

THE FULNESS OF THE HOLY GHOST

Text: Galatians 5: 16-25 “One Thing Thou Lackest” (Mark 10: 21, 1 Thess. 4: 12)

1. Who (not “what”) is the **HOLY GHOST**?

A. He is **God** (Acts 5: 3-4)

But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost... why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

B. He speaks (Acts 13: 2)

As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

C. He may be resisted (Acts 7: 51)

*Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: **WARNING!** (“Not always strive”)*

D. He may be grieved (Eph. 4: 30)

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

E. He may be quenched (1 Thess. 5: 19)

Quench not the Spirit.

F. He may be blasphemed (Mark 3: 28-30)

Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation. Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.

2. The ministry of the Holy Ghost toward man:

A. He is the Author of the New Birth (John 3: 3-7)

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

B. He baptizes (all) believers into the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12: 13)

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

C. He seals (eternal security) believers (Eph. 4: 30)

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D. He indwells believers (1 Cor. 3: 16)

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

1. He guides believers (John 16: 13)

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

2. He teaches believers (1 Cor. 2: 13)

Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

3. He intercedes in prayer (Rom. 8: 26-27)

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

4. He empowers for witnessing (Acts 1: 8)

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

5. He is the Comforter (John 14: 16-18)

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

E. He fills believers (Eph. 5: 18) "Union" and "Communion"

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

1. No power without communion; no communion in the flesh (John 6: 63)

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

2. Gifts for success (1 Cor. 12: 7, 11)

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal... But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

3. Fruit for nourishment (Gal. 5: 22-25)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

4. Fruit for our labour (Psalms 126: 6)

He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.