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The Holy Spirit – The person, work and ministry of the Holy Spirit

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Preface:

It is my desire that this training manual will teach, inspire, and stir up your heart, equipping you to understand the person, work, and ministry of the Holy Spirit. This is a brief and concise study of the Holy Spirit, from Genesis to Revelation. It is from my personal study, experience and growth in the Holy Spirit over the last forty-seven years. It is in no way an exhaustive work. My hope is that this manual is used to spur your study so that you may experience new revelation and growth in the Holy Spirit.

This training manual is designed to aid those leaders in the nations who desire more knowledge of the Holy Spirit, and as a refresher to those who know Him intimately. It is developed as a teaching tool for use in any context that can profit the kingdom of God and the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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2. Pray the scriptures into your spirit.
3. Have a notebook at hand and record what the Spirit reveals to you.
4. Trust the Holy Spirit to teach you about Himself – He is the greatest teacher.
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Foreword:

Runways of the Heart

I was on a flight coming back from ministering overseas. The plane was descending through the clouds into Los Angeles, California. The incredible lights of L.A. peered through the cloud layer... what a sight! As I saw the layout of runways in the distance, the Holy Spirit spoke to me:

“There are many runways down there to receive airplanes from all over the world. Without those runways, planes could not land with people and cargo... people with important agendas, purposes and plans, some known and some unknown. This is like your heart — It is full of runways on which I desire to land my spiritual realities. I have so much for you, but if you don’t allow me access to the runways of your heart, I cannot fulfill my purposes, plans, and pleasures in your life.”

So it is with you and the Holy Spirit. You must give Him runway access to experience the treasure trove of truths He has for you. He has precious cargo to deliver. The wings of the Holy Spirit will land the spiritual realities of the Father and Jesus into your heart if you prepare your runway of the heart.

My desire is for this manual to help prepare you for all that God has in store for you through the person, work and ministry of the Holy Spirit. Sit down, get comfortable and buckle up because we are about to get started!

Introduction:

There are three distinct experiences in the believer's life from which the person, work and ministry of the Holy Spirit operate. The first is salvation, the second is the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and the third is the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit. The following stories will highlight these great acts of the Holy Spirit.

The first distinct operation of the Holy Spirit is when He convicts and shows a person that without Jesus Christ they are lost and will one day spend an eternity in a devil's hell without God's goodness and presence, separated from Him forever. When a person receives Jesus as Savior, the Holy Spirit enters their life.

For me, it was at the Creasy Lane Baptist Church in Lafayette Indiana in 1968. I had been attending Sunday evening services with a beautiful woman named Lana who would one day become my bride. For six months I accompanied her to church, only to be with her, as I was not looking for God. They would smell me ten pews away because I drank a six-pack every Sunday afternoon to get up the courage to go to church. Every time they gave the invitation I walked outside to smoke a Marlboro until the altar call was over. Then, on a particular Sunday night the Holy Spirit descended on me with His conviction power, showed me how lost I was, that I was headed for hell, and that Jesus was the answer. His regeneration power, along with the Word I had heard for six months now captivated me and lifted the burden of of my sin and guilt. I moved to the altar with repentance in my heart and confessed Jesus as Savior to the pastor. This was the greatest night in my life, as I had become a new creation in Christ!

The Holy Spirit enters a person's life when they make this decision to accept Jesus. John 4:13; Acts 2:38 & 39; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Romans 8:10 and 11. So the new birth is the initial work of the Holy Spirit in a person, bringing forth the new life.

I received Jesus as my savior in 1968, and the next Sunday I was teaching a Sunday school class. As I was teaching I heard the Holy Spirit say, "There is more, so much more." I had no idea this was the Holy Spirit speaking to me. A short time later I was called to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I was attending Purdue University, and one afternoon I was reading a newspaper article about the absence of clergy to serve in the local jail over the holidays. There was a picture of several inmates peering through bars. I was sitting in a large, stuffed, green chair in my living room when the Holy Spirit told me to go speak to the men in the jail. I got up from my chair and looked in the mirror and said, "Me?" I walked into the bedroom and back into the living room, looked into the mirror again, and heard those words again. Being the introvert that I am, I wondered how I could do this. This was a visitation of the Spirit calling me to preach the gospel.

At the time I had no clue what was happening, so I called my pastor and told him what had just transpired. He said, “That is amazing. Our head deacon was just in my office and said, ‘Pastor, we need to start the jail ministry up again, but we have no preacher.’ You can be our preacher!” And so I was thrust into the ministry. That calling has directed me for nearly five decades.

The following Sunday I preached my first message in the Lafayette, Indiana county jail and heard those words again, “There is more, so much more.” Soon after, I preached my first youth revival in a very traditional church in the coal-mining town of Corbin, Kentucky. I was young and “wet behind the ears.” I was a wild, screaming, hellfire preacher, and those listening probably wondered who in the world I was and what I was doing. At the conclusion of the message I invited the parents to come forward with their teens and pray with them. They just sat there and looked at me; they didn’t move at all. My first revival seemed a disaster. After the service was concluded I asked the teens if there was a room we could go to, not really knowing what I would do when we got there.

They took me into a back room, and there something unfolded that, changed my life forever. These youth began to pray, weep, and repent. The pastor was crying, and I wondered, what was going on here. Then a young girl sat on a table, and it was like she reached up into heaven and pulled Jesus right down into the room. And then suddenly, like a 747 airplane, the Holy Spirit came and landed on the runway of my heart and I was “drunk” (under the influence) of the Holy Spirit for several hours. I had just been “surprised” by the Spirit with the “more” that His voice had been telling me. I have learned that with the Holy Spirit there are surprises along the way that *only* He can give. Because He is sovereign, He can bring a treasure trove of unexpected things into your life. Before accepting Jesus Christ as my savior, I had been drunk many times but not like this. I have been enjoying a glorious spiritual “hangover” for almost five decades and I still realize there is always more when you open every runway of your heart to Him.

With this great baptism of the Spirit I received the gift to be an evangelist and the baptism of love. There were no spiritual gift manifestations, as God knew I was not ready to bear other spiritual realities at that time. Those would come at another time and for other purposes. But this was the “more” He had been talking to me about. It is important that we allow God to do what *He* wants to do when *He* wants to do it. We mustn’t allow people to force on us what they have, or think they have. For me, there was yet more to come.

There would be another encounter with the Holy Spirit a few years later while we were at seminary in Fort Worth Texas. Yes, it’s true —everything is bigger in Texas. As I was going to seminary I was working full time at a printing company. On one Friday night as I was working, the Holy Spirit spoke to me and said, “Tonight is your night.” I felt the overcoming presence of the Holy Spirit that I had come to know and enjoy. While I was at work that night my wife Lana was attending an Andre’ Couch concert with some of our seminary friends. That night they had great experiences with the Holy Spirit and both of Lana’s friends had received the gift of tongues which, at that time, was a lightning rod of controversy in many denominations.

After I came home from work and Lana and our friends came in from the concert; the Holy Spirit was ready to do a new work in my life. My friend Dave shared how the Holy Spirit was working in their lives, and that they wanted to pray for me to receive a fresh filling of the Spirit.

I told him, in an out- of- character way for me, “I have all I need.” By saying that, I had just closed a runway in my heart that the Holy Spirit wanted to occupy. Many times we stop God’s work in our hearts when we say, “I don’t need any more of God,” or the “Holy Spirit.” We become self-satisfied and comfortable when there is so much more. Finally, at 4:00 a.m., Dave prayed for me with the laying on of hands, and I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. A beautiful and fast- flowing gift of tongues flowed from my mouth. Lana was kneeling there also, and my friend said to Lana, “Do you want to receive?” She said, “No, I want to watch Russ.” A couple of nights later she also received the baptism of the Spirit in the quiet of our bedroom. She was ready then. Usually the Holy Spirit will respond when we open the runways. The Holy Spirit operates in the context of the situations, our personalities, and His knowing what we need and when we need it. He also knows what we will do with Him, and what He will do through us.

I had received a beautiful prayer language, or spiritual language. Several days later, I walked to class across the seminary commons praying in tongues like a Singer sewing machine, and this thought entered my mind: “This is you and not the Holy Spirit.” Knowing the devil planted that thought, I replied, “Yes it is me! Yesterday I didn’t have this beautiful gift, but today I do!” My faith had just grown to a new level, and it, overruled the doubt that the enemy wanted to place in my mind.

The devil will challenge you on every new spiritual experience and every new spiritual ground you have taken, and he wants to steal it back. He is a thief! He knows that once you apply the truth, you are transformed, and he has lost the battle against you in any area where you have revelation and application.

Satan is the enemy of Christ and His church, and he wants to scare you off, to take away or separate you from what God has given you. The enemy has talked many people out of what they received or experienced. He uses the voice of a demon spirit that interjects thoughts in their minds. His evil purpose is to steal spiritual realities. He comes to steal, kill and destroy the spiritual workings of God in your life. (John 10:10)

Let God talk you into EVERYTHING, and don’t allow the devil to talk you out of ANYTHING that God gives you.

There are some of you right now living under the limits of your traditions, of your thinking and reasoning, of denominational barriers, fear of the unknown, etc. But as you truthfully and honestly take the limits off, a new paradigm of spiritual understanding will take place in your life and change you dramatically. People today become extreme and radical for other causes, why not for the cause of the Holy Spirit?

Take off all self-imposed limits, or any other limits and live in the power of the limitless Christ who lives in you. (Galatians 2:20) The fullness of the Godhead desires you to have all that the scriptures afford you. The writer of Hebrews describes it as the “better things” of the new covenant. (Hebrews 6:9)

My first experience with the Holy Spirit was almost fifty years ago, and He still ministers to me and through me on behalf of others. I realized the work of the Holy Spirit, his gifts and His ways were profitable to the believer and the body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:7) (1 Peter 4:10) When these spiritual happenings began to take place I had no one to teach me, no one to mentor me. I will never forget the Holy Spirit, the one who wrote the scriptures saying to me, “I will teach you”. That day I realized that the greatest teacher was about to reveal to me what He wrote over 2,000 years ago.

The real works of the Spirit of God and Holy Spirit always drive us to the Word of God (the Bible).

The Holy Spirit will also teach you everything you need to know about everything that you do not know. He will teach you not just about spiritual things, but about the practical, everyday matters of life, and all that it entails. No matter what is going on in your life, in the world and in other’s lives, the resident Holy Spirit will release to you knowledge and wisdom about every matter that concerns you.

The Holy Spirit searches the deep things of God and man, uncovers things and situations that you do not know, and brings you the knowledge you need for the decisions, directions and dilemmas of life, both spiritual and secular. Even the mundane practical things of life are holy and sacred, therefore spiritual wisdom is always applicable. The only reason we do not have that wisdom and knowledge is because we do not ask. He is the greatest problem solver you will ever find.

In Daniel 5:16 we find out that Daniel had the ability to solve difficult problems. Literally, it is the idea of “untying knots.” The Holy Spirit will aid us in the untying of difficulties and complexities of life. I am not a fixer upper guy when things break down at home. Ask my wife; But I began to ask the Holy Spirit to show me how to do certain things and He showed me how to fix some things. Then I began to ask the Holy Spirit about everything, and a whole new world opened up. I was able to untie some very complex issues in my ministry, my life and for others. There is nothing you cannot overcome or figure out if you ask for the word and wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

*Absolutely everything you need is available for the asking and receiving.
The more we lean to our own understanding, the less we will have
of His operational genius and glory in in our lives.*

He searches all things about man, and God and Jesus, because the Spirit of God knows the things of God, things that no human can know otherwise. (Romans 8:27- 28) (1 Corinthians, chapter 2)
(2 Corinthians, chapter 3)

The Holy Spirit will tell you what He is about, explain Himself to you, and give you understanding in all things. He is beyond accurate; He is spot- on! What is it that you need to know right now? Ask Him. He will answer you, teach you, and reveal to you all that He wrote in the word of God. He is the best interpreter and teacher of scripture.

*I will never forget the Holy Spirit speaking to me years ago.
He said: “If you would ask for more, you would have so much more.”
(James 4:2) (Luke 11:13)*

So for one year I was on an intense journey in the scriptures to gain knowledge about the person, work and ministry of the Spirit of God and Holy Spirit. What a download of spiritual user- friendly truths He poured into my life. He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. I began to trace His activities in the scriptures from Genesis to Revelation. As I unpacked the truth about the Holy Spirit, divine encounters, direction, drama and delight filled my soul. As time passed, I began to anticipate Him showing me something new and fresh every day.

When I was the Dean of Rocky Mountain Bible Institute there was a student, Joan Schultz, who got a “rhema” word every morning. “Rhema” is a Greek word that means “a spoken word” and is used when the Holy Spirit speaks a specific word regarding a specific situation or truth. Joan’s testimony was a great inspiration for me, and it spurred me to seek and ask for the same. I later read about Paul who had an abundance of revelations, and now I want more new truths every day.

Without the fullness of the Holy Spirit, believers cannot successfully overcome in every area of their lives.

We will observe a general overview of God the Holy Spirit as He begins His activity in the beginning which is creation, and on through, the Bible to the culmination of all things in Christ — eternal bliss, so glorious that we can hardly comprehend it. In Genesis, He is a Creator. In Revelation, He issues the last call to salvation before eternity’s gates close.

The Holy Spirit longs to invade and possess every area of our life. His desire is that we depend on Him, and not on human reasoning – our “stinking thinking,” as I call it. What could be better or give greater profit than the Holy Spirit operating through us? All of the spiritual blessings are profit to each of us so that we can profit the entire body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:7) And so it is appropriate that we begin with the work of the Spirit of God in the Old Testament. Let’s get started!

CHAPTER ONE:

The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

1. The Spirit of God In The Creation

The three persons of the Godhead; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, were all involved in the creation, redemption and the sanctification of mankind. They will ultimately be involved in the recreation of the new earth, which will return to its original Garden of Eden state. John saw a new heaven and a new earth. (Revelation 21:1) We see that the design of the Father's heart originally was to create and call forth life in the best of His creative works – man (Adam). We are created in God's image and likeness and handcrafted by His sanctifying graces.

One must see the Holy Spirit as God and as the Spirit of life. He is the “self” of God. We see the cosmic activity of God in the creation by the Holy Spirit and the continuation until the crown of eternity rests on our lives. He carries out the purposes and will of God.

