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THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



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“And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.” John 16:8

The Holy Spirit is the Highest of All Gifts :

“The Holy Spirit was the highest of all gifts that He could solicit from His Father for the exaltation of His people. The Spirit was to be given as a regenerating agent, and without this the sacrifice of Christ would have been of no avail.”

DA 671

We Should Pray Earnestly for the Descent of the Holy Spirit :

“We should pray as earnestly for the descent of the Holy Spirit as the disciples prayed on the Day of Pentecost. If they needed it at that time, we need it more today.” **5T 158**

It Is Through the Spirit That Christ Dwells in Us

“It is through the Spirit that Christ dwells in us; and the Spirit of God, received into the heart by faith, is the beginning of the life eternal.” **DA 388.**

The Promised Gift of The Holy Spirit Belongs to Us

“Christ has promised the gift of the Holy



Spirit to His church, and the promise belongs to us as much as to the first disciples. But like every other promise, it is given on conditions. There are many who believe and

profess to claim the Lord's promise; they talk about Christ and about the Holy Spirit, yet receive no benefit. They do not surrender the soul to be guided and controlled by the divine agencies.” **DA 672**

We Receive in Proportion to Our Desire and The Faith Exercised for It

“The measure of the Holy Spirit we receive will be proportioned to the measure of our desire and the faith exercised for it, and the use we shall make of the light and knowledge that shall be given to us.” **RH May 5, 1896**

Heaven Is Waiting to Bestow It

“The descent of the Holy Spirit upon the church is looked forward to as in the future, but it is the privilege of the church to have it now. Seek for it, pray for it, believe for it. We must have it, and Heaven is waiting to bestow it.” **Ev 701**

The Lord Wants Us to Trouble Him in This Matter :

“We are not willing enough to trouble the Lord with our petitions, and to ask Him for the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Lord wants us to trouble Him in this matter. He wants us to press our petitions to the throne.” FE 537

WHAT DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT DO IN THE BELIEVERS' LIFE?

1. The Holy Spirit Implants Christ's Nature in Humanity

“The sanctification of the soul by the working of the Holy Spirit is the implanting of Christ's nature in humanity. Gospel religion is Christ in the life--a living, active principle. It is the grace of Christ revealed in character and wrought out in good works. The principles of the gospel cannot be disconnected from any department of practical life. Every line of Christian experience and labor is to be a representation of the life of Christ.” **COL 384**

2. The Holy Spirit Imbues the Receiver with The Attributes of Christ

The Holy Spirit is the breath of spiritual life in the soul. The impartation of the Spirit is the impartation of the life of Christ. It imbues the receiver with the attributes of Christ. Only those who are thus taught of God, those who possess the inward working of the Spirit, and in whose life the Christ-life is manifested, are to stand as representative men, to minister in behalf of the church.” **DA 805**

3. The Holy Spirit Will Fill the Soul With a Desire for Holiness and Stamps the Character of God on The Soul

“Having brought conviction of sin, and presented before the mind the standard of righteousness, the Holy Spirit withdraws the affections from the things of this earth and fills the soul with a desire for holiness. “He will guide you into all truth” (John

16:13), the Saviour declared. If men are willing to be molded, there will be brought about a sanctification of the whole being. The Spirit will take the things of God and stamp them on the soul. By His power the way of life will be made so plain that none need err therein.” AA 52

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.” Phil. 2:5

4. The Holy Spirit Wholly Transforms Us into the Likeness of Christ

“The ripening of the grain represents the completion of the work of God's grace in the soul. By the power of the Holy Spirit the moral image of God is to be perfected in the character. We are to be wholly transformed into the likeness of Christ.”

TM 506

“Every soul who receives Christ, is to reveal Christ to the world through a transformed character. His life is to be a continual manifestation of devotion to the will of God. By obedience to the commandments of God, man is to honor and glorify his Maker. In his own transformed character he is to magnify before the world the plan of salvation as a plan that is laid in the mercy and the love of God. The name of Jesus will be exalted by these representatives of Christ; for there is no other name given among men whereby we may be saved.” **LUH, November 17, 1909**

“Those who receive the seal of the living God, and are protected in the time of trouble must reflect the image of Jesus fully.” **EW 71**

“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. —**Matt. 5:48; Eph. 4:13**

The very image of God is to be reproduced in humanity.”

OHC 154



NOTE: The term character of Jesus, nature of Christ, attributes of Christ, likeness of Christ, Christlikeness and character of God, heavenly graces and the likes are the fruits of the Holy Spirit found in Galatians 5:22,23- "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, self-control: against such there is no law."

