

THE WORKS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A message on the Works of the Holy Spirit in the World and in the Believer

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Prologue

Rivers of Living Water

- Yeshua at the Feast of the Tabernacles - *John 7: 37-39*

'On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.'

John 7: 37-39

- Sukkot (Tabernacles) - The water libation ceremony (*nisuch hamayim*)
 - The water libation ceremony at the temple on the last day of Sukkot is the backdrop to Yeshua's words
- Yeshua speaks of the Giving of the Holy Spirit
 - The Pre-Requisites for Receiving
 - Be Thirsty - many today are thirsty for spiritual reality, but they drink from polluted sources
 - Come to Yeshua - only through Him can one receive the 'Living Water' of the Holy Spirit within
 - Drink - Reach out to Yeshua for the life changing water
 - Believe in Me
 - ❖ Believe in His Deity and His Humanity
 - ❖ Believe in His Atoning Sacrifice
 - ❖ Believe in His Words of Truth
 - ❖ Receive the In-Dwelling of the Holy Spirit
- New Birth - Receiving the Holy Spirit is New 'Spiritual' Birth - *John 3: 3*

'Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." ***John 3: 3***

 - Born Again - to be 'born again' is to be Born of the Spirit...once thus born, the Holy Spirit is with you forever - you cannot lose your

salvation, only miss out on your reward - see also *Romans 8: 9; 1 Corinthians 6: 19-20, 12: 13*

- **To be 'Born from Above' is the New Spiritual Birth - *John 3: 6-8***

'That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ***John 3: 6-7***

- **To receive a new life requires a new birth** - you must be 'Born of the Spirit', that is, be 'born from above'
- **It is new spiritual life to those who are spiritually dead**
- **A Question** - **Have you received the Holy Spirit, are you Born Again?**
 - **If not - are you thirsty...do you seek something in your life that will truly satisfy?** People seek answers to questions like 'What is life all about?'; but they look for answers in the wrong places - false spirituality (e.g. yoga) or false religion, or materialism, or even becoming an eco-warrior (!)
 - **Have you come to Yeshua?** He is the way the truth and the life - He is the one who gives 'living water'
 - **Come to Him and Drink!** Draw deep on His life by faith in Him!
 - **Admit-Believe-Confess: The ABC of New Birth;**
 - **Admit your Need**
 - **Believe in Yeshua**
 - **Confess your Faith in Him**
- **The Consequence of Believing Faith**
 - **You will receive the Holy Spirit**
 - **Once you are 'Born from Above', the Holy Spirit is with you Forever, as we read in *John 14: 16***
 - **Another confirmation that one cannot lose one's salvation** - see also *Romans 8: 9; 1 Corinthians 6: 19-20, 12: 13*

- **Yeshua Promises Another Helper - *John 14: 15-18***

"If you love Me, keep My commandments. 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. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."

John 14: 15-18

- **This is said on the night of Nisan 14, in the morning Yeshua would be crucified**
- **The Context of the Promise**
 - **If You Love Me** - Greek: *agapaō* (pronounced *ag-ap-ah'-o*) - regarded as the highest form of love, it is a pure, selfless, unconditional love
 - **Keep My Commandments**
 - Yeshua is referring not only to His ethical commandments but the entire revelation from the Father through Yeshua
 - Particularly, it is a reference to Yeshua's 'new commandment'

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." ***John 13: 34-35***

- **Love One Another is the New Commandment for Disciples**
 - It is the true mark that we are Yeshua's disciples