“The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was “hovering” over the face of the waters.” — Genesis 1:2

The fact that the earth was an empty wasteland without form and void indicates that it was lifeless, unproductive, uninhabitable, and inhospitable to human life. The Spirit of God was hovering close by, like a mother eagle that “hovers” over her young. Imagine the picture of a mother dove or hen brooding over her unborn chicks with the life-giving warmth they require to develop. The mother hen releases life, order and being into the growing of her chicks inside the egg. If you were raised around farm animals you witnessed a mother hen crouched over her eggs, brooding over her undeveloped offspring; her warmth working to produce and sustain life in her unborn chicks.

With this imagery, we can almost see the Spirit of God trembling over the earth with great expectancy and a sense of protection, like a hen fluttering her wings over her nest.

Without the blessing of God, the earth was lifeless. This condition of the earth was not a threat to the Spirit of God. He has dominion, and was a divine superintendent over the earth. The spirit of God brooded or hovered over the waters with eternal peace, bringing order out of chaos, bringing the reign of God out of the emptiness and desolation that dominated the earth, bringing delight to the heart of God.

The Holy Spirit will take the natural things in your life, hover over them, brood over them, and create a new spiritual man. He will create a new life in you, not only in salvation but in the fullness of the spirit by the sanctifying power of Jesus. Just like the earth when it was void, the landscape of one's life before Christ is also non-productive, filled with aimless wanderings. The lost person, a natural man, accepts Christ, and then the Spirit of God comes and creates the new man in him.

The Spirit of God would hover, as He trembled with divine energies.

I remember as a young Christian and newly called to preach, attending a Baptist brush arbor, which is an outdoor covered place where many would come to pray. My mentor, Jim Dooley, and I would be praying there at all hours of the night. When we were under the brush arbor there was a wind blowing. When we moved out from under the brush arbor, the wind would stop. It was as if the Holy Spirit was saying: "Stay under my presence and I will do mighty things for you. If you get out from under my presence, you are on your own, working under your own natural abilities."

It is the presence of God that is going to create His image in our lives.

The Spirit of God, (Ruah) was presiding over the earth, and preparing it for the creative words that would follow. Whether it be as wind or spirit, it is the dynamic flow of God and contains all of the creative elements of God. There came a sound from heaven on the day of Pentecost. A sound of wind in the natural creation and then a new sound (tongues) in the spiritual creation of the body of Christ.

God follows up with what was done in the natural creation with a new supernatural creation in the hearts of men.

For several years I managed a restaurant and was a bartender at night. There was no rhyme or reason to my existence. The days ran into each other with no purpose or meaning. One drink to another, one meal to another, one night out to another, one sin to another connecting me only to loneliness and lostness. Then with salvation and the indwelling Holy Spirit, the scenery changed. The Holy Spirit began removing things from my life, and putting awesome new things in. As somebody said, "He will burn out the bad and bring in the good." "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Luke 3:16) The winnowing fan is in His hand to purify us.

*“What the Holy Spirit conceives, He achieves”
Stay under the presence of the Holy Spirit until He conceives in you a new life.
The Holy Spirit will perfect in us the imperfect.*

The Holy Spirit hovers and broods over our lives creating in us spiritual realities to be released in us, and through us to others. It is the Holy Spirit, God Himself infusing whomever He will with His divine and creative energies. The Holy Spirit has creative thoughts, that conceive in us dreams, destinies, and new assignments that take us into all of God’s possibilities.

The earth was a wasteland and a chaotic mess, and the Spirit of God made it habitable and hospitable for human existence. He perfects the imperfect; so He does in each of us. Out of our chaotic lives the Holy Spirit creates the beauties of the Father and Jesus in us, and teaches us that we can live the abundant life of God. This is the best possible kind of life imaginable. (John 10:10)

2. The Spirit of God in the Creation of Man

“Man was formed from the dust of the earth, God breathed into his nostrils the breath (Spirit) of life.” – Genesis 2:7

On that glorious day in the Garden of Eden, God created man from the soil of the earth, and He breathed His own life into Adam’s lifeless form. As Adam’s lungs filled with air and he rose for the first time, he now possessed both natural and spiritual life. The Spirit activated the life of God in Adam.

In the New Testament, Jesus repeated this when He breathed upon his disciples and said, “Receive ye the Holy Spirit.” The Holy Spirit is the energy of God for all of our lives. He is the one who reveals to us all that Jesus is. The Holy Spirit will create in you the desires of the Father and Jesus.

No matter how seemingly hopeless your situation or condition may be, allow the Spirit of God to present Himself over your life in order to bring rhyme and reason to all you are and all you do.

God’s Spirit will bring peace, order, and beauty out of chaos, confusion and destruction. These gifts are of God, and not of self or flesh. God’s Spirit brings order into this life.

I always anticipate God breathing a new thing into my life. How many things of God do we miss when we don’t anticipate God and allow the Spirit to lead?

3. The Spirit of God in The Lives of Old Testament Men

In like manner, God breathed His very spirit into the men of old, inspiring and enabling them to record the new and living Word of God. These men were supernaturally gifted by God to direct the course of the nation of Israel. As He came upon them, He endowed them with supernatural gifts of super human power, wisdom of arts to skillfully build the tabernacle, and the ability to perform the will of God in the history of Israel and all mankind. *Samson received supernatural strength and power. Solomon received wisdom. Gideon received courage. David received leadership.*

The Spirit of God or the Holy Spirit was working mightily in them, on them, and around them. He came upon them. (2 Chronicles 24:20), He rested on them, (Numbers 11:25), and He filled them. (Exodus 31:3).

The Old Testament contains about one hundred direct references to the Spirit of God. Seventy-five of those references describe the Spirit of God influencing men **externally**, meaning He comes upon them as He does on all of us.

He divines Himself upon us at different times in different ways, distributing His gifts and abilities for particular reasons. Twenty-five references describe the Spirit of God influencing people **internally**. The scriptures indicate an inward activity, but only for a season or a specified amount of time, as compared to the new covenant where He permanently lives inside of the believer, dwelling internally. This is the basic distinction between the Spirit of God and the Holy Spirit as seen in the Old Testament and the New Testament.

*In the Old Testament the Spirit of God comes primarily for visitation.
In the New Testament He comes for habitation.*

4. The Spirit of God in Relation to the Great Prophets

The prophets of old played a key role in the history of Israel and in the Holy Scriptures. They had a message for their time. They spoke and acted under the divine direction of God as He used their personalities and lives to bring divine truth, corrections and warnings. The Spirit of God helped them represent God and the hidden truths of the coming Messiah to their generation.

The prophets felt the Spirit working in them; they knew when He was upon them. They would say, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,” which gave them confidence that they were speaking in the name of the Lord. They knew the Spirit of the Lord was bringing God’s will to pass... not by might, nor by power, but by His Spirit. (Zechariah 4:6) By the Spirit they elevated God’s heart and ways to humanity.

Their minds were clear and they were not “mad men” as some supposed. They were not grumpy old men, but gushed forth the words and works of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit conveyed the mind of God, His thoughts, desires and purposes, and by possessing the Spirit of God their natures were changed. God’s prophets always gave a true analysis of the times, provided clear and concise direction, and relayed God’s responses to the people.

God gave them prophetic wisdom for the hour in which they lived and instructions on how to live — always calling them to come back to God in deep and heartfelt repentance.

5. The Spirit of God Was Transferred To Others

*The Holy Spirit was never intended for us to keep Him to ourselves,
but to “transfer” Him to others by the laying on of hands,
speaking the truth, and associating with those who are anointed.*

Examples: Elijah and Elisha (2 Kings 2:15; 1 Sam 16:13-14; Numbers 11:17, 25-29)

We know the thrilling and insightful account of Elijah and Elisha. The persistence and determination of Elisha brought him a double anointing of the Spirit of God. Elisha followed Elijah everywhere he went. The prophet had to go to several cities and Elisha was determined to follow him, even at the insistence of the prophet for him *not* to follow. Finally in exasperation, Elijah turned around and asked him what he wanted. Elisha replied that he wanted a double portion of the Spirit that rested on his master, Elijah.

Elijah told him that he had asked a hard thing but if Elisha was here when he was taken up and received in heaven, it would be given to him. When the day for Elijah’s departure came, and he was taken up into heaven, the mantle (cloak) of Elijah fell to the earth. Elisha then put on the mantle, and thus carried the double anointing of Elijah.

In the New Testament Jesus said, “Go and tarry in Jerusalem until you be endued, clothed, cloaked, and mantled from on high.” (Luke 24:49) Know that the Holy Spirit will be a good fit for you. Open the runway of your heart! This was a spiritual forecast of that which was to come in the New Testament: Jesus was taken up, and received into heaven, and on the day of Pentecost, His Spirit was poured out on the men and women who were left behind.

The Spirit did pass to Elisha, as evidenced by the testimony of the young prophets. They saw the spirit of Elijah resting on Elisha as they saw his powerful manifestations. (2 Kings 2:15) As you and I seek God, know He always releases the things we need. This seeking is more than just giving God a “spiritual nod.” It is an intense craving and seeking of His very being and His presence. This is what others will notice.

You cannot just “tip your hat” to the Holy Spirit and have Him in His fullness in your life.

6. The Spirit of God In Relation To Spiritual Experiences

King David knew the importance of the Spirit of God in his life. He knew the need for the anointing of the Spirit as Samuel poured the oil upon him. He was no stranger to the works of the Spirit of God. He had witnessed Saul when the Spirit of God left him, and knew the tragedy of living apart from God’s Spirit. After King David’s disastrous sin, he pleaded for God not to remove His Spirit from his life, knowing his life would be a hopeless experience if He did so. David knew that he was on very dangerous ground, a slippery slope without God’s Spirit and presence. (Psalm 51)

So it is with us. Without the Holy Spirit at work in our lives, we are left to ourselves, our flesh in which there is no good thing, and we are greatly limited. Therefore, we must be anointed of God for our ministry.

- The Anointing: (Numbers 11:26-29)
- The Anointing of the Kings, Prophets and Priests, Saul, David, others

7. The Spirit of God was Prophesied for The Future

The prophet Joel, by the Spirit, prophesied the outpouring of the Holy Spirit eight hundred years before the Day of Pentecost.

“It will come about after this, that I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; and your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth; blood, fire and columns of smoke. “The sun will be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the Lord Will be delivered; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem. There will be those who escape, as the Lord has said, even among the survivors whom the Lord calls.” (Joel 2:28–32)

Joel 2:28-32 is the culmination of the Old Testament prophecies of the outpouring of the Spirit. This universal outpouring would make the opportunity to be spiritually energized available to everyone, everywhere. All believers upon the earth would be able to be included in this far-reaching work of God. It was the culmination of the Old Testament working of the Spirit in mankind, and extremely significant right up to the final outpouring on the nation of Israel. A spirit of grace and supplication will be poured out on Israel. (Ezekiel 39:27-29)

Until this time the spirit of the Lord had been given to only certain people at rare moments. Joel understood that someday the whole world would share the Holy Spirit, men and women, from the greatest to the most humble, every age, race and background. Joel knew this by the foresight of the Holy Spirit. This was the forecast of one of God's greatest works in the face of the earth.

I have witnessed this first-hand. In the sixty-five nations where I have been privileged to minister, the Holy Spirit reigns in non-educated, poverty stricken people in tattered clothes. He is no respecter of persons. What a thought to ponder, that the Messiah would give His Spirit to people as their own possession. We possess Him, and He possesses us. (Isaiah 32:13-17, 44:1-4, and 61:1)

8. Bird's Eye View of the Spirit of God in The Old Testament

The scope of the presence of the Spirit of God in the Old Testament was to guide and superintend the religious and moral life of Israel, to guide the affairs of men, to guide history and Israel to their redeemer, and to indicate that there would be a future age of the Spirit, that would come eight hundred years later. As people read the Old Testament, they come away with a rapturous wonder of the Holy Spirit, or Spirit of God, weaving Himself throughout the scriptures. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are resplendent with glory as they demonstrate their unity and singular purpose in the fulfillment of the Godhead's role.

From the creation to the second coming of Christ, the Spirit of God is working to lead people to God and Christ, where ultimately we will enjoy eternal majesty with our bridegroom, Christ the King.

CHAPTER TWO: The Person of The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is active from Genesis to Revelation. In the book of Genesis, He is seen as the creator (Gen 1:2); in the book of Acts, he is the church starter (Acts 2:37-47); in the book of Revelation, he is the calling to salvation (Rev 22:17). It is imperative that believers understand exactly who the Holy Spirit is. He is such a beautiful, worthy and integral part of the Godhead,

1. THE HOLY SPIRIT (WHO HE IS):

A. The Holy Spirit is a Person

In the book of John, the Holy Spirit is referred to as “He” thirteen times. The Holy Spirit is not an “it,” or an impersonal force. (John 14-16) You can pray to Him, worship with Him, talk to Him, ask Him questions and receive all He has. As a person, He is a daily experience in our lives. We are to have a daily relationship with Him.

B. The Holy Spirit is a member of the triune Godhead

In Creation: (Genesis 1:26;Genesis 11:7)

In Baptisms: (Matthew 3:16-17;Matthew28:19-20)

C. The Holy Spirit comes as a promise from God the Father

He comes from God and does not cease to be God. In the Old Testament He comes for visitation, and in the New Testament He comes for habitation. He was in Christ and on Christ. He was poured out on the day of Pentecost. He is the promise of the Father. (Acts 1: 4-5)

D. The Holy Spirit is God

He is equally as much God as Jesus and the Father are God. He was before creation in the Triune Council. He has the attributes of God. He is co-equal and co-eternal and co-existent with the Father and the Son. The Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ and the Holy Spirit are in a sense all one and the same. (Acts 5: 3-4;John 4:24)

E. He is Holy

There is only one, and He is holy. Holy means sacred, reverent, set apart, absolute in purity, and righteous in everything. The Holy Spirit is the white heat of perfection. He is separate from all other spirits, the spirit of holiness that works in us. Therefore we do not want to grieve Him by what we do, where we go, how we act, or what we say. We can grieve Him by not allowing Him access to the runways of our heart where He can do what He desires. We can bring great sorrow to His being and person.

F. He is Spirit

As a spirit, He is intangible, not in a substance or bodily form, although He took the form of a dove at various times. He has complete freedom of movement, is unlimited and not bound. He is divine energy with dynamic movement. (John 3:8;2 Corinthians 3:17;Acts 1:8). There is nowhere He cannot go, and nothing He cannot do. He is everything you can imagine Him to be.

