

Overview:

The Holy Spirit, the third person in the Triune Godhead, is both God's promise concerning His future commitment to us and God in His interaction with us now. It is through the person of the Holy Spirit that we know God and that we truly become His instruments in the world. As Christians, and as leaders, it is essential that we understand the work that the Holy Spirit must do in the lost, in our own lives and in the people we lead.

Outline

His Impact on My Eternal Destiny

I. **The Gift** *The Holy Spirit is the gift we receive from God at salvation.*

- A. Receiving the Holy Spirit was the mark of salvation to the first century church. *Acts 2:38*
- B. We receive eternal life when we are born of the Spirit. *John 3:5-6; Titus 3:5-6*

II. **The Guarantee** *The Holy Spirit is the seal/deposit we receive from God guaranteeing our inheritance.*

- A. The presence of the Holy Spirit is a basis for our assurance of salvation.
II Cor. 1:22; 5:5; Eph. 1:13-14

His Impact on Me in this Life.

Much of what God accomplished in our salvation was done outside of us or will impact us directly later; the indwelling for the Holy Spirit is the only part of our salvation that directly experientially affects me now.

I. **Communion** *Through the Holy Spirit we experience fellowship with God* *Php. 2:1 ¶If you have ...any fellowship with the Spirit*

- A. An intimate connection with God the Father comes through the Holy Spirit. *Romans 8:15-16*
- B. Our relationship with God the Son is through the Holy Spirit. *John 14:16-18*

II. **Communication** *The Holy Spirit communicates God's truth to men.*

- A. It is the Holy Spirit that convicts the lost. *John 16:8*
- B. He enables us to understand spiritual truth.
I Cor. 2:9-16; John 14:26; I John 2:20, 27
- C. He speaks to us through the Word. *Eph. 6:17*

III. **Co-Mission** *The Holy Spirit fills us so He can do God's work through us.*

A. God's part was to give us His Spirit; our part is to let Him fill us.

Ep.5:18 ...be filled with the Spirit.
Acts 4:31; 7:55; 11:24; 13:9

B. Both collectively as the Church and individually we are seen by God as a temple of the Holy Spirit.

I Cor. 6:19; Eph 2:19-22

C. When we are filled with the Spirit we display

1. the fruits of the Spirit. *Gal. 5:22-23*
2. the unity of the Spirit. *Eph. 4:3*
3. the wisdom of the Spirit. *Jas.3:14-18*
4. the gifts of the Spirit. *I Cor. 12:4-7*

Conclusion:

The Holy Spirit is God's gift of Himself, bringing us spiritual life and is also God's promise of a future fellowship that will be eternal and much more experiential. In this life He is our means of communion with the Godhead, the one who reveals to us spiritual truths, and who fills us so that we can truly be an expression and even a manifestation of God in the world.

Supporting Material:

Verses:

Ac.2:38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

John 3:5 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. Titus 3:5-6 He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us generously...

2Co.1:22 He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

2Co.5:5 Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

Ep.1:13,14 Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession--to the praise of his glory.

Php.2:1 If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,

Romans 8: 15 -16 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

John 14:16 -18 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-- the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

John 16:8 When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:

John 14:26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

I Cor 2:9-16 However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has

conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" -- but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment: For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Eph. 6:17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

1 John 2:20-27 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. 27 As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit--just as it has taught you, remain in him.

1Co 6:19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

Eph 2:19-22 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow-citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,

faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control.

Against such things there is no law.

James 3:14-18 But if you harbour bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

Eph. 4:3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

1 Cor 12:4-7 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

Quotes:

The Holy Spirit is the living interiority of God
- Romano Guardini

I should as soon attempt to raise flowers if there were no atmosphere, or produce fruits if there were neither light nor heat, as to regenerate men if I did not believe there was a Holy Ghost.

- Henry Ward Beecher
Before Christ sent the church into the world He sent the Spirit into the church. The same order must be observed today.

- John R. W. Stott
The Spirit of God first imparts love; he next inspires hope, and then gives liberty; and that is about the last thing we have in many of our churches today.

- D.L. Moody

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