

## Doctrine of the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

### General References in the New Testament

1. The Holy Spirit is credited with generating the life in the Virgin Mary leading to the Incarnation of Christ.
  - *Matthew 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.*
  - *Matthew 1:20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.*
  
2. The Messiah was to baptize people with the Holy Ghost. The word baptize means “to dip, to immerse” but it also means to identify one object with another. At the moment of salvation the believer is identified with the person and work of Christ. There is only one true Spirit baptism which can unite all of God’s people and that is the Spirit baptism whereby the soul is placed in union with Christ.
  - *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:*

This one true baptism of the Spirit has nothing to do with speaking in tongues or ecstatic utterances for not all believers are encouraged to speak in tongues or ecstatic utterance; not all believers are given permission to do so by God the Holy Spirit. Any attempt to get others to speak in tongues or seek ecstatic utterances in the name of being baptized in the Spirit has no biblical warrant in *Scripture*.
  
3. Jesus was baptized with the Holy Ghost which means He was endued with power from on high. There is no record that Jesus ever spoke with ecstatic utterances. All of the prayers Jesus spoke that were overheard and remembered could be remembered because He spoke in known languages, as is always proper.
  - *Matthew 3:16-17 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*
  
4. Sometimes the Holy Spirit leads to the place of testing in order to produce a work of grace.
  - *Matthew 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.*

5. By being dependent on the Holy Spirit, wisdom will be given to answer in an appropriate manner those who oppose the faith.

- *Matthew 10:20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.*
- *Mark 13:11 But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.*
- *Luke 12:12 For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.*

6. By the power of the Holy Ghost Jesus was able to cast out demons.

- *Matthew 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.*

7. The equality of the Holy Spirit with God the Father is set forth in key trinitarian passages.

- *Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

8. Through the power of the Holy Ghost men can utter prophetic statements.

- *Mark 12:36 For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool.*
- *Luke 1:67 And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,*

9. It is possible for babies to be filled with the Holy Ghost.

- *Luke 1:15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.*

10. Mary conceived Christ by the life-creating agency of the Holy Spirit.

- *Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.*

11. The Holy Spirit produces a life of holiness and faith in the heart of the believer.

- *Luke 2:25-27 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,*

12. The coming of the Holy Spirit reflects the pleasure of the Father in a person.

- *Luke 3:22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.*

13. Every minister of the gospel should emulate the Messiah and seek to be filled with the Holy Spirit in order to preach effectively.

- *Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,*

14. The Holy Spirit is a gift of God given to those who ask.

- *Luke 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?*

15. Christian service without the power and presence of the Holy Spirit produces little if any spiritually lasting fruit.

- *Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.*

16. By the coming of the Holy Spirit upon Christ, the spiritual understanding of John the Baptist was opened and he knew that Jesus was the Messiah.

- *John 1:32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.*

17. Only God the Holy Spirit can produce new life in the heart of a sinner.

- *John 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*
- *John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.*

18. The Holy Spirit was not parceled out to Christ but came to Him in the fullness of the godhead bodily.

- *John 3:34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.*

19. When a person believes in Jesus Christ as personal savior God the Holy Spirit comes to take up residence in the life.

- *John 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)*

20. The world, the flesh, and the devil resist and reject the person and work of the Holy Spirit because they do not see Him or know Him.

- *John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

21. The Holy Spirit has been assigned the task of causing the believer to comprehend and remember spiritual truth.

- *John 14:26 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.*

22. The Holy Spirit deflects glory from Himself to Christ.

- *John 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:*

23. The Holy Spirit has come to reprove or rebuke the world of sin, righteousness and the judgment to come.

- *John 16:7 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. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.*

24. There are many fillings of the Holy Ghost. Prior to Pentecost Jesus breathed on His disciples and they received the Holy Spirit.

- *John 20:22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:*

25. To the last moment of His teaching and ascension into heaven Jesus depended upon the Holy Ghost to sustain His life and ministry.

- *Acts 1:2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:*

26. Part of the gospel promise is that the believer shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

- *Acts 1:5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*

27. The church has not been left without spiritual power to accomplish the task of fulfilling the Great Commission.

- *Acts 1:8 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.*

"O spread the tidings 'round, wherever man is found,  
 Wherever human hearts and human woes abound;  
 Let ev'ry Christian tongue proclaim the joyful sound:  
     The Comforter has come!  
 The Comforter has come, the Comforter has come!  
 The Holy Ghost from Heav'n, the Father's promise giv'n;

O spread the tidings 'round, wherever man is found  
     The Comforter has come!