G. He has Divine Perfections

- He is omniscient: All knowing, has all knowledge. (1 Corinthians 2:10)
- He is omnipresent: He is present everywhere at the same time. (Psalm 139:7-10)
- He is omnipotent: All powerful. (Acts 1:8)
- He is eternal: Always and forever eternal. (Hebrews 9:14)
- He has foresight: Prior knowledge. (Acts 1:16)
- He is sovereign: Lord over all. (2 Corinthians 3:17-18)
- He is truth: Jesus identifies the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Truth. (John 14:17)
(John 16:13and 1 John 4:6)

H. The Holy Spirit has a Personality

- He has intellect and intelligence. He acts as an intelligent guide. (Acts 15:28;Acts 8:29)
- He has knowledge: He knows all things. (1 Corinthians 2:11)
- He has a mind of His own. (Romans 8:27)
- He has feelings and emotions: He loves, and He can be grieved. (Romans 15:30;Ephesians 4:30) Just as one is grieved over the loss of a loved one, so is the Holy Spirit grieved when He is ignored or violated.
- He Has a will: His will is to fill us, and transform us into the image of Christ.
(2 Corinthians 3:18)

2. THE PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (HOW HE ACTS):

- He searches the things of God. (1 Corinthians 2:10)
- He prays. He is the prayer warrior within in us. (Romans 8:26-27)
- He leads. He led Jesus – think about that! (Romans 8:14)
- He teaches. (John 14:26)
- He speaks. (Revelation 2:7;1 Timothy 4:1)
- He comforts. (John 14:16-17)
- He has personal relationships. (Matthew 4; Luke 4)
- He glorifies Jesus. (John 16:14)
- He testifies. He testified to Paul. (Acts 20:23)
- He fellowships with us. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

3. THE MINISTRIES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (WHAT HE DOES):

A. He is the Teacher

He is the Spirit of Truth who teaches. Jesus identifies the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Truth regarding the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, as to the day of Pentecost and thereafter.

*“He will **teach you** all things and bring things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said to you.” (John 14:26; John 14:17; John 16:13)*

He knew they would forget things, and need to be reminded. In order for Christianity to be formed in history, He would bring things to their remembrance.

- He would teach all disciples and believers. This is how the Gospel writers were able to write the actual teachings of Jesus after He ascended. (2 Peter 1:19-21)
- He would be responsible for teaching everything regarding knowledge for salvation and fellowship with God to perfect and mature the saints.
- He would be responsible for teaching all things for witnessing. (Acts 1:8)
- He would relate all forgotten truths that Jesus had taught them on earth. Revelation-Inspiration-Illumination.

B. He Bears Witness Concerning Christ

He bears witness regarding the message of redemption. (Acts 15:28; Revelation 22:17)

C. He is Our Defense Attorney

- When we are persecuted. (Matthew 10:16-20)
- He prosecutes the hostile world and all who are enemies of Christ. (John 16:7- 11)

D. He is the Comforter

“And I will pray to the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever.” (John 14:16)

The word comforter is *paraclete*:

- A God at hand
- One who comes along side of and with
- One who comes along aside with and takes a hold with us
- One we can call upon in an emergency
- One who is ever present and all sufficient
- One who is sufficient and efficient

E. He is Ever Present

- The mode of His presence is “with you and within you,” an ever- present (always present) help in time of need. (John 14:17)
- The duration of His presence is eternal. “He will be with you forever.” (John 14:16)
- The nature of His presence: I will give you another comforter “of the same kind of Spirit as Jesus,” as opposed to a different kind.

F. He is the Sealer: He Seals the Righteous

“... in whom ye also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.” (Ephesians 1:13-14)

The sealing unto salvation “... and grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you were sealed unto the day of redemption.” (Ephesians 4:30)

Note: The Greek word for “seal” in the Ephesians passage is the same Greek word for “seal” used in Romans 4:11. The believer has been “fenced in, signified, and stamped” as the private property of our Lord Jesus Christ. The seal of the king was irreversible, and could not be opened without authorization. The seal was a down payment upon a transaction, or the earnest money that provided for the validity of a contract. It secures the full sum of the money, thus signifying our salvation is secure, the seal not to be broken or reversed. What Jesus has done is eternal, and the Holy Spirit sees that is so.

G. He is the Anointing, or Anointer

Anoint means to smear on, to thoroughly cover, to anoint as rubbing over a sick body.

1. The Individual Anointing- each believer has it . What you do with it determines how and to what extent it operates in you.

- *“but you have an anointing from the Holy one, and you know all things.” (1 John 2:20)* Every believer has the anointing of the Holy Spirit without measure because Jesus the Christ, the anointed one lives in us, and releases that anointing daily for us, the river that flows out of us. (John 7:37-39)
- *“But the anointing you have received from Him who abides in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.” (1 John 2:27)* The greatest teacher, the Holy Spirit, lives in us. When this verse tells you that you do not need a teacher to teach you, it is not contradicting the teaching gift of Ephesians Ch. 4. John is referring to the false teachers of the Gnostics.
- *“Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God.” (2 Corinthians 1: 21-22)*

The title “Christ,” (the anointed one) is used over 350 times in the scriptures. Christ, Christos, the anointed one lives in us, and brings His anointing “without measure” into us. (John 3:34) We each have the credentials of the anointing within us: (Isaiah 61:1-7; Luke 4:16-19)

- To do good works (Acts 10:38)
- For the fivefold ministry (Ephesians 4:11-12)
- He who prays in us and for us (1 Corinthians 14: 4-15; Romans 8: 26-27)
- For the fellowship in the Spirit (2 Corinthians 13:14)
- To do His works (Luke 4:16-20)

2. The Corporate Anointing

- The Glory anointing (2 Chronicles 5: 11-14)
- The Prayer anointing (Acts 4:23-24)
- The Unity anointing (Psalm 133: 1-3)

3. The Special Anointing:

I have personally seen the following in operation:

- Salvation anointing (John 4:13) When I would teach on evangelism, bringing the lost to Christ, there would always be an anointing for salvation, and many people came to Christ for salvation in that season. Occasionally the Holy Spirit changed my message to preach a salvation message, and the Holy Spirit would be at work to save and convict people and bring them to Christ.
- Spirit river anointing (John 7:37-39) Jesus said that rivers of living waters would flow out of our innermost beings, and that at given times different spiritual rivers would flow, sometimes for healing, sometimes for gifts of the spirit, sometimes for a particular spirit empowering, and sometimes for miracles, signs and wonders. I have experienced that as the river flows out of me, it usually does in me what it is doing in others.
- Spirit empowering (Acts 1:8) This is when the Holy Spirit empowers people to do certain things, such as witnessing or carrying the gospel to unreached people groups, to witness in difficult places, or to witness to difficult people.
- Spirit of teaching (John 14-16) The Spirit, the teacher will flow through those who study, prepare and communicate spiritual and scriptural truths. Jesus gives this gift to the body of Christ. This is why I pray for the Holy Spirit to teach through me, speak through me, and do as He pleases through me when I minister.
- Spirit of greatness (1 John 4:4) This is the spirit given ability to be greatly used by God in a particular greatness, to influence multitudes. This is like the great men of old, a T.L. Osborn, a Billy Graham, a Reinhard Bonnke, or the Apostle Paul in prison.
- Spirit temple (1 Corinthians 3:16) We are the temples of the Holy Spirit, He dwells in us all the time, we house Him and release Him. We are houses built by the Spirit of the living God.

4. The Spiritual Gifts Anointing (Romans 12;1 Corinthians 12-14;Ephesians 4;1 Peter 4:10-11)

H. He is the Spirit of prophecy

The Holy Spirit announces prophetic and future events. (John 16:13;Acts 11:28)

I. He is the Spirit of wisdom

The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of Knowledge and the fear of the Lord. (Isaiah 11:2) This ought to be a current and constant prayer to have the spirit of wisdom in our lives.

J. He is the Spirit of adoption (Romans 8:15)

It is here we see that God adopted us as His very own, to be heirs of all He and His family have as an inheritance. The Holy Spirit does this work. We were orphans of the devil, in a world of darkness without compass. The Holy Spirit convicted us, drew us to Jesus and adopted us. By that work of the Spirit of adoption, we became the beloved children of God and of the kingdom.

K. He is the Spirit of sanctification

(1 Peter 1:2;John 17:17;Romans 15:16;2 Thessalonians 2:13;1 Corinthians 6:11)

Besides the initial work of the Holy Spirit entering the life of the believer at salvation, the baptism in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit's sanctifying grace separates our lives to Him, we become like Him. The Holy Spirit sets us apart in all we do, say, and are. We cannot improve. We cannot win any battle in the flesh by the strength of the flesh. The cross was the circumcision instrument of God and the conduit by which the Holy Spirit continues to separate us from man and to God. Once we are filled with the Spirit, led by the Spirit we no longer fulfill the works of the flesh. (Gal 5: 19-21) We must rely on the Holy Spirit to separate us to God and to give us opposing desires from what the flesh wants to give to us.

L. He is Seen as Symbolic (Representative of the Holy Spirit and How He Works)

The following are types, suggestions and representations of the Holy Spirit. They illustrate his works, and give us new insight and understanding.

As Oil

Oil is one of the mightiest symbols of the Holy Spirit, and is used often in the Old Testament. There are Biblical examples of the uses of oil that illustrate and give insight to the work of the Holy Spirit:

- The anointing of Israelite priests: (Exodus 29:7, 29-30; Leviticus 8; Psalm 133:2)
- The anointing of Old Testament kings: (Saul – 1 Samuel 10:1; David – 1 Samuel 16:13)
- The fuel for the lamp in the Holy place: (Exodus 27:20) It was to burn eternally as it also did in Jesus and now each of us.
- The healing of the sick: (Mark 6:13; James 5:14)

As Wind

The Holy Spirit is seen as wind on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:2). The Holy Spirit baptized one hundred and twenty people in the upper room, as well as others through the Book of Acts in the birthing of the New Testament church, which would be one of the epochal events in the Bible and the life of Christianity. This event jump-starts all that is to come in the life of the Holy Spirit the believer. Regarding salvation, no one knows how salvation happens but it is like the blowing of the wind, happening here and there, and always by the Spirit of God. (John 3:8)

It can be gentle as a cool and refreshing breeze, tender and soft but also as a hurricane, great and mighty in force.

As Water

- It is an artesian well springing up inside the believer for eternal life. (John 4:13-14)
- It becomes rivers of living water flowing out of one's spiritual womb. (John 7:37-39)
- It is refreshing for the thirsty soul. (Isaiah 44:3)
- It is the final call for those who are thirsty for salvation before the gates of eternity close. (Revelation 22:17)

As Fire

Fire represents the purifying work of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 3:11)

- It is the sanctifying fire of the Holy Spirit that burns out the bad things and burns in the good things.
- It is the consuming fire of God. (Hebrews 12:29)

As A Dove

The Spirit of God descending like a dove, and coming upon Jesus. (Matthew 3:16, Mark 1:10)

The dove is soft and gentle, and His workings are that way. This instructs us to walk softly and gently before our God. It is one of the beautiful representations of the Holy Spirit.

Seal

Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge. (2 Corinthians 1:21-22)

In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory. (Ephesians 1:13-14)

In New Testament times, a merchant buying logs of wood would stamp them or seal the ends of the log with his identification. Then when he came to claim them, he could identify the lot of lumber by his seal. The Holy Spirit is a pledge of the promise of God's purchasing us out of the marketplace of sin. The Holy Spirit pledges witnesses to our hearts that we are eternally His.

M. He is the Spirit of Encouragement

As we pray we develop our spiritual acuity in our most holy faith, making spiritual progress as we pray in tongues or in the spirit, or in spirit-inspired intercession. It is a great antidote to discouragement and depression. (Jude 20) Praying in the spirit or tongues settles these issues, and many more.

CHAPTER THREE:

The Holy Spirit in the New Testament

Next to the gift of salvation, the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and the sanctifying graces of the Holy Spirit, the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit is paramount in the New Testament. It initiated a new family of people filled with power and separated from the world to live in righteousness and holiness. His presence and work cannot be hidden in the life of a true believer. It would take volumes to record all of the Holy Spirits' working in the New Testament, but following are a few worth reviewing:

1. The Birth and Ministry of John the Baptist

John was born to righteous, and blameless parents, people of prayer who were walking in the ways of the Lord. His father was a priest. His mother was barren. While ministering his priestly duties, the angel Gabriel visited Zechariah with precise instructions about the son to be born to him, including what to name him. God can bypass and override any physical limitations we have. Never box God in based upon the natural situation and your perception of it. As my friend Mike Mille' says, "Do not run your life by clocks, coins, calendars and circumstances."

"He will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb." (Luke 1:15)

These are the workings of the Lord. As the first spirit filled baby, John had a head start on all of us. The Holy Spirit's sovereign work was taking place in John the Baptist.

*The Holy Spirit will give you a head start on the rest of the pack,
releasing you to run the race with great focus and intentionality.*

Some say that John the Baptist wasn't filled with the Spirit the way we are, didn't do any miracles, didn't operate in the gifts of the Spirit, and didn't fit our self-designed charismatic mold. Let's look at John's credentials: Luke 1:80 says, "So the child grew and became strong in Spirit, and was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel." He grew strong in the Spirit. The scripture is silent about his life until he entered ministry, but when he began preaching the kingdom of God and repentance, John came out of the desert with the six-gun blaze of the Spirit and fire of God upon Him, introducing Jesus as the Savior of the world and the Baptizer in the Spirit.

We are crafted by the hand and heart of God to grow in the Spirit. This is a glorious process as we are saved, baptized in the Holy Spirit and sanctified to the Father. John adds to this in John 1:14-17. In the journey we grow stronger in the Spirit as we trust Him, learn of Him and grow in Him.

*When you stay in the desert for many years with the Lord
your focus and attention becomes a voice crying in the wilderness,
preparing the way of the Lord and introducing Jesus to the world.*

“John bore witness of Him and cried out saying, ‘This was He of whom I said He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.’ ” (John 1:15)

John the Baptist may not fit our sometimes-shaky criteria, but He certainly fits the will of God. The issue may not be *our* self-designed requirements, but God was pleased to fill John the Baptist with the Spirit as a baby, and then grow him up strong to fulfill the Father’s will in the earth. This didn’t come through a place of comfort. It came within the oversight of the Holy Spirit for the time of history that John was in, and was the right expression of the Spirit for John to do the work he was called to do to fulfill the will of God.

