

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MINISTRY

...AND WHAT IT IS NOT

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and
that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"

- 1 Corinthians 3:16

1. Talking About the Spirit

- a. Paul started by dealing with their superstitions – Acts 17:22-25
- b. The Spirit is blamed for the whims and emotions of fickle and disorderly people
- c. First, talking about the holy Spirit is not what He would do – John 16:13-14
- d. Asking what the Spirit does is a lot like asking what would Jesus do.
- e. People invoke God when they want something done (Calvinist and Pentecostal)
- f. All we know about the Spirit is from His inspired words - Eph 6:17, 2Pet 1:21

2. Who is the Holy Spirit

- a. He is not an emotion, a gut feeling, an impersonal force, an unintelligent being.
- b. The Holy Ghost and the holy Spirit are the same - John 7:39, Acts 2:4, 1 Cor 2; 12:3
- c. He is a person of the Godhead: he speaks and has a will - Acts 8:29, 1 Cor 12:11
- d. Not less than God; the Spirit is God with the Father and Son - 2 Cor 3:17, 1 Jn 5:7
- e. He dwells in the church and in every believer particularly - 1 Cor 3:16, 6:19
- f. He has power as God, but is not as 'judgmental' as the Father or narrow as the Son

3. His Operation in Salvation

- a. You go to heaven because of what God the Spirit does to you – 1 Cor 6:11
- b. He gives you a position in the Body of Christ – 1 Cor 12:13, 2 Cor 13:14
- c. He operates in the believer without their knowing - Rom 8:26, Titus 3:5, Col 2:11-13
- d. He works in those that believe – Eph 1:13, Heb 11:6
- e. There is no Holy Ghost remote control or trigger like false religions claim.
- f. Saying "God is in this place" gives authority to the speaker, and excites the audience

4. His Work in You

- a. He is not the divine puppet master – you can resist him – Eph 4:30, 1 Thess 5:19
- b. He will not make you do anything – Eph 2:10, 5:18
- c. Everything the Spirit says to you is recorded in the Bible; he is not a fortune teller.
- d. People are selfish: they want more gifts (charisma), power, desires - Psa 37:4
- e. The fruit of the Spirit is not things that people want (physical) it is spiritual
- f. The Spirit crucifies you and gives you newness of life – Rom 6:3-4
- g. He identifies you as Sons of God – Gal 4:16, Rom 8:14, 8:16
- h. He gives you a position in heavenly places in Christ– Eph 2:6-7
- i. He seals you in the Body til the day of redemption – 2 Cor 1:22-23, 5:5, Rom 8:23
- j. He gives you the ability to walk in Him with a renewed spiritual mind – Rom 8:1-6
- k. He has already ministered to you! Are you listening?
- l. You choose to listen by reading and studying the Bible rightly divided or not.
- m. It is your responsibility to put on Christ and walk in the Spirit – Eph 4:23-24