

## *Lesson 77: The Holy Spirit in our Hearts - 4*

**Memory Verse:** That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love. Ephesians 3:16,17

### **III. The Holy Spirit in the Life**

1. How do we know that Christ is dwelling in our hearts? **1 John 3:23,24**

And this is his \_\_\_\_\_, That we should \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ of his Son Jesus Christ, and \_\_\_\_\_ one another, as he gave us commandment. And he that \_\_\_\_\_ his commandments \_\_\_\_\_ in him, and he in him. And \_\_\_\_\_ we know that he abideth in us, by the \_\_\_\_\_ which he hath given us.

**Note:** When the Holy Spirit is abiding in the heart, it will lead the human agent  
to **see** his own defects of character,  
to **pity** the weakness of others,  
to **forgive** as he wishes to be forgiven.

He will be pitiful, courteous, Christlike RH, April 10, 1900 par. 10

2. How did Jesus prepare the disciples so that they would understand the place and purpose of the life and death of Jesus and be able to preach this to the whole world – both Jews and Gentiles? **Luke 24:44-49**

"And he said unto them, These are the words which I \_\_\_\_\_ unto you, while I was yet \_\_\_\_\_ you, that all things must be \_\_\_\_\_, which were \_\_\_\_\_ in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning \_\_\_\_\_. Then \_\_\_\_\_ he their \_\_\_\_\_, that they might understand the \_\_\_\_\_, And said unto them, Thus it is \_\_\_\_\_, and thus it behoved Christ to \_\_\_\_\_, and to \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ the third day: And that \_\_\_\_\_ and remission of sins should be preached in his \_\_\_\_\_ among all nations, \_\_\_\_\_ at Jerusalem. And ye are \_\_\_\_\_ of these things. And, behold, I send the \_\_\_\_\_ of my Father upon you: but \_\_\_\_\_ ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with \_\_\_\_\_ from on high."

**Note:** When Jesus met with His disciples, He **reminded** them of the words He had spoken to them before His death, that **all things must be fulfilled** which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the Psalm concerning Him. DA 804.2

**The disciples began to realize the nature and extent of their work.**

They were to proclaim to the **world** the wonderful truths which Christ had entrusted to them.

The **events** of His life, His death and resurrection,  
the **prophecies** that pointed to these events,  
the **sacredness** of the law of God,  
the **mysteries** of the plan of salvation,  
the **power of Jesus** for the remission of sins,

– to **all** these things they were **witnesses**, and they were to **make them known to the world**.

They were to **proclaim** the gospel of peace and salvation

**through repentance and the power of the Saviour.**" DA 805.1

**John 20:21-23** "Then said Jesus to them again, \_\_\_\_\_ be unto you: as my Father hath

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\_\_\_\_\_ me, even so \_\_\_\_\_ I you. And when he had said this, he \_\_\_\_\_ on them, and saith unto them, \_\_\_\_\_ ye the Holy \_\_\_\_\_: Whose soever sins ye \_\_\_\_\_, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye \_\_\_\_\_, they are retained."

"The Holy Spirit was not yet fully manifested; for Christ had not yet been glorified. The more abundant impartation of the Spirit did not take place till after Christ's ascension. **Not until this was received could the disciples fulfill the commission to preach the gospel to the world.** But the Spirit was now given for a special purpose. **Before** the disciples could fulfill their official duties in connection with the church, Christ breathed His Spirit upon them. **He was committing to them a most sacred trust**, and He desired to impress them with the fact that **without the Holy Spirit this work could not be accomplished.**"

DA 805.2

**"The Holy Spirit is the breath of spiritual life in the soul. The impartation of the Spirit is the impartation of the life of Christ. It imbues the receiver with the attributes of Christ. Only those who are thus taught of God, those who possess the inward working of the Spirit, and in whose life the Christ-life is manifested,** are to stand as **representative** men, to minister in behalf of the church."

DA 805.3

3. How do we receive eternal life?

**John 6:40** And this is the \_\_\_\_\_ of him that sent me, that every one which \_\_\_\_\_ the Son, and \_\_\_\_\_ on him, may have \_\_\_\_\_ life: and I will \_\_\_\_\_ him up at the last day.

**John 6:47** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that \_\_\_\_\_ on me hath \_\_\_\_\_ life.

**1 John 5:11,12** And this is the \_\_\_\_\_, that God hath given to us \_\_\_\_\_ life, and this \_\_\_\_\_ is in his \_\_\_\_\_. He that \_\_\_\_\_ the Son hath \_\_\_\_\_; and he that hath \_\_\_\_\_ the Son of God hath \_\_\_\_\_ life.

**Ephesians 3:16,17** That he would \_\_\_\_\_ you, according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of his glory, to be strengthened with \_\_\_\_\_ by his \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ man; That Christ may \_\_\_\_\_ in your \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_; that ye, being \_\_\_\_\_ and grounded in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 5:5** And \_\_\_\_\_ maketh not ashamed; because the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is \_\_\_\_\_ abroad in our \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy \_\_\_\_\_ which is \_\_\_\_\_ unto us.