*The “most Spirit filled” people I know are not pompous peacocks strutting
what they think they have, but are humble of spirit.*

We see that God has filled a human baby with His Spirit from the womb. This is not a spiritual template, but something for consideration of all children being born. Babies are born into a fallen world with things like rejection, anger, disease and infirmity, so why not pray, ask, and believe God for a baby to have the influence of the Holy Spirit on their life from the beginning. One thing is sure; we have not if we ask not. So it is surely appropriate to lay hands on the belly of the mother and pray for the Holy Spirit to do His work, whatever that may be.

The Holy Spirit in Relation to the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke)

John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord and introduced Jesus to humanity. It was the same John who proclaimed, “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” (Matthew 3:11)

John speaks volumes of truth. As the predecessor of Jesus, John had a spiritual experience while still in the womb of his mother, Elizabeth. At this point, when He was speaking of Jesus, John had been in the desert for eighteen years under the tutelage of the Spirit of God. All those years under the blistering heat, sweltering sun and hot winds, John was not just going his own way, he was yielding to the Holy Spirit and being trained and prepared for the greatest moments of his life. John had a personal relationship with the Holy Spirit. This is how he knew to prophesy about the day that

would shake all of Christendom and shape the face of the church — the day Jesus began His earthly ministry. Only by the Spirit of God did John know that the Messiah’s coming was near. He knew the Holy Spirit would do the necessary work in the life of the believers. John was sent to baptize with water, but understood that Jesus would baptize in the Holy Spirit and fire.

God prepared John for a short, but eternally significant work preaching the kingdom of God and repentance. His work is recorded in the gospel of Matthew as the voice of one crying in the wilderness.

*No matter where God has you, in the desert or in a time of delight,
His Spirit will teach you and train you for the mightiest works of your life.
These seasons are not about activities that are happening in your life
today, but a spiritual mentorship for the kingdom work of tomorrow.*

*Know that God will give you a crying voice in the wilderness.
Desire it, seek it, wait for it, for it will surely come.
So many times we are in a hurry to ,go., but Jesus’ last words were to
,wait., The wait must always come before the go!*

3. The Holy Spirit In the Book of John

- In relation to salvation and the new birth, Jesus explains to Nicodemus, the Jewish teacher, that salvation is the new birth, being born from above by the Holy Spirit, the very life of God birthed within us. (Galatians 4:6; Romans 8:16; 1 John 4:13) This was the offer and act of salvation to the woman at the well. (John 4:13 and 14)
- In relation to the baptism and releasing of the Holy Spirit. (John 7:37-39)
- In relation to the great teachings on the Holy Spirit. (John chapters 14-16)

4. The Holy Spirit In the Book of Acts- He is mentioned over 44 times in Acts

The book of Acts is a recording of the acts (actions) of the Apostles through the Holy Spirit. It is here on the day of Pentecost we see the outpouring prophecy of Joel fulfilled.

Acts 1:4 describes the promise of the Spirit.

Acts 1:8 describes the purpose of the Holy Spirit in worldwide evangelism.

We see clearly in Acts the nature of Pentecost expressed in four diverse groups of people. This ensured that representatives of every known people would experience the Pentecost power in order for the Gospel to spread to the far ends of the earth. Pentecost impacted the Jews, the Gentiles, the Samaritans and the church leaders in Ephesus (a church of over 50,000 believers). The Holy Spirit does not discriminate between people, position or status. The broad scope is seen here in the prophecy of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38) Everyone who was willing to “Repent and be baptized” would have the power to fulfill the Great Commission.

Acts chapter 2 describes the day of Pentecost- **Jewish** Pentecost.

(**Note:** after Acts 2 the terminology is the *filling* of the Holy Spirit.)

Acts chapter 8 describes the **Samaritan** Pentecost.

Acts chapter 10 describes the **Gentile** Pentecost.

Acts chapter 19 describes the **Ephesian** Pentecost.

5. The Holy Spirit in the book of Romans. (Romans chapter 8 – *Life in the Spirit*)

- Life-giving Spirit living in us (Romans 8:1-4)
- Resurrection Spirit living in us (Romans 8:11)
- Powerful Spirit putting to death the flesh (Romans 8:13)
- Leading of the Spirit (Romans 8:14)
- Witnessing Spirit as to salvation (Romans 8: 15-16)
- Spirit of prayer, the perfect and powerful way to pray. (Romans 8: 26-28)

6. The Holy Spirit in 1st and 2nd Corinthians. (1 Corinthians 12-14)

- We rely on the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 2:1-4)
- Revelation of the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 2: 10-11)
- Only the Holy Spirit knows God’s thoughts. (1 Corinthians 2: 11-12)
- We speak words by the Spirit. (1 Corinthians 2: 13)
- The universal gifts of the Spirit. (1 Corinthians chapter 12)
- The Love of the Spirit. (1 Corinthians chapter 13)

- The order of the Holy Spirit in church services. (1 Corinthians chapter 14)
- The glorious ministry of the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3: 1-16)
- The liberty of the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:17)
- The transformation of the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

7. The Holy Spirit in the Book of Galatians

Galatians chapter 3:1-5: Their (the Galatians') receiving of Christ and seeing miracles came through faith and not the flesh. They began in the Spirit, but were digressing to works of the flesh.

- The beginning and continuing of the Spirit-filled walk. (Galatians 3: 2-4)
- Living by the Spirit's power (Galatians 5: 16-18)
- Living in the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5: 22-23)

We make a note that the gifts of the Spirit are given and can operate immediately. With use and growth, they operate in a more effective manner representing the power of the Spirit. The Fruit of the Spirit is grown in a believer's life, bringing one to maturity as one yields to the graces and the Holy Spirit. The fruits represent the character and personality of Jesus.

8. The Holy Spirit in the book of Ephesians

- The seal of the Spirit. (Ephesians 1:14; 4:30)
- Grieving of the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 4:30)
- Filling and being controlled by the Spirit. (Ephesians 5:18)
- The sword of the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 6:17)
- Praying in the Spirit. (Ephesians 6:18)

9. The Holy Spirit in Philippians

- There is a supply of the Spirit. (Philippians 1:19)
- We stand fast in the Spirit. (Philippians 1:27)
- The fellowship of the Spirit. (Philippians 2:1)

10. The Holy Spirit in 1st and 2nd Thessalonians

- The gospel comes in power and the Holy Spirit. (1 Thessalonians 1:5)
- The joy of the Holy Spirit. (1 Thessalonians 1:6)
- The sanctification of the Spirit. (2 Thessalonians 2:13)

11. 1st and 2nd Timothy

- We are justified in the Spirit, a mystery of Godliness. (1 Timothy 3:16)
- The speaking of the Spirit. (1 Timothy 4:1)
- We guard the calling and gospel by the Holy Spirit. (2 Timothy 1:14)

12. Hebrews

- God bears witness by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. (Hebrews 2:4)
 - The speaking of the Holy Spirit. (Hebrews 3:7)
 - The eternal spirit cleanses the conscience from dead works. (Hebrews 9:14)
- The witness of the Holy Spirit. (Hebrews 10:15)

13. 1st and 2nd Peter

- The sanctification of the Spirit. (1 Peter 1:2)
- Preaching done by the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven. (1 Peter 1:12)
- Purifying of the soul through truth through the Spirit. (1 Peter 1:22)
- The resurrection Spirit. (1 Peter 3:18)
- The ministry of the Gifts and the Holy Spirit. (1 Peter 4: 10-11)
- The glorious Spirit rests on those who suffer righteously. (1 Peter 4:14)
- Scriptures written by the Spirit. (2 Peter 1:21)

14. 1st, 2nd and 3rd John

- We all have the Holy Spirit unction. (1 John 2:20)
- We all have the Holy Spirit as teacher. (1 John 2:27)
- The Holy Spirit lives within us. (1 John 4:13)
- We test the spirits because not all are of God. (1 John 4:1)
- You identify if a person has the Spirit of God if they admit Jesus came in the flesh. (1 John 4:2)

15. The Holy Spirit in the Book of Jude. (Jude 20)

- The Holy Spirit builds us up as we pray. The Holy Spirit prays within us.

16. The Holy Spirit In the Book of Revelation. (John was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day)

Seven times John says, "He who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the church"
This is the talking Spirit and the listening ear. (Revelation, chapters 2 and 3)

The final call for Salvation: The Holy Spirit Begins His activity in the creation and is now active in the culmination of Christ's call to Eternal Salvation. "The Spirit and the bride say come!" (Revelation 22:17)

CHAPTER FOUR:
The Holy Spirit in the Life of Jesus

1. The Holy Spirit Prophecies the Birth of the Messiah, Jesus

- Now the birth of Jesus was this way: When as His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. (Matthew. 1:18)

- But while he (Joseph) thought on these things, behold the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shall call his name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:20)

- Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which being interpreted is, God is with us. (Matthew 1:22)

- And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the highest shall overshadow thee. Therefore, also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. (Luke 1:35)

2. The Holy Spirit’s Activity in the Conception of Jesus

My favorite story of the birth of Jesus is recorded in Luke chapters 1 and 2. The Holy Spirit is the author of the Bible, so allow Him to impart these truths deep into your spirit.

Mary is troubled about the angelic news that she is going to have a baby. Under Jewish law, not only could her betrothal be annulled, resulting in public humiliation, but she could be stoned to death. Naturally she asks the question, “How can this be?” The Word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit gives us the answer: “The Holy Ghost shall come upon you, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you; therefore also that Holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.” (Luke 1:35)

From the creation, to the incarnation to the culmination of the ages, God’s ways are always different than our way.

3. The Holy Spirit's Activity in the Birth of Jesus

The Holy Spirit Confirms Jesus' Identity When He is dedicated in The Temple

Through Simeon:

"And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the law, then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said, "Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light of revelation of the gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." (Luke 2:25-25) Notice that on that day many parents were bringing children to the temple, but being led by the Spirit he came to Jesus.

Through Anna the prophetess:

"And there was a prophetess, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years and had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple, serving night and day with fasting and prayer. At that very moment Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple, Anna came up and began giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem." (Luke 2:36-38)

4. The Holy Spirit in Jesus Childhood

"The child Jesus continued to grow and become strong, increasing in wisdom, and the grace (Spirit) of God was upon him." (Luke 2:40)

"...but supposing Him to be in the caravan, and went a day's journey; and they began looking for Him among their relatives and acquaintances. When they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem looking for Him. Then, after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers." (Luke 2:44-47)

5. The Holy Spirit in the Baptism of Jesus

"Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven saying: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Luke 3:21-22)

“Lo, the heavens were opened up to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove in bodily shape, and lighting on Him.” (Matthew 3:16-17)

6. The Holy Spirit In the Testing and Temptation of Jesus

“Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. (Luke 4:1-14) After withstanding the tempter, Jesus returned full in the power of the Holy Spirit.”

7. The Holy Spirit Anoints Jesus For His Earthly Ministry of Jesus

“And Jesus came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as was His custom, He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and He stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He (the Holy Spirit) has anointed me (Jesus) to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” (Luke 4:16-21)

Jesus Anointed with Spirit and Power

The Word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ – He is Lord of all. That which you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how He went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. (Acts 10: 36-38)

8. The Holy Spirit Prepares Jesus’s Disciples

- **Preparation For Jesus’ Return To Heaven:** In my former book, *Theophilus*, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. (Acts 1: 1-2)
- **Preparation To Preach the Gospel:** Jesus said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy

Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

9. Jesus Promises His Disciples That He Will Send The Holy Spirit To Them

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.” (John 16:7)

“And I will pray to the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever.” (John 14:16)

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.” (John 14:26)

“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.” (John 15:26)

“And when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you shall receive power.” (Acts 1:8)

“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” (Acts 2:1-4)

10. The Promise Of The Holy Spirit Continues Today For Every Believer

“Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.’” (Acts 2: 38-39)

CHAPTER FIVE:
The Holy Spirit in The Life Of The Believer

A. The Workings Of The Holy Spirit In Our Lives:

1. Upon salvation we are baptized into the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit.
(1 Corinthians 12:13)
2. After salvation we are filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:4, Ephesians 5:18)
3. We walk in the Spirit. (Galatians 5:16)
4. We live in the Spirit. (Galatians 5:25)
5. We are led by the Spirit. (Galatians 5:18)
6. We sing in the Spirit. (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 2:16; 1 Corinthians 14:15)
7. We pray in the Spirit. (1 Corinthians 14:15; Romans 8:26; Jude 20; Ephesians 6:18)
8. We love in the Spirit. (Romans 5:5)
9. We speak in the Spirit. (1 Corinthians 2:13)
10. We hear in the Spirit. (Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, and 29; Revelation 3:6, 13, 22)
11. We bear witness in the Spirit. (1 John 5:6)
12. We sow in the Spirit. (Galatians 6:8)
13. We are sealed by the Spirit. (Ephesians 4:30)
14. We drink into the Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:13)
15. We have the fellowship of the Spirit. (Philippians 2:1)
16. We are not to quench the Spirit. (1 Thessalonians 5:19)
17. We have the sword of the Spirit. (Ephesians 6:17)
18. We are to be aglow with the Spirit. (Romans 12:11)

B. The Holy Spirit In Relation To Service in the Kingdom

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his belly will flow rivers of living water.” But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. (John 7:37-39)

*I have learned that as these rivers flow out of you towards others,
these rivers will do in you what they do in others.*

- The call to the baptism, filling, indwelling and flowing out of the Holy Spirit.
- The first is for salvation (John 4:14) the second is for service. (John 7:37-39)

C. The Holy Spirit In Relation to the Believers Walk and Ministry (John 14-16)

“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears (*from the Father*) He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are mine. Therefore, I said that He will take of mine and declare it to you.” (John 16:13-15)

“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever, the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.” (John 14: 16-17) These are truths that must be meditated on and prayed into one’s life.

- He will guide you into all truth.
- He will not speak of Himself.
- He will show you things to come.
- He will glorify God.
- He will receive mine and show it unto you.
- He will be the counselor.
- He will live in you.
- He will not leave you.
- He will stay with you forever.
- He will be the Spirit of truth.
- He will bring all things to your remembrance.

D. He Convicts Us

“And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.” (John 16: 8-11)

One of the most glorious attributes of the Holy Spirit is that He cares enough to convict. He will never condemn. He convicts, so that people can repent and turn towards God. To convict is to bring shame on one’s life because of their actions and lifestyle. By the righteousness and good works of believers the world is convicted and shamed, and He warns the world that there will be a day of judgment. This is one of the most powerful works of the Spirit, and it is vital that we pray for the conviction of the Holy Spirit to be on other people, as well as ourselves. We must pray for this conviction on believers and unbelievers alike.

