

## **"UNDERSTANDING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IN RELATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT"**

### **JOHN 16:7-17**

**INTRO:** In understanding the CHRISTIAN LIFE, it is important to recognize that a person **MUST BE RIGHTLY RELATED TO JESUS CHRIST**. 1 Corinthians 6:11 says that believers are **"WASHED, SANCTIFIED AND JUSTIFIED IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS."**

#### **CHRISTIANITY BEGINS WITH A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST:**

- Recognize that you are a born sinner – Romans 3:23
- Recognize that as a sinner you are separated from God – Romans 6:23a
- Recognize that you NEED God's gift of Salvation – Romans 6:23b
- Recognize that JESUS is the ONLY SAVIOR – Acts 4:12
- Recognize that you MUST TRUST Christ alone as Savior – Galatians 3:24

But 1 Corinthians 6:11 goes on to say, **"BY THE SPIRIT OF OUR GOD."** Without the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we could NOT HAVE A **RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST**. Therefore, if we are going to have a PROPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE, it is significant for us to have an **UNDERSTANDING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**.

#### **SOME OBSERVATIONS ON UNDERSTANDING THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**NOTE:** The Official Theological name for the study of the Holy Spirit is

#### **PNEUMATOLOGY**

**DR. LEWIS SPERRY CHAFER SAID:** **"IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT, BEING THE ACTIVE DIVINE AGENCY IN THE WORLD, EXERCISES A CONSTANT SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE AFFAIRS OF MEN OF ALL CLASSES AND OF ALL DISPENSATIONS. THE STUPENDOUS PROGRAM OF GOD IS ALL THE SOVEREIGN WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT."**

- 1) There is a General lack of understanding of the Holy Spirit by many Christians.
- 2) There is a lot of Confusion about the Holy Spirit by many Christians.
- 3) There is no Salvation without the ministry of the Holy Spirit.
- 4) There is no Bible without the Holy Spirit.
- 5) There is no Biblical learning without the Holy Spirit.
- 6) There is no Power to live victoriously without the Holy Spirit.
- 7) There is no Assurance of our salvation without the Holy Spirit.
- 8) There is no Effective prayer without the Holy Spirit.

#### **A BIBLICAL SURVEY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**NOTE:** The Holy Spirit is NOT just a force, He is the THIRD PERSON of the DIETY Who shares ALL of the ATTRIBUTES OF GOD.

### **I. THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT**

**NOTE:** The Holy Spirit is SO IMPORTANT TO GOD that He is introduced in the second verse of the Bible – Genesis 1:2

- A. The Holy Spirit was Involved in Creation – Genesis 1:2; Job 26:13
- B. The Holy Spirit was Involved in Conviction – Genesis 6:3
- C. The Holy Spirit was Involved in Causes – Psalm 51:11

### **II. THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE GOSPELS**

**NOTE:** The Gospels provide a PERIOD OF INSTRUCTION AND TRANSITION of the Ministry of the Holy Spirit through the clear teaching of Jesus Christ.

- A. The Unique Ministry of the Holy Spirit was Prophesied by Christ  
-John 7:37-39

**NOTE:** Here the Lord Jesus was speaking of the FUTURE MINISTRY of the Holy Spirit's ministry of providing SPIRITUAL SATISFACTION to believers in the coming church age.

- B. The Unique Ministry of the Holy Spirit was Promised by Christ

#### **(CHRIST GAVE THIS TEACHING RIGHT BEFORE HIS CRUCIFIXION)**

1. In Relationship to the Believers – John 14:16-18,26; 15:26
  - a. He will Comfort Believers – John 14:16a
  - b. He will Abide with Believers Forever – John 14:26b
  - c. He will Indwell Believers – John 14:17
  - d. He will Teach Believers – John 14:26
  - e. He will Testify of Christ to the Believers – John 15:26
2. In Relationship to the Unbelievers (The World) – John 16:7-11

NOTE: The word “REPROVE” means “CONVICT” or “EXPOSE.”

- a. He will Convict the World of Sin – Vs. 8a,9  
-Reveal to Unbelievers that they are Sinners
- b. He will Convict the World of Righteousness – Vs. 8b,10  
-Reveal to Unbelievers that reality of Righteousness in Christ
- c. He will Convict the World of Judgment – Vs. 8c,11  
-Reveal to Unbelievers that the World is Judged with Satan

### **III. THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE BOOK OF ACTS**

NOTE: In the Book of the Acts the Holy Spirit BEGINS to do what Christ predicted He would do in the Gospels in relation to the Church Age in which we live.

- A. The Holy Spirit began to Empower Believers – Acts 1:8; 2:1-4
- B. The Holy Spirit began to Build the Church – Acts 2:41,47; 1 Corinthians 12:13

### **IV. THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER**

NOTE: In the Church Age the Holy Spirit has a relationship with Believers in a unique way in comparison to any other dispensation...*which must be understood if we are going to understand the Christian Life.*

- A. The Holy Spirit Regenerates Believers – Titus 3:5
- B. The Holy Spirit Baptizes Believers – 1 Corinthians 12:13
- C. The Holy Spirit Indwells Believers – 1 Corinthians 6:19,20
- D. The Holy Spirit Seals Believers – Ephesians 4:30
- E. The Holy Spirit Fills Believers – Ephesians 5:18
- F. The Holy Spirit Teaches Believers – 1 John 2:20,27
- G. The Holy Spirit Strengthens Believers – Galatians 5:16
- H. The Holy Spirit Leads Believers – Romans 8:14
- I. The Holy Spirit Assures Believers – Romans 8:15-17

### **LESSON/APPLICATION**

**As believers we must properly respond to the Holy Spirit by not grieving or quenching Him, but by yielding to Him in our EVERYDAY LIFE.**