what the will of God is, that which is **good and acceptable and perfect** (in His plan and purpose for you)

Greek word = Metamorphosis – permanent outward change

Your **mind stands guard at the door of your heart**, and **you get to decide / choose what comes through.**

You renew and change your mind, by washing, you take every thought captive, you take dirty and stained washing and you clean it, you add something that is better and stronger than the dirt and stain.

You replace in order to renew.

God's Word changes your mind which in order changes your heart which in turn allows the fruits of the spirit which leads to the gifts of the spirit.

This happens through, reading the word, praying, etc so on and so forth.

Gods word washes and cleans. It removes stains !

Psalms 119:113 - 120

¹¹³ I hate those who are double-minded, but I love and treasure your law.

¹²⁰ My flesh trembles in **(reverent)** fear of You, and I am afraid and in awe of Your judgments

I love what God's laws do for me, but I hate what it does to me.

Luke 9:23

Then He said to them all, 'If anyone desires to come after Me, let **him deny himself**, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

To "take up your cross" is something that has to take place in your thoughts.

A condition for self-discipleship.

NOTE: The cross **is and was a vehicle** towards God and spiritual understanding & maturity. To restore man to what God originally intended, Salvation, redemption.

The purpose of our own cross is to transport from the old man, to the new man, our cross indicates the dying of self and old, to the new in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:12

¹² So then, my dear ones, just as you have always obeyed (*my instructions with enthusiasm*), not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence, continue to work out your salvation (*that is, cultivate it, bring it to full effect, actively pursue spiritual maturity*) with awe-inspired fear and trembling (*using serious caution and critical self-evaluation to avoid anything that might offend God or discredit the name of Christ*)

Romans 10:17

¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing (what is told, and what is heard and what is preached).

Faith is developed through hearing.

Hebrews 11:1-3

¹¹ Now faith is the assurance (**title deed, confirmation**) of things hoped for (**divinely guaranteed**), and the evidence of things not seen (**the conviction of their reality—faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses**). ² For by this (**kind of**) faith the [l](#)men of old gained (**divine**) approval.

³ By faith (**that is, with an inherent trust and enduring confidence in the power, wisdom and goodness of God**) we understand that the worlds (**universe, ages**) were framed *and* created (**formed, put in order, and equipped for their intended purpose**) by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

Faith moves God.

Hebrews 11:6 – Without Faith - Impossible to please God.

Proverbs 3:5-6

⁵ Trust in *and* rely confidently on the LORD with all your heart **and do not** rely on your own insight or understanding.

⁶ In all your ways know *and* acknowledge *and* recognize Him, and he will make your paths straight *and* smooth (**removing obstacles that block your way**).

Deuteronomy 30:19

¹⁹ I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you today, that **I have set** before you **life and death, the blessing and the curse**; therefore, you shall choose life in order that you may live, **you and your descendants**.

NOTE: There are many scriptures which indicate that God gives us the privilege of choice, however, we don't get the privilege of consequence of the outcome.

NB: There is a law of choice, whether good or bad, they are bound to consequence and we do not get to determine the outcome & consequence.

Isaiah 55 - Brief

- Wait & listen – if your thirsty drink and eat. Surrender yourself to something that cannot be bought but has eternal life.
- Listen to God and your soul will be revived.
- Leave the old ways and God will reward you.
- Gods ways are higher than ours, his thoughts are not ours.
- Gods word will never return void it's shall accomplish and prosper that which he commands.
- Our reward in Gods ways are joy, peace, love, understanding, singing, all heaven and earth rejoice in singing and praise to his wonderful works.

Paul went to Corinth - serious rumours concerning the spiritual state of the Corinthian church.