- The World will see and notice this love - it testifies whose we are!
- **Yeshua will ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit**
 - Yeshua is quite specific as to how the Holy Spirit will be given - He will ask the Father to give (send) the Holy Spirit - see *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 14: 26
- **Another Helper**
 - 'Another': One like Yeshua Himself...Holy and Divine; but a different 'person'...the third person of the triune Godhead
 - 'Helper' [NKJV], translated also as 'Comforter' [KJV, YLT, RV etc] - the word means intercessor, consoler, advocate, helper and comforter
 - **Comfort** - through the continual ministry of the Holy Spirit in the believer
- **The Abiding of the Holy Spirit**
 - The Comforter will **Abide** with you **Forever**, says Yeshua
 - This In-Dwelling of the Holy Spirit is the Fulfilment of the New Covenant promise in Jeremiah (*Jeremiah 31: 33-34*)
*"But **this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.**"*
Jeremiah 31: 33-34
 - This In-Dwelling of the Holy Spirit is also the Fulfilment of Yeshua's promised 'Rivers of Living Waters' (*John 7: 37-39*)
 - **Not orphans** - Yeshua speaks of comfort for all disciples
 - Yeshua comes to us through the indwelling presence and teaching of the Holy Spirit, for He is the 'Spirit of Christ' (*Romans 8: 9*)
- **The Spirit of Truth**
 - **The Helper (the Holy Spirit) is the Spirit of Truth**
 - He is the source of truth and He communicates the truth to Yeshua's disciples - see *John 14: 26; John 16: 12-15*
 - Apart from Him, men cannot know God's truth - for it is revealed to us by the Holy Spirit - see *1 Corinthians 2: 12-14; 1 John 2: 20, 2: 27*
- **The World Cannot Receive Him (the Holy Spirit)**
 - **The world does not see Him** - but He dwells in the believer
 - **The world does not know Him** - but believers know Him
 - Matthew Henry writes: *"The disciples of Christ are here distinguished from the world, for they are chosen and called out of the world that lies in wickedness; they are the children and heirs of another world, not of this. It is the misery of those that are invincibly devoted to the world that they cannot receive the Spirit of truth. The spirit of the world and the Spirit of God are spoken of as directly contrary the one to the other (1 Cor. 2:*

12); for where the spirit of the world has the ascendant, the Spirit of God is excluded."

- **Baptism in the Spirit - the Day of Pentecost**

- **Yeshua Promise a Baptism - Acts 1: 4-5**

- **The Promise of the Father - see Jeremiah 31: 33-34**

*'And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to **wait for the Promise of the Father**, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptised with water, but **you shall be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.**"'*

Acts 1: 4-5

- **The Disciples had already received the Holy Spirit - see John 20: 22**
 - **Baptism means to be completely wetted, thoroughly soaked, with the Holy Spirit**
 - **Baptism gave the disciples 'Power' to 'Be Witnesses'**

*"**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."*

Acts 1: 8

- **In The Upper Room**

*'When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, **they were all with one accord in one place**. And **suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind**, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then **there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them**. And **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.'*

Acts 2: 1-4

- **One Accord - the disciples were together in unity, of one mind and heart - as Yeshua had commanded (John 13: 34-35)**
 - **A Rushing Mighty Wind - a simile describing God's action of sending the Holy Spirit - Wind is frequently used in scripture as a picture of the Spirit (see Ezekiel 37: 9-10, John 3: 8)**
 - **Tongues of Fire - John the Baptist had said that Yeshua would baptise with the Holy Spirit and with fire (Matthew 3: 11)**
 - Just as the sound (like wind) was symbolic, these were not literal flames of fire but supernatural indicators like fire - that God had sent the Holy Spirit upon each disciple
 - Scripture has many idioms for the Holy Spirit and He is depicted in several ways - a dove, fire, wind, water, anointing oil, a cloud, etc...
 - **The disciples were Filled with the Holy Spirit**
 - **Being born again, receiving the Holy Spirit, is the one-time act by which God places believers into His body by being 'born from above' and receiving the Holy Spirit to dwell in them - this had already happened for the disciples - see John 20: 22**
 - **The filling described in Acts 2 is an anointing of Spirit-controlled behaviour - an enduing with gifts (e.g. speaking in other tongues) that God gives for specific purposes**
 - **Peter and others in Acts are recorded as being 'filled with the Spirit' (see Acts 4: 8, 4: 31, 7: 55) and so spoke boldly the Word of God**

- Such 'filling' is meant to be a continual reality - Paul commands believers to maintain...'be being filled' (*Ephesians 5: 18*)
- The Filling with the Holy Spirit may be accompanied by gifts of the Spirit being manifested
 - Never for the purpose of giving the believer 'spiritual goosebumps'
 - Always an Anointing for Service of Yeshua in some specific way (e.g. proclaiming God's word or healing - see *Acts 4: 8-12*)

- **Be Filled**

*'And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but **be filled with the Spirit,**'*
Ephesians 5: 18

