

HOLY SPIRIT, COUNSELOR & GUIDE

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Introduction: Is your guide knowledgeable to be a guide?

Guide – Several years ago we were on some back road and trying to locate a certain location. There was this lady walking along the road and so we stopped to ask for directions. She proceeded to tell us and at the same time use her arms and hands to show the curves, hills (up and down), stop signs, houses, barns (color painted), road turn offs to the right or left until she had finally directed us to our destination. After thanking her and driving away Janell and I had to stop and rehearse what we had just been told and of course have a good laugh.

ALSO the Israel trip with Dr. Dave Reagan as the guide (plus an Israeli guide)

- SO, WHAT ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT???? Is HE qualified to be a counselor & guide?
- Gen. 1:1-2 HE was present and assisted in the creation...even in creating mankind. Gen. 1:26 SO the Holy Spirit is POWERFUL.
- Therefore, the Holy Spirit is part of the Trinity = GOD.
- As part of the Trinity and God, the Holy Spirit possesses the attributes of GOD.
 1. Present everywhere all the time **Omnipresent**. Psalm 139:7-10
 2. Knows all things **Omniscience**. Psalm 139:1-4
 3. Power to do all things **Omnipotent**. Rom. 8:11; Gen. 1
 4. The Holy Spirit has **feelings**. Isaiah 63:10; 4:30
 5. We can cut the Holy Spirit off from us...**Quenched**. I Thess. 5:19

ALL THESE THINGS SHOULD ASSURE US THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A QUALIFIED GUIDE.

OUTLINE

1. What is the work of the Holy Spirit?
2. How does one receive the Holy Spirit?
3. How does one learn from the Holy Spirit?
4. How does one know if they have the Holy Spirit?
5. How does one know if someone else has the Holy Spirit?
6. How does the Holy Spirit guide and counsel?

I. WHAT IS THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- The author of Spiritual Life. John 3:5-8
- The Holy Spirit COMFORTS. Rom. 8:26 John 14:16-17
- A **GUIDE** John 16:13; Ps. 73:24, 48:14
- An INTERSESSOR --- Romans 8:26-27
- SANCTIFIES & JUSTIFIES --- I Cor. 6:11
- TEACHER --- I John 2:27; Ps. 25:89
- **COUNSELOR** --- Isa. 9:6; Isa. 11:2

II. HOW DOES ONE RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Old Testament

- Othniel Jud. 3:9-10, God raised him up and the Spirit of Jehovah came upon him
- Jephthah Jud. 11:29, the Spirit of Jehovah came upon Jephthah
- Samson Jud. 14:6,19; 15:14 (3 times). Seems happened only for special occasions.

New Testament

- Acts. 2:38
- Acts 19:3-5

- II Corin. 1:19-21
- Eph. 1:13-14

III. HOW DOES ONE LEARN FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- Corin. 2:11-12 by the Holy Spirit being in him
 - John 6:63 “It is the Spirit that gives life, the flesh profits nothing: the **WORDS** that I have spoken unto you are spirit and are life.”
 - John 14:26 “But the Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.”
- WHEN ONE BECOMES FAMILIAR WITH SCRIPTURE THE HOLY SPIRIT HELP ONE REMEMBER AND LEARN.**
- Acts 1:14 the disciples continued steadfastly “in prayer”
 - THEN Acts 2:4 all “filled with the Holy Spirit”
 - Acts 2:37-38 “repent, be baptized in Jesus name, for forgiveness & receive the Holy Spirit.
 - Acts 4:31 they prayed and were filled with the Holy Spirit
 - Acts 8:15-16 prayed that they might receive the Holy Spirit
 - Acts 9:17-18
 - **THEN PRAYER MUST BE A MAJOR MEANS OF RECEIVING GUIDANCE BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

IV. HOW DOES ONE KNOW IF THEY HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- I John 2:3-6
 - i. “keeps His commandments”
 - ii. “keeps His word”
 - iii. “walks as he walked”
 - John 16:4-15
 - Vv.8-11 the H.S.1) convicts about sin, 2) teaches righteousness, 3) and judgment.
 - H.S. will **guide** you into all truth...obviously, the WORD (Bible) is critical...we must read, study and pray for the Holy Spirit to do His work.
 - I John 5:10-11 the truth is this “God gave to us eternal life” AND “this life is in His Son”
 - I Corin. 12:7-11 skills – 9 different abilities given to believers
 - “word of wisdom” (James 1:5)
 - “word of knowledge”
 - “faith”
 - “healings”
 - “miracles”
 - “prophecy”
 - “discerning of spirits”
 - tongues (languages ??)
 - ”interpretation of tongues “
- Romans 12:6-8 (MORE SKILLS) [7 more]
- prophecy
 - ministry
 - teaching

- encouraging (Acts 4:36...Joseph ~ = Barnabas meaning “Son of exhortation”)
- Giving
- Ruling (overseeing, directing, leading)
- Showing mercy

V. HOW DOES ONE KNOW IF SOMEONE ELSE HAS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- I Corin. 12:3 they don’t say Jesus is cursed, and not one can say Jesus is Lord, but in the Holy Spirit
- I John 2:3-6 by keeping His commandments
- I John 4:2-3 “confesses Jesus has come in the flesh”
- Gal. 5:16-21 “walk (live by) the Spirit, and you will not fulfil the lust of the flesh.”
- Exodus 20:3-17 The ten commandment
- Gal 5:17-21 -- 15 Behaviors Indicating that one does NOT have the Holy Spirit.
 1. fornication
 2. uncleanness (of body and mind and speech)
 3. lasciviousness (lust &/or sexual desire)
 4. idolatry (greed or covetousness {Col: 3:5})
 5. sorcery (the Greek word literally means **the use of drugs**)
 6. enmities
 7. strife
 8. jealousies (7 Deadly Sins -envy, jealousy, greed, lust, slothfulness, gluttony, PRIDE) C.S. Lewis “All other sins are like flea bites when compared to PRIDE”)
 9. wraths
 10. factions
 11. divisions
 12. parties
 13. envying’s
 14. drunkenness
 15. reveling, etc.
- Gal 5:1-26
 - 9 behaviors indicating one has the Holy Spirit
 1. love
 2. joy
 3. peace
 4. longsuffering
 5. kindness
 6. goodness
 7. faithfulness
 8. meekness
 9. self-control

Gal. 5:25-27 “If we live by the Spirit, by the Spirit let us also walk. Let us not become vainglorious, provoking one another, envying one another.

- I Corin. 6:9-11 UNGODLY behaviors - Much the same list as in Gal 5.

VI. HOW DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDE AND COUNSEL?

- II Tim. 3:16 ... by means of the scripture toward completeness and prepared completely for every good work.
 - i. Teaching
 - ii. Reproof
 - iii. Correction
 - iv. Instruction
- II Peter 1:20-21 "...knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of private interpretation. For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit.
- How often and how much time do you spend in the scriptures? Daily?? Weekly?? Monthly???
- Where do we get our COUNSEL AND GUIDANCE if it isn't man: but men spoke from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit. Doesn't this mean the Bible?
- If one does not spend much time in the Bible HOW CAN ONE EXPECT TO BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT???

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