

## I. God the Holy Spirit

A. Discussion of the glories of the trinity are always shrouded in some level of mystery. It is no different when it comes to the identity of the person of the Holy Spirit within the Godhead. The Holy Spirit is referred to in theology as the third person of the trinity. The scriptures most often represented Him as the one present to do God's work in the earth.

1. The Holy Spirit is not referred to as a force or a presence in scripture but rather a distinct person with distinct roles within the trinity. Jesus in His identity as fully God manifested the presence and person of God to men. After Jesus ascended into heaven the Holy Spirit was sent to be the primary manifestation of the presence and person of God to the earth. (2 Cor. 13:14; Phil. 2:1)
2. Some feel that the word "the" is disrespectful because that word indicates the Holy Spirit as an "it" or a "thing". Throughout the scriptures the title of "The Holy Spirit" is used along with "He" and "Him" but never an "it". The important thing that we uphold is that The Holy Spirit is fully God and equal in power, authority, and worth to the Father and the Son. (Jhn. 14:23; Acts. 5:3-4; Rom. 8:9; Phl. 1:19)

## II. Filled with the Spirit

A. At this point in our study it is good that we take a look at the original Greek words used to express the idea of being filled with the Spirit. I believe there is much confusion and opinions concerning the call for us to be filled with the Spirit. Especially when it comes to the language and doctrine of being "baptized in the Spirit".

1. "**Pleroo**" Filled - This word speaks of the reality of filling something up to overflowing and it remaining that way. It is the word used to speak of fulfilled prophecy, and also of the abiding and indwelling Holy Spirit at the moment of belief upon Jesus. (Lk. 1:20, 40, 4:21, 7:1, 9:31; Eph. 5:18)
2. "**Pimplemi**" Filled – This word speaks of temporary repeatable filling. This word is used in speak of an individual being empowered to give supernatural witness to Jesus. (Lk 1:15, 41, 67; Acts. 2:4, 4:8, 31, 9:17, 13:9)

- B. As we can see from the word study of “filled” it is a wrong to understand the baptism of the Spirit to simply be speaking in tongues, and I would even challenge the popular belief that tongues is the initial evidence of baptism in the Spirit. It is also wrong to believe that someone who gives supernatural witness to Jesus through a spiritual gift proves their maturity in the Holy Spirit.

### **III. Manifestations of Transformation (Fruit)**

- A. The greatest miracle work of God is the transformation of individuals through the work of the Holy Spirit. As the Holy Spirit reveals Jesus to our hearts and minds we are transformed (literally changed) from carnal to spiritual. This process is called sanctification, and is a lifelong process as the finite interacts with the infinite. (Rom. 8:29, 12:2; 1 Cor. 15:49; 2 Cor. 3:18; Gal. 6:15; Eph. 4:22-24; Col 3:10)
- B. Jesus called the outworking of this transformation process “fruit” and instructed us to measure the transformational work of the Spirit by the manifestation of the fruit that flowed from ourselves and others. This fruit is not simply manifestations of Godly actions and words but rather Godly love that begets Godly actions and words. Although these appear the same outwardly, internally they are polar opposites. (Jer. 17:10; Mat. 7:15-23, 12:35; 23:23-28)
  - 1. The exhortation by Jesus to position yourself to allow the Holy Spirit to produce the fruit of love in your life is a command given to usher you into the abundance of life God originally ordained for humanity. Through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit we have access to life and life abundantly. (Jhn. 10:10; Jhn. 15:4- Gal. 5:14-25)

### **IV. Defused Fragrance**

- A. The primary job description of the Holy Spirit is to reveal the knowledge of Jesus to you, and through you. Paul describes the “through you” phase of this work of the Holy Spirit as the defusing of the fragrance of Jesus. The Holy Spirit reveals Jesus to us and our hearts and minds are transformed, then He manifests Jesus to others when our transformed hearts and minds lead to Christlike words and actions. He also manifests the knowledge of Jesus by giving you supernatural power or gifts to demonstrate His love and encourage others (2 Cor. 14-16)

1. Through the truths found in the above passage along with many others like it we can come up with a very simple working definition of manifestations of the Holy Spirit. **Manifestations of the Holy Spirit are supernatural words or actions through us, that reflect the nature and character of Jesus to those around us.**
2. Sometimes these words and actions flow from a pure heart, and sometimes these words and actions supersedes the purity of the heart in order to manifest Christ to others. In other words manifestations of the Holy Spirit do not necessarily indicate or carry spiritual maturity with it. Jesus in His kindness and grace does not wait till we are perfected in love before He gives us His Holy Spirit but rather transforms us in the journey. (Church at Corinth)

## V. The Helper

- A. Jesus first spoke of the Holy Spirit as the One who would “help” us grow in our love for Jesus. This is the primary mission and passion of the Holy Spirit. His greatest desire is that your heart and mind would be filled with knowledge about the person of Jesus Christ. This knowledge not only fills your heart with love for God but also is the transforming agent that conforms you into His image.
  1. Jesus baptizes us in the Holy Spirit – As the forerunner John the Baptist heralded the ministry of Jesus, he told the crowds many things about Him and what He would do. The most common thing that He told them is that Jesus was coming to baptize “immerse” people in the Holy Spirit and fire. (Mat. 3:11; Mar. 1:8; Luk 3:16; Jhn 1:33; Act 1:5)
    - a) The fire spoken of here is not speaking of the fire of judgment, or feeling a physical manifestation of burning, but rather being baptized or immersed into the all-consuming fiery love of God. God wants us to love Him the way that He loves us. He expresses and manifests Himself to us as a consuming fire, a jealous God who will have nothing less for us than for us to experience a burning love in like kind. (Ex. 24:17; Deu. 4:24; Luke 12:15-53, 22:15; Jhn 17:24; Heb 12:25-29)
  2. Revelatory, relational knowledge is the fuel of intimacy and love and so everything that the Holy Spirit does in your life is geared to reveal Jesus to you and through you. (Jhn 14:, 16:7-14; Rom. 8:22-29; 1 Cor. 1:30-2:16; 2 Cor. 3:2-18; Titus 3:3-7; Pet. 1:10-13)