The long, long night is past, the morning breaks at last,  
 And hushed the dreadful wail and fury of the blast,  
 As o'er the golden hills the day advances fast!  
     The Comforter has come!

Lo, the great King of kings, with healing in His wings,  
 To ev'ry captive soul a full deliverance brings;  
 And through the vacant cells the song of triumph rings;  
     The Comforter has come!

O boundless love divine! How shall this tongue of mine  
 To wond'ring mortals tell the matchless grace divine-  
 That I, a child of hell, should in His image shine!  
     The Comforter has come!"

28. By the prophetic ministry of the Holy Spirit David spoke about the dark deeds of Judas.

- *Acts 1: 16 Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.*

29. On the day of Pentecost the Holy Ghost revealed Himself in a powerful and visible way to the church and to the world to announce His arrival and the dawn of a new era.

- *Acts 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

30. The exaltation and glorification of Christ to heaven was the direct result of the promise of the Holy Ghost being given to the Son.

- *Acts 2:33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.*

31. There are two gospel conditions for receiving the Holy Ghost. The first is to repent of sins and the second is to be obedient in the act of baptism.

- *Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*

32. The endwelling presence of the Holy Spirit produces a holy boldness to be able to speak to the rulers of nations.

- *Acts 4:8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,*

33. Earnest prayer will bring the powerful presence of the Holy Ghost.

- *Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.*

34. There are several sins that can be committed against the Holy Ghost.

- The Holy Spirit can be blasphemed. Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit takes place when the works of the Spirit are ascribed to Satan. *Matthew 12:31 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. 32 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.*
- The Holy Spirit can be lied to. The Holy Spirit is lied to when a promise is made to Him And then broken. *Acts 5:3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? And after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.*

- The Holy Spirit can be resisted. The Spirit is resisted when the gospel message is rejected. *Acts 7:51 Ye stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.*
  - The Holy Spirit can be grieved. The Spirit is grieved when there is unconfessed sin in the heart. *Ephesians 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*
  - The Holy Spirit can be quenched. The Spirit is quenched when the heart is stubborn and persistent in a given sin. There is no sensitivity to the Spirit's corrections. *1 Thessalonians 5:19 Quench not the Spirit.*
35. As the Holy Spirit can be sinned against by lying to Him, so it is a sin to tempt the Spirit. The Spirit is tempted when there is an attitude of bold defiance in the heart or a statement of disbelief that He will bring forth judgment against an unbelieving heart.
- *Acts 5:9 Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.*
36. It is not wrong to call God the Holy Ghost as a witness, provided what is being said is the truth. To invoke the name of God the Father, God the Son or God the Holy Spirit to affirm a matter and then lie, is to break the commandments of taking the name of the Lord in vain.
- *Acts 5:32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.*
37. Those who are servants in the church are to be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- *Acts 6:5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:*
38. It is not wrong to pray and ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit and it is not wrong to pray for the gift of the Spirit for others.
- *Acts 8:15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.*

- *Acts 10:44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?*

39. It is a wicked thought that the Holy Spirit can be bought for money.

- *Acts 8:18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.*

40. The Holy Spirit brings comfort to hurting hearts.

- *Acts 9:31 Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.*

41. As very God of very God the Spirit has the right to guide and command believers and He does.

- *Acts 10:19 While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee. Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.*

“Holy Spirit, faithful Guide, ever near the Christian’s side;  
Gently lead us by the hand, pilgrims in a desert land.  
Weary souls fore’er rejoice, while they hear that sweetest voice,  
Whispering softly, “Wanderer, come, follow Me, I’ll guide thee home.”

41. By the preaching of the gospel the fullness of the Spirit may come upon a congregation with dramatic results.

- *Acts 11:15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.*

42. God the Holy Spirit is pleased to use individuals to add souls to the kingdom through gospel labors.

- *Acts 11:24 For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.*

43. As the Spirit commands, so He calls souls to salvation and to service.

- *Acts 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.*
- *Acts 13:4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.*

44. While there is one indwelling of the Spirit there are many fillings.

- *Acts 13:9 Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,*

44. The filling of the Holy Spirit produces joy in the heart and life of the believer.

- *Acts 13:52 And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.*

45. The giving of the Holy Spirit is an act of divine grace. The gifts of mercy God gives to one He gives to all of His children.