Let us put all this together. To have everlasting life, we must:

S\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus and B\_\_\_\_\_ on Him

H\_\_\_\_\_ the Son of God

Be strengthened with M\_\_\_\_\_ by His S\_\_\_\_\_ in the i\_\_\_\_\_ man

Have Christ D\_\_\_\_\_ in our H\_\_\_\_\_ by faith

Be rooted and grounded in L\_\_\_\_\_

Have the L\_\_\_\_\_ of God shed A\_\_\_\_\_ in our heart by the Holy G\_\_\_\_\_

Jesus is the S\_\_\_\_\_ of God. When we S\_\_\_\_\_ Him in His true character and truly B\_\_\_\_\_ on Him and invite Him to D\_\_\_\_\_ (stay) in our hearts, His L\_\_\_\_\_ will be implanted there by the Holy Spirit which S\_\_\_\_\_ us in the inner man to be Christlike in all places and circumstances. This brings E\_\_\_\_\_ life to us.

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**Note:** "Christ became one flesh with us, in order that we might become one spirit with Him. It is by virtue of this **union** that we are to come forth from the grave, – not merely as a manifestation of the power of Christ, but because, through faith, His life has become ours. Those who **see** Christ in His **true character**, and **receive Him into the heart**, have everlasting life. It is **through the Spirit** that Christ dwells in us; and the **Spirit of God**, **received** into the heart by faith, is the **beginning** of the life eternal." DA 388.1

### IV. The Divine Presence With Us Always

4. Is there any place in the universe where God's Spirit is not there? **Psalm 139:7,8**

Whither shall I go \_\_\_\_\_ thy \_\_\_\_\_? or whither shall I \_\_\_\_\_ from thy \_\_\_\_\_?  
If I \_\_\_\_\_ up into \_\_\_\_\_, thou art \_\_\_\_\_: if I make my bed in \_\_\_\_\_,  
behold, thou art \_\_\_\_\_.

**Note:** What **lessons of humility and faith** may we not learn as we **trace the dealings of God with his creatures**. The Lord can do but little for the children of men, because they are so full of pride and vain glory. They exalt self, magnifying their own strength, learning, and wisdom. **It is necessary for God to disappoint their hopes and frustrate their plans, that they may learn to trust in him alone.**

All our powers are from God; **we can do nothing independent of the strength which he has given us.**

Where is the man or woman or child that God does not sustain?

Where is the desolate place which God does not fill?

Where is the want that any but God can supply? ST, July 14, 1881 par. 9

**The psalmist represents the presence of the Infinite One as pervading the universe.** 'If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.' [Psalm 139:8.] **We can never find a solitude where God is not.** The ever watchful eye of Omniscience is upon all our works, and although He can marshal the armies of heaven to do His will, **He condescends to accept the services of frail, erring mortals.** ST, July 14, 1881 par. 10

**Because** of the pride and ambition of the children of men, **God has chosen to perform his mighty works by the most simple and humble means.** It is not the men whom the world honors as great, talented, or brilliant, that God selects. **He chooses those who will work in meekness and simplicity, acknowledging him** as their leader and their source of strength. He would have us make **him** our protector and our guide in all the duties and affairs of life. ST, July 14, 1881 par. 11

5. What was the condition of the people of Israel who had returned from Babylon at the time of Haggai? **Haggai 1:2**

Thus \_\_\_\_\_ the LORD of hosts, saying, This people \_\_\_\_\_, The \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ come, the \_\_\_\_\_ that the \_\_\_\_\_ house should be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Note:** For over a year the temple was **neglected** and well-nigh **forsaken**. The people dwelt in their homes and **strove to attain temporal prosperity**, but their situation was deplorable. Work as they might **they did not prosper**. The very elements of nature seemed to conspire against them. Because they had let the temple lie waste, the Lord sent upon their substance a wasting **drought**. God had bestowed upon them the fruits of field and garden, the corn and the wine and the oil, as a **token of His favor**; but **because they had used these bountiful gifts so selfishly, the blessings were removed.** PK 573.1

Such were the conditions existing during the early part of the reign of Darius Hystaspes. **Spiritually as well as temporally, the Israelites were in a pitiable state.** So long had they **murmured** and **doubted**; so long had they **chosen to make personal interests first**, while viewing with apathy the

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Lord's temple in ruins, that **many had lost sight of God's purpose** in restoring them to Judea; and these were saying, "The time is not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built." Haggai 1:2. PK 573.2

But even this dark hour was **not without hope** for those whose trust was in God. The **prophets** Haggai and Zechariah were raised up to meet the crisis. In **stirring testimonies** these appointed messengers revealed to the people the **cause** of their troubles. The **lack of temporal prosperity** was the **result of a neglect to put God's interests first**, the prophets declared. Had the Israelites **honored** God, had they shown Him **due respect and courtesy**, by making the building of His house their **first** work, **they would have invited His presence and blessing**. PK 573.3

### 6. What message did God send to them at this time? **Haggai 1:4-6**

Is it \_\_\_\_\_ for you, O ye, to \_\_\_\_\_ in your \_\_\_\_\_ houses, and this house lie \_\_\_\_\_? Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_. Ye have sown \_\_\_\_\_, and bring in \_\_\_\_\_; ye eat, but ye have not \_\_\_\_\_; ye drink, but ye are not \_\_\_\_\_ with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none \_\_\_\_\_; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with \_\_\_\_\_.