- When Paul writes to the Ephesians about being filled with the Spirit (*Ephesians 5: 18*) he is not saying there is more of the Holy Spirit to be received, BUT he is imploring the Ephesians to have every part of their lives immersed, wetted, by the Holy Spirit
- Paul is also urging believers to be seeking the anointing of the Holy Spirit (filling, as in *Acts 2: 1-4*) for service and witness to Yeshua
 - It is not a matter of 'How much of the Holy Spirit have you got?', but rather 'How much of you has the Holy Spirit got?'
 - Filled (*Ephesians 5: 18*) - Greek *plēroō*, (pronounced *play-ro'-o*) is in the present continuous tense - so it means 'be being filled'
 - Paul is urging the Ephesian church to live continually under the influence of the Spirit by letting Him (and God's Word) control them in every aspect of their lives - and so glorify Yeshua

Five Works of the Holy Spirit in the Believer

One could list many, many aspects of the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer, so I have sought to summarise these in 5 aspects of His work in us:

- Teaching the Believer
- Testifying of Yeshua
- Guiding the Believer
- Glorifying Yeshua
- Sanctifying the Believer

In these Works of the Holy Spirit we glimpse the wonderful blessing of the indwelling Holy Spirit and His work within us and through us

Teaching the Believer

*"These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 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: 25-26

- The Holy Spirit is Our Teacher

- Whilst Yeshua was with the disciples - He was their teacher
 - After Yeshua's resurrection and ascension - the Father sends, at Yeshua's request, 'another Helper'...another teacher
- He will Teach Us 'All Things' - the Holy Spirit is the one who reveals spiritual truths to the disciple
 - It is more than simply teaching us sound theology and understanding of scripture
 - The Spirit teaches us to 'see behind' the physical and tangible, to see the spiritual reality which lies behind the surface
 - The disciples had failed to understand many things about Jesus and what He taught...but...the Holy Spirit energised the hearts and minds of the apostles in their ministry, helping them to produce the NT Scripture
 - Because of this supernatural work of the Spirit, they came to an inerrant and accurate understanding of the Lord and His work, and recorded it in the Gospels and the rest of the NT Scriptures
 - But far more, they evangelised the world and led the early church in its growth in numbers and in holiness
- He Enables Us to Remember Yeshua's Words, indeed to recall things from God's word in its entirety - He plants God's word deep in our hearts and minds
 - Memorising or being completely familiar with the Bible is an important aspect of being a good disciple - it enables us to follow Yeshua in a sure-footed way
- He Speaks to us Yeshua's Words

“He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.”

John 14: 16

 - The Holy Spirit is, within the believer, the voice of Yeshua
 - He declares to us what the Lord is saying
- A Question - Who is your Teacher?
 - If you are getting your understanding of the Lord and knowledge of His word from the wrong source (e.g.; from Christian TV or many of the TV preachers [so-called apostles/prophets]) - then you are missing God's best and possibly being deceived
- Discern the Voice of the Teacher that the Father has ordained - the one He has sent in Yeshua's name, the Holy Spirit - so listen to Him (*John 10: 27*)
 - Learn to discern the voice and prompting of the Holy Spirit - His touch is light, not heavy, and one can miss it if not sensitive to His voice
 - We have two - truthful - witnesses who always agree - the Spirit and the Word - so feed on God's word for His word is truth (*John 17: 17*)
 - Listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit within you

Testifying of Yeshua

*"But when **the Helper** comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, **the Spirit of truth** who proceeds from the Father, **He will testify of Me**. And **you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.**"*

John 15: 26-27

- The Holy Spirit will Testify, to Us, about Yeshua
 - The principal role of the Holy Spirit is to glorify Yeshua
 - Counteracting the World's Lies
 - Yeshua has just warned the disciple of the world's hatred of them, just as it hated Him (*John 15: 18-25*)
 - Yeshua comforts the disciples by promising to send the Helper and that He will bear testimony to them about Him - counteracting the world's lies
 - His in-dwelling presence in us will testify to us the truth about our Messiah, Saviour and Lord

- The Holy Spirit is the 'Spirit of Truth'
 - He speaks only Truth to us
 - Two Witnesses
 - By the mouth of two or three witnesses is truth established - see *Deuteronomy 19: 15*, quoted by Paul in *1 Corinthians 13: 1*
 - We have 2 witnesses - Holy Spirit who is the Spirit of truth (*John 15: 26*) and God's word which is truth (*John 17: 17*)

'Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.'