- Strife, jealousy, confusion, argument, disagreement and that kind of thing, it is **not a meeting led** by the Spirit of God.
- Two major sea-ports which traded and serviced Asia and Italy. Wealthy in many aspects, arrogant and selfish to a large degree and aggressive in trade and self-opinion and gain.
- Corinthian believers were underdeveloped, undernourished, suffering from malnutrition, contentious, quibbling, fighting, criticizing, and acting like little children.
- Seeking signs and wonders, and seeking for miracles and tongues and manifestations, and any other evidences, like a spiritual supermarket. Paul calls them carnal.
 1. What constitutes a church – Is it a Sunday congregation, connect groups, or Men's / Ladies meetings etc.
 2. How many people does it take to make a church – Mathew 18:20 Jesus said, "For **where-ever two or three** are gathered (drawn together as MY followers) in or together in my name, there AM I in the midst of them," this reflects discussing, developing and working towards building the Kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 14:26-40

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3. What did the early church in Corinth meet for, and what did they do when they met - They began to minister to one another, they shared their spiritual gifts, they exercised what God had given them for each other's benefit. (Vs 26 describes this)

- The gifts – Has to have rule & measure for the right use of the spiritual gifts at the correct time and appropriate amount.
 - The gifts are for construction and edification – They build and strengthen the congregation.
 - They can be used and identified as a standard for Christian life.
 - Each of member of the Corinth church wished to put them self forward and occupy the time and attention of the congregation.
 - Therefore, trying to out-do and be better than the next. Seriously contentious and chaos in the highest order.
- **Conclusion** – The Corinthian Church behaviour and conduct was against God's will which is, the gifts are for the construction and edification of the body of Christ.

²⁷ If anyone speaks in a tongue, *it should be limited* to two or at the most three, and each one speaking in turn, and one must interpret **(what is said)**. **Important - that Paul now describes the order and limits the measure of the gift.**

²⁸ But if there is no one to interpret, the one **(who wishes to speak in a tongue)** must keep silent in church; let him speak to himself and to God.

1. There is to be no duplication or multiplicity of speakers speaking all at once so that everyone may enjoy the ministry of tongues as it is limited to one or two.
2. Second, it must be interpreted. He seems to imply that one of those who spoke in these unlearned languages would be given the gift of interpretation, so he says, "let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn; and let one interpret."
3. Before speaking in tongues, the speaker ought to discover whether someone has the ability to interpret before he speaks.

Vs 29 - Paul now turns to rules concerning prophesying.

²⁹ Let two or three prophets speak **(as inspired by the Holy Spirit)**, while the rest pay attention *and* weigh carefully what is said.

NB: Why does Paul **use the word limited** for tongues, but not in prophecy – Because tongues is the lesser gift and must be interpreted.

- Prophesying is an attempt to expound and explain the mind of God.
- Prophecy is the gift of explaining revelation, therefore, it is subject to the judgment and comment of others.
- Paul again describes the order and limits the measure of the gift.
- Prevent lengthy meetings and chaos and confusion.
- He says those who operate in prophecy can now discern or judge, however every-one (congregation) must listen and discern carefully to what is said.
- Order is important in the church – who is right if the Holy Spirit gives prophecy to all and which are correct.

³⁰ But if an inspired revelation is made to another who is seated, then the first one must be silent. ³¹ For **(in this way)** you can all prophesy one by one, so that everyone may be instructed, and everyone may be encouraged; ³² for the spirits of prophets are subject to the prophets **(the prophecy is under the speaker's control, and he can stop speaking)**

- One by one – for very good reason.
- Important to understand here is that “spirits of prophets” are the prophetic gifts given to the prophetic ministry or mantle.
- **NB:** The spirit of the prophet is subject to the prophet; the prophet is in control of the spirit. “I could not help myself, the Spirit made me” – is incorrect.

Walked outside and saw the devil sitting on the curb crying, I said what's wrong... he said everyone in there is blaming me for causing everything. Caring is not the same of worrying.

We blame our position in life on two things, God allows this to happen to me and the devil causes this to happen to me. We go through life as a victim and the position we are in is because of everything & everyone.... but me. My question is this, what role, choice or influence did you have in your position ?

This then becomes a way of life whereby we get to a place of default choice we blame others because we have a lack of fruit.

Another thought, maybe it is not an attack of the enemy or that you made a wrong choice bearing a consequence?

Another view – your choice...

- Could it be a Godly purpose?
- Could it be that our position is on purpose?
- Maybe we should see / view our position as Gods purpose and not to escape, but rather as a Godly assignment?

- “Two kinds of speakers -- those who have something to say, and those who have to say something”.

- **NOTE:** We can be the victim of our choices or God's testimony of our circumstances.

