

Holy Spirit is For Life Not Just For Pentecost

Part 8 - Led by The Spirit - 'the Niggle & the Nudge'

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Acts 1:8

- “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.”
- “Ond bydd yr Ysbryd Glân yn disgyn arnoch chi, ac yn rhoi nerth i chi ddweud amdana i wrth bawb – yn Jerwsalem a Jwdea, yn Samaria, a drwy'r byd i gyd.”



Holy Spirit is for Life, Not Just for Pentecost!

- Holy Spirit is...
- ... a person
- ... God
- ... worthy of praise
- ... your helper, empowerer and so much more
- ... alive in us





The Person of The Holy Spirit

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The Person of God in Us

COMM-UNIFICATION, COMM-UNION & COMM-UNITY

- Temple of the Holy Spirit
- “do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?” (1 Corinthians 6:19)





The Spirit, Our Helper

- John 15:26 “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. 27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.”
- The Spirit ‘proceeds’ from The Father, sent by The Son and, as such, leads us in and ‘helps’ us to live in the Kingship and for the Kingdom of God
- The COMMunity of the Trinity at work in us





How Does God Communicate?

Words are not the only way we say things!

- To our minds and senses
 - Rarely in an audible voice (1 Kings 19:12) - “a still small voice”
 - Through God’s creation (Psalm 19) - “The heavens declare”
 - Through God’s people, including you! - prophecy, encouragement, action
 - Through Scripture (Psalm 119:105) - “Your word is a lamp to my feet”
 - Through dreams & visions (Acts 2)
 - Through our minds and thoughts when they are open and offered to Him...





Led By The Spirit

Romans 8

- Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.
- The Spirit enables us to overcome the flesh



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- 5 Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. 6 The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. 7 The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8 Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.
- We cannot be led by the flesh and the Spirit at the same time!



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Romans 8

- 9 You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. 10 But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. 11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.
- The Spirit in us gives us true life



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Romans 8

- 12 Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. 13 For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. 14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. 15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. 17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.
- When we are led by the Spirit, we are walking in our true identity



**“Be led by ‘the Niggle and the Nudge’ of the Holy Spirit”
(Stephen Gibson)**





How Do I Know Who is Speaking?

Is This the Voice of God?

- Will it glorify The Lord?
- Is it consistent to what scripture teaches?
- Will it require faith?
- If so - it may well be The Holy Spirit speaking!





Jesus Was Led by The Spirit

- “Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.” (Matthew 4:1)
- He won't always lead you the easiest way
- But He will always lead you the best way
- “Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit” (Luke 4:14)



What is Holy Spirit Saying to You Today?

- Will you accept the challenge of His elbow in the ribs niggling or nudging you to do or say something today?!
- "...all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God." (Romans 8:14)

