

## GOD IS THE GOSPEL – CONFIRMED BY ITS GLORY, THE INTERNAL TESTIMONY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

### THE SPIRIT IS THE TRUTH

*“This is he who came by water and blood —Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the One who testifies, because the Spirit is the Truth. For there are three that testify; the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.” 1 John 5:6-11*

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit is to manifest the active \_\_\_\_\_ of God in the world, and especially in the church.

- From the very beginning of creation we've had evidenced that the Holy Spirit's work is to complete and sustain what God the Father has \_\_\_\_\_ and what God the Son has \_\_\_\_\_.

(Genesis 2:1; Acts 10:38; Acts 2:4; Acts 2:17-18; Romans 8:23; 2 Corinthians 1:22; Isaiah 32:14-18; Isaiah 44:3; Isaiah 63:10; Ezekiel 36:26-27; Ezekiel 37:14; Ezekiel 39:29; Joel 2:28-29)

- **The Holy Spirit brings God's blessings in specific ways:**
- **The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_** - He Gives Life: Psalm 104:30; Job 34:14-15
  - The Holy Spirit gives us new life in regeneration: John 3:6-7; John 6:63; 2 Cor 3:6; Acts 10:44-47
  - He Gives Power for \_\_\_\_\_
  - The Holy Spirit also \_\_\_\_\_ God's people and enabled them to overcome their enemies.
  - The Holy Spirit predicted a time when the Holy Spirit would anoint a Servant-Messiah in great fullness and power. Isaiah 11:2-3
  - The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_
  - The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ through the gospel message as it is effectively proclaimed to people's hearts.
    - The HS equips those for service with spiritual gifts. 1 Cor 12:11
- **The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_**
  - ...to cleanse us from sin and to "sanctify us" or make us holy.
    - John 16:8-11; Acts 7:51; 1 Cor 6:11; Romans 8:13; Phil 1:19
- **The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_**
  - Revelation to Prophets in the OT:
    - Num 24:2; Ezekiel 11:5; Zech 7:12
  - Revelation to the Apostles in the NT:
    - 2 Peter 1:21; Matt 22:43; Acts 1:16; Acts 4:25; 1 Peter 1:21; John 16:13
  - He gives evidence of God's \_\_\_\_\_

- *He guides and directs God's people.*
  - *He provides a Godlike atmosphere*
  - *He gives us assurance...he bears witness for us*
- *He teaches and illumines*
  - *1 Cor 2:12, 14-15; Psalm 119:18; Ephesians 1:17-19*
- **The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_**
  - *Joel 2:28-32/Acts 2:16-18*
  - *2 Cor 13:14*
  - *Ephesians 4:3*
- **The Holy Spirit gives stronger or weaker evidence of the presence and blessing of God, according to our response to him.**
  - *In the OT, the Holy Spirit came mightily upon Samson several times (Judges 13:25; 14:6; 15:14)*
    - *...but ultimately left him when Samson persisted in sin (Judges 16:20)*
    - *...when Saul persisted in disobedience the Holy Spirit departed from him (1 Sam 16:14)*
    - *...when the people of Israel grieved the Holy Spirit he turned against them (Isaiah 63:10)*
    - *Paul warned the church at Ephesus, "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for the day of redemption." (Eph 4:30)*
    - *Peter rebuked Ananias (Acts 5:3) he died!*
    - *Hebrews warns those who would fall away (Heb 10:29)*
  - *"Every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. And whoever says a word against the Son of man will be forgiven; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come."*
    - *(Matt 12:31-32; Mark 3:29; Luke 12:10)*
- *In the life of the Christian, the Holy Spirit will be present to bring great blessing.*
  - *The Holy Spirit was poured out in fullness at Pentecost (Acts 2:17-18)*
  - *...he dwells within all true believers, making them temples of the living God. (1 Cor 3:16; 6:19-20)*
    - *We know close fellowship and partnership with the HS in our lives (2 Cor 3:14; Phil 2:1)*
    - *He entrusts gifts and truths and ministries to us. (1 Cor 12:11; 2 Tim 1:14; Acts 29:28)*
    - *"If you are reproached for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory and of God rests upon you." (1Peter 4:14)*
- **It is important that our ministry be done in the Holy Spirit.**
  - **Rejoice** in the Holy Spirit (Luke 10:21)
  - **Resolve** or decide something in the Holy Spirit (Acts 19:21)
  - To have one's conscience **bear witness** in the Holy Spirit (Rom 9:1)
  - To have **access** to God in the Holy Spirit (Eph 2:18)
  - To **pray** in the Holy Spirit (Eph 6:18; Jude 20)
  - To **love** in the Holy Spirit (Col 1:18)
- **...to be filled with the Holy Spirit is to be filled with the presence of God himself!**