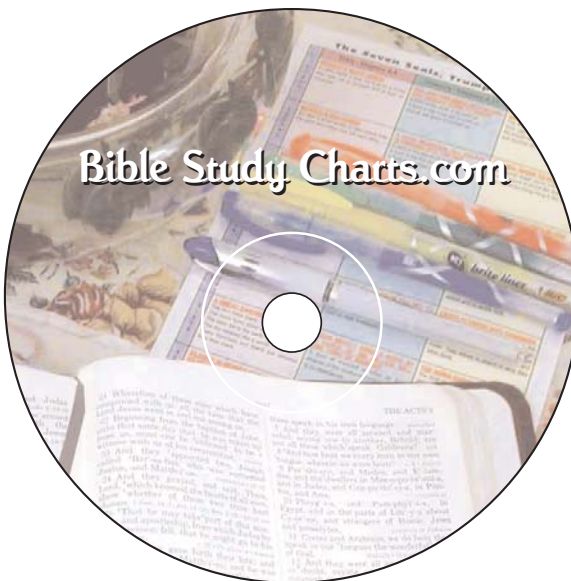


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The Holy Spirit

I. THE DEITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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. Acts 5:3,4

Peter reveals the deity of the Holy Spirit when dealing with Ananias. He said, you have not lied to men but to God.

1. The Holy Spirit is everywhere present in the universe (Ps. 139:7-10).
2. The Holy Spirit has all power (Luke 1:35).
3. The Holy Spirit has all knowledge (1 Cor. 2:1-11).
4. The Holy Spirit is eternal (Heb. 9:14).

II. THE EMBLEMS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire: Luke 3:16

The writers of the Bible used certain emblems when unfolding the mysteries of the Holy Spirit, because they illustrate more about Him than volumes can contain:

1. Fire (Luke 3:16) – Fire speaks of His consuming, purifying power in the life of the believer (Acts 2:3) also (Isaiah 6:1-7).
2. Wind (John 3:8) – Winds speaks of His mighty regenerating power.
3. Water (John 7:37-39) – Water speaks of His power to fill the believer to overflowing with spiritual life.
4. Seal (Eph. 1:13) – Seal speaks of His ownership of the believer.
5. Oil (Acts 10:38) – Oil speaks of His power to anoint for service.
6. Dove (Mark 1:10) – The dove speaks of His gentle, tender, peaceful nature.

We may know “the peace of God, passeth all understanding” (Phil. 4:7) only when you fully surrender to God.

III. SINS AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT

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. 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. Matthew 12:31,32

1. Blaspheming the Holy Spirit (Matt. 12:31,32).
2. Resisting the Holy Spirit (Acts 7:51).
3. Grieving the Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:30-32).
4. Quenching the Holy Spirit (1 Thes. 5:19).
5. Lying to the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:1-11).

The Holy Spirit can be sinned against, because He is God.

IV. THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: John 16:8

Jesus instructs His disciples that when He departs the comforter will come to:

1. Convict men of the sin of unbelief (John 16:9).
2. Convict men that Jesus is the righteousness of God (Rom. 10:3,4).
3. Convict men that the power of Satan has been broken (John 16:11).
4. Regenerate the believer (John 3:5) (Titus 3:5).
5. Indwell the believer (1 Cor. 6:19,20).
6. Seal the believer (Eph. 1:13,14).
7. Baptize the believer (Acts 1:5); (1 Cor. 12:13).
8. Infill the believer (Eph. 5:18).
9. Empower the believer (Acts 1:8).
10. Lead the believer (Gal. 5:16-18).
11. Administer spiritual gifts to the believer (1 Cor. 12:1-11).

The Holy Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost, to remain with the church until it is complete and presented to the Lord Jesus at His coming. Just as Jesus Christ finished the work He came to do in the flesh, so the Holy Spirit will finish the work He came to do in the church.

V. THE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. Gal. 5:22,23

"The fruit of the Spirit is love." Only as we live in love can we fulfill the will of God in our lives. The believer must become inspired, mastered and driven by love.

The fruit of the Spirit is manifested in joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance:

1. Joy is love's strength.
2. Peace is love's security.
3. Long-suffering is love's patience.
4. Gentleness is love's conduct.
5. Goodness is love's character.
6. Faith is love's confidence.
7. Meekness is love's humility.
8. Temperance is love's victory.

A Holy-Spirit-controlled man needs no law to cause him to live a righteous life. The secret of a Spirit-controlled life is found in (Rom. 12:1,2), I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Put your all on the altar, and the Holy Spirit will fill your heart with the love of God. 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. (Rom. 5:5)