

*“By this we know that we  
abide in Him, and He in us,  
because He has given us  
of His Spirit.”*

*1John 4:13*

What is the relation between the Holy Spirit and the new birth in Christ?

Isaiah 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.”

Speaking to Mary, when the angel appeared to her to tell her she would conceive Jesus:

Luke 1:35: “*The* Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.”

When Jesus was baptized:

Luke 3:22 says: “And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, “You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.”

Acts 10:38: “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.”

Why?

John 6:63: “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life.”

Do I understand that to be born again is to be born of the Holy Spirit into a new life, and not simply to recite a prayer?

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***“In Him you also,  
when you heard the Word  
of truth, the gospel of your  
salvation, and believed in  
Him, were sealed with  
the promised Holy Spirit.”***

***Ephesians 1:13***

How and when does the Holy Spirit indwell a believer?

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.”

Titus 3:4-6: “But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior.”

Acts 2:38: “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.”

Acts 5:32: “And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also *is* the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.”

Why?

Romans 8:9: “You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him.”

Romans 8:14: “For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.”

Do I understand that Christ sends the Holy Spirit to indwell us from the moment we truly believe in Him and make Him Lord of our lives?

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***“How much more shall the  
blood of Christ, who through  
the eternal Spirit offered  
Himself without spot to God,  
cleanse your conscience  
from dead works  
to serve the living God?”***  
*Hebrews 9:14*

How is the power of the Holy Spirit manifested in a committed believer's life?

Ezekiel 36:26-27: “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes.”

John 14:26: “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 16:13-14: “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. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you.”


Why?

Romans 8:14-16: “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.”

Ephesians 1:4: “He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.”

Am I committed to follow the lead of the Holy Spirit, so the glory of Christ is manifested in my life?

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***“If we live in the Spirit,  
let us also walk in the Spirit.”***

***Galatians 5:25***

Why must we, as believers, walk the path of sanctification in Christ?

1Corinthians 6:19-20: “Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

Ephesians 5:8: “For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.”

Ephesians 2:10: “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

1John 2:6: “He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.”

2Timothy 1:7: “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

Therefore:

Galatians 5:16: “I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”

2Corinthians 5:17: “If anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

A word of caution:

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.”

How faithful am I to walk in the Spirit, the path of sanctification in Christ?

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***“Solid food is  
for the mature,  
who by constant use  
have trained themselves to  
distinguish good from evil.”***

***Hebrews 5:14***

How can we discern truth from lies in this world?

John 16:13: “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 He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.”

1Corinthians 2:13: “These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches.”

1Corinthians 2:10-11: “For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.”

Our source of knowledge for discernment being:

Hebrews 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.”

Why?

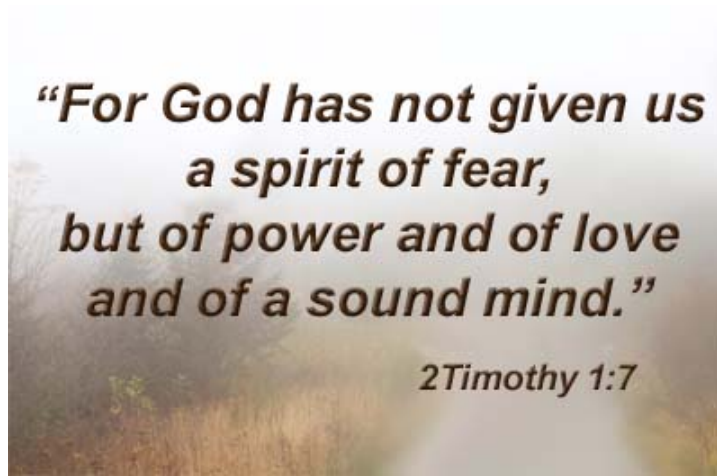
“Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” Galatians 4:6

Therefore:

John 7:38: “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”

Am I steadfast in the Word of God so the Spirit of Christ lead me in discerning truth from lies?

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How does the power of the Holy Spirit impact a believer's life?

John 14:16-18: “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.”

Romans 8:26: “Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.”

The purpose being:

Ephesians 3:17-19: “That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

Therefore:

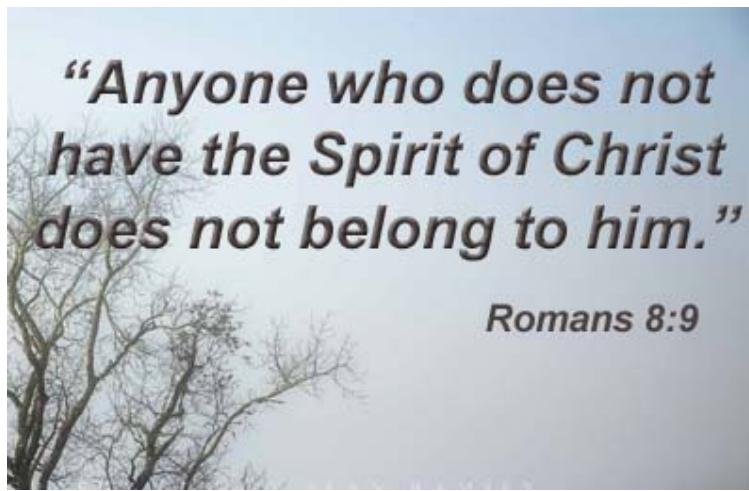
Romans 8:11: “If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”

How?

Acts 1:8: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses.”

How faithful am I to allow the power of the Holy Spirit to dwell in me, so I am a witness for Christ?

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How clearly does the Word of God warn us against offending the Holy Spirit?

Matthew 12:31-32: “Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy *against* the Spirit will not be forgiven men. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the *age* to come.”

Why?

1Corinthians 3:16-17: “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.”

Romans 8:-6: “For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.”

What’s more?

1Timothy 4:1: “Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.”

Therefore:

1John 4:1: “Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God.”

Ephesians 4:30: “Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”

Today, the world celebrates Halloween, the worship of idols and death. Will I avoid it and honor God, or will I follow the deceiving evil spirits, celebrate with the world and grieve the Holy Spirit?

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