- He convicts the world of sin.
- He convicts the world of righteousness.
- He reproves the world of judgment.

CHAPTER SIX:
The Baptism in The Holy Spirit
(Filling, Indwelling, Abiding)

The life- changing encounters of the Holy Spirit in that coal mining town and seminary apartment radically opened up new runways in my heart for even more. At the time I was pastoring a denominational church and attending a denominational seminary whose theology was diametrically opposed about the works of the Holy Spirit. Because of these biblical experiences, I began a quest to understand what had happened to me, especially in regards to the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a vital biblical experience for every believer, and its resultant power is the key to ministering about the kingdom works of the Holy Spirit. (Luke 4:16-20)

Across denominational lines the great men of God affirm this truth as paramount to victorious living, intimacy with Christ and spiritual power to do supernatural works. Now, not all agree as to how and when it takes place, or as to the results that are produced, but this third person of the Godhead must be honored in all of His works.

God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are in agreement for the Holy Spirit's execution of the Father's will and the life of Jesus on the earth. They are the final Amen. It's not what the theologians or denominational leaders think that matters, but what the Godhead thinks, for they planned this before the foundation of the world. (Acts 2:23) Who is mortal man to tell the Holy Spirit what he can and cannot do?

- Joel calls it the "poured out" Spirit. (Joel 2:28-32)
- John the Baptist describes it as the "baptism in the Spirit" in all of the gospels.
- Jesus commands the disciples to wait In Jerusalem until they be "endued, clothed, mantled" in the Holy Spirit which would "flow as rivers" out of their spiritual wombs. (Luke 24:49, John 7:37-39)
- Peter explains it as "this, is that" which Joel prophesied. (Acts 2:16)
- Paul commands them to be "filled" with the Spirit. (Ephesians 5:18)

The scriptures are very clear that the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is subsequent to and separate from the salvation of the believer. (Acts 1:4; 2:4; 8:12, 14-17 and 9:17). The charismatic renewal witnesses to this separation also, as the spirit was poured out on all peoples, not for salvation but for power and the release of spiritual realities.

First, the Holy Spirit convicts a person of their sins, and of the sin of rejecting Jesus. Then, He draws the person to Jesus through repentance and faith; with the spirit of adoption regenerating the old Adamic nature to become a child of God. (John 4:13-14) At this time the Holy Spirit enters and seals this person's life eternally, and the new believer is baptized into the body of Christ.

(1 Corinthians 12:13)

Through the Father's promise, Jesus then baptizes the hungry, thirsty, seeking believer in the Holy Spirit so that rivers of living waters can flow from their spiritual heart. (John 7:37-39) This is a baptism of spiritual power to do the works of the kingdom. (Acts 1:4,8) It is correct to say that to receive the Holy Spirit more aptly refers to the baptism in the Holy Spirit than the act of salvation.

We are born *of* the spirit and then baptized *in* the Holy Spirit. There is an inherent difference in the two. In the first we receive the Holy Spirit for salvation and the latter is the baptism of Holy Spirit's power for service.

The great controversy in all of this is regarding the evidence or evidences of the baptism in the Holy Spirit. It is not our objective to cite all the views but I suggest we look to the scriptures to draw a proper conclusion. The book of Acts cites five accounts when people are baptized or filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:4; 8:16-23; 9:17; 10:44; and 19:6) In three of the five accounts they spoke in tongues. In the other two scriptures it is implied and not stated, thus removing a dogmatic approach to the biblical accounts. It is an argument from implication and silence in both places.

While there are many views on this issue, it is my personal opinion that upon the baptism in the Holy Spirit one can and should speak in tongues and be encouraged to do so. Sometimes people are fearful, and have different personalities, and thus do not speak forth what is resident in the Spirit. It is not the Holy Spirit's fault. (Luke 11:11-13)

John the Baptist was filled with the Spirit as a baby and grew strong in the Spirit. (Luke 1:80) There is no biblical evidence of him speaking in tongues. Jesus was given the Holy Spirit without measure and He didn't speak in tongues. I have never seen anyone who has been baptized in the Holy Spirit ever be disappointed. Over and over again I have seen those who didn't speak in tongues initially come to the experience with guidance.

Let me quickly say that the Holy Spirit baptism was the key ingredient to the incredible success of the New Testament church as seen in the Book of Acts. Jesus promised a church birthed in the power of the Holy Spirit for the proclamation of the good news, and in thirty-five years the whole world knew of Jesus the Christ.

It is of utmost importance today for church leaders to be immersed in the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues, flowing in the gifts and realities of the Holy Spirit. In Zechariah 4:6, the temple could not be rebuilt out of might, power or man's best ways but it was only possible through the Spirit. The Church of Jesus Christ can only be birthed and built by the fullness of the Holy Spirit operating with liberty. It is not the Holy Spirit's operation that repels people, but the abuse and ignorance of His ways. Leaders must model, teach, and train their flocks in the person, work and ministry of the Holy Spirit. This, like communion in so many places, is not a side issue or a back burner issue but needs to be a red-hot fire forward truth.

Therefore, we must produce Spirit-empowered and Spirit-led churches composed of believers baptized in the power of the Holy Spirit. It must be a qualifying characteristic of any leader chosen in the church. (Acts 6:1-7) Teaching this manual to every church member will give them a great advantage of spiritual knowledge and experience to be more than conquerors in all things.

The following is a brief outline on the Biblical basis for the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

A. The Biblical Basis for The Baptism In The Holy Spirit

Numbers 1, 2, 3, and 5 all refer to the day of Pentecost, the day the promise of the Father was completed through Jesus. Some refer to this also as the Spirit of Jesus. The term baptism in the Holy Spirit is the Biblical term according to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The Greek word *baptidzo* carries the idea of submersion, or immersion. It is Jesus plunging us into His fullness.

1. The Prophet Joel: (Joel 2:28-32)
2. The Prophet John: (Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33)
3. Jesus: (Luke 24:49; John 7:37-39; Acts 1:4, 5 and 8)
4. The Pentecost Fulfillment: (Acts 2)
5. The Prophet Peter: (Acts 2:16-21, 33)
6. Other examples in the book of Acts: (Acts 8:17, 9:17, 10:46, 19:6)
7. The Apostle Paul: (Ephesians 5:18)

B. The Blessings and Benefits of Receiving the Baptism In the Holy Spirit

Whether you call it the Baptism in the Spirit, the Infilling of the Holy Spirit, or the filling of The Holy Spirit, it is a distinct work of the Holy Spirit beyond the point of salvation and is a continuing work — *One* baptism and *many* fillings. It is a **definite** experience. It is **different** than the spiritual baptism at salvation but can happen at that moment also, the baptism by the Spirit into the body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:13)

- Baptism by the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:13)
- Baptism in, with or by the Holy Spirit. (Please reference A above)
- Baptism into His sufferings. (Phi. 3:10;2 Timothy 2:12;2 Cor. 1:5-7;1 Peter 4:13)
- Baptism in fire. (Matthew 28:11)

It is:

1. The pouring out of the Spirit of God. (Joel 2)
2. The promise of the Father. (Luke 24:49;Acts 1:4-5)
3. The power of God. (Acts 1:8;Luke 24:49)
4. The purity. (Matthew 3: 11-12)
5. The preparation for the gifts and fruit of the Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12-14;Galatians 5;Romans 12;Ephesians 4;1 Corinthians 2;2 Corinthians 3;1 Peter 4: 10-11)
6. The power for witnessing. (Acts 1:8)
7. It is a command. (Ephesians 5:18)
8. It is a controlling experience. (Acts 2: 1-4)
9. It opens God's Word to us as never before. (John 16:14)
10. The fullness of Jesus in your life:
 - **Fulfills** Christ's earthly ministry in you:
 - We are extensions of His presence.
 - We are expressions of His personality.
 - We are exhibits of His power.
 - We are demonstrations of His love.

C. Receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

- You must be born again.
- You must believe it is biblical.
- You must be hungry for Him. (Matthew 5:6; John 7 27-39)
- You must believe that Jesus is the baptizer. (Matthew 3:11)
- You must surrender totally.
- You must pray, believe, and ask with desire by faith, expecting, anticipating, yielding and surrendering, just like you did to receive the gift of salvation.

Once you have prayed, allow the Holy Spirit to speak through you. Speak what you hear in your heart, mind or Spirit. Thank God for your gift, and exercise your gift as you go. I encourage people to pray in their gift of tongues, and to expect the Spirit to come. For some this does not manifest, but the gift is there in the Spirit, resident within the Holy Spirit who is in them. There are reasons why some do not release themselves and engage. It has to do with the person, never the Holy Spirit. Instruct those who don't manifest to continue asking, seeking and knocking. Be very careful here – those who do not receive the gifts of tongues should not be discouraged or lose heart; God's timing is perfect.

D. Hindrances to Receiving the Baptism

1. Lack of proper instruction. (pride, prejudice, ignorance)
2. Unbelief.
3. Fear of what will happen. (Fear that it will be the devil, fear that they won't be able to control it, not being able to verbalize it, etc.)
4. Wrong teaching and /or denominational traditions that don't line up with the Word of God.
5. Sin, holding unforgiveness, rebellion, pride, etc.
6. Occult or demonic activity that has not been repented of.

CHAPTER SEVEN:

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit and Basic Operational Guide

Introduction:

Jesus is the gift that we seek first and foremost! God gave us the gift of Jesus. Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives us the gifts of the Spirit.

The two Greek words that describe the gifts of the Holy Spirit are *pneumatikan*, which means “spiritual things” and the more common word, *charismata*, which means “grace gifts.” These are resident in the Holy Spirit who distributes them freely to the believers as He wills.

(1 Corinthians 12:1 and 4)

Understanding The Spiritual Gifts:

1. They are **supernatural endowments**. The Holy Spirit gives them to us.
The release of supernatural power granted to the believer to do works beyond the realm of the natural. I preached my first message in the Lafayette, Indiana County jail in 1968. I had never preached before, didn't know a thing about preaching, but on that day on the catwalk between those cells the Holy Spirit gave me the ability. I will never forget it! Of the thousands of messages I have preached, it probably was the best.
2. They are **supernatural abilities** that go beyond natural gifts and talents.
This is the ability that is beyond education, talents and natural gifting. I will never forget Pastor Odis Munns. Every Sunday I preached on the radio in Athens, Texas. At the time I was in seminary and had taken a class on “How to Preach.” I was educated (I really needed it too). The pastor preaching before me violated every preaching principle I had been taught; had poor grammar and just couldn't communicate. I was a little proud of my ability (and a little judgmental), but boy did his audience love him; there was a spiritual presence and anointing that could not be denied! I learned a great lesson from this brother who soon became a friend.
3. They are **supernatural competencies**. They help you do what you are called to do.
It was on a mission trip in Ghana that I experienced the Holy Spirit's enabling power to do a task that stood before me. One Sunday morning I was violently sick, vomiting, and dizzy. Sitting on the stage, I knew there was no way I could preach. When the dreaded moment came, I dragged myself to the pulpit as I was sweating profusely — I was barely able to stand up straight behind the sacred desk. As I gripped the pulpit and began to preach I noticed a healing strength begin to take over; it got stronger and stronger and stronger until I was fully competent to do what I was called to do.

4. They are **supernatural impartations** of the Holy Spirit.

There are the gifts of the Holy Spirit that operate through us as the occasion calls. There are nine gifts in 1 Corinthians chapter 12. For example: In Athens, Texas I prayed for most of the churches and their pastors every Sunday morning. I would leave my home in my little red Volkswagen and drive onto the parking lots of each church and pray for the church and the pastor. It would usually take one and half-hours. Along the way the Holy Spirit dropped words of knowledge into my spirit for my church service. It was nothing to have ten words of knowledge when I finished the prayer travel. As our service began I called them out, and people responded. We would have a mini-revival even before the service started. The Holy Spirit will impart release of the gifts into your spirit.

5. They are **supernatural powers** to help us to overcome the enemy and his demonic forces.

I will never forget my first demon/demonic encounter as a young preacher. I was called to a home where the wife was wild in behavior, screaming, cursing, obviously affected by demon spirits. Her husband was a huge man and he couldn't control her. So I began to yell out, "In the name of Jesus, come out of her," following her around and doing all I heard you were to do. Then all of a sudden I felt a strong hand on my shoulder, looking around I thought it was the husband but he was sitting down to let the "demon expert" handle his mad wife. It was the hand of God, and the Holy Spirit said, "If you will let me, I will show you how to handle this." Two hours or so later, by the power of the Spirit, I had cast thirteen demons out of this lady.

6. They are to **edify** the church. (encourage, comfort, cheer on, advance.)

Gifts are not given to condemn, embarrass, intimidate or shame. They are to lift up, encourage and spiritually advance one's condition. This is why the prophetic gifting is so important to believers. I received a personal prophecy one time that set the course for many years of my life. I refer to it over and over and it is still being fulfilled in my life. Many times people will come up to me and say, "That word you gave to me years ago changed the direction of my life." Or "I play that word over and over and it pulled me through several tough years."

7. They **aid us** in spiritual ministry.

I was shaking in my boots. It was a Friday night in upstate New York at the Saratoga Abundant Life Church. The Pastor, my dear friend and a spiritual father to me said, "I want you to prophesy over my leaders tonight." I was not sure what the "cold sweats" were, but I had them. I called Lana and said, "Dale wants me to prophesy over his leaders and fifty of them are in a room in a circle, what do I do?" She was no help. She just said, "Do it!"

With the most intimidation and trepidation I have ever had, with knee-knocking fear I entered that room. When it was over Dale stated that I was about 90 % accurate. I learned through his tutelage in other areas that the Holy Spirit will aid you wherever you are.

8. They **fit individuals** to function in the Body of Christ.

Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12 indicate that everybody has at least one gift. I love to have several people with me when I minister to individuals. I call this the “tag team” ministry. There are times when I don’t have a word or discernment, but somebody else does. This is a sound way to minister, because my lack is somebody else’s supply, and my supply is somebody else’s lack. We all work together to get the job done. I have never seen this fail.

9. They are **severally given** and distributed by the Holy Spirit.

I always pray for the Holy Spirit to operate how He wants to in any given service or circumstance because He knows what gift is needed’ and He will cause it to function. As I preach, teach or minister I ask the Holy Spirit to distribute Himself as He desires.