- *Acts 15:8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;*

46. It is possible to know the mind of the Spirit in a given matter and to make that fact known.

- *Acts 15:28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;*
- *Acts 16: 6- Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia. After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.*

47. The filling of the Spirit comes through a right relationship with Jesus Christ and a correct understanding of basic Bible doctrine.

- *Acts 19:2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.*

*Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.*

48. It is the Holy Ghost, not man, that makes a person a minister of the gospel.

- *Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.*

49. It must never be forgotten that the Spirit is holy. Holiness is not merely a divine title but a divine attribute. God the Spirit is free of any type of moral defilement either intrinsically or by association. God the Spirit had an active part in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

- *Romans 1:4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:*

50. What ever love from God is found in the heart of the believer has been placed there by God the Holy Spirit.

- *Romans 5:3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*

“Holy Spirit, God of love,  
Who our night dost brighten,  
Poured on us from Heav’n above,  
Now our faith enlighten.

In Thy light we gather here;  
Show us that Christ’s promise clear  
Its Amen forever.

Jesus, our ascended Lord,  
Oh, fulfill Thy gracious Word:  
Bless us with Thy favor! ”

51. The Christian life is to be lived not in the power of self or worldly philosophies, but in demonstration of the Holy Spirit. While the believer is free from the tyranny of the law of sin and death, the Christian is not free to be lawless. The law of the Spirit produces life. The flesh produces death.

- *Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

52. One sign of being led by the Spirit is a profound interest in spiritual matters.

- *Romans 8:5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*

53. The Bible teaches that sin has killed the body. Nevertheless, if the Holy Spirit lives within the heart there is life, eternal life because of the imputed righteousness of Christ.

- *Romans 8: 10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.*

54. Though the body has been touched and destroyed by sin, by the Spirit there is the Christian hope of the resurrection and the ultimate redemption of the body.

- *Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*

55. Every believer owes a debt to God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. On that basis the Christian has a moral obligation to put to death sin in the body that is displeasing to God.

- *Romans 8:12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. 13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*

“He paid a debt He did not owe,  
I owed a debt I could not pay,  
I needed Someone to take my sins away.

And now I sing a brand new song,  
Amazing grace all day long.  
Christ Jesus paid a debt that I could never pay.”

56. When the Spirit comes to live within the heart, He comes to take away the fear of judgment, death and dying.

- *Romans 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.*

57. The Holy Spirit is kind enough to bear witness that Christians are the children of God.

- *Romans 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*

58. The Holy Spirit is pleased to help the believer in prayer.

- *Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

59. The Holy Ghost can testify to a clear conscience.

- *Romans 9:1 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,*

60. The kingdoms of this world stand in contrast to the kingdom of God.

- *Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.*

“Holy Spirit, source of gladness,  
Come with all Thy radiance bright;  
O’er our weariness and sadness  
Breathe Thy life and shed Thy light!”

61. When the heart needs hope it can be found through the power of the Holy Spirit.

- *Romans 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.*

62. God the Father planned salvation, God the Son accomplished the redemption necessary to secure the salvation of the soul, and God the Holy Spirit applies the work of saving grace to sanctify the heart. Salvation and sanctification is of the Lord.

- *Romans 15:16 That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.*
- *2 Thessalonians 2:13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:*
- *1 Peter 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.*

63. God the Holy Spirit is the source of signs and wonders.

- *Romans 15:18 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed, Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.*

64. A strong motive for praying is out of love for the person and work of God the Holy Spirit.

- *Romans 15:30 Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;*

65. The apostle Paul relied upon the power and presence of the indwelling Holy Spirit for ministry.

- *1 Corinthians 2:4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:*

66. It is the responsibility of the Holy Spirit to reveal spiritual truth and then to search the hearts of individuals for spiritual authenticity.

- *1 Corinthians 2:10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 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. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

67. Every believer is to know and remember that God the Holy Spirit indwells the body which is to be viewed as a temple of God.

- *1 Corinthians 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*

68. Because the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit no believer has a right to consider the body to be a private possession to do with it as he or she thinks best.

