

As Jesus said in John 14:26, the Holy Spirit is given to believers for the purpose of teaching us and to bring to remembrance what Christ taught us in His Word.

700 years before Christ was born, Isaiah prophesied about Him in Is. 11:1-2: “There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.”

In fact, all the attributes of the Spirit of God rested on Christ as He lived on this earth, Him being God the Son.

The reason Jesus said in John 3:5-6, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”

Therefore, the same Spirit now dwells in all born again believers in Christ, with all seven attributes enumerated by the prophet.

In Rev 1:4, the angel’s message to John about Christ to the seven churches says this: “Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne.”

Ready to look into the seven attributes of the Holy Spirit in a believer’s life?

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THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

“But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.”

Rom 8:9

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The Spirit of the Lord refers to the Spirit of the One who possesses supreme power, authority and control. Obviously, we’re speaking about our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul in 2Cor 3:18 explained how the Spirit of the Lord works in believers, saying: “But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

In Rom 8:16 he added, “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.”

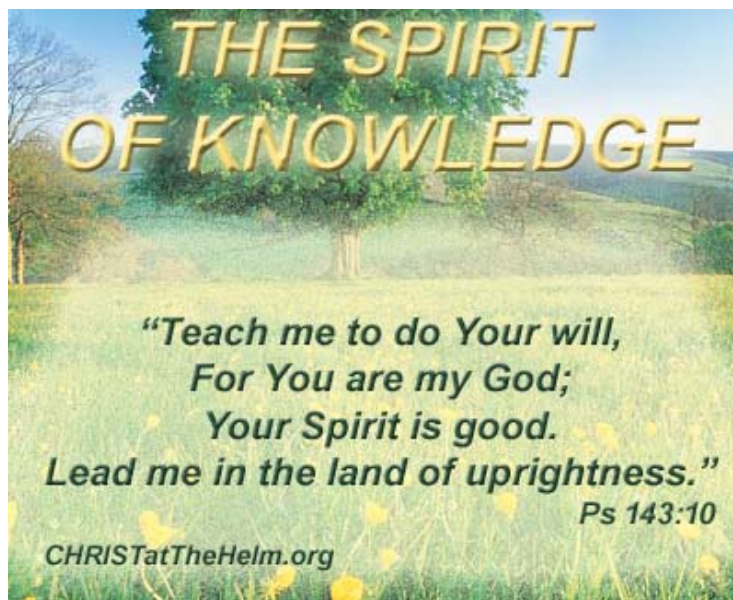
In essence, the Spirit of the Lord in us is the manifestation of the new birth in Christ, and ever works in our life to teach and impart in us the desire to become more like Christ each and every day.

It is also the Spirit of the Lord that gives us the history of creation in Gen 1:1-2, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 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.”

Therefore, we can conclude that the Holy Spirit is referred to as the Spirit of the Lord, as 1Cor 2:11 says, “Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.”

Is Christ Lord of our life and therefore indwelled by the Spirit of the Lord?

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We know that knowledge can only be acquired through study, experience or education. As such, an important attribute of the Holy Spirit is to enlighten us the truths of God in scripture, so we come to the full knowledge of His will.

The reason Jesus said in John 16:13, "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 He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."

In other words, the Holy Spirit brings life to the Word of God as we study, in essence opening our hearts and spirit to receive God's truths. Interestingly, 1John 2:27 add, "And as for you, the anointing which you received from Him remains in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you remain in Him." Therefore, all knowledge received from the Holy Spirit has for purpose that we abide in Christ and live by the Word of God. However, as mentioned earlier, knowledge can only be acquired if we will apply our hearts to study to find the truth, and so receive knowledge by the Holy Spirit.

For this purpose, how regular and elaborate is our daily commitment to study the Word of God?

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Interestingly enough, before salvation, none of us had any true knowledge of God. Oh, we might have been given some teaching about God, but it is not until we have received the revelation of Christ through the Holy Spirit, that we get an understanding of Who God is. As a result, we learned the purpose for Christ to come in this world, and what is required of us to inherit eternal life.

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In essence, the Holy Spirit brings understanding about God to our lives, which gives us the power and ability to think, learn, and judge truthfully according to God's Word.

The reason as well Jesus said to His disciples in John 14:6-7, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."

In all truth, Christ's Spirit in born again believers gives understanding of who God really is, and what He requires of us.

As believers in Christ, do we understand that we have also been given a mission to carry out for Him?

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THE SPIRIT OF COUNSEL

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night." Ps 1:1-2

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What is the only true and powerful source of counsel for a believer in God?

2Tim 3:16-17: "All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Why?

Heb 4:12: "For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

In essence, to be counseled is to be instructed on the conduct and behavior God expects from us. That's why prophets, apostles and disciples, who under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, wrote and provided us with these sacred writings, to instruct us on the way to eternal life with God.

Rom 8:27 explains how the Holy Spirit intercedes for us saying, "He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to *the will of God.*"

The reason Paul warned us in Gal 5:16, "Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."

Do we seek counsel in God's Pure Word, or do we prefer watered down writings, or TV displays and messages that cater to the flesh?

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Wisdom is defined as the ability to have insight to discern what is true, and use this knowledge to make sound judgments and decisions.

1Cor 2:13-14 explains true scriptural wisdom: "These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned."

In other words, true wisdom comes from the Holy Spirit through the revelation of God's Word to our spirit.

In 2Cor 3:5-6 Paul added, "Our sufficiency *is* from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life."

Then, James 1:5 says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."

Finally, 2Tim 2:15 enjoins us to, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

How true are we to our confession of faith in Christ, to study God's Word, and receive His wisdom and the revelation of His will for our lives?

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The Spirit of might described in Isaiah 11:2, refers to impressive strength and energy, with power to raise the dead to life, both spiritually and physically. As such, while the enemy of our faith deploys all the evil power to kill and destroy this world, it pales in comparison to the Spirit of Might from God that raises the dead to life!

What does the bible say about the power of the Holy Spirit?

Rom 8:11: "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."

Eph 3:16: "That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man."

1Cor 2:4-5: "And my speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God."

And what is the purpose to be indwelt with such power?

Acts 1:8: "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

How is the power of the Holy Spirit working in our life right now?

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How could we define “The Fear of the Lord”?

In essence, it is to be aware of God’s supreme power that should translate into having a reverent, respectful and obedient attitude of the heart towards God. Let’s remember that God is omniscient, in other words sees and knows everything from past to future.

Our fear of God then has to do with desiring to give God the honor He deserves, and serve Him with reverence through being obedient to His Word in all aspects of our lives.

The reason the apostle warned us in 1John 4:1, “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”

Then, Paul warned us in Heb 10:29, “Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?”

1Cor 3:16-17 add, “Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which *temple* you are.”

How strong is the venerated healthy fear of the Lord abiding in our hearts right now?

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