

The Holy Spirit

I. Introduction: I Thessalonians 4:7-8 and I John 4:13

- A. The Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:3-4).
 - 1. He is the third of three persons of God (Matthew 28:19 and I John 5:7; cf. I Corinthians 11:3; Hebrews 1:1-2, and John 16:12-14).
 - 2. There is but one Spirit just as the Father, etc. (Ephesians 4:4-6).
 - 3. He is not an “it” or just part of the Father or Son; He is His own personage that is able to reason (John 15:26; 16:7 and Acts 15:28).
- B. The Spirit is the revealer (John 14:26).
 - 1. He revealed to those of old (II Peter 1:20-21)
 - 2. Likewise, He revealed during the N.T. time also (I Corinthians 2:9-16 and Ephesians 3:1-5).
 - 3. This means those claiming the Spirit reveals something to them are claiming inspiration (II Samuel 23:2, Jeremiah 1:9, and Acts 1:16).

II. Body: We can understand revelation on this (Ephesians 5:17 and Colossians 1:9-10).

- A. We must use our ability to reason on this subject (Proverbs 2:6-7 and Acts 18:4).
 - 1. The gift of the Spirit (Acts 2:38; 5:32) came through baptism of the Spirit (Acts 1:5-8; 2:1-4; 10:44-46; 11:11-18) and the laying on of one of the Apostles hands (Acts 8:12-20; 19:1-7, and Romans 1:11).
 - a. There is now one baptism (Ephesians 4:5; cf. Acts 10:46-48 and I Peter 3:20-21).
 - b. There are no more Apostles to lay hands on men (Acts 1:21-26 and I Corinthians 15:1-8).
 - c. Thus, there is no way for the gift of the Spirit to be given today!
 - 2. The gift of the Spirit was to produce miracles (Acts 2:1-4; 16-18; 10:46; 19:6; cf. Mark 16:15-20 and Hebrews 2:3-4).
 - a. The Spirit was given by the Apostles, but the gifts by the Spirit (I Corinthians 12:1-11).
 - b. Miracles were temporary (I Corinthians 13:8-13).
 - c. Thus, we see why the laying on of the Apostles hands and Holy Spirit baptism was temporary! The need has been fulfilled!
 - 3. If the Spirit operated directly to convert the sinner, the Scriptures are a lie (Acts 2:40-41; 8:12; 25-39, I Thessalonians 2:13, Titus 1:2-3, and James 1:17-18).
- B. Notice that you cannot separate the Spirit and the word (Ephesians 6:17). - {See cross references to prove this point}
 - 1. We are born of the Spirit (John 3:5; cf. I Corinthians 4:15 and I Peter 1:23-25).
 - 2. The Spirit makes alive (John 6:63).
 - 3. The Spirit saves (Titus 3:5; cf. Luke 8:11-15).
 - 4. The Spirit reproves (John 16:8; cf. II Timothy 3:16).
 - 5. The Spirit testifies (I Peter 1:10-11; cf. John 5:39).
 - 6. The Spirit sanctifies (II Thessalonians 2:13; cf. John 17:17).
 - 7. The Spirit washes (I Corinthians 6:11; cf. Ephesians 5:26).
 - 8. The Spirit strengthens (Ephesians 3:16; cf. Deuteronomy 11:8).
 - 9. The Spirit comforts (Acts 9:31; cf. Romans 15:4).
 - 10. The Spirit calls (Revelation 22:17; cf. II Thessalonians 2:14).

11. The Spirit indwells (**I Corinthians 3:16**; cf. **Colossians 3:16** and **II John v.1-2**).
- C. Yes, the Holy Spirit indwells the Christian (**Ephesians 5:18**, **II Timothy 1:14**, and **I John 4:12-13**) but is that a literal embodiment?
1. Consider, if that is to be taken literally, the Father and Son literally indwell us too (**John 14:23**, **John 17:20-21**, **Romans 8:9-10**, **II Corinthians 5:17; 6:16**, **Galatians 2:20**, and **Colossians 1:25-27**).
 2. If the indwelling doctrine is true, then we too literally indwell God (**John 14:20; 15:4** and **I John 4:15-16**).
 3. We understand what **I John 3:17** means, similar wording above.
 4. God dwelled in the temple (**Matthew 23:21**), but such was not literal (**Acts 17:24**; cf. **I Corinthians 6:19-20**).
 5. Man wants to have God dwelling in man beyond all reasoning (**I Kings 8:27**).
 6. Where deity is [the Spirit is God] that place is Holy (**Exodus 3:2-6**).
 - a. If God were literally in man, why didn't Peter understand a man falling at His feet to worship (**Acts 10:25-26**)?
 - b. What would the literal indwelling mean for our knowledge (**I Corinthians 2:11**)?
 7. If the indwelling of the H.S. is so, why not a literal indwelling of Satan too (**Acts 5:3** and **Romans 7:17**)?
 8. It is through faith that deity indwells a Christian (**Ephesians 3:16-19**).

III. Conclusion:

- A. You cannot separate the Holy Spirit's relationship with us from the Father and Son (**II Corinthians 13:14**).
- B. This lesson is but the hem of the garment, take up your Bible and fully clothe your mind on the truth about the Holy Spirit (**II Peter 3:15-18**).