³³ for God (**who is the source of their prophesying**) is not a God of confusion *and* disorder but of peace *and* order. As (**is the practice**) in all the churches of the saints (**God's people**),

No one is to dominate - rule (How it should be done and order and when) and **measure** how much should be done.

Paul to the third major area of difficulty in the church, and that is the ministry of women.

Sometimes; man is trapped in time, whereas scriptures are written out of time.

There is the story of the woman who was rebuked for talking too much. She said, "Well, how can I know what I think if I haven't heard what I have to say

Laleo – gossip, scoff, critise, interrupt, to declare one's mind and disclose one's thoughts etc.

³⁴ the women should be **silent** in the churches, for they are not **authorized** to **speak**, but are to take a subordinate place, as the Law says. ³⁵ If there is anything they want to learn **(that is, if they have questions about anything being said or taught)**, they are to ask their own husbands at home; for it is improper for a woman to talk in church.

NB: When used elsewhere in the New Testament, in specific reference to a woman **(Eph 5:22; Col 3:18; Titus 2:4, 5; 1 Peter 3:1, 5)**, this word refers to a **married woman**.

Genesis 1:26-27 & Genesis 2:18

Adam (means man) from root word adama (earth). Earth, soil lowest form of anything, this is indicative of humility and humbleness. Then God breathed life and spirit into him. **Not the earth that makes man, but the breath and spirit of God.**

Adam **formed** = word is **yatser**, meaning "to design as a potter." 1st and original one of a kind. Hunter – purpose & activity.

Eve - **fashioning** of the woman is **banah**, used for making palaces, a temple, or forms of art. It implies that the woman was meant not only to be a companion, but an aesthetic work.

God gives to man the **responsibility and the accountability** to be the leader in the home, church, society & life in general, however, gives to the woman the **responsibility and the accountability to help him**.

NB: There is a Jewish tradition saying God made woman, not out of man's foot to be under him, nor out of his head to be over him, but "She was taken from under his arm that **he might protect her** and from **next to his heart that he might love her**."

- It is clear, from several accounts, that there were certain women who travelled with Paul.
- It is also clear in that a small group of men and women helped him in many ways in his ministry.
- It is also clear from several accounts that the apostle speaks of these individual women with respect and love and warmth and praise for their work and for their ministry.
- It is clear that in **Chapter 11** of this same letter, he strongly defends the right of women to pray and prophesy in the church meeting.
- The principle of headship, Paul deals with that at length in that chapter.
- No, the problem here is not a woman ministering in the church at all. That was proper, despite the traditional interpretation of these events in the last two centuries.
- The problem was still, as the context makes clear, one of disorder and confusion.
- Under Jewish law, women were not allowed to stand tall and minister, however, under the Greek church, especially here in Corinth, women were very much allowed.
- As a consequence, some of the women undoubtedly went too far.
- The account at Corinth clearly suggests. They were asking questions and entering into debate.
- Paul indicated earlier, they abandoned the head covering, thus creating not only dissension, but Paul calls it a "shameful" situation.
- Notice that Paul does not say it is forbidden for women to minister in the church. Nor does he say it is forbidden for women to prophesy, or to pray, or to teach or to Psalm.
- Women are forbidden to speak "the women should keep silence ... they are not permitted to speak."
- There the word is **laleo**, which is the most common word for simply, conversation, talking, gossip, scoff, criticize, interrupt, to declare one's mind and disclose one's thoughts. (to talk just for the sake of it)
- We could well interpret it, even, with the English word "**chatter**."
- Women were entering in and talking it over amongst themselves.

- They got carried away and sometimes turned the meeting into a kind of an open “chatterbox”.
- They were exercising a freedom they rightly possessed, they just took it to far.
- It digresses, takes away, dilutes the purpose and focus of the meeting. That is what Paul is warning against, not allowing God to be heard and for the benefit of the body of Christ and possibly individuals.

Ezer - 21 times in the Old testament – 16 of those times is in direct relation to God himself.

Key Note: Eve – Helper = ezer (pronounced “ay-zer”), and it **is always and only used in the Old Testament** in the context of vitally important and powerful acts of rescue and support.

