

**THE DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, Part 7**

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.

**3) NEW TESTAMENT ACTIVITIES (cont.)**

**(C) The Deity of the Holy Spirit**

- (1) The Holy Spirit is identified as God.**
- (2) The Holy Spirit shares the attributes of the Father and the Son.**
- (3) The Holy Spirit performs tasks only possible to Deity.**
- (4) The Holy Spirit is identified with the Father and the Son.**

**(D) The Symbols of the Holy Spirit (cont.)**

- Types, parables, and emblems abound to illustrate the work of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We classify the emblems of the Holy Spirit under two headings (1) Symbols from natural life and (2) symbols from human life:
- ***Symbols drawn from natural life (cont.)***

**5. Oil.**

- *Oil represents illumination* (Ex.25:6; Mt.5:16; 25:3,4; Psa.119:18; Ex.30:7).
- *Oil was supplied for various anointings.* (1 Cor.1:21-22; 1 John 2:20,27; Eph.5:18).

**6. Wine** (Psa.104:15; Eccl.10:19; Acts 2:13-17; Mt.11:19; Eph.5:18).

- This is a striking symbol and it represents the refreshing, stimulating, gladdening influence in the lives of believers.
- Christ Himself, Spirit filled, was mistaken for a winebibber or drunkard But God would have us avoid the fleshly excitement produced by the excess of wine.

**7. Seed** (Gal.3:16; Luke 8:5; 1 John 3:9).

- As a symbol "seed" is applied to Christ, the scriptures, and the Holy Spirit.

**8. Seal** (Eph.1:13; 4:30; 2 Cor.1:22).

Eph.1:13: "In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise"

Eph.4:30: "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."

2 Cor.1:22: "who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."

**9. Earnest** (2 Cor.1:22; 5:5; Eph.1:13,14).

- An “earnest” was a deposit paid by a buyer to give validity to a contract.  
2 Cor.1:22: “who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.”  
2 Cor.5:5: “Now He who has prepared us for this very thing *is* God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.”  
Eph.1:13,14: “In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.”  
-The gift of the Spirit is the pledge and deposit of our complete inheritance. What God has already given by way of a deposit, He give us the rest of our inheritance in heaven. In the present we have the “firstfruits” of the Spirit, but the present enjoyment of Him is a pledge of future glory.

**10. Clothing** (Judges 6:34; Luke 24:49; cf. Isa.61:10).

- The symbol of clothing is used in a figurative sense to describe the action of the Holy Spirit taking full possession of an individual or completely covering a person with His presence and power.

**11. Seven.**

- Representing perfection, the number “seven” symbolizes the Holy Spirit as the perfection of Deity, and the perfection of God’s work. Note how seven portrays His perfections:  
(a) Having “seven eyes” (Zech.3:9; 4:10; Rev.5:6), He possesses *perfect insight*.  
(b) Having “seven horns” (Rev.5:6), He possesses *perfect power*.  
(c) As the “Seven Spirits” (Rev.1:4), He possesses *perfect obedience*.  
(d) As “seven lamps of fire” (Rev.4:5), He possesses *perfect holiness*.

**APPLICATIONS**

**1. We need the continual filling of the oil of the Holy Spirit to shine as light in darkness** (Rom.8:9,14; John 7:38-39; 4:13-15; Matt.25:1-4; Eph.5:18).

**2. Believers are closely identified with the anointing of the Holy Spirit. May we experience the fresh, daily anointing of the Holy Spirit to be equipped to serve Him** (1 John 2:20,27).