John 17: 17

- The Holy Spirit will enable us to 'Bear Witness' - **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."*

Acts 1: 8

- Power to Witness
 - The Holy Spirit will endue disciples with power - this is not earthly power, nor spiritual power for us to use as we please
 - The apostles had already experienced the Holy Spirit's saving, guiding, teaching, and miracle-working power
 - Now Yeshua promises that they would receive His indwelling presence and a new dimension of power for witness - this happened at Pentecost
 - Including ability to perform miraculous healings - see *Acts 3: 1-10*
 - Witness - the Greek word is *martus*, pronounced *mar'-toos*, which also implies 'one who dies for his faith'(a common occurrence then)
- Filled with the Spirit - Yeshua emphasises the Spirit's help for witnessing and proclaiming the gospel
 - There are many examples in the NT of disciples being 'filled with the Spirit' (a specific anointing) to enable witness or proclamation
 - It is an aspect of the Holy Spirit's work we should all experience - it wasn't just for the apostles
- Bearing Witness - testifying of Yeshua - is not something we do only with words; but with our lives, our character - our whole person speaks volumes

- A Question - Of Whom or What do our Lives Bear Witness?
 - Our lives, whether we are aware of it or not, give testimony about our beliefs and morality - do ours bear witness of Yeshua?
 - Our lives give testimony about whom it is we serve - ourselves or the Lord
 - Peter & John - their lives and words bore testimony to the Sanhedrin of Jesus - that they had been with Him

*'Now **when they saw the boldness of Peter and John**, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marvelled. And **they realised that they had been with Jesus.**'* **Acts 4: 13**

- Seek the Continual Filling of the Holy Spirit to enable you to 'Be a Witness'
 - Be Being Filled (*Ephesians 5:18*)
 - Allow the indwelling Holy Spirit to enable you to be a witness (*Acts 1: 8*)

Guiding the Believer

*"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 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."* **John 16: 12-13**

- The Holy Spirit is our Guide
 - While Yeshua was with the disciples He knew there were many things they would need to know and understand - yet He was aware that some things they could not yet bear (in *John 16: 12-13* it was because they were in sorrow that He was leaving them) - so the Father sends the Spirit to be our guide and lead us on
 - We too need to Grow in Our Understanding and Experience of the Lord - it takes time - it is a process - and the Holy Spirit is our guide in this process
- The Holy Spirit Guides Us 'Into All Truth'
 - The Holy Spirit is 'the Spirit of Truth' - He speaks only truth to us
 - There are many 'guides' in this world...but only one will lead into 'all truth' and never lie to us
- The Holy Spirit speaks Under Authority
 - Sent by the Father to Glorify the Son
 - All that the Father has, He has given to the Son (*John 16: 15*) - and the Spirit takes what Yeshua has and speaks it to us

*"All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that **He will take of Mine and declare it to you.**"* **John 16: 15**

 - There is a Divine example here for us - to speak and act, under authority - through the indwelling presence of the Spirit guiding us
- A Question - Are we Guided by the Indwelling Presence of the Holy Spirit?
 - His voice is not hard to hear - but are we tuned in?
 - Get to know and recognise the voice of the Holy Spirit
 - Be Attentive to the Indwelling Presence of the Holy Spirit (*1 John 3 : 24*)

- We can all too easily get up in the morning and go through the day on auto-pilot - inattentive to the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit

Glorifying Yeshua

"He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you."

John 16: 14-15

- **The Glory of the Son**

- **We can understand something of glory of Yeshua from His prayer to the Father:**

"Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was."

John 17: 1-5

- **We get a glimpse of the Father-Son relationship and the Glory of the Son**
- He asks the Father to "***Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You***" - this is not a request of vanity, but of service and submission, because the Father's glory was to be revealed in the sacrificial death of the Son - so Yeshua asks this because He knows that "*the hour has come*"
- He says to the Father "***I have glorified you on the earth***" - Yeshua was the revelation of the Father's glory
- He asks the Father to "***Glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.***"
- **The disciples glimpsed Yeshua's glory on the Mount of Transfiguration - see Matthew 17: 1-9 and Luke 9: 28-36**
- **The Holy Spirit Glorifies Yeshua**
 - **The Holy Spirit was sent by the Father to Glorify the Son - indeed it is His principal role (John 16: 14)**
 - He glorifies Yeshua by speaking truth about the Son to us - teaching and guiding
 - He glorifies the Son by revealing truth about the Son through us - the bearing of witness Him through the sanctifying work of His Spirit
 - **Only when Yeshua was Glorified could the Holy Spirit be given (John 7: 39)**
 - **The Holy Spirit glorifies Yeshua In Us and Through Us by taking what is Yeshua's and declaring it to us and through us**
 - **We are to reveal the glory of the Father in the same way that Yeshua did**
 - Through our character (in His image)
 - Through our lives (holiness)
 - In our words (truth)

