



"THE POWER"

The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

Romans 8:9-11 You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. 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 through his Spirit, who lives in you.

1. What does the indwelling of the Spirit mean?

With the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, our bodies become literally, the Temple of God. We are now separated from this world because God has taken residence with us, we are restored to God. We are the purchased possession of Christ, whose blood paid for our sins.

Or do you not know that your body is the <u>temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you</u>, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? I Corinthians 6:19

2. What happens with the Holy Spirit dwelling in us?

Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they receive the Holy Spirit, which would result in power.

We may look the same on the outside but inside we are a new creation. We are born again with the Holy Spirit and his power. On the day of Pentecost, the Spirit came upon the disciples, equipping them with power to bring the Gospel forth from Jerusalem. The power of the Spirit was not only for the disciples in Jerusalem, but also for us.

We can apply the benefits and power of the Spirit in our life when we understanding how the Holy Spirit functions in our lives.

A. The Holy Spirit is our teacher guiding us into truth

"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 14:26





B. The Holy Spirit intercedes on our behalf

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. Romans 8:26-27

C. The Holy Spirit gives us joy and peace

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.-Galatians 5:22-23

D. The Holy Spirit gives us gifts for ministry

There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all.- I Corinthians 12:4-7

E. The Holy Spirit gives us boldness to witness

And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. Acts 4:31

F. The Holy Spirit gives us power

That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might through his Spirit in the inner man -Ephesians 3:16

And what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which he worked in Christ when He raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places.- Ephesians 1:19-20

G. The Holy Spirit gives us the power to live godly lives

"I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes, and you will keep my judgments and do them. Ezekiel 36:27

H. The Holy Spirit helps us to pray

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this

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end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints. Ephesians 6:18

I. The Holy Spirit gives us wisdom and revelation

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints. Ephesians 1:17-18

J. God the Father speaks through us by the Holy Spirit

"for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you. Matthew 10:20

Conclusion:

What is the result of having God's Spirit in us? We now have the power, literally the "Dynamite" to live a life pleasing to the Lord.

Does the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit dwell in you? To be forgiven you must hear the gospel, believe, repent, confess Christ, and be baptized (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38,42, 22:16; Romans 1:16, 6:3-4,10:17). Then you must continue serving God faithfully (Romans 6:16-18; 1 Corinthians 15:58)