

How to be Led by the Holy Spirit (Part 3)

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Scripture References

1 Corinthians 2:9, 10

Romans 5:5

1 Corinthians 2:9, 10, *AMPC*

Matthew 16:13-20

Hebrews 9:14

Galatians 1:11, 12

Matthew 27:51

Romans 10:11

John 6:29

John 6:29, *NLT*

Philippians 2:12, 13

Philippians 2:12, 13, *NLT*

Proverbs 3:5, 6

1 John 3:19-21

1 John 3:20, 21, *NLT*

Summary

We live in a world of people who wonder why they are on the earth, and what God's purpose is for them. Without guidance from the Holy Spirit, they will never know. The Spirit came to tell us everything we need to know to walk in the fullness of God's plan for our lives. The Holy Ghost is the one who brings us revelation knowledge of Jesus Christ; however, we will not see Christ as He is if we have a veil of condemnation over our lives. Fear, guilt, shame, condemnation, and all other negative emotions are the opposite of the grace Jesus offers us, but they cannot stand when the Spirit removes the veil and reveals Jesus as He is now, after the cross. Accepting His forgiveness will free us from our past mistakes and sins, and allow the Spirit to lead us forward so we can understand God's will for us. When we believe this, we find peace.

A. The Holy Spirit can reveal things to us that we will never know through our five senses.

1. But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God (1 Corinthians 2:9, 10).
 - a. The Holy Ghost gives us revelation knowledge concerning what we cannot see, hear, or even imagine. He reveals to us God's plans for our lives.
 - b. We receive the Holy Spirit, and He comes to live in us, when we get born again.
 - c. ...Because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us (Romans 5:5).
2. But, on the contrary, as the Scripture says, What eye has not seen and ear has not heard and has not entered into the heart of man, [all that] God has prepared (made and keeps ready) for those who love Him [who hold Him in affectionate reverence, promptly obeying Him and gratefully recognizing the benefits He has bestowed]. Yet to us God has unveiled *and* revealed them by *and* through His Spirit, for the [Holy] Spirit searches diligently, exploring *and* examining everything, even sounding the profound and bottomless things of God [the divine counsels and things hidden and beyond man's scrutiny] (1 Corinthians 2:9, 10, *AMPC*).

- a. Revelation comes through a relationship with the Holy Spirit, which is different than simply “playing church.”
- b. The Holy Ghost living in us knows everything there is to know. He knows all things—including the things we are supposed to do in life.

B. When we get a revelation of who Jesus really is, negative feelings lose their grip on us.

1. When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ (Matthew 16:13-20).
 - a. Simon Peter knew that Jesus was the anointed one; this was not common knowledge.
 - b. Simon Peter’s answer did not come from learned intellectual knowledge; it was revealed to him from heaven.
 - c. “Flesh and blood” refers to our mental capacity.
 - d. Simon was more solid because of the revelation he received about who Jesus really was. “The rock” refers to a revelation of Jesus.
 - e. The authority to bind things on earth is one result of revelation knowledge of Jesus. When we really know Him, not just *about* Him, nothing bad in life can touch us anymore.
2. We can only see Jesus when we are free of guilt, shame, and condemnation. These negative emotions make us feel like we must earn God’s love to deserve it. This is the definition of “dead works;” Jesus’ blood sacrifice freed us from dead works.
 - a. How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (Hebrews 9:14).
 - b. Most of Christianity focuses on doing something through our own efforts. The Holy Spirit was sent to tell us about Jesus and His finished works, so that we can be free from feeling like we have to do our own works.

C. The Holy Spirit shows us that our constant strivings are unnecessary, only our faith.

1. But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ (Galatians 1:11, 12).
 - a. Before Paul met Jesus, he thought he was doing good by obeying the Law of Moses and persecuting believers. Everything changed when he received a revelation of Jesus while on the road to Damascus.
 - b. After his encounter with Christ, Paul preached grace. The Gospel of Grace is not just a revelation *from* Jesus, but a revelation *of* Him.

- c. At Jesus' death, the veil was torn (Matthew 27:51). In today's context, "the veil" is condemnation that comes from that law that says we do not measure up to the standard, and we deserve punishment and a cursed life.
- d. The Holy Spirit removes the veil and reveals to us that God wants us to have what Jesus made available; that we are no longer cursed, but blessed; and that we have a purpose for our lives.
- e. The veil of shame is removed when we believe in Jesus and what He did.
- f. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed (Romans 10:11).
- 2. Our faith, not our works, is what God wants from us. We do not need to make it difficult or complicated.
 - a. Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent (John 6:29).
 - b. Jesus told them, "This is the only work God wants from you: Believe in the one he has sent" (John 6:29, *NLT*).

D. The Holy Ghost inside us, not our own willpower, is responsible for the changes we see.

- 1. Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure (Philippians 2:12, 13).
 - a. Rest—with no stress or worry—is the result and outward manifestation of our salvation. When we notice changes in us, they are not the result of our work, but are God's work being evidenced.
- 2. Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him (Philippians 2:12, 13, *NLT*).
 - a. The Holy Spirit works in us to change the things we want to do. When we have the desire to change but think we cannot, it is because we have formed habits from a sinful nature that were never dealt with through the renewing of the mind. Everything that is a habit was first a desire.
 - b. We must trust that God is working in us.
 - c. Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths (Proverbs 3:5, 6).

E. Under grace, we no longer have to suffer from guilt or condemnation. God is greater.

- 1. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God (1 John 3:19-21).
 - a. If we miss the mark and feel condemned in our hearts, God is greater than our condemnation.
 - b. When things happen and we have confidence toward God, our confidence toward Him is greater than the temptation to walk in condemnation.
- 2. Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything. Dear friends, if we don't feel guilty, we can come to God with bold confidence (1 John 3:20, 21, *NLT*).

- a. No matter what we do, we must never let condemnation enter into our hearts. God is stronger than guilt.
- b. Our feelings are influenced by the way we think; when we feel guilty, we may need to change our thinking.

For more on how receiving direction from the Holy Spirit clears up confusion about God's will for our lives, click on the link below for the DVD, *How to Be Led by the Holy Spirit (Part 3)*.

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