



# Lecture 1

## The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

### THE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

John 16:7 (Wuest translation)

**“But I am telling you the truth. It is advantageous for you that I go away. For if I do not go away, the Counsellor (*The Holy Spirit*) will positively not come to you. But if I depart, I will send Him to you.”**

When Jesus concluded His ministry on earth and returned to the Father, the Holy Spirit who indwelt Him, therefore left also.

John 16:13 (Wuest translation)

**“However, whenever that One comes, the Spirit of the truth, He will lead you into all the truth, for He will not speak from himself as a source, but as many things as He hears He will speak, and the things that are coming He will make known to you.”**

Jesus was God’s presence on earth. When He returned to the Father, He made sure to leave God’s presence on earth. How? At Pentecost the Holy Spirit came to indwell believers and to build God’s Church. We believers are now God’s presence on earth; the Holy Spirit in us is keeping the church, and also restraining Satan and His demons until the Rapture (2 Thessalonians 2:7).

### UNDERSTANDING GOD’S PLAN

From the very beginning, our loving Heavenly Father desired to have a family, sons and daughters of the living God. This is His delight, His heart’s desire. In order for us to be His genuine sons and daughters (not just adopted), we need to have His nature, His spiritual life, His attributes. How is this possible? Through His perfect plan of redemption: **the third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit taking residence in every believer. GOD IN US.** God living in us makes it possible for us to be like Jesus right now as new creations in Christ, and also to receive an eternal, immortal resurrected body at the rapture. This is God’s amazing sacrificial love, power and wisdom in action to save us and to destine us to eternal life with Him.

### GOD’S FULL PROVISION FOR US BELIEVERS

- 1) God solves the problem of sin in mankind through the cross and resurrection
- 2) God indwells every believer with the Holy Spirit as a seal.
- 3) God gives us His power to overcome the sinful nature
- 4) The Holy Spirit is our teacher, helper, counselor and comforter. He is wisdom and love, and He makes God’s Word alive to us.
- 5) The Holy Spirit guides us and gives us discernment and understanding from God’s perspective.
- 6) Jesus lives in us by the Holy Spirit; we are His temple.

**The redemption of mankind is the most amazing miracle in this universe.** There is nothing to be compared with the impact of God’s love, grace and mercy displayed in His plan of redemption for His children. In order to receive us as His family, He had to resolve the sin problem - which He did by sending Jesus to die on our behalf and share His blood at the Cross.

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## JESUS LIVING IN US BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Galatians 2:20 (Wuest translation)

“With Christ I have been crucified, and it is no longer I who live, but there lives in me Christ. And that life which I now live in the sphere of the flesh, by faith I live it, which faith is in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself on my behalf.”

## BEFORE SALVATION

Our human spirit was “empty” before we received the Holy Spirit. Now the Holy Spirit (*indwelling our spirit*) has transformed us into eternal, spiritual beings equal to Jesus the Son: NEW CREATIONS IN CHRIST.

**We are not “sinners” anymore!** Yes, we sin in the flesh, but Jesus has paid for all our sins: past, present and future. If we were sinners, if sin was still polluting our beings, we would be totally unacceptable to God. **Sin and death have no power over us:** when we sin, it is automatically removed from us and so we remain holy and pure in our new creation beings in the sight of God. The flesh is no longer our identity; Jesus is our new identity.

**SIN DOES NOT AFFECT OUR SALVATION BUT IT HAS BAD CONSEQUENCES IN THIS WORLD, AFFECTS OUR SPIRITUALITY AND WILL STEAL OUR REWARDS IN HEAVEN.**

Romans 8:1-2 (Wuest translation)

“Therefore, now, there is not even one bit of condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, for the law of the Spirit, that of the life in Christ Jesus, freed you once for all from the law of the sinful nature and of death.”

Matthew 26:41 (Wuest translation)

“Be ever watching and be ever praying lest you enter a place of testing where a solicitation to do evil may be the occasion which will lead to an act of sin. The spirit on the one hand is willing, but on the other hand, the flesh is weak”.

Galatians 5:16-25 (Wuest translation)

“But I say, Through the instrumentality of the Spirit habitually order your manner of life, and you will in no wise execute the passionate desire of the evil nature, for the evil nature constantly has a strong desire to suppress the Spirit, and the Spirit constantly has a strong desire to suppress the evil nature. And these are entrenched in an attitude of mutual opposition to one another so that you may not do the things that you desire to do. But if you are being led by the Spirit you are not under law. Now the works of the evil nature are well known, works of such a nature as, for example, fornication, uncleanness, wantonness, idolatry, witchcraft, enmities, strife, jealousy, angers, self-seekings, divisions, factions, envyings, drunkenness, carousings, and the things of such a nature which are like these things, respecting which things I am telling you beforehand even as I told you in advance, that those who are in the habit of practicing things of that nature shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control. Against such things as these there is no law. And they who belong to Christ Jesus crucified the evil nature with its dispositions and cravings once for all. In view of the fact that we are being sustained in spiritual life by the Spirit, by means of the Spirit let us go on ordering our conduct. Let us stop becoming vain-glorious, provoking one another, envying one another.”

**Fully identifying with our new identity in Christ happens only when we live dependent on the Holy Spirit and God’s Word. The Holy Spirit is eager to help us to imitate Jesus. WE JUST NEED TO SUBMIT!**