

Life Outside the Box! **Part 2: "The Holy Spirit!"**

Think About It... When mankind fell, we were stuffed in a box – lid closed! Everything “Godly” was outside the box – outside our reach! Then Jesus came with a plan completely “outside the box” to open the box... And we’ve been learning to live again ever since! *Life is outside the box!*

Salvation was meant to be an out of the box experience! A *revolution* that brings us into a close intimate relationship with the God of all creation! A *release* that destroys the works of the evil one... Especially in salvations! A *recital* that’s to be told over and over – in facets! All powered up by the Holy Spirit alive in us!
What is more out of the box than the Holy Spirit?

Think About It... No other faith on the planet has this gift from heaven! The third person of the Godhead... In evidence at the foundation of the world... **Gen 1.2** Anointing kings/prophets from time to time in the OT... And being the premier force of God for the mission of the NT church... **J14/16 A1/2** And we said, “Thank you very much,” put Him in our box... “now what?”

Let’s think OTB! He is the Gift of God: “Your Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask!” **Lk11.13** In response to “teach us to pray... because we want the power from you that John gave his disciples...” John was a new order of prophet... But Jesus was greater still!

When you pray say, “Our Father, who art in heaven... Jesus gives them a “formula” of prayer, not a “formed” prayer... The formula: Proclamation, worship, proper perspective, then personal needs, clearing the way, surrender, trust... then perseverance and assurance... and the finale; “How much more will the Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask?”

The Holy Spirit is the one who makes prayer intimate, accurate and powerful! How can we, who wants to, do without Him?

Holy Spirit ITB! Then Peter said, “repent and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins and you will receive the Holy Spirit – for the promise is to you and your children and all that are far off even as many as the Lord our God calls! **Acts2.38,39** And many that are called have received the Holy Spirit, generation after generation! *He* is the promise from God! So, we ask, What does *He* do? Seal of the future **2C1.22, 5.5 Eph 1.14**, Spirit crying Abba...! **R8.15,16** Not much else after that... That’s so in-the-box!

Holy Spirit ITB is not a new problem!

Acts 8.14ff “And they sent Peter and John to pray for them to receive the Holy Spirit for as yet He had fallen on none of them because they were only baptized in the name of Jesus – and they laid their hands on them and they received Him! **Acts 19.2ff** “And coming to Ephesus he asked, ‘have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed?’ And they said, ‘we have not heard about Him!’ For they had only been baptized in John’s baptism... and when Paul laid his hands on them they received the Holy Spirit!

The entry of the Spirit for salvation and the outpouring of the Spirit are two different things! And both are meant to be experienced outside the box for a lifetime!

Holy Spirit “Operations!” Fountain of life! **Mt1.18, 20 Gen 1.2** Voice of God! **MT10.20 Mk12.36 13.11 Lk 1.41,42,67 12.12 2Pet1.21** The Director! **Lk2.26,27 4.1 Acts 8.29,39 10.19 11.12 13.2-4 Rom8.14** Anointer! **Lk 3.22 4.18** Living Water! **John7.39,39** Comforter! **John 14/16 Acts 9.31** Power of God! **Acts 1.8** Communicator! **Acts 2.4Rom 8.26,27 1Cor 14.2** Promise! **Acts 1.4 2.33** Gift of God! **Acts 2.38 1Pet 1.12 Lk 11.13 Eph 1.33 1Th4.8** The Witness! **Acts 5.3,32** Overseer (to overseers)! **Acts20.28** Convicter! **John 16.8-11** Sanctifier! **Rom 15.16 2Th 2.13** Justifier! **1Cor 6.11 1Tim3.16** Teacher! **1Cor2.13 John 16.13,14** Landlord! **1Cor6.19** Gift Giver! **1Cor 12.4,8-11 Heb 2.4** Spirit of Truth! **John 14.17 15.26 16.13** The Intercessor! **Rom8.26,27** The open door to God! **Eph 2.18** (a non-exhaustive listing)

Let's think OTB! The Holy Spirit as the Comforter! "I am going away... but I will ask the Father and He will give you *another Comforter* that He may abide with you forever; He is the Spirit of Truth *who you will know* for *He will dwell with you and be in you. The Comforter, who is the Holy Ghost, who the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring the things I have said to your minds.* Because I have told you that I am leaving, your hearts are filled with sorrow but I am telling you that it is best that I go so that *the Comforter* will come... And when He is come He will reprove the world of sin, of righteousness and judgment... *He will guide you into all truth, He will speak what He hears, He will show you things to come, and He will glorify Me...* **John 14/16**

The Comforter... There are many kinds... Pacifier's/"Blankie's" A rabbit's foot/charms... Aromatherapies... White noises... Physical activity... Alcohol/drugs... Music... Sleep... Sharing... **Many other faiths have comforters!** Talisman's/amulets carry/wear... Worry stones/crystals... Incense to burn/meditation... Idols to touch/pray to... Yoga/acupuncture for Chi... Kata's for physical activity... Readings...

But none of them have a Comforter like ours! God, actively, *pervasively*, sitting down to talk with us at any time, anywhere on any topic! The very sound of His voice bringing everything into perspective and giving us assurance! ***Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit as our "Comforter!"***

The Comforter... The Spirit of God who loves to walk and talk with us, to ride along and reveal things to us... The One whose presence brings power to living, whose wisdom brings stability, whose voice gives direction... The one who brings peace from God that defies every weapon formed against us!

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Cultivate a personal relationship with Him... If I don't have one, I am going to get one! And if I do have one, I am going to take it outside of the box! He isn't a one time "thing!"

Anticipate a personal/living relationship with Him! Daily, I am going to engage Him in prayer **Jude 20 Rom 8.26** Daily, as my Director/Companion! **Lk2.27 4.1, Acts 8.29,39, 10.19, 11.12, 13.3,4 Rom8.14** *Daily, I will look for you!*

Live, outside the box, by my living relationship with Him... You tell me what I know/see/ feel! You give me the gifts necessary to meet the needs! You keep me focused on the mission you've been sent to help me fulfill!

The voice of the Spirit is the voice of the Living God and nothing really lives without Him! Let Him out of your boxed in faith if you want to live outside the box!