

The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

Part 3

VII. The Seven Spirits Of God

A. There is One Spirit

1. **Ephesians 4:4 (NKJV)**

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling.

2. One Person performing different ministries

3. **Revelation 1:4; 4:5; 5:6**

*John to the seven churches which are in Asia:
Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come, and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne.*

And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

And I behold, and lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

4. This is not a contradiction of Ephesians 4:4, but a demonstration in which the unity of the Spirit finds expression in seven distinctive ways.

5. The supreme God is One in very truth, and yet the Bible sets forth that there are three distinct Persons in the Godhead.

a. **Deuteronomy 6:4 (NKJV)**

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!

6. The Holy Spirit is a unity, but there are seven

expressions or forms in which He operates among men.

a. As the candlestick of the wilderness tabernacle was made of one piece of beaten gold and had seven branches and lamps (Exodus 25:31–37), so the Holy Spirit is one and yet shines forth upon the world in seven different ways.

b. **Exodus 25:31-37 (NKJV)**

³¹*"You shall also make a lampstand of pure gold; the lampstand shall be of hammered work. Its shaft, its branches, its bowls, its ornamental knobs, and flowers shall be of one piece.*

³²*And six branches shall come out of its sides: three branches of the lampstand out of one side, and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side.*

³³*Three bowls shall be made like almond blossoms on one branch, with an ornamental knob and a flower, and three bowls made like almond blossoms on the other branch, with an ornamental knob and a flower--and so for the six branches that come out of the lampstand.*

³⁴*On the lampstand itself four bowls shall be made like almond blossoms, each with its ornamental knob and flower.*

³⁵*And there shall be a knob under the first two branches of the same, a knob under the second two branches of the same, and a knob under the third two branches of the same, according to the six branches that extend from the lampstand.*

³⁶*Their knobs and their branches shall be of one piece; all of it shall be one hammered piece of pure gold.*

³⁷You shall make seven lamps for it, and they shall arrange its lamps so that they give light in front of it.

B. The Seven Expressions Of The Holy Spirit

1. **The Spirit of Grace**

a. **Hebrews 10:29 (NKJV)**

Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

b. **Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT2)**

⁸God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.

⁹Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

c. The Holy Spirit presents Heaven's treasures as gracious gifts to men.

d. Grace is the fundamental law of His ministry. There is no limit to what He will give and do as we accept it as unmerited favor.

2. **The Spirit Of Life**

a. Particularly as the Spirit of Christ He operates in the lives of believers as the Spirit of life

b. **Romans 8:2 (NKJV)**

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

c. He was present at the start of each new creation

1.) Original creation (**Genesis 1:2**)

"And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters"

- 2.) He is now busy imparting life to bring into existence the new creation (**2 Corinthians 5:17**)(NKJV).

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

- d. He is the stream of divine life which flows into our members overwhelming the law of sin and death, coursing through us with virtue from on high. This is more abundant life, and it comes to us in the person of the Holy Spirit.

e. **The Spirit Of Life In Our Bodies**

- 1.) As we will receive Him, the Spirit of life can and will penetrate our physical bodies and quicken them **Romans 8:11 (NLT2)**

The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

- 2.) There is divine healing as the gift of the Holy Spirit **1 Corinthians 12:9 (NLT2)**

The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing.

- 3.) There is divine health by the same Holy Spirit **2 Corinthians 4:10-11 (NLT2)**

¹⁰*Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies.*

¹¹*Yes, we live under constant danger of death because we serve Jesus, so that*

the life of Jesus will be evident in our dying bodies.

- 4.) There is even superhuman strength, as it is needed, by this same Holy Spirit. It was the Spirit of the Lord that came mightily upon Samson which enabled him to perform superhuman feats **Judges 14:6, 19 (NLT2)**

⁶At that moment the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon him, and he ripped the lion's jaws apart with his bare hands. He did it as easily as if it were a young goat. But he didn't tell his father or mother about it.

¹⁹Then the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon him. He went down to the town of Ashkelon, killed thirty men, took their belongings, and gave their clothing to the men who had solved his riddle. But Samson was furious about what had happened, and he went back home to live with his father and mother.

- 5.) The same Spirit caught away Philip and transported him to a distant point **Acts 8:39-40 (NLT2)**

³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing.

⁴⁰Meanwhile, Philip found himself farther north at the town of Azotus. He preached the Good News there and in every town along the way until he came to Caesarea.

3. The Spirit Of Adoption

a. **Romans 8:15 (NKJV)**

For 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."

4. **The Spirit Of Holiness**

a. **Romans 1:4 (NKJV)**

and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

b. **Isaiah 4:4 (NKJV)**

When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning,

c. The Spirit of Holiness, as the spirit of judgment, uncovers and condemns all that is wrong, and, as the spirit of burning, purges it out.

1.) This is a work which is not so pleasant to the believer,

2.) but is very vital to the program of God.

3.) The Bride of the Lamb, which is the Church Universal, must be:

a.) Without spot

b.) Without wrinkle

c.) **Ephesians 5:25-27 (NLT2)**

²⁵*For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her*

²⁶*to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word.*

²⁷*He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church*

without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.

5. **The Spirit Of Supplications**

a. **Zechariah 12:10 (NKJV)**

"And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication [prayer]; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

b. **Romans 8:26-27 (NLT2)**

²⁶*And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.*

²⁷*And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will.*

c. The gift of tongues is a ministry of prayer in the Spirit.

1.) **1 Corinthians 14:2 (NLT2)**

For if you have the ability to speak in tongues, you will be talking only to God, since people won't be able to understand you. You will be speaking by the power of the Spirit, but it will all be mysterious.

2.) **1 Corinthians 14:14-15 (NLT2)**

¹⁴*For if I pray in tongues, my spirit is praying, but I don't understand what I am saying.*

¹⁵Well then, what shall I do? I will pray in the spirit, and I will also pray in words I understand. I will sing in the spirit, and I will also sing in words I understand.

- d. Speaking through the Spirit-filled saints in the gift of the unknown tongue or by inspiring the human understanding, He is the mighty Spirit of supplications.
6. **The Spirit Of Truth**
- a. **John 16:13 (NLT2)**
When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future.
 - b. **Isaiah 11:2-3 (NLT2)** (Seven-fold expression of the Spirit of Truth)
*²And the (1) Spirit of the LORD will rest on him— the Spirit of (2) wisdom and (3) understanding, the Spirit of (4) counsel and (5) might, the Spirit of (6) knowledge and (7) the fear of the LORD.
³He will delight in obeying the LORD. He will not judge by appearance nor make a decision based on hearsay.*
 - c. Teaching is a significant work of the Spirit
7. **The Spirit Of Glory**
- a. **1 Peter 4:14 (NKJV)**
If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.