- *1 Corinthians 6:19 What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*

69. Salvation's cleansing, sanctification and justification are said to be the work of the Holy Spirit.

- *1 Corinthians 6: 11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.*

70. Only those who are born again can call Jesus Lord and that by the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

- *1 Corinthians 12:3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.*

- *Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;*

71. It is God the Holy Spirit who dispenses spiritual gifts.

- *1 Corinthians 12: 4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.*

### **Nine Spiritual Gifts Given by God the Holy Spirit**

- ❖ The word of wisdom
  - ❖ The word of knowledge
  - ❖ The gift of faith
  - ❖ The gifts of healing
  - ❖ The working of miracles
  - ❖ The gift of prophecy
  - ❖ The discerning of spirits
  - ❖ The divers kinds of tongues
  - ❖ The interpretation of tongues
- *Hebrews 2:4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?*

72. The Holy Spirit has been given to the believer as an earnest or down payment of complete salvation.

- *2 Corinthians 1:22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.*
- *2 Corinthians 5:5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.*

73. The living presence of the indwelling Holy Spirit is superior to the written law of God upon the tablets of stone.

- *2 Corinthians 3:3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.*

74. As the Spirit is holy so He is life itself.

- *2 Corinthians 3:6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.*

75. When contrasted with the period of the Law under the Mosaic economy the administration of the gospel age of the Holy Spirit is glorious.

- *2 Corinthians 3:8 How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?*

76. The presence of the Holy Spirit brings liberty. There is liberty or freedom from the penalty, power and pollution of sin. The soul of the believer is designed to move from one phase of glory to another by means of the Holy Spirit.

- *2 Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

### **From Glory to Glory**

- ❖ There is the glory of the new birth
- ❖ There is the glory of being sanctified from the power, presence and pollution of sin
- ❖ There is the glory of eternal life
- ❖ There is the glory of the resurrected body
- ❖ There is the glory of living again on earth in a body suited for the heavenlies

77. In a variety of ways including the presence of the Holy Spirit, the believer is able to appear as bonified ministers of God.

- *2 Corinthians 6:4 But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, 5 In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; 6 By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,*

**Sixteen Ways to be Manifested as  
an Approved Minister of God**

- ❖ In much patience
- ❖ In afflictions
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78. It is possible to have communion or intimate fellowship with God the Holy Spirit.

- *2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.*
- *Philippians 2: 1 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,*

79. The Holy Spirit is received by faith and not by any good works.

- *Galatians 3:2-3 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?*
- *Galatians 3:14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*

80. The Holy Spirit teaches the heart to pray and to cry "Papa, Papa" before God.

- *Galatians 4:6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.*

81. As salvation comes through faith so does righteousness, as it is waited for through the Spirit.

- *Galatians 5:5 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.*

82. The Holy Spirit is jealous when the flesh is manifested in the life of the believer.

- *Galatians 5:17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.*

83. Spiritual fruit is produced by God the Holy Spirit.

- *Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

### **Nine Spiritual Fruits of the Holy Spirit**

- ❖ Love
- ❖ Joy
- ❖ Peace
- ❖ Longsuffering
- ❖ Gentleness
- ❖ Goodness
- ❖ Faith
- ❖ Meekness
- ❖ Temperance

- *Ephesians 5:9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth ;)*

84. The believer is commanded to take one step at a time by means of the Holy Spirit.

- *Galatians 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

85. The believer is to sow to the Holy Spirit in order to gain eternal life. The seeds which are sown are the decisions that are made. A decision is made to go here or do that. But is this attitude and action dispensed to the flesh or to the Spirit? Does the attitude, action, and speech produce corruption or life eternal? To ask the question in a given decision is to know the answer.

- *Galatians 6:8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.*

86. As the Spirit is given as an earnest or down payment on salvation, so the believer is made more secure by the sealing of the Holy Spirit. The seal is the sign of ownership and authority. God sets the Holy Spirit as the seal that He owns the soul for whom Christ has died.

- *Ephesians 1: 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.*

87. While prayer is to be offered to God the Father in the name of God the Son, prayer is to be offered through the Holy Spirit who gives us access to the One who is also Spirit.

- *Ephesians 2:18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.*

88. While the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, His responsibility is to make it a suitable habitat for God the Father.

- *Ephesians 2:22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.*

89. The Holy Spirit does so many works in and through the believer. One of His responsibilities is to reveal doctrine truth at the right time.