However, conclusion. Men, women, single, married, young, old, Paul says, they must demonstrate in some way, that **understand, obey** and **recognize God's moral order of leadership.**

1 Timothy 2:1-2

First of all, then, I urge that petitions (**specific requests**), prayers, intercessions (**prayers for others**) and thanksgivings be offered on behalf of all people, ² for kings and all who are in (**positions of**) high authority, so that we may live a peaceful and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

In Verses 36-38 Paul anticipates the reaction of many:

NB: Paul, maybe a little agitated, sarcastic here with their rebellion and arguing and dispute. Confronts them.

³⁶ Did the word of the Lord originate from you (**Corinthians**), or has it come to you only (**so that you know best what God requires**)?

³⁷ If anyone thinks *and* claims that he is a prophet (**a true spokesman for God**) or spiritually astute (**filled with and energized by the Holy Spirit**), let him recognize that the things which I write to you are the Lord's commandment.

Romans 14:17

¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not a *matter of* eating and drinking (**what one likes**), but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

- Paul is clear, he states emphatically, “**truly spiritual people**” always recognize the authority of the Scripture.
- This is very important in these days when people are claiming to be led of the Spirit, and when you point out from a passage of Scripture that what they are saying is contrary to it, they still insist on their **feeling or their experience or their understanding as superior** to that of the Word of God.

- **NOTE:** Paul states, The Spirit of God **never operates** contrary to the written Word.
- **Key point:** Anyone who is truly Spirit-minded and Spirit-filled will recognize the **authority of the Word of God.**

³⁸ If anyone does not recognize this **(that it is a command of the Lord)**, he is not recognized **(by God)**.

- If anyone be ignorant, let him be ignored." In other words, do not pay attention to him; do not needlessly exalt him or her or even get engaged in a lengthy debate about it.
- If they will not listen to the authority of the Word, then do not give them a platform from which to speak; just ignore them. He closes with a statement gathering up his final words.
- It becomes dangerous ground when we think we have unique revelation or special gifts that no one else has.

Job12:2-4

Job said to his 3 comforters;

² "No doubt you are the **(only wise)** people **(in the world)**, And wisdom will die with you!

³ "But I have intelligence *and* understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you. Who does not know such things as these **(of God's wisdom and might)?**

⁴ "I am a joke to my friends; I, one whom God answered when he called upon Him— A just and blameless man is a joke **(and laughed to scorn)**

³⁹ Therefore, believers, desire earnestly to prophesy **(to foretell the future, to speak a new message from God to the people)**, and do not forbid speaking in *unknown* tongues. ⁴⁰ But all things **must be done appropriately and in an orderly manner.**

- That has been the thrust of the whole passage. Choose prophesying, he says, it will build people up, it will comfort them, it will strengthen them, it will edify them.
- That is the supreme ministry when the church comes together. And do not forbid speaking in tongues, he says.
- But, in all things, he says, let everything be done decently and in order. God is a God of order.
- Our faith & desire should be to share in the exercise of spiritual gifts, to be taught by the mind of God, by the Spirit of God, through the Word of God, and to be comforted in times of trial and testing and pressure.
- This is the purpose for the church getting together.
- But whatever you do, do not let it become an endlessly confusing ministry, misrepresentative of the character of God, who is a God of order and decency.

Be subject to governance - (Those in authority over you)

1 Corinthians 14:40

But all things should be done decently and in order.

1 Timothy 3:5

If you can't manage yourself (**self-discipline in all things**) and what you have, how can you manage or have influence in God's church

1 Timothy 3:2

If you want a voice and be heard and have authority in the Church, be beyond reproach, have one wife (or husband) sober minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable and able to teach and be taught.

Romans 13:1-14

- Submit yourself to governing authorities.
- God is the ultimate authority.
- He institutes those that exist in authority in the church.
- If you resist authorities, you resist what God has appointed = judgement.
- Rulers (those in authority) do rule to bring terror, but to prevent bad.
- Do what is good, you will receive approval as he is God's servant.

Philippians 2:3

Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Be conscientious of your intentions, do nothing from a place of rivalry or conceit. Humbleness & humility by counting others more significant than yourself.

Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please God

Conclusion

1 Peter 5:5

⁵ Likewise, you younger men (**of lesser rank and experience**), be subject to your elders (**seek their counsel**); and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another (**tie on the servant's apron**), for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD (**the disdainful, the presumptuous, and He defeats them**), **BUT** HE GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.