5. The Holy Spirit Recreates, Refines, And Sanctifies Us :

"It is the Spirit that causes to shine into darkened minds the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness; that makes men's hearts burn within them with an awakened realization of the truths of eternity; that presents before the mind the great standard of righteousness, and convinces of sin; that inspires faith in Him who alone can save from sin; that works to transform character by withdrawing the affections of men from those things which are temporal and perishable, and fixing them upon the eternal inheritance. The Spirit recreates, refines, and sanctifies human beings, fitting them to become members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King." **GW 286**

"By the power of the Holy Spirit the moral image is to be perfected in the character. We are to be wholly transformed into the likeness of Christ." **TM 506**

6. The Holy Spirit is Given to Regenerate Us:

"He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit." Titus 3:5 "The Spirit was to be given as a regenerating agent, and without this the sacrifice of Christ would have been of no avail. The power of evil had been strengthening for centuries, and the submission of men to this satanic captivity was amazing. Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the mighty agency of the Third Person of the God-

head." DA 671

7. The Holy Spirit Endows Us with Supernatural Strength to Resist Temptation

"Christ promised that the Holy Spirit should abide with those who wrestle for victory over sin, to demonstrate the power of divine might by endowing the human agent with supernatural strength and instructing the ignorant in the mysteries of the kingdom of God. Of what avail would it be to us

that the only begotten Son of God humbled Himself, endured the temptations of the wily foe, and died, the just for the unjust, if the Spirit had not been given as a constant, working, re-

generating agent, to make effectual in each individual case what has been wrought out by the world's Redeemer? GW 286

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8. The Holy Spirit Develops in Men the Attributes of God

"Through the Holy Spirit, God's word is a light as it becomes a transforming power in the life of the receiver. By implanting in their hearts the principles of His word, the Holy Spirit develops in men the attributes of God. The light of His glory--His character--is to shine forth in His followers. Thus they are to glorify God, to lighten the path to the Bridegroom's home, to the city of God, to the marriage supper of the Lamb." COL 414



9. The Holy Spirit Is Imparted to Us to Keep Us from Sinning

“Christ always separates the contrite soul from sin. He came to destroy the works of the devil, and He has made provision that the Holy Spirit shall be imparted to every repentant soul, to keep him from sinning.” DA 311

“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.” **Romans 8:9**

10. The Holy Spirit Gives Us Strength of Will and Purpose That Is Unconquerable

“He who is endowed with the Holy Spirit has great capacities of heart and intellect, with strength of will and purpose that is unconquerable.” **TM 176**

“As the will of man co-operates with the will of God, it becomes omnipotent. Whatever is to be done at His command may be accomplished in His strength. All His biddings are enablings.” **COL 333**

“The people of God have accustomed themselves to think that they must rely upon their own efforts, that little help is to be received from heaven; and the result is that they have little light to communicate to other souls who are dying in error and darkness. The church has long been contented with little of the blessing of God; they have not felt the need of reaching up to the exalted privileges purchased for them at infinite cost. Their spiritual strength has been feeble, their experience of a dwarfed and crippled character, and they are disqualified for the work the Lord would have them to do.” **TM 174**

11. The Holy Spirit Is Given for Us to Overcome All Hereditary and Cultivated Tendencies to Evil

“Christ has given His Spirit as a divine power to

overcome ALL hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil and to impress His own character upon His church.” DA 671

“We can overcome. Yes; fully, entirely. Jesus died to make a way of escape for us, that we might overcome every evil temper, every sin, every temptation, and sit down at last with Him. It is our privilege to have faith and salvation. The power of God has not decreased. His power, I saw, would be just as freely bestowed now as formerly. It is the church of God that have lost their faith to claim, their energy to wrestle, as did Jacob, crying: “I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me.” 1T 144

12. As the Holy Spirit Works in Us, It Can Give Perfect Obedience

“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.” **Phil. 2:12,13**

“By partaking of the Spirit of God, conforming to the law of God, man becomes a partaker of the divine nature.” **SD 286**

“The Lord requires at this time just what he required of Adam in Eden,—perfect obedience to the law of God. We must have righteousness without a flaw, without a blemish. God gave his son to die for the world, but he did not die to repeal the law which was holy and just and good.” **ST May 19, 1890**

“Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” **Matthew 5:48**

“In order to serve Him aright, we must be born of the divine Spirit. This will purify the heart and renew the mind, giving us a new capacity for knowing and loving God. It will give us a willing obedience to all His requirements. This is true worship. It is the fruit of the working of the Holy Spirit.” **DA 189**

Power of God (The Holy Spirit) Awaits Our Demand and Reception

“Only to those who wait humbly upon God, who watch for His guidance and grace, is the Spirit given. The power of God awaits their demand and reception. This promised blessing, claimed by faith, brings all other blessings in its train. It is given according to the riches of the grace of Christ, and He is ready to supply every soul according to the capacity to receive.” **DA 672**

We cannot use the Holy Spirit

“We cannot use the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is to use us. Through the Spirit God works in His people "to will and to do of His good pleasure." Philippians 2:13. But many will not submit to this. They want to manage themselves. This is why they do not receive the heavenly gift.” **DA 672**

What Makes the Gospel Ministry so Powerless?