- By our actions (love and power)
- The purpose of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit is to enable us to glorify Yeshua and thus to glorify the Father - see *1 Corinthians 6: 19-20*

*'Or 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.***

1 Corinthians 6: 19-20

- Gifts of the Spirit are given to enable us to reveal the Glory of God - often they are given when a believer is 'baptised in the Spirit'
 - The gifts are both for the edification of the believer and the body; and for the demonstration of God's power and glory
 - There are several listings of gifts in scripture - see *Romans 12: 6-8; 1 Corinthians 12: 8-10 and 28-30; Ephesians 4: 11; 1 Peter 4: 11*
 - Those listed (9 gifts) in *1 Corinthians 12: 8-10* are:
 - ❖ Word of wisdom
 - ❖ Word of knowledge
 - ❖ Faith
 - ❖ Gifts of healings
 - ❖ Miracles
 - ❖ Prophecy
 - ❖ Distinguishing between spirits
 - ❖ Tongues
 - ❖ Interpretation of Tongues
- A Question - Is the Glory of God Revealed in You?
 - Glory is something sensed as well as seen - a fragrance of Christ

'For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.' **2 Corinthians 2: 15**

 - So how do you smell?
 - Allow the Holy Spirit to produce in you the sweet smelling fragrance of the glory of Yeshua

Sanctifying the Believer

*'I say then: **Walk in the Spirit**, and you shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh'*

Galatians 5: 16

- The Process of Being Set Apart and Becoming Holy
 - The Greek word translated 'sanctification' or 'sanctify' is *hagiazō* (pronounced *hag-ee-ad'-zo*) and means to make holy (ceremonially), to purify or consecrate, to venerate or hallow; to 'sanctify means both 'to set apart' or 'to make holy'
 - To sanctify someone or something is to set that person or thing apart for the use intended by its designer - in OT days, houses, fields, feasts, altars, people and many other things were sanctified (set apart for holy purposes)

- To sanctify is also to make something or someone holy - purifying from impurities - refining like silver and gold (*Malachi 3: 3*)
 - Today, all believers are to be sanctified - this means that they are to be set apart for the Lord and consecrated in holiness for His use and purpose
 - It is a Process - we don't become perfect reflections Yeshua's glory overnight

- Justification and Sanctification
 - When we are 'Born of the Spirit' we are Justified - that means we are declared righteous
 - When the Father looks at us He sees, not our sinfulness, but the righteousness of His Son - for we are clothed in His righteousness

'For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.' **2 Corinthians 5: 21**

 - After we are 'Born of the Spirit' and Justified, we have to learn to 'Walk in the Spirit', learning to live in a new way
 - In our fallen state, our flesh ruled our soul - now we have to learn to allow the Spirit of God within us rule our soul - thus no longer live in fleshly ways - *Galatians 5: 16*
 - This is the process of being 'Made Holy' (Sanctification)

- The Call to Holiness - To Be Set Apart - To God and For God
 - We are to Cleanse ourselves from All Defilement - *2 Corinthians 7: 1*

'Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.'

2 Corinthians 7: 1

 - Cleansing of the flesh - the filthiness of sin in thought, word and deed
 - Cleansing of the spirit - the impurity in our spirit - so we are to discern false spirits and false teaching & teachers and cleanse ourselves from them
 - The Lord is wanting Perfection of Holiness in us - flesh and spirit - we are to Be Holy as He is Holy.
 - Because God is Holy, We - His Children - are also to Be Holy
 - It is a command to all believers

'Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

1 Peter 1: 13-16

 - Peter is quoting the command of God to Israel

"For I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth. For I am the Lord who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy."

Leviticus 11: 44-45

 - The Holy Spirit in us knows our un-holiness - our unclean acts and thoughts - and He convicts us about them
 - We Need A Desire for Holiness - *1 Thessalonians 4: 3-8*
 - For that Inner Desire to have what the Father Desires - Holiness
 - A Desire for Him to Manifest His Character in Us

- **A Push for Holiness will create more Hassle from the Flesh**
 - The Holy Spirit's conviction is there so that we can feel the best we can in His presence
 - There is a battle between Humility and Pride
- **Rejecting His Call to Holiness is Rejecting God (1 Thessalonians 4: 7-8)**

'For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.'