Identity (us & HIM), Ministry (us & HIM) & Person (being or Form) of The Holy Spirit

Widest Meaning – Holy Spirit = The One who is called to be our aid.

- Holy Spirit in scripture is not worshipped, HOWEVER, he is destined for fellowship”
Revelation 5:13
- We do not see evidence in the scriptures that the Father or the Son communicate or have fellowship with the Holy Spirit.
1 John 1:3, 2 Corinthians 13:14 (Fellowship)
- The Holy Spirit may be invisible, HOWEVER, He is like the wind, a breath, because **He can be felt or experienced.**
- Power is encountered, experienced and felt in the breath and the wind of the Holy Spirit.
- One of the root explanations of the Holy Spirit in action is – wind or breath is **usually seen, experienced or found in motion**, important to note is that the same wind or breath has the **power to set other things in motion.**

Allos Parakletos.

- **Allos** - Greek word which means "another" of **the same kind.**
- **Parakletos** – Greek means comforter.
- **Heteros** is also translated "another" of **a different kind.**
- Jesus chose **Allos** instead of **Heteros** in describing the Holy Spirit as a comforter.

In the Book of Galatians, the Apostle Paul uses these **two Greek words (Allos / Heteros)** to explain to the Galatians, the true Gospel ("Allos"). the counterfeit "gospel" ("Heteros").

This counterfeit "gospel" was a heresy delivered to the Galatians who had already received the truth. Paul almost begs, encourages and pleads with the Galatians to reject heretical teachings:

The Holy Spirit (the another – **Allos** - that was coming Jesus said) **was exactly like Jesus. NOTE: Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as an equal.**

John 14:15-17

¹⁵ "If you [really] love Me, you will keep *and* obey My commandments.

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and He will **give you another** [a]Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counsellor, Strengthener, Standby), to be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of Truth, **whom the world cannot receive** [and take to its heart] because it does **not see Him or know Him**, *but* you know Him because He (the Holy Spirit) remains with you *continually* and will be in you.

Function & Purpose – 3 Descriptions

- Holy Spirit – Works of his own accord – **Singular**
He prompts you, reveals etc so on & so forth.

John 14:26, John 3: 5-6, Acts 4:31, I Thess 5:19, 1 Cor 12:7, Rom 8:26

- Holy Spirit – Works with you, in and behalf of you & others.
Gifts / Fruits / Manifestations of the Spirit. **Plural, together.**
1 Cor 3:16, 1 Cor 6:19, 2 Cor 6:16, Ezek 36:27, Acts 6:5, 1 John 2:27
- We decide – Holy Spirit prompts, leads, directs, guides us. Flesh to Spirit.
We get choice, we make decisions – turn those over to the Holy Spirit for best result. **Singular – Plural**
Deut 30:19, John 3:16, Eph 4:18-24, 2 Pet 3:9, Gal 6:7-8, Rom 8:29,

“To receive the power of God, one has to have a relationship with God”

- When a farmer grows crops, **his desire** is to **receive its fruit**, but his **relationship is with the plant**.
- It is the plant that the farmer **sows, waters, and takes care** of, even though he is waiting for the fruit. Without the plant, there will be no fruit.
- The **fruit is achieved** through the **relationship with the plant**.
- The disciples desired the **fruit** of the Holy Spirit, but for that, it was necessary for them to relate to the Holy Spirit as a person.
- Before seeing Godly manifestation, we as believers must learn **to love, serve, adore, and respect** the Spirit, **wait in Him and on Him** and **form a relationship** with Him. **Spend time knowing** him, learn to relate to him, understand him and how he manifests Himself.

The Holy Spirit was active in the beginning and will be active in the end.

- **Genesis 1:2**, We find Him moving about the surface of the waters.
- **Revelation 22:17**, He and the bride cry with one voice.
- It is vital for the church to know the Spirit, learn to relate to Him, and understand how He manifests Himself.

The Holy Spirit has feelings – He is a person

- He can become sad or angry.
- Others can insult Him and blaspheme against Him

Isaiah 63:10

- Rebelled against God.
- Grieved the Holy Spirit.
- God turned against them and became their enemy.
- God directly fought against them.

