

Mirror, Mirror...
Part 5: "Holy Spirit Secured!"

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“Receive with meekness the implanted word of God which is able *to save your soul*. Be a doer of the word and not a hearer only, which would be to deceive yourself. *But if anyone is a hearer and a doer, he is like a man who sees himself in the mirror of God’s word and never forgets who he is!*” **James 1.21-24, flipside**

Whatever images we see of believers in the word of God, we fit ourselves into it! Called to be people of self-control when facing self-indulgent offers! Uriah

“All legitimate things are within the bounds of our rights and privileges but not all things connected to our rights and privileges get us to the mark of our calling in Christ! I refuse to be brought under the bondage of ‘my rights and privileges,’ and I will not misuse my liberties in Christ as a cover for my own self-indulgences!” **1Cor 6.12 10.23 1Peter 2.16**
Joy-fueled, 10+ animated unhindered Praiser’s and Worshipper’s! Psalm 149... “Defier’s of the reign and timed-rules of Death!” Hebrews 2.14,15... Humanly ‘centered:’ We don’t work for value, we work from value! (1Pet 1.18)... Today, Holy Spirit signed, sealed, and secured!

World Survey...

90% of respondents say they have a *personal commitment to Jesus...*

89% say it’s *important to develop a deeper relationship with God...*

88% believe the Bible is *God’s Word...*

86% say it’s *important to increase their understanding of God!*

52% believe people are basically “*good...*”

30% *don’t believe the Holy Spirit is a real person, but a symbol, force, influence!*

The Holy Spirit... *Is not a ‘force’ of good... not an ‘influence’ towards God... The third person of the Trinity who speaks, is spoken to, is spoken of...*

Person pronouns are ascribed to “Him!” “The Comforter, *He* will abide with you forever!” **John 14.16;** “And *He* will testify of Me!” **15.26;** “And *He* will reprove, guide, hear, speak, show,

***He* has personal qualities!** *He* has knowledge, **1Cor 2.10-13 12.8;** love, **Rom 15.30;** a will, **1Cor 12.11;** and ‘fight,’ **Isaiah 63.10**

***He* can be personally violated!** *He* can be grieved and rebelled against, **Gen 6.3, Isaiah 63.10** Acts 7.51 Eph 4.30; insulted, **Hebrews 10.29;** lied to, **Acts 5.3;** and blasphemed **Matt 12.31**

***He* searches the deep things of God, 1Cor 2.10;** speaks (various), prays, **Rom 8.26;** teaches, **John 14.26;** testifies, **John 15.26;** guides, **John 16.13;** warns, **Acts 16.6;** commands and appoints, **Acts 13.2,4 20.28;** works miracles, **Acts 8.39 10.38;** distributes gifts, **1Cor 12.11;** and more!

WOW!

The Holy Spirit... *Is a person of the Godhead with all the divine attributes... He is... Eternal, Hebrews 9.14 Omniscient, John 14.26, 16.12,13 1Corinthians 2.10 Omnipotent, Luke 1.35 Omnipresent, Ps 139.7-10 Addressed equally with Father and Son, Mt 28.19 2Cor 13.14 1Cor 12.4-7 1John 5.7*

The Holy Spirit... *Like Jesus, He has many identifying names!* The Holy Ghost/Spirit is the Spirit of: God, 1Cor 3.16; the Living God, 2Cor 3.3; of Christ, Romans 8.9; of Holiness, Romans 1.4; of Promise, Acts 1.4,5 Ephesians 1.13; of Truth, John 14.17 15.26 16.13; of Life, Romans 8.2; of Grace, Hebrews 10.29; of Glory, 1Pet 4.14 The Comforter! John 14.26 15.26 Acts 9.31

The Holy Spirit... *He has identifying symbols too!* The Dove (peace, anointing), Matt 3.16 Mark 1.10 Luke 3.22 John 1.32; Water (refreshing, satisfaction), Isaiah 44.3 John 4.14 7.37-39 Rev 22.17; Fire (presence, power and purifying of God) Acts 2.3 Isaiah 4.4 Matt 3.11 Hebrews 12.29; Wind (refreshing, propulsion) Acts 2.2; Wine (refreshing, stimulation) Acts 2.13 Eph 5.18; Oil (anointing, healing) 1Samuel 16.13 Isaiah 61.1 Acts 10.38 1Cor 12.7ff Gal 5.22-25

The Holy Spirit... *He has integral/essential work!* The affirmation of our adoption, Rom 8.15 Gal 4.5,6 1J3.24; quickens us, 1Pet 3.18, Rom 8.11; sparks life, Matt 1.18,20; revelation, Luke 2.25,26; author of life giving words, Mark 12.26 13.11 Luke 12.12 Acts 1.16 4.31 2Pet 1.21 3.19; sends Acts 13.2,4 16.6 20.28; as Landlord, 1Cor 6.19 Sanctifier Rom 15.16 and the Sharer of God's love, Rom 5.5 *and much more!*

WHEW!

Sabellian Doctrine: God the Father works in Creation. God the Son works in redemption. God the Spirit works in salvation... OR... Old Testament dispensation was our Father. The New Testament dispensation was our Savior, Jesus. The Church dispensation is the Holy Spirit... BUT... *Father, Son and Spirit work together in all!*

But even that guy got it better than those who say the Holy Spirit is not for today! If the Holy Spirit has *any* relevant place it is in *the current church era...* and that makes Him *very important to us... the current Church!*

The Holy Spirit... *Is Some-One we need!* Lk24.49 *He* is the Promise of the Father! A1.4 *He* is the One Jesus said would come to take us from 'local' to 'global!' A1.8 *He* is the One that is for all believers! A2.38,39 *He* is the One Jesus said we would receive if we asked the Father! Lk 11.13

And One More Thing... "*He* is the One, that after we heard the word and believed for salvation, was God's seal on us that we were His!" Ephesians 1.13

He is the One by whom we are sealed until the day of extrication!" Eph 4.30

He is the seal of God that proves our salvation in Christ is *real* and breaks the hold of doubt! Can you see yourself as one who is secured by God for a lifetime of active faith?