**Note:** To those who had become discouraged, Haggai addressed the searching inquiry, "Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, and this house lie waste? Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways." **Why** have you done so little? **Why** do you feel concern for your own buildings and unconcern for the Lord's building? **Where** is the zeal you once felt for the restoration of the Lord's house? **What** have you gained by serving self? The desire to escape poverty has led you to neglect the temple, **but this neglect has brought upon you that which you feared**. "Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes." Verses 4-6. {PK 574.1}

And then, in words that they could not fail to understand, the Lord revealed the cause that had brought them to want. PK 574.2

**Haggai 1:9-11** Ye looked for \_\_\_\_\_, and, lo, it came to \_\_\_\_\_; and when ye brought it home, I did \_\_\_\_\_ upon it. \_\_\_\_\_? saith the LORD of hosts. \_\_\_\_\_ of mine house that is \_\_\_\_\_, and ye run every man unto his \_\_\_\_\_ house. Therefore the heaven over you is \_\_\_\_\_ from dew, and the earth is \_\_\_\_\_ from her fruit. And I called for a \_\_\_\_\_ upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the \_\_\_\_\_, and upon the new \_\_\_\_\_, and upon the \_\_\_\_\_, and upon that which the ground bringeth \_\_\_\_\_, and upon men, and upon \_\_\_\_\_, and upon \_\_\_\_\_ the labour of the hands.

### 7. What remedy did God give to them? **Haggai 1:7,8**

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_. Go up to the mountain, and bring \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ the house; and I will take \_\_\_\_\_ in it, and I will be \_\_\_\_\_, saith the LORD.

### 8. How did they respond to the message of counsel and reproof sent to them through the prophet? **Haggai 1:12**

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Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with \_\_\_\_\_ the remnant of the people, \_\_\_\_\_ the voice of the \_\_\_\_\_ their God, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of Haggai the \_\_\_\_\_, as the LORD their God had \_\_\_\_\_ him, and the people did \_\_\_\_\_ before the LORD.

**Note:** The message of **counsel** and **reproof** given through Haggai **was taken to heart** by the leaders and people of Israel. They felt that God was in **earnest** with them. They dared not disregard the repeated instruction sent them – that **their prosperity, both temporal and spiritual, was dependent on faithful obedience to God's commands**. Aroused by the **warnings** of the prophet, Zerubbabel and Joshua, "with all the remnant of the people, **obeyed** the voice of the Lord their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet." Verse 12. PK 575.2

9. **As soon as Israel decided to obey**, the words of reproof were **followed** by a message of **encouragement**. PK 575.3

**Haggai 1:13-14** Then spake Haggai the LORD'S \_\_\_\_\_ in the LORD'S message unto the people, saying, I \_\_\_\_\_, saith the LORD. And the LORD \_\_\_\_\_ up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and the spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ the remnant of the people; and they \_\_\_\_\_ and did \_\_\_\_\_ in the house of the LORD of hosts, their God.

**Note:** How comforting are these words! **The Lord God omnipotent, who reigneth in the heavens, declares, 'I am with you.'** He assures his people that **those who are obedient are in a position where he can bless them, to the glory of his name**. And **if** God's people today choose to **rely** on him, and **believe** in him, he will **bless** them. **He will be a present help to all who serve him in preference to serving self**. When the Lord **sees** that his people have a **heart** to do **his** will, he will cause them to know of the doctrine. **He will be with them**. RH, December 12, 1907 par. 3

10. **Psalm 91** is full of promises to God's people which are especially precious in the end times. Where do they find their refuge in time of trouble? **Psalm 91:1,2**

He that dwelleth in the \_\_\_\_\_ place of the most High shall \_\_\_\_\_ under the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Almighty. I will say of the \_\_\_\_\_, He is my \_\_\_\_\_ and my \_\_\_\_\_: my God; in him will I \_\_\_\_\_.

**Note:** **The presence of God includes every other blessing**. He who abides under the shadow of the Almighty can well say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust;' for of every such an one the Lord declares:

**Psalm 91:14-16** Because he hath set his \_\_\_\_\_ upon \_\_\_\_\_, therefore will I \_\_\_\_\_ him: I will set him on \_\_\_\_\_, because he hath known my \_\_\_\_\_. He shall \_\_\_\_\_ upon me, and I will \_\_\_\_\_ him: I will be with him in \_\_\_\_\_; I will \_\_\_\_\_ him, and \_\_\_\_\_ him. With long \_\_\_\_\_ will I satisfy him, and shew him my \_\_\_\_\_.