“It is the absence of the Spirit that makes the gospel ministry so powerless. Learning, talent, eloquence, every natural or acquired endowment, may be possessed; but, without the presence of the Spirit of God, no heart will be touched, no sinner won to Christ. On the other hand, if they are connected with Christ, if the gifts of the Spirit are theirs, the poorest and most ignorant of His disciples will have a power that will tell upon hearts. God makes them channels for the out-flowing of the highest influence in the universe.” **8T 21, 22**

When We Receive Christ, We Receive Power to Live the Life of Christ

"As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." **John 1:12.**

This power is not in the human agent. It is the power of God. When a soul receives Christ, he receives power to live the life of Christ.” **COL 314**

As the Holy Spirit is constantly working, we will feel the promptings of sin

“The Christian will feel the promptings of sin, for the flesh lusteth against the Spirit; but the Spirit striveth against the flesh, keeping up a constant warfare. Here is where Christ's help is needed. Human weakness becomes united to divine strength, and faith exclaims, 'Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!'" **MYP 114**

Conscience Is the Voice of God

“Conscience is the voice of God, heard amid the conflict of human passions; when it is resisted, the Spirit of God is grieved.” **5T 120**

“Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." **Isaiah 30:21**

“When a person once neglects to heed the invitations, reproofs, and warnings of the Spirit of God, his conscience becomes seared, and the next time he is admonished, it will be more difficult to yield obedience than before. And thus with every repetition.”

5T 120



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“We want all to understand how the soul is destroyed. It is not that God sends out a decree that man shall not be saved. He does not throw a darkness before the eyes which cannot be penetrated. **But man at first resists a motion of the Spirit of God, and, having once resisted, it is less difficult to do so the second time, less the third, and far less the fourth.** Then comes the harvest to be reaped from the seed of unbelief and resistance. Oh what a harvest of sinful indulgences is preparing for the sickle!” **5T 120**

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” **Ephesians 4:30.**

“It is not only **by resistance** but **by neglect** that the soul is destroyed.” **DA 323**

“God destroys no one. The sinner destroys himself by his own impenitence.” **5T 120**

NOTE: Impenitence means not feeling shame or regret about one's actions or attitudes. Are we seeking for His fullness?

“Are we seeking for His fullness, ever pressing toward the mark set before us . . . **the perfection of His character?** When the Lord's people reach this mark, they will be sealed in their foreheads.” **OHC 150, 154**

In the Parable of The Ten Virgins, The Oil Represent Character

“Now is the time for the careless to arouse from their slumber. Now is the time to entreat that souls

shall not only hear the word of God, but without delay secure oil in their vessels with their lamps. **That oil is the righteousness of Christ. It represents character, and character is not transferable.** No man can secure it for another. Each must obtain for himself a character purified from every stain of sin.” **TM 233, 234**

“The grace of God has been freely offered to every soul. The message of the gospel has been heralded, “Let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.” **Revelation 22:17.**

But character is not transferable. No man can believe for another. No man can receive the Spirit for another. No man can

impart to another the character which is the fruit of the Spirit's working.”

COL 411

“A character formed according to the divine likeness is the only treasure that we can take from this world to the next. Those who are under the instruction of Christ in this world will take every divine attainment with them to the heavenly mansions. And in heaven we are continually to improve. **How important, then, is the development of character in this life.**” **COL 332**

“Without the Spirit of God a knowledge of His word is of no avail. The theory of truth, unaccompanied by the Holy Spirit, cannot quicken the soul or sanctify the heart. One may be familiar with the commands and promises of the Bible; **but unless the Spirit of God sets the truth home, the character will not be transformed.**” **COL 408**

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“But Christ has given us no assurance that to attain perfection of character is an easy matter. A noble, all-round character is not inherited. It does not come to us by accident. **A noble character is earned by individual effort through the merits and grace of Christ. God gives the talents, the powers of the mind; we form the character.** It is formed by hard, stern battles with self. Conflict after conflict must be waged against hereditary tendencies. We shall have to criticize ourselves closely, and allow not one unfavorable trait to remain uncorrected.” **COL 331**

