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Galatians

Lesson 20 Holy Spirit Part 04

Work of the Spirit in You

Galatians 3:1-3, *O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? ²This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? ³Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?*

When the Holy Spirit regenerate a person life the following takes place.

- ✓ He convicts of sin,
- ✓ He turns the heart toward repentance, that is turning from sin toward God,
- ✓ the hearing of the gospel message and
- ✓ then regenerates the heart.

While the regeneration takes place some of the following also takes place in one's life.

1. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

2. Baptism of the Spirit
3. Gifts of the Spirit
4. Guarantee of the Spirit
5. Separates from you Sin and death

1. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

At the moment of salvation, the Holy Spirit comes to indwell within you. When a person is saved the Spirit of God then moves in and takes up residence in that person's heart.

John 14:17, *the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.*

1 John 4:12-14, *No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Saviour of the world.*

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit occurs the moment a person receives Christ as Saviour. The Spirit then begins His work in the life of the believer.

1 Corinthians 12:13, *For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.*

We have been made to drink the Spirit.

Romans 8:9,

You have the Spirit of Christ in you!

The Spirit who convicted you, who turned you toward repentance, who energized the truth in the life of the One who gave it and in you who received it and thus regenerated you came to indwell you. He lives in you.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20, *Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.*

Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which you have from God.

2. Baptism of the Spirit

The Bible says you have been baptized, or you have been immersed with the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:11-13, *But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.*

¹²*For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. ¹³For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.*

Paul's understanding here of baptism by the Spirit is the act by which the Spirit unites us to Jesus Christ and His body, the church. It's becoming a Christian.

When you were saved Christ, who is the baptizer, with or by the Spirit placed you or immersed you into the church, which is His body.

So, you have become a part of the living church by means of the Spirit of God. With the Spirit as the agent, you have been immersed into the church, placed into the church.

3. Gifts of the Spirit

Holy Spirit gives you gift!

Acts 2:38-39, *Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the ^[k]remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."*

1 Corinthians 12:4-7, *There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶ And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. ⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:*

He gives you a divine enablement for unique service to the body of Christ. Now that you are in the body, you are gifted to serve the body.

It could be the gift of

- ✓ preaching or teaching,
- ✓ Governing,
- ✓ Faith,
- ✓ Prayer,
- ✓ Helping,
- ✓ Administrating,
- ✓ different gifts, and
- ✓ combination of all those things.

Each individual in unique ways so that every one of you is a spiritual person to help the body.

But Holy Spirit gifts you.

Gifts are not primarily for the outside world, but it is primarily for the internal functioning of the body of Christ. If you are gifted, then the Spirit of God can minister through you by the gift to the body. You are spiritually gifted!

4. Guarantee of the Spirit

Ephesians 1:13-14, *In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of*

promise,¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

The down payment or guarantee.

When you were saved the Holy Spirit sealed you.

What is the meaning of "sealed you"?

A seal represents of authenticity.

A seal also represents of an unbreakable promise.

So, you were sealed by the Spirit as authentically a child of God and that is an unbroken pledge.

The Holy Spirit secures you for eternity. He secures your eternal glory. The moment you were saved, the Spirit of God became the down payment on God's final instalment of your eternal glory.

The word '**arrabn**' means "engagement ring."

The Holy Spirit is the engagement ring to promise you that Christ will go through with the final wedding when you see Him face to face.

The Holy Spirit, according to **Ephesians 1:14**, is given as a pledge of our inheritance, a pledge of eternal inheritance.

5. Separates from you Sin and death

One other thing the Holy Spirit does for you when you are saved is He separates you from sin and death. He separates you from the dominion of sin and eternal death.

2 Thessalonians 2:13, *But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth,*

- ✓ We are set apart from sin,
- ✓ set apart from death, and
- ✓ the consequence of sin,

through the Holy Spirit.

It is a positional sanctification.

Let us review the order once again!

- ✓ Conviction of sin,
- ✓ Repentance,
- ✓ Hearing with faith of the Word of God,
- ✓ Regeneration,
- ✓ Separated from Sin and Death
- ✓ Indwelling of the Holy Spirit
- ✓ United into the Body of Christ
- ✓ Gifts were given to serve the body
- ✓ Holy Spirit as a deposit for your inheritance.

This is the order in which you begin your life in the Spirit.

Once this happens then I have been blessed with the privilege of having intimate relationship with God. Namely Intimacy with God!

Intimacy with God

Holy Spirit brings us into intimacy with God. Holy spirit provides us access to God and a seamless connection is established.