10. They **help us to relate** to each other in the Body of Christ.

The spiritual gifts are to profit all who are in the service. What gifting each one has is vital to all. I realize there are others who are far better equipped and gifted than I am. I rely upon them to use their gifts so the most profit can be released to all. I am thrilled when somebody can exercise their gift in a much better fashion than I can. You must remember that there are others who have gifts that you don’t have, and that you have gifts that they don’t have.

The Divisions of Spiritual Gifts:

There are different classifications of the spiritual gifts used by teachers, leaders and preachers. The following seem to work well in my experience. I think they are best described by three categories: The ministry gifts, maturity gifts, and manifestation gifts. They seem to indicate that the Godhead is involved in the spiritual realities.

1. The ministry gifts are given by God the Father. (Romans 12:6-8)

When used, these gifts minister in at least seven ways:

Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Encouraging, Giving, Leading, and Mercy

2. The maturity gifts are given by Jesus Christ our Lord. (Ephesians 4:11)

These are known as the five-fold ministry gifts that bring believers to maturity.

Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers

3. The manifestation gifts are given by the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:6-8)

Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, Faith-Healings, Miracles, Prophecy, Discerning of Spirits, Tongues, and Interpretation of Tongues

The Gifts Operate Out Of Love (The fruit of the Spirit protects the gifts of the Spirit)

1. No matter what gifts you have, without love, you are nothing. (1 Corinthians 13:2)
2. “If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.” (1 Corinthians 13:1) So no matter what we say, without love it is an echoing emptiness.
3. “If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.” (1 Corinthians 13:3)

The Distribution of the Spiritual Gifts:

1. Everybody has at least one gift. (1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12)
2. They are for spiritual profit and the common good of all. (1 Corinthians 12:7)
3. The gift of God is His Son, Jesus.
4. The gift of Jesus is the Holy Spirit.
5. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are the Spiritual Gifts.

Basic Truths regarding the Gifts of the Spirit:

1. No one is to feel inferior or intimidated as to their spiritual gift. The Holy Spirit selected that gift for them. (1 Corinthians 12:14-16) Comparison leads to inferiority.
2. No one is to feel superior or proud as to their spiritual gift. (1 Corinthians 12:21-27) This leads to egotism and pride.
3. God has set spiritual gifts in the body as it pleases Him. (1 Corinthians 12:18, 24, 25, 28)
4. We are to covet or desire spiritual gifts. (1 Corinthians 14:1)
5. The best spiritual gift is the one needed at the time.
6. We are not to be ignorant of spiritual gifts.
7. The spiritual gifts have not ceased.
8. All do not have the same spiritual gifts. (1 Corinthians 12:29)
9. There are different types of gifts but the same Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:4)
10. There are different kinds of service but the same Lord. (1 Corinthians 12:5)

11. There are different kinds of workings but the same God. (1 Corinthians 12:6)
12. The Holy Spirit distributes the gifts as He wills. (1 Corinthians 12:11)
13. 1 Corinthians 12 is talking about the Body of Christ in general.
14. 1 Corinthians 14 is talking about the Church in public worship.
15. The spiritual gifts are to be used privately, personally, and publicly for the benefit of the believers and body of Christ.

The Gifts of The Holy Spirit in Demonstration: Basic Operational Guide

To understand the spiritual gifts and their use, the Holy Spirit will teach you and in studying 1 Corinthians 12, 13 and 14, you will find these great truths. They are there but you must study, pray and meditate on these truths. You have to bring them forth by the Holy Spirit. Hang out with people whom God uses in this way also, and study any materials you can get.

All of the gifts operate through love and by faith. One uses the same salvation faith to operate in the gifts of the spirit. Sometimes that the spiritual gifts work in tandem and sometimes they overlap.

A. The Gifts of Power

- **Faith**

Faith allows one to accomplish mighty works, turning vision into a finished product. It is the Holy Spirit empowering one to take steps of faith to do what seems naturally impossible. It is a special gift of faith given in the face of incredible odds, a separate faith given for a certain work, and a faith that is not already inside man, but one the Holy Spirit releases into us. Daniel and the Lion's den; David and the Bear; the Apostle Paul's journeys.

This is also seen in the lives of Old Testament saints in the Hebrews 11 "hall of fame" of those who had great faith.

- **Working of Miracles**

This is the supernatural intervention in the course of nature when the supernatural interrupts, suspends, halts or terminates the natural order. The word “miracles” indicates explosions of the almightiness of God, an astonishing work of God that usually comes instantly. It is a release of power from the Holy Spirit to do something outside the range of human ability. These miracles mean that God’s intends to get our attention and point beyond Himself to greater truths about ourselves and God. God worked miracles by the hands of the Apostles.

- **Gift(s) of Healing**

This is plural as there are different gifts given to people in certain areas of sicknesses. It is the supernatural power given by the Holy Spirit to heal the spirit, soul (mind, will and emotions) and physical body of a person. These gifts have the ability to heal all manner of diseases, infirmities, and pain without the aid of natural means.

(Spirit) - There is spiritual healing. (Isaiah 53:5; Luke 4:18)

(Soul) - There is emotional healing. (Luke 4:18; Acts 10:38)

(Body) - There is physical healing. (The gospels and Book of Acts)

The Holy Spirit gives different people different abilities to heal in different areas. Because of the effects of the fall (sin) and the self-inflicted sicknesses of negative human choices, the Holy Spirit provides a plurality of healing gifts aimed to restore people in spirit, soul and body.

B. The Gifts of Revelation

- **Word of Wisdom** (God’s wisdom on a matter – very useful in counseling)

The Word of Wisdom is a divine portion of wisdom imparted by the Holy Spirit to know what to do, say, or be in any situation. It is given to a person to know how to apply truth, knowledge, or information at the right time in the right way.

It is often given when in counseling, or to solve complex problems and issues. This word of wisdom increases as one studies, prays and meditates in the Psalms, Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes.

- **Word of Knowledge**

The Word of Knowledge is a portion of knowledge or information that cannot be known in any other way than by the Holy Spirit. It gives us information and facts through the Holy Spirit who knows everything pertaining to a person or a situation. By this gift, you can share a truth or information with a person that only they know. When the Holy Spirit shows this to you, it opens the door to an answer, healing, salvation and a wonderwork of God in that person's life.

Example: Jesus and the Woman at the Well (John 4: 47-50). Based on the truth and knowledge that Jesus knew about her life, she brought the whole city to Christ.

- **Discerning of Spirits**

Discerning of Spirits is the grace of God to see into the unseen realm of the spirit world to know what is really going on in any given situation. It is the ability to see behind the surface of a matter to see that which is usually hidden. It is the spiritual impartation to discern, judge or distinguish between the spirit of Satan and the Holy Spirit or the Spirit of God, between demonic spirits and the human spirit. By this gift we can know the origin of certain actions of what we hear, see, and are done by people, both Christians and non-Christians. It gives us the ability to know the difference between the false, counterfeit and the truth and real. We can judge whether a message or matter is of God or not.

Example: The Apostle Paul and the woman with the gift of divination. (Acts 16)

C. The Gifts of Inspiration

- **Prophecy** (intelligible utterance, exhort, encourage, comfort)

This gift is manifested in a known language of those present and needs no interpretation. The Apostle Paul says that we can all operate in this gift. (1 Corinthians 14:31). It flows from the Holy Spirit in a spontaneous way as the Spirit brings forth the message in a developing manner. The speaker may sense a word or a sentence, or have a spiritual picture that has a spiritual meaning, or the speaker senses that they have a truth or message to give.

Prophecy edifies or builds up the believer, spiritually advances them by strengthening them. Prophecy exhorts the believer— that is, it stirs them up and spurs them on with a challenge by the truth being spoken. Prophecy comforts the believer, meaning that it encourages them greatly. Everyone should desire this gift as well as the others. (1 Corinthians 14:1, 39)

- **Tongues** (unintelligible utterance)

The gift of tongues can be seen in scripture with three manifestations:

Pentecost: (Acts 2) The original manifestation of tongues was in known languages that required no interpretation. The gospel and good works of God were being spoken of in these tongues as languages the speakers had never learned. This initially fulfilled the (Acts 1:8) since every known nation was present in Jerusalem.

Private: (1 Corinthians 12:10) These tongues are static utterances spoken by the Holy Spirit through a believer building him up in the spirit, a powerful prayer language, or a special spiritual language. Only the Holy Spirit knows what is being spoken and He will interpret these sacred secrets to the speaker as He wills. The Holy Spirit prays through him the perfect will of God. (Romans 8:26 and 27)

Public: (1 Corinthians 12:28, 30) This is the gift of tongues spoken in a public service where an interpretation is required. When Paul said, "Do all speak in tongues?" he was referring to the public gift of tongues and not the private gift of tongues.

- **Interpretation of Tongues**

The interpretation of tongues is the ability given by the Holy Spirit to interpret a message given in tongues. Since the spiritual gift of tongues is not known by the speaker or the hearer, there must be an interpretation. When a message in tongues comes forth in public (corporate) worship, those who have the gift of tongues should begin to pray immediately for the Holy Spirit to interpret the message. This also can be used in one's personal and private life. When you begin to pray in tongues, the perfect way to pray, ask the Holy Spirit to give you the interpretation and there are many times when that He will.

CHAPTER EIGHT: **Cooperating With The Holy Spirit**

Cooperating With the Holy Spirit

Every other year, or so, I visit my twin brother Roy. We try to take a day and go to the Saratoga Raceway and watch the horses run. They are magnificent masses of flesh and muscle as they hurl themselves around the final stretch and down the backstretch to the finish line. But they cannot finish well or enter into the victor's circle if they don't start well.

Watching them start the race is very enlightening. Horses have to enter their assigned chute at the starting gate. Some horses move into their chute with ease while others have greater difficulty. Some enter hesitantly, balking or backing away. Others have to be prodded by their trainers, forced or even shoved into the starting gate. Their owners know only too well that if their horse does not get into the chute they will not be able to run the race.

Many people approach the starting gate in the work of the Holy Spirit the same way. Some believers enter right into the flow of the Holy Spirit while others are hesitant for many reasons. Some need a careful prod of encouragement to help them get into position. Then there are other Christians who balk and back away from cooperating with the Holy Spirit, for the baptism and the spiritual gifts in their lives. They never enter the race to be able to come down the backstretch with greater spiritual victories because they did not enter the fullness of the Holy Spirit. It is the great desire of the heavenly Father who gave us the promise of the Holy Spirit that we all enter freely and fully into the Holy Spirit's starting gate to run the race of life.

Many Christians have knowledge of the Holy Spirit, but do not know how to allow Him to demonstrate Himself in their lives, much less release His work to others. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit all cooperated from the creation in Genesis to the culmination of the purposes of God in Revelation. So the Holy Spirit desires to weave Himself into our spirits, souls and bodies so that we can cooperate and be co-laborers with Him.

The Holy Spirit was not given so that we could keep Him to ourselves, but we are to allow Him to flow out of us to others. The receiving and releasing of the Holy Spirit is vital to the abundant life, the best kind of life possible this side of heaven. This spiritual activity refreshes and rejuvenates our lives.

Jesus told His own disciples to receive the Holy Spirit. He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

The anointing of Jesus was to release the Holy Spirit to minister to the lives of others. (John 20: 21 and 22)

From time to time I have the sobering thought of standing before Jesus to hear Him say, “What did you do with what I gave you?” We are stewards of all He has given us, particularly the person, work and ministry of the Holy Spirit. So we must cooperate with Him in our lives. (Luke 4:18)

Top Ten Reasons Why People Do Not Cooperate With The Holy Spirit

1. Because of the Anti-Christ Spirit and Anti-Holy Spirit in the World (1 John 4:3)

Anti-Christ spirits are spirits who do not confess that Jesus came to earth in the flesh. These are spirits working through humans who oppose God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Anyone who is against the work of God and Jesus and the Holy Spirit is operating under the influence of the anti-Christ spirit. (Hebrews 13:8; 2 Corinthians 1:20)

This demonic spirit wars against what the Father and Jesus want to do in the earth as promised in the Word of God. The scriptures say that “Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever,” (Hebrews 3:18) and that “all the promises of God are yes and Amen in Jesus.” (2 Corinthians 1:20)

We must not have an anti-Holy Spirit attitude. Who are we to tell the Creator what He can do, when He can do it and where He can do it based on some concocted method created by a denomination, a theologian, a powerful persuasion, or a well-meaning but terribly misguided effort? How can we say no to what the Holy Spirit wants to give us based on human theological deductions, some traditional sacred cow, the lack of limited experiences in the Spirit, or any other type of nonsensical argument? As kids of the King, what right do we have to refuse His extravagant gifts to be used to benefit our lives and those around us? (1 Corinthians 12:7). How can we say no to what of heaven says yes to?

As Christian leaders, we are accountable to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit above all others when it comes to the integrity of the scriptures. We must be true to Him who called us.

2. By Being Passive and Optional

How can anyone view the baptism in the Holy Spirit as *optional* when the Word of God teaches differently? This grieves the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 14:1)

Some argue: “Well, if God wants me to have the gifts or a particular gift He will give it to me.” Or, “I have the Word and it is enough.” When believers stop seeking the gifts and things of the Spirit, they are in direct disobedience to 1 Corinthians 12:31 and 1 Corinthians 14:1, 39.

There are many excuses people use to shun their biblical responsibility to the workings of the Holy Spirit. If anything there is a greater need today for the gifts and the manifestations of the charismata. Have you asked the Holy Spirit what He thinks? Does He think the way you do?

Isn't what He says more important than what man says? Where do the self-appointed potentates get the right to pontificate what the Holy Spirit can do, when He wants to do it and to whom He desires to do it for? This grieves the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 4:30).

You cannot be honest with yourself and the scriptures and hold to this position. We are in an age that is desperate for the manifestations of the Son of God. (Romans 8:19)

3. Because of the Lack of Biblical Teaching by Leaders.

The Holy Spirit is the author of the scriptures, and He will teach you.

The Word is clear that the will of God regarding spiritual gifts is that His people are not to be ignorant (unlearned, untaught, uneducated) about them. "I would not have you to be ignorant in the spiritual things," (1 Corinthians 12:1) things regarding the charismata. W.A. Criswell, the great Southern Baptist theologian calls them the "spirituals."