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11. How did Paul explain the infinite greatness of God to the people of Athens?

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**Acts 17:24,25** God that \_\_\_\_\_ the world and \_\_\_\_\_ things therein, seeing that he is \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven and earth, dwelleth \_\_\_\_\_ in temples made with \_\_\_\_\_; Neither is \_\_\_\_\_ with men's hands, as though he \_\_\_\_\_ any thing, seeing he \_\_\_\_\_ to all \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ things.

Yet Jesus says in **Matthew 18:20** For where \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ are gathered together in my \_\_\_\_\_, there am I in the \_\_\_\_\_ of them.

**? How does Isaiah tell us this same truth? Isaiah 57:15**

For thus saith the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ One that inhabiteth \_\_\_\_\_, whose \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_; I \_\_\_\_\_ in the high and holy place, \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_ that is of a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ spirit, to \_\_\_\_\_ the spirit of the humble, and to \_\_\_\_\_ the heart of the contrite ones.

**Note: Although God dwells not in temples made with hands, yet He honors with His presence the assemblies of His people.** He has promised that when they come together to seek Him, to acknowledge their sins, and to pray for one another, **He will meet with them by His Spirit.** But those who assemble to worship Him **should put away every evil thing.** Unless they worship Him in **spirit** and **truth** and in the **beauty of holiness**, their coming together will be of **no avail.** Of such the Lord declares in **Matthew 15:8, 9:**

"This people draweth \_\_\_\_\_ unto Me with their \_\_\_\_\_, and honoreth Me with their \_\_\_\_\_; but their \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ from Me. But in \_\_\_\_\_ they do \_\_\_\_\_ me, \_\_\_\_\_ for doctrines the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

**John 4:23** But the hour cometh, and \_\_\_\_\_ is, when the \_\_\_\_\_ worshippers shall worship the Father in \_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_: for the Father seeketh \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ him. PK 50.1

12. What did Christ say in **John 10:27-29?**

My \_\_\_\_\_ hear my \_\_\_\_\_, and I \_\_\_\_\_ them, and they \_\_\_\_\_ me: And I give unto them \_\_\_\_\_ life; and they shall \_\_\_\_\_ perish, neither shall \_\_\_\_\_ man \_\_\_\_\_ them out of my \_\_\_\_\_. My Father, which gave them me, is \_\_\_\_\_ than all; and \_\_\_\_\_ man is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ them out of my Father's \_\_\_\_\_.

**Note: Unless his followers choose to leave him, he will hold them fast.** Having given his life for the sinner in order that he might redeem him, **he now provides for him the Holy Spirit**, that he may have a **Comforter** to abide with him forever. What is the work of the Holy Spirit? YI, December 13, 1894 par. 4 Jesus says,

**John 14:26** " ... he shall \_\_\_\_\_ you all things, and \_\_\_\_\_ all things to your \_\_\_\_\_, whatsoever I have \_\_\_\_\_ unto you."

**John 14:16-18** " ... that he may \_\_\_\_\_ with you for \_\_\_\_\_; Even the Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_; ... for he dwelleth \_\_\_\_\_ you, and shall be \_\_\_\_\_ you. I will \_\_\_\_\_ leave you \_\_\_\_\_: I will \_\_\_\_\_ to you.

**John 16:7** "It is \_\_\_\_\_ for you that I go \_\_\_\_\_: for if I go \_\_\_\_\_ away, the \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ come unto you; but if I \_\_\_\_\_, I will \_\_\_\_\_ him unto you."

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**Note:** The Holy Spirit is to be continually present with the believer. We have need more carefully to consider the fact that the Comforter is to abide with us. **If we individually comprehended this truth, we should never feel alone. When assailed by the enemy, when overwhelmed by temptation, we are to repose our faith in God; for we have his pledged word that we are never to be left to battle alone.** Every soul, pardoned of sin, is **precious** in his sight, – **more precious** than the whole world. It has been purchased at infinite cost, and **Christ will never abandon the soul for whom he has died.** The soul may leave him, and thus be overwhelmed with temptation; but Christ can never turn from one for whom he has paid the ransom of his own life. YI, December 13, 1894 par. 5

12. What did Christ promise to His people to the end of time? **Matthew 28:20**

Teaching them to \_\_\_\_\_ all things whatsoever I have \_\_\_\_\_ you: and, lo, I am \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_, even unto the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world. Amen.

**John 14:2,3** In my Father's \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ mansions: if it were not so, I would have \_\_\_\_\_ you. I go to prepare a \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_. And if I \_\_\_\_\_ and prepare a place for you, I \_\_\_\_\_, and receive you unto \_\_\_\_\_; that \_\_\_\_\_ I am, \_\_\_\_\_ ye may \_\_\_\_\_ also.