“**Courage, fortitude, faith, and implicit trust in God’s power to save do not come in a moment.** These heavenly graces are acquired by the experience of years. By a life of holy endeavor and firm adherence to the right the children of God were sealing their destiny.” **5T 213**

“The soul that turns to God for its help, its support, its power, by daily, earnest prayer, will have noble aspirations, clear perceptions of truth and duty, lofty purposes of action, and a continual hungering and thirsting after righteousness. By maintaining a connection with God, we shall be enabled to diffuse to others, through our association with them, the light, the peace, the serenity, that rule in our hearts. The strength acquired in prayer to God, united with persevering effort in training the mind in thoughtfulness and care-taking, prepares one for daily duties and keeps the spirit in peace under all circumstances.” **MB 85**

WHAT ARE THE CONDITIONS OF RECEIVING THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

As the Holy Spirit Is Convicting Us, Let Us Cooperate by Confession, Humiliation, Repentance, and Earnest Prayer

“Our heavenly Father is more willing to give His

Holy Spirit to them that ask Him, than are earthly parents to give good gifts to their children. **But it is our work, by confession, humiliation, repentance, and earnest prayer, to fulfill the conditions upon which God has promised to grant us His blessing.** A revival need be expected only in answer to prayer.” 1SM 121

It Was by The Confession and Forsaking of Sin, By Earnest Prayer and Consecration

“The heart must be emptied of every defilement and

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cleansed for the indwelling of the Spirit. It was by the confession and forsaking of sin, by earnest prayer and consecration of themselves to God, that the early disciples prepared for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.” **TM 507.**

“We need not worry about the latter rain. All we have to do is to keep the vessel clean and right side up and prepared for the reception of the heavenly rain, and keep praying, “Let the latter rain come into my vessel. Let the light of the glorious angel which unites with the third angel shine upon me; give me a part in the work; let me sound the proclamation; let me be a colaborer with Jesus Christ.” Thus seeking God, let me tell you, He is fitting you up all the time, giving you His grace” **The Upward Look, 283**



We Must Humble Our Hearts in True Repentance

“Repent ye therefore and be converted that your sins may be blotted out when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.”

Acts 3:19

Christ's Righteousness Will Never Cover Our Unrepented and Unforsaken Sins

“Christ's white robe of righteousness **will never cover any soul that is found in sin unrepented of and unforsaken.** “Sin is the transgression of the law.” Therefore those who are trampling upon the law of God, and teaching others to disregard its precepts, will not be clothed with the righteousness of Christ. **Jesus came not to save people in their sins, but from their sins.**” **RH August 28, 1894**

Through the Holy Spirit, We Must Cooperate to Obtain the Victory

“I saw, that none could have the refreshing unless they obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world and over every wrong word and action.” **EW 71**

“Christ died **to make it possible for you to cease to sin,** and sin is the transgression of the law.” **R&H August 28, 1894**

“Not even by a thought could our Saviour be brought to yield to the power of temptation. **This is the condition in which those must be found who shall stand in the time of trouble.**” **GC 623; DA 123**

The Holy Spirit Is Lacking in Our Work

“The Holy Spirit is wanting in our work. Nothing frightens me more than to see the spirit of variance manifested by our brethren.” **ISM 411**

SOLEMN APPEAL

We Need the Baptism of The Holy Spirit

“Why do we not hunger and thirst for the gift of the Spirit, since this is the means by which we are to receive power? Why do we not talk of it, pray for it, preach concerning it? The Lord is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to us than parents are to give good gifts to their children. For the baptism of the Spirit every worker should be pleading with God.” **8T 22**

“Today you are to have your vessel purified, that it may be ready for the heavenly dew, ready for the showers of the latter rain; for the latter rain will come, and the blessing of God will fill every soul that is purified from every defilement. It is our work today to yield our souls to Christ, that we may be fitted for the time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord--fitted for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. . . .” **Ev 701**

“I would that we had the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and this we must have before we can reveal perfection of life and character. I would that each member of the church would open the heart to Jesus, saying, Come, heavenly Guest, abide with me.” Manuscript Releases, Vol. 2, p. 26 “How greatly do the workers need a baptism of the Holy Spirit, that they may become true missionaries for God...” **CSW 156**

“Impress upon all the necessity of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the sanctification of the members of the church, so that they will be living, growing, fruit-bearing trees of the Lord's planting” **6T 86**

“God's work is to be carried forward with power. We need the baptism of the Holy Spirit.” **Ev 66**