Matthew 12:31

- Sin & slander can be forgiven.
- Blasphemy against the Spirit – not forgiven

Acts 7:51

- Hard-nosed, inflexible, selfish.
- No fruit – hard hearts, self-indulged do not hear.
- Resistance to the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 4:30

- Do not grieve the Holy Spirit.
- He sealed us for the day of redemption.

Hebrews 10:29

- Man asked his views, judge, jury & hangman.
- Forgetting the importance of the Jesus, the cross, the blood, sanctification, redemption & covenant with God through Jesus.

The Holy Spirit has intentions - Distinguishes Him as a person

- He shows wilfulness and discretion, loves, communicates, testifies, teaches, and prays.
- These are qualities that distinguish Him as a person.

Nehemiah 9:20

- Gods Spirit is GOOD
- Gods Spirit instructs.
- God withholds nothing to those who believe.

John 15:26

- Holy Spirit is our advocate.
- He comes from God as God.
- He is ONLY truth.
- He will confirm, testify and assure God is who he says He is.

Acts 13:2

- What happens when we fast and worship God.
- The Holy Spirit speaks.
- Gifts, callings, ministry etc

Romans 8:26-27

- Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness.
- *Holy Spirit stand in the gap for us.*
- *Holy Spirit only does the will of God.*

Romans 15:30

- Unity of the body of Christ.
- Through what Jesus did for mankind.
- Those who love God and the Holy Spirit with expectation.
- Pray through all adversity, trial and hardship.
- Believe by faith for answers, expect results and the Spirit to reveal Himself.

The Theology of "Spirits" is called pneumatology

John 14:26

The Helper in Jesus name

John 3:5-6

Jesus tells the truth

Kingdom is entered through two baptisms – water & Spirit.

Acts 4:31

When they finished praying

Holy Spirit **filled** them & **empowered** them

1 Thess 5:19

Do not restrain the Holy Spirit;

Titus 3:6

God pours out his Holy Spirit

Through Jesus Christ

1 Cor 12:7

Signs & wonders through and with the Holy Spirit.

Purpose – is for the good of all

Jude 1:20

We must build & exhort each other in faith

Pray in the power of the Holy Spirit (He empowered you with the Spirit)

Romans 8:26

The Holy Spirit comes to help us, especially as we are weak.

The Holy Spirit can reveal, show us what to pray for.

Holy Spirit himself pleads with God for us in groans that words cannot express.

Acts 2:38

Peter said - Turn away from your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Reason - so that your sins will be forgiven.

Promise - and you will receive God's gift, the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28: 18 -20

- Jesus is **always near**.
- Jesus has been given **all authority in heaven and on earth**.
- Our commission - **Go**, then, **to all peoples** everywhere and **make them my disciples**.
- **Baptize them** in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
- **Teach them** to obey everything I have commanded you.
- **Promise** - And I will be with you always, to the end of the age."

Isaiah 11: 2-3

²And the **Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him**—

The Spirit of **wisdom** and **understanding**, The Spirit of **counsel** and **strength**,
The Spirit of **knowledge** and of the [reverential and obedient] fear of the LORD—

³And He will **delight** in the fear of the LORD, and He will **not judge** by what His eyes see,
Nor make decisions by what His ears hear;