1 Thessalonians 4: 7-8

- **We Have to Be Different**
 - To Live the Character of Christ
 - For Him to Be Seen In Us
 - To have an Impact on Others
- **God's Desire for Us is to be Something More Than We Are**
 - We are not what we were
 - We have to have that Desire for God's Desire
 - We have to have that Desire for Holiness
- **Holiness has a Power of its Own**
 - **It Challenges and Convicts** - as His Holiness is manifested in us it will, by its own power, have an effect on others
 - **From His Holiness flows His Love, His Grace, His Mercy and His Judgement**
 - His Love emanates from His Holiness and it brings His Grace and Mercy, and from them flow His Judgement
 - **Holiness does not Tolerate sin...** therefore Holiness must Judge sin
 - **We limit Him by un-holiness; it restricts what He can do**
 - **Holiness is the Immune System for the Body of Christ - to drive out uncleanness**
 - Why is the Church so Sick? Because of the Lack of Holiness!
 - Imagine a Body full of Holiness - what impact it would have - to friends and family, to community and to nation
 - **Consider Ananias & Sapphira - Acts 5: 1-11**
 - They lied to the Holy Spirit (v.3), not just to the disciples; and death was the result of trying to cover over sin
 - Don't give false appearance - to others or to God
 - The reaction to this demonstration of Holiness in the Body was immediate (vs. 12-16) - signs and wonders, the sick being healed (physical healings), dealing with unclean spirits (spiritual healing) fear of the holiness of God in the believers, multitudes of new converts, and news of what was happening spreading widely
 - There was reaction too, in opposition, from the religious (vs. 17-42)
 - Holiness is Transparent - the Holy Spirit wants to drive out the uncleanness in us - in our thoughts (our stinking thinking), in our words, and in our deeds
 - There are no shifting shadows in the Kingdom of God - it is Pure!
 - **We need that Inner Strength, that comes through the Holy Spirit**

- It is Holiness, the Character of God In Us, that is the Strength
- Strength to be Different (Set Apart)
- Strength to be Clean (Purified of every blemish)
- Strength to be Pleasing to God
- Strength to be the Prepared Bride of Christ

- Making Ourselves Ready

- When we are going out for a special occasion...we make ourselves ready - we wash, shave, do our hair, put on perfume, wear smart clothes, etc
- When we are Born Again we become Betrothed to Christ, He is our Bridegroom - a marriage is in view!
- We, the Bride of Yeshua, need to make ourselves ready

*'And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, **for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.**"'*

Revelation 19: 6-7

- The bride adorns herself in white garments - given her by the Bridegroom (that is, His righteousness) - but she, in herself, is to be pure and holy

- Sanctification through the Holy Spirit

- Sanctification is a process worked in us by the Holy Spirit and by the Word of God - the Holy Spirit often uses the Word of God as a tool in sanctification

*'Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, **that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.**'*

Ephesians 5: 26

- Washing of Water by the Word (**Ephesians 5: 26**) is a description of the cleansing work of the Holy Spirit
 - Water here is a picture of the Holy Spirit and His cleansing work
 - As part of this process the Holy Spirit uses the Word of God - it is a divine cleansing agent (**2 Timothy 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.**'*

2 Timothy 3: 16-17

- Note that the Word of God instructs in righteousness
- The Purpose of this washing is that we should be Holy, Without Blemish
- 'Are You Washed In The Blood' - when we sing this hymn our song is not only focussed on being born again, but also on the washing work of the Holy Spirit in Sanctification..."When the Bridegroom cometh will your clothes be white?"

- The Fruit of Sanctification (**Galatians 5: 22-25**)

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

And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.'**

Galatians 5: 22-25

- The Evidence that we are being sanctified, 'made holy', is the growing of the Fruit of the Spirit in our lives
 - Fruit takes Time to Grow and Mature
 - It needs nurturing, tending and feeding - this is the role of the Holy Spirit
- The Fruit of The Holy Spirit's Work of Sanctification
 - The Fruit of Love - the Greek word used is *agapē*, sacrificial love, enabling us to be obedient to the Lord's command to love our fellow believers (John 13: 34-35)

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13: 34-35

- The Fruit of Joy - the Joy of abiding in Yeshua, the true vine, and in His love by obedience to His commandments - John 15: 10-11

"If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full."