**Note:** When Christ ascended to heaven, the sense of His presence was still with His followers. It was a personal presence, full of love and light. Jesus, the Saviour, who had walked and talked and prayed with them, who had spoken hope and comfort to their hearts, had, while the message of peace was still upon His lips, been taken up from them into heaven, and the tones of His voice had come back to them, as the cloud of angels received Him – "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:20. He had ascended to heaven in the form of humanity. **They knew that He was** before the throne of God, their Friend and Saviour still; that His sympathies were unchanged; that He was still identified with suffering humanity. He was presenting before God the merits of His own precious blood, showing His wounded hands and feet, in remembrance of the price He had paid for His redeemed. **They knew that He had** ascended to heaven to prepare places for them, and that He would come again and take them to Himself. SC 73.2

13. What assurance had Jesus given them in **John 16:23,24**?

And in that day ye shall \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ in my \_\_\_\_\_, he will \_\_\_\_\_ it you. Hitherto have ye asked \_\_\_\_\_ in my \_\_\_\_\_: ask, and ye shall \_\_\_\_\_, that your \_\_\_\_\_ may be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Note:** As they met together after the ascension they were **eager to present their requests to the Father in the name of Jesus.** In solemn awe they bowed in prayer, repeating the assurance, "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name, He will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." John 16:23, 24. **They extended the hand of faith higher and higher with the mighty argument:** SC 74.1

**Romans 8:34** Who is he that \_\_\_\_\_? It is \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_, yea rather, that is \_\_\_\_\_ again, who is \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_ hand of God, who also maketh \_\_\_\_\_ for us.

**And Pentecost brought them the presence of the Comforter,** of whom Christ had said, He "shall be in

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you." And He had further said, "It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you." Henceforth through the Spirit, Christ was to abide **continually** in the hearts of His children. **Their union with Him was closer than when He was personally with them.** The **light**, and **love**, and **power** of the indwelling Christ **shone** out through them, so that men, beholding, "**marveled**; and they took knowledge of them, that **they had been with Jesus.**" Acts 4:13. SC 74.1

**Acts 4:13** Now when they \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of Peter and John, and \_\_\_\_\_ that they were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ men, they \_\_\_\_\_; and they took \_\_\_\_\_ of them, that they had \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

**Note:** The influence of the Holy Spirit is the life of Christ in the soul. We do not **see** Christ and **speak** to Him, **but His Holy Spirit is just as near us in one place as in another.** It works **in** and **through** every one who **receives** Christ. **Those who know the indwelling of the Spirit reveal the fruits of the Spirit** – love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith. 6BC 1112.1

14. How does this include us?

**Note:** **All that Christ was to the disciples, He desires to be to His children today;** for in that last prayer, with the little band of disciples gathered about Him, He said, SC 75.1

**John 17:20,21** Neither pray I for these \_\_\_\_\_, but for them \_\_\_\_\_ which shall \_\_\_\_\_ on me \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_; That they all may be \_\_\_\_\_; as thou, Father, art \_\_\_\_\_ me, and I \_\_\_\_\_ thee, that \_\_\_\_\_ also may be one \_\_\_\_\_ us: that the \_\_\_\_\_ may \_\_\_\_\_ that thou hast \_\_\_\_\_ me.

**? What kind of a union is this? John 5:19**

Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The \_\_\_\_\_ can do \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, but what he \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ do: for what things soever he \_\_\_\_\_, these also \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ likewise.

**John 14:10** Believest thou not that \_\_\_\_\_ am \_\_\_\_\_ the Father, and the Father \_\_\_\_\_ me? the \_\_\_\_\_ that I \_\_\_\_\_ unto you I speak \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_: but the \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ in me, he \_\_\_\_\_ the works.

**Philippians 2:13** For it is \_\_\_\_\_ which \_\_\_\_\_ in you both to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ of his good \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ephesians 4:15** But speaking the \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, may \_\_\_\_\_ up \_\_\_\_\_ him in \_\_\_\_\_ things, which is the \_\_\_\_\_, even \_\_\_\_\_.

**Note:** Jesus prayed for us, and He asked that we might be one with Him, **even as He is one with the Father. What a union is this!** The Saviour has said of Himself, "The Son can do nothing of Himself;" "the Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works." John 5:19; 14:10. **Then if Christ is dwelling in our hearts, He will work in us** "both to will and to do of His good pleasure." Philippians 2:13. **We shall work as He worked; we shall manifest the same spirit.** And thus, **loving** Him and **abiding** in Him, we shall "**grow up** into Him in **all** things, which is the head, even Christ." Ephesians 4:15. SC 75.2

15. How does Jesus illustrate the work of the Holy Spirit? **John 3:8**

The \_\_\_\_\_ bloweth where it \_\_\_\_\_, and thou \_\_\_\_\_ the sound thereof, but canst \_\_\_\_\_ tell whence it \_\_\_\_\_, and whither it \_\_\_\_\_: so is \_\_\_\_\_ one that is \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.