God wants His people to have knowledge, skill and understanding about these gifts, yet there is rank ignorance in most of the body of Christ regarding God the Father, the Holy Spirit and the spiritual gifts. If leaders abdicate their responsibility to teach the full counsel of God, their people suffer. Paul was emphatic on teaching the full counsel of God's Word. (Acts 20:27) The church fathers neglected these truths, and tried to keep them hidden throughout the centuries, but truth survived and surfaced throughout church history. Man may have tried to misplace the charismatic gifts, but God has never replaced them or withdrawn them. People cannot grow and prosper in areas in which they are not taught. Their lives are stunted for spiritual growth without the rivers of the Holy Spirit bringing the life of Christ into them and through them to a lost and crippled world. People need mentors to guide them in the things of the Holy Spirit. If you cannot find a human mentor the Holy Spirit will be delighted to be your mentor.

Just after my coming to Christ, I was attending my mother-in-law's church. As we walked in I sensed that "liquid love" that Charles Finney talked about in his baptism in the Holy Spirit. On the platform were Catholic priests and nuns singing a song called, "He brought me to the banqueting table and His banner over me is love." I was smitten with an undeniable atmosphere. I didn't know what it was but it was as real as anything I have ever experienced.

On the heels of that service, I was with my mother in-law in a home group. Her redheaded preacher came in and made a statement that really made me angry. He said, "Nobody will be able to survive in the coming days without the baptism in the Holy Spirit." I was a newly born-again Baptist boy and I had been taught you get it all when you are born again. Now I realize that's true in reality, when Jesus becomes your Savior and Lord He comes with the fullness of God. We are baptized by one Spirit, made to drink of one Spirit into the body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:13). But I realized what this preacher was alluding to. It is the baptism of the Holy Spirit that releases that truth in a living revelation. It is an experience that no one can deny or ignore.

In the Ephesian church (a more mature church) Paul commanded they be filled with the Holy Spirit. It is this controlling power that sets the direction of one's life. (Ephesians 5:18). It is the God-given responsibility of every leader, pastor and minister to teach the full counsel of God regarding the person, work and ministry of the Holy Spirit for today.

People often do not cooperate with the Holy Spirit because they have not been taught. As I travel around the globe ministering, I notice many different responses to the Holy Spirit. Much of it is total ignorance.

In one experience in Africa, Lana and I were ministering to over a thousand people. The mass of people was about ten deep. The power of the Spirit of God was there but they didn't know how to receive. The crowd was so thick. One lady was falling down under the power of the Holy Spirit and she slipped down to the floor. As I ministered to many, I noticed someone had crawled under the crowd and was pulling this lady out from under the mass of people by her heels. When we left the service they had her over in a corner trying to cast demons out of her. I found out later that this happened because they falsely believed that when somebody fell out they thought the devil had taken hold on them. This ignorance was based on local, traditional teachings.

There are other times and places where people resist the power of the Holy Spirit when it is being released, and the power comes back upon me. Many times Lana will stay with me because if you get too much "Spirit kick back" it can eventually cause the minister to fall under the power. So people have to be taught to allow the spirit to operate in them as He chooses. Leaders need to explain and to teach their people. What a joy it is to minister in churches or situations where people have been taught and are educated in these areas. It allows for some awesome things to happen and is much easier to minister in this context.

I remember being in a church one time and about seventy-five people lined up across the church. Because they were in sync with the Holy Spirit, there was a beautiful flow of the Spirit with prophecies, healings, words of knowledge and other workings of the Spirit taking place. They had been trained in the workings of the spiritual gifts.

If you are in a church or a setting where the gifts or baptism of the Spirit is not taught, then go to the Holy Spirit and have Him teach you. (John 14:26; John 15:13-15) I received a powerful Holy Spirit baptism in a little coal-mining town in Kentucky where I was preaching a youth revival. I did not receive my prayer language (tongues) but it was a shaping and molding experience. I also had a Spirit baptizing experience while I was in seminary with the evidence of tongues. I was pastoring a Baptist church and attending a Baptist seminary that, for the most part, allowed little room for such an experience. So in prayer one day the Holy Spirit spoke and said He would teach me. And this began in a most unsuspecting manner. The Holy Spirit began to honor His word to show me and to teach me.

At the time I was pastoring the Virginia Hill Baptist church outside of Athens, Texas. Every fifth Sunday we had dinner on the grounds with gospel singing all afternoon. Those were great times. I remember sitting on the front row, and the Holy Spirit gave me my first Word of Knowledge. It was for a lady who was singing with a group. The Lord spoke to me, *“That lady has determined that she will not sing again, and that this is her last performance, and moreover she has a growth in her throat and is sick and believes this is the end of her singing.”* Well, needless to say I had never had this happen to me before, so I decided it was just a good thought I was having, and I ignored this prompting of the Spirit. Then the voice of the Lord repeated the word. Now I was in a real quandary. If I spoke that to her and it wasn’t true, I would look like a fool. So, I buried the words. I had one thing going for me, in just a few minutes I had to leave the service and go preach on the radio. I was thinking that I could leave and I wouldn’t have to give the lady the word But the Holy Spirit prompted me again and I knew I had to obey.

To my dismay, they finished their last song and now I was in a real pickle. So I stood up and pointed to the lady and gave her the message. She started to cry and told the congregation that what I said was true. But what I didn’t say was about the growth in her throat. I was trying to save my skin (my reputation) if it wasn’t true. I went to the radio station, preached and came back to the parsonage, where Lana gave me the rest of the story. The lady had pulled Lana aside and told her that she also had a growth in her throat. She said the word of knowledge gave her the hope and faith that she needed to continue singing.

After that I began this new journey with the greatest teacher ever. He taught me what others wouldn’t and couldn’t. The Holy Spirit took me into 1 Corinthians 12-14, John 14-16, 1 Corinthians 2, 2 Corinthians 3, and the Old and New Testaments regarding the Holy Spirit . He began to teach what I am sharing in this teaching manual. I learned and lived in these truths, and the Word of God and my theology confirmed this beautiful experience.

If you are untaught in this area ask the greatest teacher of all, the Holy Spirit, to teach you that no one will be able to keep you from the truth and you will experience the spiritual gifts and “spirituals” in many dimensions. As you study God’s Word, know that, “He watches over His word to perform it in your life.” (Jeremiah 1:11) As you seek Him and all He has, He will see that you get what you are seeking. (Luke 11: 9 and 10)

(1 Corinthians 12:1;Acts 20:27;1 Corinthians 12:13;Ephesians 5:18,John 14:26;John 15:13-15;1 Corinthians 12-14;John 14-16;1 Corinthians 2;2 Corinthians 3)

4. Because of False Teachings

Some teach that the spiritual gifts are not for today, especially speaking in tongues. Worse, some teach that tongues are of the devil when the Word of God clearly teaches to the contrary.

- “It’s not for today”: This has shipwrecked many believers.
- “I don’t need it; I have all I need to be a Christian.”
- Cessationism: This is a belief that the gifts of the Holy Spirit ceased with the first century church, the last of the apostles, and the completion of the canon of scriptures. Church history proves this to be erroneous. Just because the canon was completed has no bearing whatsoever on the Holy Spirit’s activity, who wrote the scriptures. Nowhere do we see the author of the Holy Scriptures indicate that He ceased His activity 2,000 years ago. How ludicrous! This is a twisting of the word of God to make some theological dogma work.
- Dispensationalism: The belief that God acted and decreed His activity at certain times in history and therefore He does not release the Holy Spirit gifts anymore. Dispensationalists say that the gifts were for another time in God’s dealings and workings for spreading the gospel. Therefore, this belief attempts to limit God as to what He ‘can’ or ‘cannot’ do because they rationalize away scriptures bending them to what they want to believe — Boy, is that dangerous! Peter was rebuked for the demonic driving force that was in him when he attempted to tell Jesus what to do. (Mark 8:33) The heart is deceitful above all things.
- “It is of the devil”: My father was a pastor in the Wesleyan denomination for many years. After I was born again, I was looking at furthering my education and seriously considered Oral Roberts University (ORU). He was very happy, not only that I was off the bottle (beer) but that I was going to school. A few days later he called and warned me about ORU, saying, “they speak in tongues; that’s of the devil; don’t go there!” Well, dad meant well, but he was ignorant and untaught in the things of the Spirit of God. There are many who ignorantly believe that to this day.

Some say: “This came out of a defiled, divided and disgraced church.” Well there are plenty of those around in every denomination and in every kind of Christian leadership. Some say, “Tongues are for spiritual babies and only the immature use the gifts.” If that is the case, then the Apostle Paul must have been extremely immature for he said “I speak in tongues more than you all” talking about his private devotional time, not public time. (1 Corinthians 14:18) History’s spiritual landscape is littered with giants of God who used this valuable gift.

- “When the canon of the scripture was fulfilled there is no need for the gifts;” This is a theological deduction and not a biblical truth. It is theological wandering at its best.

5. Because of Traditions of Their Particular Denomination (Mark 7:13)

Traditions delivered to us that are good are fine, but if traditions make the word of God ineffective, then this is not good. I have been in Christian services where you do not have the freedom to stand up and lift your arms in worship, much less sing in the spirit. The Spirit is quenched. My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. (Hosea 4:6)

6. Because of the Abuse of the Holy Spirit and His Gifts

This is a very difficult area, but know that for every counterfeit, there is an original. The devil has been in the counterfeiting business since the fall in Genesis 3. We see it snake its deceptive reach all through the Old and New Testaments, church history all the way up to the current age.

Any true servant of the Lord grieves over the abuse of the workings of the Holy Spirit. You cannot base your spiritual growth or experiences on what someone else does, whether good or bad. You will answer for yourself, not for anyone else when you stand before Jesus. Don't let the counterfeit of others rob you of a powerful and vibrant experience in the spiritual realities of the Godhead living in you. (Galatians 2:20) Some are trying to make merchandise of the anointing and the spiritual gifts. God's Holy Spirit is so wonderful that others want to copy, or use it to their profit. This can go all the way from misusing the gifts, the taking of offerings, promoting one's ministry, etc. Paul calls it deceitful.

With the nudging of the Lord, you are the one who chooses just how far you will mature through the sanctifying graces of the Word and Holy Spirit. You can have as much or as little of God that you want. Remember there is always more beyond any level where you find yourself or choose to be.

7. Because of Fear

- The Fear of Man:

We pastored the Virginia Hill Baptist church while in seminary. We would be at seminary all week and then travel to Athens, Texas, on the weekend to a great country congregation. We looked forward to leaving Fort Worth and spending the weekends in the country.

When I was baptized, filled with the Spirit, I was pastoring this Southern Baptist church. It was a beautiful time of our life, but I knew I was between a rock and hard place. I asked the Lord "What do I do?" and He told me "Keep your mouth shut!" Good counsel. I had been baptized in the Spirit for about a year before the Lord had me share this with the congregation.

As with Mary, the mother of our Lord, pondering things in her heart, the Holy Spirit instructed us not to share what He had done in us. It wasn't the time yet because the people were not ready. So we marinated in the new wine and Word of God in order to prepare us for what was to come. It is always good to think through a matter. Each spiritual work of God requires that we grow in it, in order to live in it, and release it to others. It

needs to incubate within us so the Word can be released in wisdom and the Lord's timing. There are times when we release things too early.

One Sunday morning as I was teaching through the book of Acts, chapter 2, about Pentecost the Holy Spirit said, "Tell them!" In my mind I said, "Tell them what?" He said, "Tell them that you have had this experience." So I obeyed and said, "And I, too, have had this experience with my wonderful gift of tongues." I noticed several smiles, a few nods and said in my mind, "Yeah God; we pulled this off."

Little did I know that as soon as the service was over, somebody called the area missionary, and the cat was out of the bag. News began to spread, and the sanctuary was packed with newcomers who had experienced this dimension of the Holy Spirit. Offerings went from \$80 a week to \$800 a week, classrooms had to be added on, etc. It was just an incredible move of God, but everything was changing. Although there were no visible manifestations of the gifts of the Spirit, many of those dear people, including many of the leaders were feeling threatened by the raising of hands, our praying for the sick, and many coming to Christ.

One Thursday evening Lana met me at the door of our country parsonage in tears. "What is the matter?" I asked. She told me "The deacons have called for a meeting tonight and I have been getting calls from people all day long asking questions about what is going on." I told Lana "Well let's go and see what it's all about." We were clueless in Athens.

That night we gathered with the deacons and the area missionary who we really liked. (Well, we liked the deacons too). One deacon who was very supportive of me was excluded from the meeting. That should have alerted us, but we were young and naive (which was probably good). The consensus was that we needed to stop what was going on (which was nothing). They wanted to stop my speaking in tongues and healing, or else, they said, there would be a vote (and I knew what that meant in a Baptist church — it means you they vote you out!).

The area missionary said to the deacons, "Is Brother Frase teaching the Bible?" One of the deacons, red in the face, puffed up like a bull frog (I will never forget that look) said "It may be Bible but it's not Baptist!" I began to see "Trouble in River City...trouble, trouble, trouble" (From the musical "The Music Man"), but I would not recant, and one of the deacons stood up and began to open his wallet and said "Brother Frase, how much money do you need... to leave?" Two others of the deacons followed suit. They were ready to buy us off.

Later that night, walking down the country road with the full moon glowing through the east Texas pine trees, I made the decision to not fear man or money, and with Lana's agreement, I went to my study and wrote out a letter of resignation. The next Sunday morning after the worship service, I got up to the pulpit (Man, I loved preaching from that pulpit!) and read the letter of resignation. After I finished, I went to the front row, took my

bride by the hand, and we walked down the aisle and out the front door. My song leader followed behind us, with tears in his eyes, asking, “What the hell is going on here?”

That Sunday afternoon my favorite deacon and I were in the Dallas area showing the film, *The Burning Hell*, and thirty-seven people gave their hearts to Jesus. The next Sunday we started a new church uptown in Athens.

Ninety of the people from the church I left came to the new church, but they quickly realized it wasn't going to be Baptist church. The following Sunday, seventeen people came back. This was the beginning of a ten-year ministry where we literally lived in the book of Acts.

- The Fear of the Unknown

The Gadarene demoniac: They asked Jesus to leave and that's what many churches, leaders, and Christians do. These people saw what happened (the swine ran off the cliff) and they were afraid. Many times when Jesus performed miracles the people were afraid because they had no idea what had just happened; they had never experienced it before, so they wanted to get rid of Him. Many Christians, churches and leaders are the same way. If we witness something like this and have never seen it before, a sense of the unknown prevails and we are prone to reject or back away from it or warn others to stay away from it.

Faith always leads us to the unknown. New spiritual terrain always adds a measure of fear — risk always carries the element of fear, backing off, backing down or backing away. So ask the Holy Spirit to explain what He wrote and you will always get the truth. He is your greatest teacher. Jesus gave the gift of teaching to the body of Christ, and how I thank God for the human teachers in my life. God uses them mightily in our lives and in the body of Christ. I am not refuting their gifts.