John 15: 10-11

- The Fruit of Peace - the Shalom of Sar Shalom, the Prince of Peace, that is a rock in the midst of life's storms - John 14: 27

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

John 14: 27

- The Fruit of Longsuffering - the forbearance and fortitude that our Saviour modelled, that gives us the ability to endure injuries inflicted by others and the willingness to accept irritating or painful situations - Philippians 4: 11-13

'Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'

Philippians 4: 11-13

- The Fruit of Kindness - the kindness which mirrors that of the Father towards us, that tender concern for others, reflected in a desire to treat others gently, just as the Lord treats all believers - Titus 3: 4-7

'But when the kindness and the love of God our Saviour 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 Saviour, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.'

Titus 3: 4-7

- The Fruit of Goodness - the moral and spiritual excellence of God manifested in us, that active kindness and goodness to others - and especially to our brothers and sisters in the Lord - and thus give glory to the Father and the Son - 2 Thessalonians 1: 11-12

'Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith

with power, that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.'

2 Thessalonians 1: 11-12

- The Fruit of Faithfulness - the trustfulness in the Lord and loyalty to His precepts which enables the believer to walk, sure-footed, in the ways of God and to that know He is faithful - Habakkuk 2: 4b; Romans 1: 16-17; Galatians 3: 11; Hebrews 10: 38: 36-38

'But the just shall live by his faith.' **Habakkuk 2: 4b**

'For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." **Romans 1: 16-17**

'But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "the just shall live by faith." **Galatians 3: 11**

'For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: "For yet a little while, and He who is coming will come and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith; but if anyone draws back, my soul has no pleasure in him." **Hebrews 10: 36-38**

- The Fruit of Gentleness - the meekness of a humble spirit (like the Lord showed - *Philippians 2: 5-7*) which enables the believer to show a gentle attitude that is patiently submissive in every offence with no desire for retribution - and is submitted to the will of God, and is teachable, and has true consideration of others - *Ephesians 4: 1-3; James 1: 21; Colossians 3: 12-13*

'I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.' **Ephesians 4: 1-3**

'Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.'

James 1: 21

'Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.' **Colossians 3: 12-13**

- The Fruit of Self Control - the temperance that restrains passions and appetites, allowing the Holy Spirit to rule our souls and not letting our flesh - *Galatians 5: 25; 1 Corinthians 9: 25*

'If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.' **Galatians 5: 25**

'And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown.'

1 Corinthians 9: 25

- Crucify the Flesh - Paul's language is stark - the flesh has to be crucified! (*Galatians 5: 24*)
 - Before we were born again the flesh ruled our souls - now it is to be the Spirit of God in us which rules our souls

- The soul is the seat of our consciousness, personality, intellect and emotions
 - Walk in the Spirit - the context of Paul's teaching to the Galatians is the death of the old self, the one that was controlled by the flesh with all its evil unclean works - and the growth of new fruit through Walking in the Spirit
 - Peter expresses similar thoughts in his epistles
- 'But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.'* **2 Peter 1: 5-8**
- Notice the progression: Faith -- Virtue -- Knowledge -- Self Control -- Perseverance -- Godliness -- Brotherly Kindness -- Love
 - Character that Glorifies Yeshua - it is through the Spirit indwelling us that we have new life...born again from above - so Paul and Peter say we must also walk in the Spirit...taught, guided, and invigorated by Him
 - Notice how the emphasis is upon quality of character - which is true spiritual maturity - rather than on doctrinal correctness
 - It is not that doctrine is unimportant, but rather that character is more important
 - It is in our character that we glorify God - and this we will do if we walk in the Spirit, day by day
- A Question - Are the Fruit of the Spirit Evident in You?
 - Does our Character Glorify God?
 - Do we (and others) see an increasing of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control in our lives?
 - Don't be under condemnation - the Spirit convicts, not condemns!
 - When you sense the old self coming to the fore, ask the Holy Spirit afresh to work in you to Grow the Fruit of His indwelling presence:
 - Resist the flesh response
 - Submit to His ways
 - Allow Him access into every aspect of your life (*Ephesians 5: 18*)
 - Do not Grieve Him (*Ephesians 4: 30*) by resisting Him
- 'And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.'* **Ephesians 4: 30**
- Do not Quench His work in you (*1 Thessalonians 5: 19*) by ignoring Him
- 'Do not quench the Spirit.'* **1 Thessalonians 5: 19**