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**Note:** The wind is heard among the branches of the trees, rustling the leaves and flowers; yet it is invisible, and no man knows whence it comes or whither it goes. So with the work of the Holy Spirit upon the heart. It can no more be explained than can the movements of the wind. A person may not be able to tell the exact time or place, or to trace all the circumstances in the process of conversion; but this does not prove him to be unconverted. **By an agency as unseen as the wind, Christ is constantly working upon the heart.** Little by little, perhaps unconsciously to the receiver, **impressions are made that tend to draw the soul to Christ.**

These may be **received** through meditating upon Him,  
through reading the Scriptures,  
or through hearing the word from the living preacher.

Suddenly, **as the Spirit comes with more direct appeal**, the soul gladly surrenders itself to Jesus. By many this is called sudden conversion; but **it is the result of long wooing by the Spirit of God**, – a patient, protracted process. DA 172.3

**While the wind is itself invisible, it produces effects that are seen and felt.** So the work of the Spirit upon the soul will reveal itself in every act of him who has felt its saving power. When the Spirit of God takes possession of the heart, it **transforms the life**. Sinful thoughts are put away, evil deeds are renounced; love, humility, and peace take the place of anger, envy, and strife. Joy takes the place of sadness, and the countenance reflects the light of heaven. No one sees the hand that lifts the burden, or beholds the light descend from the courts above. **The blessing comes when by faith the soul surrenders itself to God.** Then that power which no human eye can see creates a new being in the image of God. DA 173.1

**It is impossible for finite minds to comprehend the work of redemption.** Its mystery exceeds human knowledge; yet **he who passes from death to life realizes that it is a divine reality.** The beginning of redemption we may know here through a personal experience. Its results reach through the eternal ages. DA 173.2

The Holy Spirit is a free, working, independent agency. The God of heaven uses His Spirit as it pleases Him; and **human minds, human judgment, and human methods can no more set boundaries to its working, or prescribe the channel through which it shall operate, than they can say to the wind, "I bid you to blow in a certain direction, and to conduct yourself in such and such a manner."** ST, March 8, 1910 par. 2

**No human reasoning, no skill of the most learned men, can define the operations of the Holy Spirit upon human minds and characters; yet they can see the effects upon the life and actions.** ST, March 8, 1910 par. 8

Let's look at what this is telling us about the work of the Holy Spirit:

The wind is i\_\_\_\_\_ but we see the E\_\_\_\_\_ of its working.

The Holy Spirit is also i\_\_\_\_\_ but we can see the E\_\_\_\_\_ of His working.

Through the Holy Spirit Christ is C\_\_\_\_\_ working on the heart.

? What are some of the results of the work of the Holy Spirit on the heart?

Sinful T\_\_\_\_\_ are put away,

Evil D\_\_\_\_\_ are renounced;

Love, humility, and peace take the place of A\_\_\_\_\_, E\_\_\_\_\_, and S\_\_\_\_\_.

Joy takes the place of S\_\_\_\_\_.

The C\_\_\_\_\_ reflects the light of heaven

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Just like we cannot tell the W\_\_\_\_\_ where to blow or how strong to blow,  
so we cannot tell the H\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_ what to do  
Even though we cannot D\_\_\_\_\_ the way the Holy Spirit works upon hearts and minds,  
we can see the **effects** on the L\_\_\_\_\_ and A\_\_\_\_\_. E\_\_\_\_\_ act will reveal it.

? How can **we** benefit from the work of the Holy Spirit in our life?

The blessing comes when by F\_\_\_\_\_ we S\_\_\_\_\_ ourselves to God

It is a P\_\_\_\_\_ which no H\_\_\_\_\_ eye can see

This power C\_\_\_\_\_ us into a new being in the i\_\_\_\_\_ of God

16. By surrendering ourselves to God what may we have? **Ephesians 6:10**

Finally, my brethren, be \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord, and in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ might.

**1 Corinthians 1:24** But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of God, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

**Proverbs 9:10** The \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD is the \_\_\_\_\_ of W\_\_\_\_\_: and the  
K\_\_\_\_\_ of the holy is U\_\_\_\_\_.

We may have His S\_\_\_\_\_ and P\_\_\_\_\_ in our lives to do His will.

We may have His W\_\_\_\_\_ and learn His K\_\_\_\_\_.

This gives us U\_\_\_\_\_.

**Note: One sentence of Scripture is of more value than ten thousand of man's ideas or arguments.**

Those who refuse to follow God's way will finally receive the sentence, "Depart from Me." But when we submit to God's way, the Lord Jesus guides our minds and fills our lips with assurance. **We may be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Receiving Christ, we are clothed with power.**

**An indwelling Saviour makes His power our property.**

The **truth** becomes our stock in trade.