- *Ephesians 3:5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;*

90. Another ministry of the Holy Spirit is to bring doctrinal and emotional stability and spiritual strength to the inner man.

- *Ephesians 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;*

91. Still another ministry of the Holy Spirit is to baptize the believer into the body of Christ. This is an act of identification that takes place at the moment of salvation.

- *Ephesians 4:3 Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;*

92. As intoxicating wine can influence speech, dispositions and conduct, so can being filled with the Spirit. The believer is filled with the Holy Spirit when there are no unconfessed sins and there is a yielding to His power and presence moment by moment.

- *Ephesians 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;*

93. The sword the Holy Spirit uses to guide and protect the believer is the Word of God. The believer can take this sword of the Spirit and use it effectively against the world, the flesh and the devil.

- *Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;*

94. The Holy Spirit supplies the believer with inner fortitude or strength when it is needed most.

- *Philippians 1: 19 For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,*

95. God the Holy Spirit gives the Christian the capacity to love.

- *Colossians 1:8 Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.*

96. There is a spiritual power identified with presenting the gospel that can only be attributed to God the Holy Spirit. This power is related not only to accurate doctrinal content but effective results.

- *1Thessalonians 1:5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.*

97. True Christian joy is found in association with the person and work of God the Holy Spirit. When there is joy in time of affliction, then the heart can know the Holy Spirit is present and active in the heart.

- *1 Thessalonians 1:6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:*

98. The Holy Spirit is the gift of God according to divine grace.

- *1 Thessalonians 4:8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his Holy Spirit. But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.*

99. Knowing the future, the Holy Spirit through His omniscience can say with accuracy what will happen in the last days.

- *1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;*

100. All spiritual resources that have been entrusted to the believer must be kept by the Holy Spirit who dwells in the soul.

- *2 Timothy 1:14 That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.*

101. In matchless grace and humility the Holy Spirit pleads with men as well as warns them.

- *Hebrews 3: 7 Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, 8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:*

102. Those who come to faith in Christ are partakers of the Holy Spirit.

- *Hebrews 6:4 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, 5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, 6 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.*

103. The Holy Spirit sustained Christ during the hours of His great sacrificial work of redemption.

- *Hebrews 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

104. The Holy Spirit is a witness to the believer of the faithfulness of God the Father.

- *Hebrews 10:15 Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, 16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; 17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.*

105. There are various specific sins against the Holy Spirit. One of these is to despise or insult Him.

- *Hebrews 10:29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden underfoot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?*

### **Six Specific Sins against God the Holy Spirit**

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| ❖ The Holy Spirit can be blasphemed | Luke 12: 10          |
| ❖ The Holy Spirit can be lied to    | Acts 5:3             |
| ❖ The Holy Spirit can be resisted   | Acts 7:51            |
| ❖ The Holy Spirit can be grieved    | Ephesians 4:30       |
| ❖ The Holy Spirit can be quenched   | 1 Thessalonians 5:19 |
| ❖ The Holy Spirit can be insulted   | Hebrews 10:29        |

106. The gospel must be preached by means of the power of the Holy Spirit.

- *1 Peter 1:11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.*

107. Gospel obedience and holiness of life is united to the person and work of God the Holy Spirit.

- *1 Peter 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:*

108. The resurrection of Christ is attributed to God the Holy Spirit.

- *1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:*

109. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God.

- *1 Peter 4:14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.*

110. God the Holy Spirit gave the world the *Bible*.

- *2 Peter 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*

111. The Holy Spirit can give a special anointing.

- *1 John 2:20 But ye have an unction [anointing] from the Holy One, and ye know all things.*

112. The Holy Spirit can give personal assurance of salvation.

- *1 John 3:24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.*
- *1 John 4:13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.*

113. One way the Holy Spirit is distinguished from false spirits is that He will confess that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh.

- *1 John 4:2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:*

114. The Trinitarian formula is plainly stated.

- *1 John 5:6 This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.*

115. When prayer is offered it is to be offered through the Spirit.

- *Jude 1:19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,*

116. God the Holy Spirit speaks to churches individually.

- *Revelation 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.*
- *Revelation 2:1 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.*
- *Revelation 2:29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*
- *Revelation 14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.*

117. God the Holy Spirit gives resurrection life.

- *Revelation 11:11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.*

118. The last word given to men in *Scripture* by the Spirit is the invitation to come to Christ.

- *Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*