

**CORINTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP  
SERIES: THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**SYMBOLS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (PART 2)**

**INTRODUCTION:**

**A. Symbols of the Holy Spirit**

1. The symbols are the main images the Bible uses to describe the Holy Spirit and His work. These symbols are all suitable to our walk with Christ as we grow in holiness.
  
2. **Recap of Part 1 – The Role of the Holy Spirit in the Life of a Believer**
  - a. The Holy Spirit as a **Dove** – He guides Believers toward living holy lives.
  - b. The Holy Spirit as **Wind** – His presence can be seen through the changes He brings in a Believer’s life.
  - c. The Holy Spirit as **Water** – He represents being born-again – a new nature and made fit for the Kingdom of God.
  - d. The Holy Spirit as a **Seal** – He assures Believers that they are secured in Christ as well as their seats are reserved in Heaven.

**B. Allow the Holy Spirit to flow through you “Living Water” – ( John 7:38)**

This involves surrendering to His will, trusting His power, inviting His control, obedience and studying the Bible and prayer for His guidance. This allows Him to transform the Believer’s character to reflect Christ’s love to the world.

**PROPOSITION:**

**In Part 2 this Bible Study, we will explore three additional symbols of the Holy Spirit, as recorded in the scripture, that signifies His Nature, Presence, Action and Work.**

- I. **THE HOLY SPIRIT AS OIL** (Exod 40:11-15; Isa 61:1; Acts 10:38; Heb 1:9)
  - “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound” (Isa 61:1).
  
  - “Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows” (Heb 1:9).
  
- A. **The Holy Spirit as Oil symbolizes healing, comfort, and consecration which is setting apart Believers for God’s work.**
  1. **The Old Testament** – newly chosen prophets, priests, and kings were routinely anointed with oil (Exod 40:11-15; Lev 8:30; 1 Sam 10:1-10; 16:13). The person upon whom the oil was poured was being set apart for God’s Holy use. They were to rely on the Spirit of God, not their own power (Zech 4:1-14).
  
  2. **The New Testament** – uses this same anointing imagery to speak of Christians (compare Acts 10:38 with Acts 1:8; 2 Cor 1:21; 1 John 2:20). “It is the Holy Spirit who anoints us, setting us apart for God’s service.” – (Understanding the Holy Spirit - p. 26).

**B. The Anointment of Christ** (Luke 4:18-19; c.f - Isa 61:1)

- “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord” (Luke 4:18-19).

**1. The Anointing of Christ** – refers to His empowerment by the Holy Spirit for ministry rather than a literal oil anointing.

**2. The Ministry of Christ**

**a. “Preach the Gospel to the Poor”** – The Gospel is Good News for those who are spiritually and physically poor (lacking material possessions as well as poor in Spirit).

**b. “Heal the Broken Hearted”** – means to bring healing, restoration, and comfort to those broken by circumstances (crushed by grief, violated by sin, weakened).

**c. “Preach Deliverance to the Captives”** – Christ came to free mankind from sin and bondage to sin (John 8:34-39).

**d. “Recovering of Sight to the Blind”** – healing those who are physically blind as well as spiritually blind.

**e. “Set at Liberty them that are Bruised”** – to set at liberty those who are physically, mentally, emotionally, psychologically, and spiritually bruised – those disabled, injured, wounded, hurting and battered by life circumstances.

**3. The term “Acceptable Year”** – means the time is **NOW**.

Today, is the age of Salvation. Christ came to rescue mankind – He is the Messiah, the One and Only Redeemer.

- “(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)” (2 Cor 6:2).

**STUDY QUESTION:**

**How can you choose to display the Holy Spirit’s power in your daily life and share the anointing with others?**

**II. THE HOLY SPIRIT AS FIRE** (Matt 3:11)

- “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire” (Matt 3:11).

**A. The Holy Spirit as Fire symbolizes His role in purifying, purging sin and illuminating truth.**

**1. Baptism of the Holy Ghost**

**a. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost** occurs when a person is born-again and adopted into God's Family. All Believers are partakers of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

- "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" (1 Cor 12:13).

**b. Baptism by Fire**

Those who confess their sins and repent are purified and sanctified by the work of the Holy Ghost.

- "**Purify**" – means to make pure or clean.
- "**Sanctify**" – means the act of setting apart, purification from sin, and separation unto God.

**2. This same symbol "Fire" is seen in Acts 2:2-3.**

This is when the Holy Spirit descended upon each of the Disciples with the appearance of "**cloven tongues like as of fire.**"

- "<sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them" (Acts 2:2-3).
- "**Cloven**" – means divided, split, or parted. It indicates that the Fire (Holy Ghost) originated from a single source and distributed itself, resting upon each individual.

The "**cloven tongue**" symbolizes the miraculous enabling of the Disciples to speak in foreign languages (tongues) to share the Gospel (Good News) about Christ. The speaking in tongues here refers to the miraculous ability to speak in languages previously unknown to the speakers (Acts 2:4-13).