**No unrighteousness** is seen in the life.

We are **able** to speak words in season to those who know not the truth.

**Christ's presence in the heart is a vitalizing power, strengthening the entire being.** 7T 71.1

17. In any difficulty or temptation or trial we may call upon God. **Psalm 145:18** tells us:

The LORD is \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_ them that \_\_\_\_\_ upon him, to \_\_\_\_\_ that call upon him in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Note:** When **temptations** assail you, when **care** and **perplexity** surround you, when, **depressed** and **discouraged**, you are **ready to yield to despair**, **look to Jesus**, and the darkness that encompasses you **will be dispelled by the bright shining of His presence**. When **sin struggles for the mastery** in your soul, and **burdens** the conscience, **look to the Saviour**. His **grace** is **sufficient** to **subdue sin**. Let your **grateful** heart, trembling with uncertainty, **turn to Him**. Lay **hold** on the **hope** set before you. **Christ waits to adopt you into His family**. His **strength** will help your weakness; He will **lead** you step by step. Place your **hand** in His, and **let Him guide you**. MH 85.1

**Never feel that Christ is far away. He is always near. His loving presence surrounds you.** Seek Him as One who desires to be found of you. He desires you not only to touch His garments, but to walk with Him in **constant communion**. MH 85.2

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## V. Jesus and the Pharisees

18. What did John say about the way that Jesus was received when He came into the world? **John 1:4,5** In him was \_\_\_\_\_; and the life was the \_\_\_\_\_ of men. And the \_\_\_\_\_ shineth in \_\_\_\_\_; and the darkness \_\_\_\_\_ it not.

**John 1:9-11** That was the true \_\_\_\_\_, which lighteth \_\_\_\_\_ man that cometh into the world. He was \_\_\_\_\_ the world, and the world was \_\_\_\_\_ by him, and the world \_\_\_\_\_ him not. He \_\_\_\_\_ unto his \_\_\_\_\_, and his own \_\_\_\_\_ him not.

**Acts 13:27-30** For they that \_\_\_\_\_ at Jerusalem, and their \_\_\_\_\_, because they \_\_\_\_\_ him not, nor yet the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ which are read \_\_\_\_\_ sabbath day, they have \_\_\_\_\_ them in \_\_\_\_\_ him. And though they found \_\_\_\_\_ cause of \_\_\_\_\_ in him, yet \_\_\_\_\_ they Pilate that he should be \_\_\_\_\_. And when they had \_\_\_\_\_ all that was \_\_\_\_\_ of him, they took him \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_, and laid him in a \_\_\_\_\_. But God \_\_\_\_\_ him from the \_\_\_\_\_.

He was the L\_\_\_\_\_ of the world but they did not R\_\_\_\_\_ Him, or accept Him, even though He fulfilled all that the P\_\_\_\_\_ had written of Him. Instead they D\_\_\_\_\_ Pilate to crucify Him. This also fulfilled what the P\_\_\_\_\_ had written of Him

**Note:** Jesus unfolded to men the **real import** of the Scriptures, and **revealed** to them the **significance** of the words that holy men of God had written as they were moved upon by the Holy Spirit.

The **prophets** had **desired** to see the day of Christ, and **searched** what the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify.

And yet **Jesus stood among the people** who **claimed** to believe the prophets, who were **looked up to as wise and righteous**, and 'they knew him not.'

**Had they opened their hearts to Jesus,**

he would have **opened** to them veins of the precious ore of **truth**, and **made them rich** in knowledge

to **give** to those who were sadly **impoverished** and ready to perish.

Jesus would have **endowed** them with **power** to communicate the knowledge of true holiness.

The Holy Ghost would have been **given** unto them,

and they would have **perceived** that there were **advanced** steps to be taken;

and becoming like the holy men of old,

they would have **desired** to look into those things which they now saw but dimly.

**But** filled with their own self-importance,

they **accepted** the traditions, theories, and customs of men,

and **rejected** the commandments of God.

They had **made of no effect** the significance of symbols, types, and shadows,

and through their meaningless exactions **covered up the import** of the commands of God.

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19. Jesus warned them of their problem in **Matthew 15:3-9:**

But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also \_\_\_\_\_ the commandment

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of God by your \_\_\_\_\_? For God commanded, saying, \_\_\_\_\_ thy father and mother: and, He that \_\_\_\_\_ father or mother, let him \_\_\_\_\_ the death. But ye \_\_\_\_\_, Whosoever shall \_\_\_\_\_ to his father or his mother, It is a \_\_\_\_\_, by whatsoever thou mightest be \_\_\_\_\_ by me; And honour \_\_\_\_\_ his father or his mother, he shall be \_\_\_\_\_. Thus have ye \_\_\_\_\_ the commandment of \_\_\_\_\_ of none \_\_\_\_\_ by your \_\_\_\_\_. Ye \_\_\_\_\_, well did Esaias prophesy of \_\_\_\_\_, saying, This people draweth \_\_\_\_\_ unto me with their \_\_\_\_\_, and honoureth me with their \_\_\_\_\_; but their \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ from me. But in \_\_\_\_\_ they do \_\_\_\_\_ me, teaching for \_\_\_\_\_ the commandments of \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus told them in **John 5:39,40** Search the \_\_\_\_\_; for in them ye think ye have \_\_\_\_\_ life: and they are they which \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. And ye will not \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, that ye might have \_\_\_\_\_.