God is the spiritual source of everything we need, and He is the provider of all spiritual resources.

We are a spiritual being going through this human experience. We are living a spiritual life on this earthly life so we can not achieve the spiritual joy and happiness through natural means. We can and only must satisfied with spiritual satisfaction which can be done only by the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 4:5-6, *to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"*

God adopted us and made us His children.

God sent His Holy Spirit that is

✓ the seal,

- ✓ the guarantee,
- ✓ the down payment,
- ✓ the engagement ring,
- ✓ the first instalment on our eternal inheritance.

Galatians 4:7, *Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.*

Having received the Spirit, you are no longer a slave but a son.

Galatians 4:9, *But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how is it that you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage?*

Paul is saying that in all of this is you are now God's sons.

Son-ship gives you the access to God that's intimacy with Him.

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As a result of this, we cry Abba, Father!

“Abba” is an Arabic diminutive.

It literally in our language would be translated "Papa, Daddy," or in the case of an infant, "Dada."

It is a term of endearment.

It is a term that belongs only to those who have son-ship as a right and privilege.

It signifies intimacy.

It signifies family.

It signifies access.

It signifies love.

It signifies approachableness.

It signifies what the writer of Hebrews had in mind when he said, "Let us draw near."

Romans 8:14-15, *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."*

We don't fear God

We don't live under terror as we approach God.

The Spirit Himself bearing witness with our spirit that we have a right have that intimate access because we are the children of God.

So, the Holy Spirit living in us gives to us access and intimacy with God.

The simple question you ask yourself is this, why would you go to any other resource/ any other person on this planet, when you could go to the living God?

Why is it that we will substitute anything and everything for prayer?

Why do we do that?

When we have access to the living God on the supernatural level whom we can call Papa, Daddy, because there's such intimacy?

Why will we attempt to perfect on the natural level what can only be perfected on the supernatural level?

This someone can do if they would not have any access.

But I am convinced today that people would rather do anything than pray intensely and wrestle with God.

Psalm 16:11, *You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

Do you want joy?

Do you seek pleasure?

Do you seek the path of life?

Do you want to know how to live?

Do you want to know how to walk?

Do you want to have a happy life?

Do you want to know pleasure in life?

You will find in only in one place! In His presence!!

Psalm 27:4, *One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord, And to inquire in His temple.*

Here we can see the focused attention of David on prayer.

Only one request – I want to dwell in the house of the Lord.

All I want to do is be in the presence of God.

This is the mark of a spiritual man.

Psalm 42:1-2, *As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God. ² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?*

Cry of a man who knows where the resources are with God alone!

We can see the psalmist was in trouble.

In verse 3 saying, "My tears have been my food day and night."

In verse 5 he says that he's in despair in the depths of his soul.

In verse 6 he says my soul is in despair.

In verse 7 he's talking about being literally inundated with waves of trials.

In verse 9 it seems as if God has forgotten him.

In verse 11 he again monologs with himself, "Why are you in despair, oh my soul?"

In the middle of his despair, what is he doing?

Who is he looking for?

What plane does he seek a solution?

He says, "I pant for You, oh God, like a thirsty deer."

Psalm 73:25-26, *Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. ²⁶ My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.*

Asaph, another whom God used to pen some psalms, a similar heart cry in whom have I in heaven but You? And besides You”

I love this “I desire nothing on earth.”

Having begun your Christian life in the Spirit, descend to try to live it on a natural plane. It can't be done.

If there's any reason beyond all other reasons why the church is in such trouble, it is because it is trying to finish in natural way. The church wants a quick fix, a short answer, a program, a seminar, a counselling theory, a psychological prop, everything is nothing but the substitute for the depth of communion with the living God.

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

That's the spirit of a spiritual man.

God is the strength of my heart.

God has made that strength so available to you because of the Spirit of God giving you access to God's resources.

Conclusion:

Intimacy with God gives us

- ✓ Access to Fellowship,
- ✓ Access to His resources, and
- ✓ Access to His Wisdom

Psalms 63:1-5,

O God, You are my God;

Early will I seek You;

My soul thirsts for You;

My flesh longs for You

In a dry and thirsty land

Where there is no water.

2 So I have looked for You in the sanctuary,

To see Your power and Your glory.

3 Because Your lovingkindness is better than life,

My lips shall praise You.

4 Thus I will bless You while I live;

I will lift up my hands in Your name.

5 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness,

And my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips.