

THE DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, Part 15

John 6:63; 15:26; 16:8

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life...But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me ...And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.

4. THE SAINTS AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.

(7) THE SUFFERINGS OF THE SPIRIT

(8) MARKS OF SPIRITUALITY.

1. The Natural Man.

2. The Carnal Man.

3. The Spiritual Man.

Introduction

-The word "*spiritual*" comes from the Greek root word *pneuma* meaning *breath*. Our English word pneumonia comes from this word. Its meaning is "*Spirit Minded*" or "*Spirit breathed awareness*."

Rom.8:5,6: "For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be *spiritually minded* (*Spirit Minded, Spirit breathed awareness*) is life and peace."

1 Cor.3:1: "And I, brethren, could not speak to you *as to spiritual people* (*Spirit Minded, Spirit breathed awareness*) but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ."

- The question arises then: How does one become a Spiritual Man?

(1) The Holy Spirit creates the Spiritual Man.

Eph 4:17-19: "This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness."

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(a) He Provides *Perspective* (1 Cor.2:6-13; 1 John 2:20; 26; Eph.1:17-18).

-The perspective that the Holy Spirit supplies is: Spiritual insight and understanding; spiritual mindedness; a spiritual worldview and outlook; and discernment into spiritual matters. God lifts the veil and pulls back the curtain, enabling us to see as He sees.

(b) He Supplies *Control* (Rom.6:21-23; Gal.2:20; Col.3:1-4; Rom.6:11-19; 1 Cor.6:19-20).

-When it comes to the spiritual life it is preeminently a matter of *who is in control* ? And when it comes to answering the question of who is in control of my life I must understand that *I am never in control*. Oh yes we have certain choices, but even

those choices are determined by who is in control of me. There are three forces in me always striving to take full control. They are **God, the devil, and sin.**

-The unbeliever or non-Christian is controlled by the devil and is a slave of sin.

1 Pet.5:8: “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”

John 8:44: “You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.”

John 8:34: “Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.”

-The believer is controlled by God and a slave of Christ.

Rom.6:21-23: “What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things *is* death. 22 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. 23 For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

John 15:5: “For without Me you can do nothing.”

(2) The Holy Spirit’s effects upon the Spiritual Man.

(a) The Effect Upon the *Mind*:

- Mental Comprehension.
- Spiritual Understanding.

(b) The Effect Upon the *Heart*:

- The Affections.
- The Will.

(c) The Effects Upon The *Conscience*:

- Weak.
- Strong.

(d) The Effects Upon The *Convictions*:

- Weak.
- Strong.

(3) The Holy Spirit renews the Spiritual Man.

(a) Transformation (2 Cor.3:18; 4:16).

(b) Daily Renewal (2 Cor.4:16).

(c) Renewed in the Spirit (Eph.4:23, Col.3:10).