**Note:** The work of Jesus was to **reveal the character of the Father**, and to **unfold the truth which he himself had spoken through prophets and apostles**;

but there was found no place for the truth in those wise and prudent men.

**Christ, the way, the truth, and the life, had to pass by the self-righteous Pharisees, and take his disciples from unlearned fishers and men of humble rank.** These who had **never** been to the rabbis, who had **never** sat in the schools of the prophets, who had not been **members** of the Sanhedrin, whose hearts were **not bound** about with their **own ideas**, – these he took and **educated** for his own use. He could make them as new bottles for the new wine of his kingdom. **These were the babes to whom the Father could reveal spiritual things**;

but the priests and rulers, the scribes and Pharisees, who claimed to be the depositaries of knowledge, could give **no room for the principles of Christianity**, afterward taught by the apostles of Christ. **The chain of truth, link after link, was given to those who realized their own ignorance, and were willing to learn of the great Teacher.** RH, June 2, 1896 par. 6

Jesus knew that he could do the scribes and Pharisees no good, **unless they would empty themselves of self-importance**. He chose new bottles for his new wine of doctrine, and **made fishermen and unlearned believers the heralds of his truth to the world**. And yet, though his doctrine seemed new to the people, **it was in fact not a new doctrine**, but the revelation of the **significance** of that which had been taught from the beginning. **It was his design that his disciples should take the plain, unadulterated truth for the guide of their life**. They were **not to add** to his words, or give a **forced meaning** to his utterances. They were **not to put a mystical interpretation** upon the plain teaching of the Scriptures, and draw from theological stores to build up some **man-made theory**. It was through putting a mystical meaning upon the plain words of God, that sacred and vital truths were made of little significance, while the theories of men were made prominent. It was in this way that men were led to teach for doctrines the commandments of men, and that they rejected the commandment of God, that they might keep their own tradition. RH, June 2, 1896 par. 7

20. What was the core of their problem? **1 Corinthians 2:14**

But the \_\_\_\_\_ man receiveth \_\_\_\_\_ the things of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God: for they are \_\_\_\_\_ unto him: neither can he \_\_\_\_\_ them, because they are \_\_\_\_\_ discerned.

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Jesus said in **John 7:17**:

If any man \_\_\_\_\_ do his will, he shall \_\_\_\_\_ of the doctrine, whether it be of \_\_\_\_\_, or whether I speak of myself.

They were not able to discern the things of God because they were not S\_\_\_\_\_.

If they really had a desire to do the W\_\_\_\_\_ of God, they would understand His teaching.

But they wanted to have it their **own way**.

**If** the self-righteous priests and Pharisees had been **willing** to look into God's great moral mirror,

and had **caught but one glimpse** of their own imperfection of character,

they would have said with Daniel, "My comeliness was turned in me into corruption."

They would then have regarded it as **the greatest possible blessing**

to **learn** the lesson of the great Teacher,

which would have made them **wise** unto salvation.

**If** they had **learned** from him who was meek and lowly of heart,

the scribes and Pharisees would have **shared** with the disciples on the day of Pentecost,

and would have been **filled** with the Holy Spirit.

They would have had **Christ's mold** upon them.

The cold, stubborn heart would have been **kindled into love** by his grace,

and they would have been **conformed** to the image of Christ.

**"But** the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him:

neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." RH, June 2, 1896 par. 8

**The Holy Spirit will enter the heart that can boast of nothing.**

**The love of Jesus will fill the vacuum that is made by the emptying out of self.**

Jesus says in **Matthew 11:27**:

All things are delivered unto \_\_\_\_\_ of my \_\_\_\_\_: and no man \_\_\_\_\_ the Son, but the \_\_\_\_\_; neither \_\_\_\_\_ any man the Father, save the \_\_\_\_\_, and he to whomsoever the Son will \_\_\_\_\_ him.

O let us heed the words of earnest entreaty that are spoken to every soul burdened with a weight of woe in **Matthew 11:28-30**:

C\_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_, all ye that \_\_\_\_\_ and are heavy \_\_\_\_\_, and I will give you

\_\_\_\_\_. Take my \_\_\_\_\_ upon you, and \_\_\_\_\_ of me; for I am \_\_\_\_\_ and

\_\_\_\_\_ in heart: and ye shall find \_\_\_\_\_ unto your souls. For my \_\_\_\_\_ is

\_\_\_\_\_, and my \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_. RH, June 2, 1896 par. 9

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