One time I was in prayer about a matter, and the voice of the Lord spoke and said, “God is not only the God of the known but also the God of the unknown.” This applies to the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. If your heart is right you will always end up in the right. If you ask Him for the Holy Spirit and His truth, that's exactly what you will get, because he guides you into all truth. Don't you worry about being deceived; Deception cannot live where Holy Spirit truth reigns. (Luke 11: 9-13)

- The Fear of Denomination, Ministry Peers, and Position

Many a good leader is hamstrung because of fear of what the reaction from the denominational leaders might be. The leader may be scrutinized, ostracized, face the humiliation of losing his or her position among the brethren, or lose face with peers. Yes, all of that might happen, but the gain will be worth the pain. Remember you always gain more than you give up. Shake the dust off your feet and move forward.

- The Fear of Family and Friends

What will they think? What will say about me? How will they act? How will I be treated? Which ones will I keep and which ones will turn on me? Will they label me as a religious nut? This is huge. Jesus had to deal with His family. If He had listened to them He would have never made it to Calvary. They would have prevented Him and he would have aborted His mission. We are not to fear the devil or man, no matter who it is. The fear of man will *always* be a snare. We are to fear God alone!

- The Fear of Spiritual Failure, or the Fear of Oneself

There are many people who were promised the baptism in the Spirit, some spiritual gift or working in their lives who have been disappointed. Either they were counseled badly, given the wrong truth or spiritually abused by a spiritual charlatan. Thus they are afraid to trust the supernatural workings of the Holy Spirit, in the fear that they will be disappointed again. Leaders must clearly articulate the workings of the Holy Spirit and educate those we minister to in a correct Biblical manner.

8. Because People Live Under a Sense of False Security

They are comfortable and secure where they are. They are in control and don't want to lose that feeling of control. They don't want to swim in the river that is heaven bound and not earth bound. They know where they are going and they think they always know what God is going to do. They play it safe and take no risks, never stretch their spiritual boundaries, always color in between the lines and never think outside the box. They leave no room for God to do more.

9. Because of Environment, Circumstances and Experiences

Birds of a feather flock together. They run in their own circles and have their own cliques. They are born, live and die in the same spiritual location. They don't expect to see or to experience the supernatural, and because they have not witnessed the workings of the Holy Spirit they leave it alone. Just because it hasn't happened to them, or they haven't seen it elsewhere doesn't mean it does not operate. They have not been around the miraculous, therefore are not living in the spiritual environment.

People who have not seen or experienced miracles deny they happen, but when they witness a miracle they can no longer say miracles are not occurring today. The solution is to pray for God to show you a miracle. It only takes one.

10. Lack of Careful Study of the Scriptures For Oneself

The reason that there are many interpretations of scripture is that there is no careful study of the scriptures, no good and true hermeneutic developed.

Howard Conatser said: "Take a new convert, place him in a box car with a bed, table, chair and their Bible, slide them their food under the door, and when they come out six months later they will not be of any anti-Christ Spirit, and for sure will not be a cessationist."

CHAPTER NINE:

Releasing the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit was not given to us to keep Him in reserve for ourselves, but to release Him to others. Everything we receive from God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit is to be given to others. Just as we were given the gift from someone else.

“Freely you have received, freely you give.” (Matthew 10:5-8)

The ministry of Jesus was done in the power of the Holy Spirit. Everything Jesus did as a man was by the Holy Spirit, who came upon Him when He was baptized. He came out of the temptation in the power of the Holy Spirit giving the world the spiritual realities of God.

“On the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, ‘If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.’” But this he spoke concerning the Spirit whom those believing in Him would receive for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.” (John 7:37-39)

Please notice four things in this verse:

1. The Thirsty

There are times when we are thirstier than at other times, but we always have a thirst for the only thing that can satisfy us. That thirst is developed by intimacy in our devotions and desires until they become a delight in our hearts.

Usually we begin with doing something as a duty, and then it grows into our devotions until it becomes a pulsating desire and when it becomes the delight we get even thirstier.

(Duty-Devotions-Desire-Delight)

2. Coming to Jesus

Posture yourself. Position yourself to come to Jesus for all the things of the Holy Spirit. You must realize that the spiritual realities are given through the Spirit of Jesus. The attitude of receiving and releasing depend upon our dependence of Jesus. Everything we receive spiritually results from that.

3. Believing and Receiving

So often, we make this process complicated for people. Everything in the Kingdom of God works through faith. Just as you received salvation through faith, so we receive the workings of the Spirit through faith. We must help people relax when receiving the things of the Spirit. I vividly remember a lady who came to the altar to receive her prayer language. Before I could minister to her she went into a frenzy in a stammering tongue, and calling her by name, I said, “Stop, relax, and let it flow naturally.” She relaxed, slowed down and her beautiful prayer language began to flow.

My first baptism in the Holy Spirit left me “drunk in the Spirit” (under His influence) for over two hours with no evidence of the Spiritual gifts. Because I was an unlearned one at this point, the Holy Spirit released power to be an evangelist and a baptism of love. He did not choose to release the gift of tongues or any of the spiritual gifts at that time.

I remember another time being on my knees at 4:00 a.m., being prayed for to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit. My friend Dave Barclay told me, “It’s a gift, just take it.” By faith I received a fresh baptism with the evidence of my new spiritual and prayer language, the gift of tongues, and doors to the miraculous with signs and wonders. I began to have visions and move into the spiritual realm. Not all receive this way but the key to receiving anything from the Holy Spirit is just to relax and let The Holy Spirit do it. There is no anxiety, no working up into a frenzy, no telling someone to say this or say that. “They were all filled with the Spirit and began to speak in tongues as the Holy Spirit gave them utterance,” or the ability to speak. There was no charismatic magician showing them the trick, or the way.

Jesus breathed on His disciples, and told them to receive the Holy Spirit. Jesus did the work (breathing on them) and they were to relax and receive. He also told His disciples after the Holy Spirit came upon them, they would be witnesses unto Him in all of the world.” (Acts 1:8), and that they would do greater (quantity) works than He did. (John 14:12-14)

Many times I have talked with believers about the gift of tongues and hear them say, “Years ago I had an experience where I started speaking and this language came forth, but I didn’t know what it was or what to do with it.” Because of a lack of knowledge, many things of the Spirit never become a daily working in our hearts. When we experience something but do not receive instructions or explanations, it usually falls by the wayside until it is resurrected by revelation or conviction of the Holy Spirit.

We can have a living, daily relationship with the Holy Spirit. He gives gifts, distributes them as He wishes, in the manner He chooses and when He chooses. We just have to give Him the runway of our hearts to land His precious cargo, awesome agendas, and purposes.

4. The Flowing (Out of His Belly) (John 7:38)

The word *belly* is the word for the womb. What Jesus is saying is that out of your spiritual womb (where life is created) will flow the creative, life- giving flow of the Spirit. He creates in us the spiritual connection to the Godhead and the will of the Father and Son so he can accomplish his work in and through us. These spiritual rivers will flow from the Father through us to others.

These are rivers (plural) of the Holy Spirit. There are many anointings that are released out of our spiritual beings. There is an inward renewing of the Holy Spirit to release these spiritual realities. One time I was praying this verse of scripture (John 7:38) and the Holy Spirit said, “As you minister this truth to others, I will do in you what it does for others.” This is not just one river but many rivers with various and special anointings that shall come forth. As they flow they will refresh and fill others. They will do in you what they do in others. This is the flow of the river of God. We are kings and priests to our God, and it is our priestly duty to release this outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1: In forty days Jesus teaches His disciples through the Holy Spirit. These were the most important days of Jesus’ ministry as He prepared them for that which He had instructed them to do. He told His disciples that they had received freely and they were to freely give. (Matthew 10:5-8) Once we have received the Holy Spirit, and learned of Him, God expects us to go on to maturity and share Him with others.

How Do We Release the Ministry of the Holy Spirit?

1. By Ministering the Things of the Holy Spirit to Others: (Luke 4:16-21)

This was the beginning of Jesus ministry of power, miracles, signs and wonders. He had just come out of the temptation in the wilderness and He came out in the power of the Holy Spirit. He was in the synagogue in Nazareth, reading from the scroll of Isaiah. Jesus in His humanity had to be anointed to do these works. So we in our humanity also need to be anointed to do the same works, as do the leaders and Christians in the book of Acts. Jesus ministered in the power of the Holy Spirit and so must we.

Power comes through the Word of God (the Bible), the baptism in the Holy Spirit, witnessing, (Acts 1:8), yielding and surrendering to the Holy Spirit by His continual filling. (Ephesians 5:18) The Spirit of the Lord will be on us and He anoints us to minister his realities to others. (Luke 4:18-21) These are the credentials of the servants of the Lord. We are all to release the Holy Spirit to others in these ways.

The writings of over forty great worldwide Christian leaders from various denominations all agree that there has to be the power of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer. They vary in their approaches and definitions of the infilling or baptism in the Holy Spirit, but all come to the starting gate with the same truth, that is one must be filled or baptized in the Holy Spirit to have the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to: (That is, He has empowered me, and given me the ability to do the following:)

Preach the gospel to the poor,
Set the captives free,
Give sight to the blind,
Heal the sick, heal the broken hearted
Announce deliverance to the captives,
Preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

These are ministries of the Holy Spirit that need to be in operation today. We cannot minister without the power and working of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Is our generation any less needy than in the day the gifts were in operation?

2. By the anointing of the Holy Spirit to do Good Works and Release Healing: (Acts 10:38)

Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit and power (authority) to do good works and heal all who were oppressed by the devil.

We minister the things of the Spirit to ourselves through receiving the works of the Spirit, and by stirring up the spiritual gifts that reside in us by the Holy Spirit. Since the gifts, works and operations of the Spirit reside in the Holy Spirit, we release these gifts to others in powerful Holy Spirit anointing.

There is the anointing to do good works. This is a vital role of the believer, to do good works. The doing of good works to people under the anointing causes many to be open to the things of God. Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works." The spiritual light and power do exactly that in the lives of others. (Matthew 5:14-16)

We are anointed to bring healing to those who are oppressed by the devil.

It was the prophet Zechariah who said the anointing of God breaks the yokes of the enemy. All bondages, captivities, and strongholds of the enemy are broken by the anointing, that is the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit to set free those who are oppressed by the devil. The devil weighs a person down with depression, a weight that comes down upon a person to discourage them, from which they need a supernatural healing. (Isaiah 10:27)

3. Through preaching in the demonstration and power of the Holy Spirit.

As we preach there is a convicting and compelling work of the Spirit happening to those who are listening. There is a presence that is softening hearts, strengthening spirits and searing the soul of man. Something is taking place in the hearer's heart other than the spoken word. The Holy Spirit becomes the Sword of the Spirit cutting and piercing in order to accomplish an eternal work in the heart for the believer. (1 Corinthians 2:4; Zech 4:6)

4. Through the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

This work of the Holy Spirit opens a new realm of the operation of the gifts. When one receives the infilling or baptism in the Holy Spirit it opens a new realm in the spirit for the gifts and other realities of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit baptism releases power and understanding in a new dimension. (The Book of Acts)

5. Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

It is important to be proficient in your gifting through study. Associate with those who are gifted in your area, and ask the Lord daily to minister through you with whatever gifts He may want to use in you; using what gifts are needed. The spiritual gifts always open doors to further ministry, especially for salvation and healing. (1 Peter 4:10,11)

6. Through spiritual transference with the laying on of hands.

The baptism may be ministered by the laying on of hands, and other gifts may be imparted through the laying on of hands, as with Paul and Timothy. This was seen in the Old Testament with Moses and the seventy elders. (Numbers 11:16, 17,23,24;2 Timothy 1:6;Acts 6:6, 8:17, and 19:6)

7. By teaching the truths of the Holy Spirit.

There is no greater way to minister the Holy Spirit than to take this manual and teach someone its truths, corporately or individually. The truth of scripture is always the starting place. (John 14-16;1 Corinthians 2:12;2 Corinthians 3:14)

8. By the corporate anointing.

In a corporate worship service, the person, work and ministry of the Holy Spirit is always ministered to people in so many different ways as the Holy Spirit severally divides to others as He pleases. There is no way to measure and calculate what He does in any given service to the hearts of believers and even unbelievers. This is accentuated through prayer and intercession.

Psalm 133: God commands the anointing blessing.

9. By individual anointing.

Each of us has the anointing already because of Jesus, and the new birth, and the baptism in the Holy Spirit. There are rivers in you waiting to flow out to others. They are laden with many blessings to minister to others. You are anointed of God to touch the lives of others. (1 John 2:20;1 John 2:27)

CHAPTER TEN:

Prayer to Receive the Holy Spirit

In all we have now done in this teaching on the person and work and ministry of the Holy Spirit, we must remember that it's first all about Jesus.

We don't seek anything or anything else but Jesus, because it all begins, continues and ends with Jesus. It is all about Him. It is Jesus who reveals the Father to us, and Jesus who releases the Holy Spirit to us. The Holy Spirit Himself brags on Jesus. Jesus is the Father's message from Genesis to Revelation. 1 Corinthians chapter 1 tells us not to be ignorant when it comes to the "charismata" or the "spirituals." 1 Corinthians 12:31 encourages us to earnestly desire the greater gifts and moreover, in the most excellent way — through love (1 Corinthians chapter 13).

In 1 Corinthians 14:1 Paul says follow after love but earnestly desire spiritual gifts. 1 Corinthians 14:12 tells us to be zealous for spiritual gifts. The spiritual realities are not an option.

I trust this manual has given you a greater love for Jesus through the Holy Spirit. I pray He has drawn you closer to Him. I pray you will share this material in a group setting or one on one. By all means, share it with others for the kingdom's benefit.

If you have never personally been baptized in the Holy Spirit then please pray this simple prayer:

Lord Jesus, I believe that the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a biblical truth and that you are the one who baptizes in the Holy Spirit. I ask you now to baptize me in the Holy Spirit and release in me my beautiful gift of tongues and any other gifting(s) you desire me to have. By faith I receive right now and I thank you for this gift.

At this point just breathe in and accept the Holy Spirit's work. Then exhale and allow the Holy Spirit to speak forth in you. Speak forth the new language, whether it's a syllable or a strange word or sentence of words. Speak it where you can hear it, to build your confidence. I bless you as the person, work and ministry of the Holy Spirit freshens your life with all the goodness and glory of the Father and Jesus.

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