- **He leads and directs.** (Matthew 4:1; Mark 1:12; Luke 2:27; 4:1; Acts 8:29; Romans 8:14)
- **The Holy Spirit speaks – in, to and through.** (Matthew 10:20; Acts 1:16; 2:4; 13:2; 28:25; Hebrews 3:7)
- **He gives power to cast out devils.** (Matthew 12:28)
- **He releases power.** (Luke 4:14)
- **The Holy Spirit anoints.** (Luke 4:18; Acts 10:38)
- **The Holy Spirit “comes upon” or “falls on”.** (Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:10; Luke 2:25; 3:22; 4:18; John 1:32,33; Acts 10:44; 11:15)
- **He baptizes and fills.**(Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 1:15,41,67; 3:16, 4:1; John 1:33; Acts 1:4-5; 2:4; 4:8,31; 6:3,5; 7:55; 10:47; 11:24; 13:9,52; 1 Corinthians 12:12)
- **He gives new birth.** (John 3:5,8)
- **He leads into worship.** (John 4:23)
- **He flows like a river from the spirit man.** (John 7:38-39)
- **He ministers truth.** (John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13)
- **He dwells in people.** (John 14:17; Romans 8:9,11; 1 Corinthians 3:16)
- **The Holy Spirit gives comfort, health, and strength.** (John 15:26; Acts 9:31)
- **He proceeds from the Father.** (John 15:26)
- **He shows us things to come.** (John 16:13)
- **He gives the gift of tongues.** (Acts 2:4)
- **He releases prophecy, dreams and visions.** (Acts 2:17,18; 11:28)
- **He can transport people physically.** (Acts 8:39)
- **The Holy Spirit brings direction and guidance.** (Mark 13:36; 13:11; Acts 10:19; 11:12; 21:11; 1 Timothy 4:1)
- **He is Holiness.** (Romans 1:4)
- **He is the Spirit of life and gives life.** (Romans 8:1,10)
- **The Holy Spirit invites us to walk with Him.** (Romans 8:4-5)
- **He groans, prays and intercedes.** (Romans 8:26-27)
- **He is a Sword.** (Ephesians 6:17)
- **The Holy Spirit produces fruit in our lives.** (Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 5:9)
- **He helps us in our weakness.** (Romans 8:26)
- **He bears witness.** (Acts 5:32 15:28; 20:23; Romans 8:15-16; Hebrews 10:15; 1 John 4:13; 5:6-8)
- **He is the Spirit of Adoption.** (Romans 8:15)
- **He gives power to mortify the deeds of the flesh.** (Romans 8:13)
- **He provides power for signs, wonders and preaching.** (Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:4)
- **He ministers love.** (Romans 15:30)
- **He searches the deep things of God.** (1 Corinthians 2:10)
- **He quickens the mortal body.** (Romans 8:13)

- **He brings revelation.** (Luke 2:25; 1 Corinthians 2:10,12; Ephesians 1:17-19; 3:5)
- **The Holy Spirit reveals to us what has been given by God.** (1 Corinthians 2:12)
- **He washes, sanctifies, purifies and justifies.** (Romans 15;16, 1 Corinthians 6:11; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Timothy 3:16; 1 Peter 1:2,22)
- **He gives gifts.** (1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Hebrews 2:4)
- **He seals us.** (2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 4:30)
- **He is liberty.** (2 Corinthians 3:17)
- **He changes us into the image of Christ.** (2 Corinthians 3:17)
- **He is the promise of the blessing of Abraham.** (Galatians 3:14)
- **He releases a cry to the Father.** (Galatians 4:6)
- **He gives access to the Father.** (Ephesians 2:18)
- **The Holy Spirit builds us together for a house for God.** (Ephesians 2:22)
- **He strengthens us with might.** (Ephesians 3:16)
- **He is unity.** (Ephesians 4:3-4)
- **He is wine.** (Ephesians 5:18)
- **He supplies.** (Philippians 1:19)
- **He is fellowship.** (2 Corinthians 13;14; Philippians 2:1)
- **He is grace.** (Hebrews 10:29)
- **He is glory.** (1 Peter 4:14)
- **The Holy Spirit speaks to the churches.** (Revelation 2:11,17,29; 3:6,13,22)
- **He calls for the Bridegroom.** (Revelation 22:17)
- **The Holy Spirit has the power of conception and anointing for God's purposes.** (Matthew 1:18,20; Luke 1:35)
- **He teaches.** (Luke 12:12; John 14:26; 1 Corinthians 2:13; 1 John 2:27)
- **He gives commandments.** (Acts 1:2)
- **He provides power to be a witness.** (Acts 1:8)
- **He provides boldness.** (Acts 4:31)
- **He gives sight.** (Acts 9:17)
- **He commissions.** (Acts 13:4)
- **He restrains.** (Acts 16:6)
- **He appoints ministries and gives them authority.** (Acts 20:28)
- **He releases love.** (Romans 5:5)
- **He is righteousness, peace and joy.** (Romans 14:17; 15:13; 1 Thessalonians 1:6)
- **He confesses Christ's Lordship.** (1 Corinthians 12:3)
- **The Holy Spirit brings the gospel.** (1 Thessalonians 1:5-6)
- **He is keeping power.** (2 Timothy 1:14)
- **He brings renewal.** (Titus 3:5)
- **He moves on believers.** (2 Peter 1:21)
- **He convicts the world.** (John 16:8)

Author of Scripture: ([2 Peter 1:21](#); [2 Timothy 3:16](#))

- The Bible is inspired, literally "God-breathed," by the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity.
- The Spirit moved the authors of all 66 books to record exactly what He breathed into their hearts and minds.