Conclusion

- The Mark of Discipleship
 - *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."* **John 13: 34-35**
 - The Love shared by a fellowship of believers is, above all things, what will testify to the world that we are Yeshua's disciples

- It is remarkable that the church, whose head is the Lord Jesus - Yeshua HaMashiach - has been so riven by arguments, dissensions and even wars over doctrinal issues; yet Yeshua says clearly love one another...it is the mark of true discipleship which will testify of Me and give glory to God
 - Above all other fruits, love is the supreme reflection of the glory of God
 - How can we not make this our principal aim - to love one another in the reality of genuine affection and practical agape love?
- The Mark of Distinction

"They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth." **John 17: 16-17**

 - It is the Fruit of the Spirit, evident in the life of the believer and in the life of a fellowship which marks them as different from the world
 - It is the Power of Holiness in the Body which Witnesses to the World
 - It is this Different-ness which should Attract the Unsaved - to want what the believer and the body have...and they don't!
 - *"Those outside the church expect followers of Christ to live differently, yet today many in church are chasing after the world - not to win them, but to be like them."* Billy Graham

Addendum

Three Works of the Holy Spirit in the World

'And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.' **John 16: 8-11**

- Yeshua speaks of three Works which the Holy Spirit will do in regard to the World
 - The Holy Spirit is present in the world - and is manifested to the world through Yeshua's disciples...the ecclesia, the 'called out ones' - called out of the world to be a witness to the world
 - Hence it is primarily through the witness (by words, deeds, and lives) of believers that the Holy Spirit's convicting work is done
- The Holy Spirit will Convict the World of Sin (v. 9)
 - Sin - the Greek word used is *hamartia* (pronounced *ham-ar-tee'-ah*) meaning offence
 - By this is meant not simply of the sinful state of man, but specifically of the sin of not believing in Yeshua as Messiah or Son of God

- Born in Sin - all mankind is born in sin (because they are fallen by nature) and hence they naturally violate God's law
- Unbelief - the Sin that Condemns - it is unbelief in the Lord Jesus Christ which will condemn the sinner to eternal punishment - *John 8: 24*

*"Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for **if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.**"* **John 8: 24**

- The Holy Spirit will Convict the World of Righteousness (v. 10)
 - Righteousness - the Greek word is *dikaiousunē* (pronounced *dik-ah-yos-oo'-nay*) meaning equity or justification
 - It is a shattering the pretensions of self-righteousness (hypocrisy) and exposing the darkness of the heart (see *John 3: 19-21, 7: 7, & 15: 22-24*)
 - Yeshua, while He was on the earth, performed this task especially toward the shallowness and emptiness of Pharisaic Judaism that had degenerated into legalism without life-giving reality (see *Matthew 23: 1-36* and *John 15: 22-24*)

'If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father.' **John 15: 22-24**

- Now Yeshua has returned to the Father, and the Holy Spirit has come and continues Yeshua's convicting role
- The Holy Spirit will Convict the World of Judgement (v. 11)
 - The Greek word used is *krisis* (pronounced *kree'-sis*) meaning accusation, condemnation, damnation and judgment; and, by implication, justice (specifically regarding divine law)
 - The World's judgments are blind, faulty, and evil - as evidenced in their verdict on Yeshua
 - The world cannot make righteous judgments (see *John 7: 24; 2 Cor. 4: 3-4*)
 - But the Spirit of Christ does make right judgements (see *John 8: 16, 14: 26*)
 - All Satan's adjudications are lies (*John 8: 44-47*), so the Spirit convicts men of their false judgment of Christ
 - Satan is the ruler of the world (see *John 14: 30; Ephesians 2: 1-3*) and he, as the god of this world, has perverted the world's judgment and turned people from believing in Yeshua as the Messiah and Son of God (*2 Corinthians 4: 4*)

*'But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, **whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe**, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.'*

2 Corinthians 4: 3-4

- The Spirit will lead sinners to true judgment - convicting them of their false judgements in morality and of the person of Yeshua
 - If the World rejects the Holy Spirit's convicting work in relation to Judgement, then the Righteous Judge of the World will condemn them to eternal punishment because of their works

*'And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And **the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.** The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And **anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.**'*

Revelation 20: 12-15

- **Born Once...Die Twice - but, Born Twice...Die Once!**