**STUDY QUESTIONS:**

**Is modern day speaking in tongues – Biblical or Unbiblical?**

**B. As Fire, the Holy Spirit acts as a purifying, illuminating force that brings deep conviction of sin, righteousness and judgment, rather than condemnation.**

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**1. The Holy Spirit Convicts the World of its Sin**

**a.** He convicts a person that he is sinful – comes short of the glory of God, misses the mark of God's standard (commandments and commands).

- "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom 3:23).

- “And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins” (Eph 2:1).
- b. He convinces the world that a man’s unbelief is wrong – He convinces the world that Jesus died for our sin. He convinces the unbelievers that Jesus really is the One and Only Savior.
  - “I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins” (John 8:24).

## 2. The Holy Spirit Convicts of Righteousness

The Holy Spirit convicts a person that his righteousness is a self-righteousness only. Human Righteousness (according to man’s standards) is inadequate, insufficient, and unacceptable to God.

- “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away” (Isa 64:6).
- “<sup>2</sup> For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. <sup>3</sup> For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. <sup>4</sup> For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth” (Rom 10:2-4).
- The Parable of the Pharisees and the Publican (Luke 18:9-14).

## 3. The Holy Spirit Convicts of Judgment

The Holy Spirit convinces a person that judgment is coming and that each person will face the personal judgment of God.

- The Holy Spirit convicts a person that he is both responsible to God and man, and that he will stand before God and be judged.
- “So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God” (Rom 14:12).
- “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment” (Heb 9:27).

## 4. Judgments

### a. Judgment for Believers (Judgment Seat of Christ)

- **Purpose:** To evaluate faithfulness and reward service, not to determine salvation.
- **Focus:** Works done after salvation (1 Cor 3:10-15).
- **Outcome:** Believers will receive rewards for works that survive divine scrutiny, or suffer loss of rewards, but they remain saved.
- **Context:** This judgment follows the rapture and is often called the Bema Seat Judgment.

**b. Judgments for Unbelievers (Great White Throne Judgment)**

- **Purpose:** To determine the degree of punishment based on works, confirming their rejection of Christ.
- **Focus:** Record of their actions, which are found inadequate (Rev 20:11-15).
- **Outcome:** Anyone whose name is not found in the Book of Life is cast into the Lake of Fire (eternal condemnation).
- **Context:** This is the final judgment at the end of the age.

**c. Key Distinctions**

- **Condemnation:** There is “**no condemnation**” (Rom 8:1) for Believers, as their sins were judged on the Cross, whereas Unbelievers remain under condemnation.
  - “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit” (Rom 8:1).
- **Focus: Believers are judged for *Reward*, Unbelievers for *Punishment*.**  
– (Got Questions.org)

**STUDY QUESTIONS:**

- **What is one thing that stands out to you regarding impending judgment?**
- **What is one thing that stands out to you regarding the Second Coming of Christ?**

**III. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A GUIDE (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” (John 16:13).

- **“Guide”** – means to lead, show the way, to teach

**A. The Holy Spirit “will guide you into all truth”**

The Holy Spirit will guide Believers to understand and interpret God’s Word, removing spiritual blindness,

1. He will guide Believers about the into the Truth about Christ’s Deity, Death and Resurrection.
2. The Holy Spirit enables Believers to accurately proclaim the Gospel.
3. The Holy Spirit Guides Believers regarding Doctrines, Worship and Christian Living.

**B. The Holy Spirit “shall not speak of Himself”**

He speaks what He hears from the Father and the Son, focusing on bringing Glory to Christ rather than introducing new revelations that contradict Scripture.

- “Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you” (Deut 4:2).

- “What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it” (Deut 12:32).

- “<sup>8</sup> But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. <sup>9</sup> As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed (Gal 1:8-9).

**C. The Holy Spirit - “He will show things to come”**

**“Things to come”** – refers to future events, prophetic revelations and the unfolding of God’s plan regarding Christ’s Kingdom, the church, and the afterlife.

- The Rapture of the Church, the Tribulation, the Second Coming of Christ, the Millennial Kingdom, the Great White Throne Judgment, and the Eternal State.

**STUDY QUESTION:**

**In what ways can you actively seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in your daily walk and decision-making process?**

**CONCLUSION:**

**A. The Spirit of God bears no witness to Christless sermons.** Leave Jesus out of your preaching, and the Holy Spirit will never come upon you. Why should He? Has He not come on purpose that He may testify of Christ? Did not Jesus say, ‘He shall glorify me: for He shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you’? Yes, the subject was Christ, and nothing but Christ, and such is the teaching which the Spirit of God will own. Be it ours never to wander from this central point: may we determine to know nothing among men but Christ and His cross. - (Charles Spurgeon)

- Dear Lord, You know my heart. I love You and want Your kingdom to prosper. Give me Your wisdom to know where You want me to take part and how. Thank You.

**B. God’s guidance and help that we need day to day Is given to all who believe; The Spirit has sealed us—He’s God’s guarantee Of power that we can receive.**  
— (Branon – Precept Austine John 16:13)

- **The Christian who neglects the Holy Spirit is like a lamp that’s not plugged in.**

**C. When you open your Bible, ask the Author to open your mind and heart.**

**D. Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)**

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**“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).**