Comforter / Counselor / Advocate: ([Isaiah 11:2](#); [John 14:16](#); [15:26](#); [16:7](#))

Convicter of Sin: ([John 16:7-11](#))

Deposit / Seal / Earnest: ([2 Corinthians 1:22](#); [5:5](#); [Ephesians 1:13-14](#))

Guide: ([John 16:13](#)) ([1 Corinthians 2:14](#)).

In-dweller of Believers: ([Romans 8:9-11](#); [Ephesians 2:21-22](#); [1 Corinthians 6:19](#))
([Galatians 5:22-23](#))

Intercessor: ([Romans 8:26](#))

Revealer / Spirit of Truth: ([John 14:17](#); [16:13](#); [1 Corinthians 2:12-16](#))

Spirit of God / the Lord / Christ: ([Matthew 3:16](#); [2 Corinthians 3:17](#); [1 Peter 1:11](#))
([John 1:1-3](#)).

Spirit of Life: ([Romans 8:2](#))

Teacher: ([John 14:26](#); [1 Corinthians 2:13](#))

Witness: ([Romans 8:16](#); [Hebrews 2:4](#); [10:15](#))

1. The Holy Spirit mentioned on equal level with God

Matt. 28:19, 2 Cor. 13:14, Eph. 4:4-6, 2 Cor. 3:16-18,

Names of the Holy Spirit

Spirit of God

- [Rom. 8:9](#), [Gen. 1:2](#)

Spirit of Christ

- [Rom. 8:9](#),

Spirit of your Father

- [Matt. 10:20](#),

The Spirit of Truth

- [John 14:17](#), [John 15:26](#).

The Spirit of the Lord

- [Acts 8:39](#), [Judges 15:14](#); [1 Sam. 16:12](#)

2. The Holy Spirit is referred to as a person by scripture

Who

- [Rom. 8:11](#), [John 6:63](#), [1 John 5:6](#), [1 Cor. 2:12](#); [2 Tim. 1:14](#);

He

- [John 14:26](#),

Himself

- [Rom. 8:16](#), "[Rom. 8:26](#),

Personhood of the Holy Spirit (has emotions, is aware, speaks, knows, etc.)

Grieves

- [Isaiah 63:10](#), [Eph. 4:30](#),

Loves

- [Rom. 15:30](#),

Has a mind

- [Rom. 8:27](#),

Speaks

- [2 Sam. 23:2](#), [Acts 8:29](#), "[Acts 10:19](#), [Acts 11:12](#), [Acts 13:2](#), [Acts 21:11](#), [Acts 28:25-26](#),
[1 Tim. 4:1](#), [Heb. 3:7-8](#), [Rev. 2:7](#), [Rev. 2:11](#), [17](#), [29](#); [3:6](#), [13](#), [22](#), [Rev. 14:13](#), [Rev. 22:17](#),

Knows

[1 Cor. 2:11](#)

Has an awareness of goodness

- [Acts 15:28](#),

Can be lied to

- [Acts 5:3](#),

Can be tested

- [Acts 5:9](#)

Makes overseers

- [Acts 20:28](#),

Can be a witness

- [Acts 5:32](#),

Can be resisted

- [Acts 7:51](#)

3. **Activities of the Holy Spirit**

Teaches

- [John 14:26](#), [Luke 12:12](#),

Intercedes

- [Rom. 8:26](#),

Leads

- [Matt. 4:1](#),

Gives life

- [John 6:63](#),

Filled by

- [Acts 2:4](#),

4. **Forms of the Holy Spirit**

Dove

- [Matt. 3:16](#),

5. **Miscellaneous**

Can be spoken against

- [Matt. 12:32](#),

Can be baptized with the Holy Spirit

- [Mark 1:8](#),

The Spirit is given

- [John 3:34](#),

The Spirit is received

- [John 20:22](#),

The Spirit forbids

- [Acts 16:6](#),

The Spirit searches all things

- [1 Cor. 2:10](#),

The Spirit is the truth

- [1 John 5:6](#),