“There needs to be a waking up among God's people, that His work may be carried forward with power. We need the baptism of the Holy Spirit” **Ev 559**

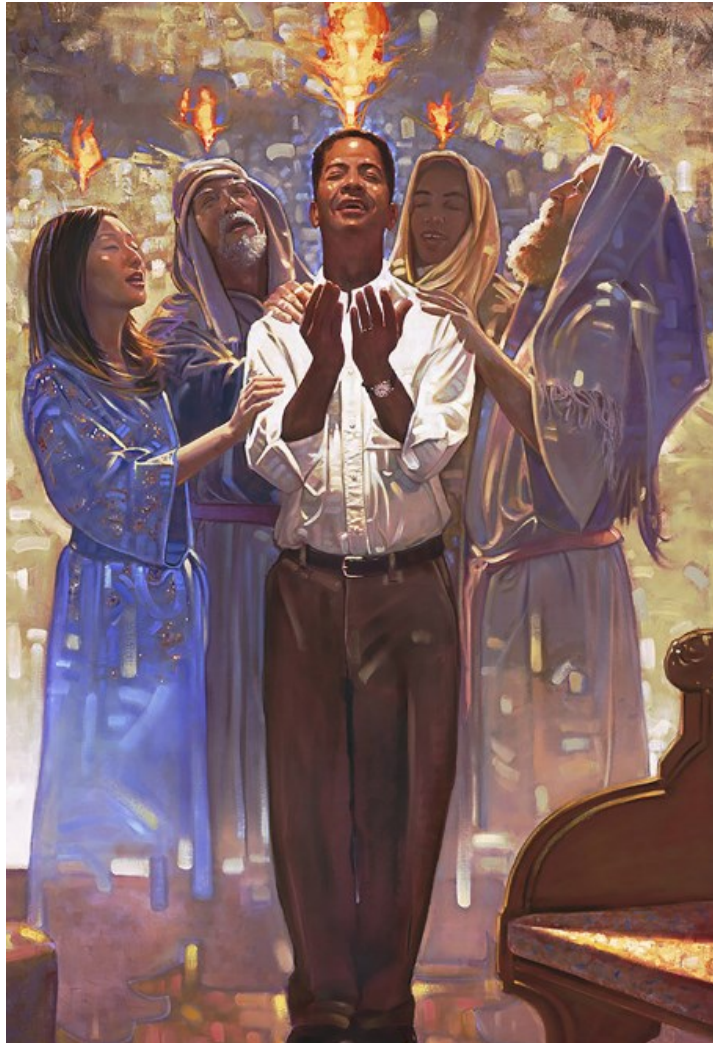
"I entreat of the church members in every city that they lay hold upon the Lord with determined effort for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Be assured that Satan is not asleep. Every obstacle possible he will place in the way of those who would advance in this work. Too often these obstacles are regarded as insurmountable. Let every one now be soundly and truly converted, and then lay hold of the work intelligently and with faith." **Letter 148, 1909.**

Manuscript Releases, Vol. 7, p. 108.

"It is this baptism of the Holy Spirit that the churches need today. There are backslidden church-members and backslidden ministers who need re-converting, who need the softening, subduing influence of the baptism of the Spirit, that they may rise in newness of life and make thorough work for eternity. I have seen the irreligion and the self-sufficiency cherished, and I have heard the words spoken,

"Except ye repent and be converted, ye shall never see the kingdom of heaven." There are many who will need re-

baptizing, but let them never go down into the water until they are dead to sin, cured of selfishness and self-exaltation until they can come up out of the water to live a new life unto God. Faith and repentance are conditions, essential to the forgiveness of sin." **Letter 60, 1906, pp. 4-6. Manuscript Releases, Vol. 7, p. 267**



"We need to cry to God as did Jacob for a fuller baptism of the Holy Spirit. The time for labor is short. Let there be much praying. Let the soul yearn after God. Let the secret places of prayer be often visited. Let there be a taking hold of the strength of the Mighty One of Israel. Let the ministers walk humbly before the Lord, weeping between the porch and the altar, the crying, Spare

thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach." **HS 294**

"We need to pray as we never have prayed before for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, for if there was ever a time when we needed this baptism, it is now. There is nothing the Lord has more frequently told us He would bestow upon us, and nothing by which His name would be more glorified in bestowing, than the Holy Spirit. When we partake of this Spirit, men and women will be born again. . . . Souls once lost will be found, and brought back." **UL 346**

NOTE: The baptism of the Holy Spirit is also called the "anointing" and "infilling" of the Holy Spirit.