

THE HOLY SPIRIT
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What do you think of when you hear someone mention the Holy Spirit? You might have been like me, oh, the Holy Spirit, the third part of the Trinity. You hear the name, but do you realize just who the Holy Spirit is? It's the "Spirit of Jesus," and it refers to the Holy Spirit, emphasizing the divine guidance and authority of Christ in directing the apostles' mission. This phrase highlights the personal and active role the Holy Spirit plays in the life of an immersed believer. The Spirit's intervention here suggests that God had a specific plan and timing for the spread of the Gospel, which sometimes meant closing certain doors. This aligns with other scriptural instances where God's guidance redirects His servants. ["The mind of man plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps." \(Proverbs 16:9\)](#)

Don't think for a second that the Holy Spirit wants to guide your life. Notice I said, "wants to guide your life." You have to *allow* Him to do that. One of, if not the best way is to clean out the temple of sin and allow the Holy Spirit to set up shop in each and every room in your temple. To do so becomes easier if you allow yourself some alone time with God every day. This daily time should consist of time for surrendering, confessing and following His lead.

We must avoid sin as much as possible. By doing so we work on allowing God to root out unrighteousness. The Holy Spirit (the convictor, the forgiver, and restorer) wants an unhurried process to root out sin in our lives. How does this happen? God wants to move us past the point of confession into restoration of a harmonious relationship with Him. Total agreement. What does this look like? What does it mean that the Holy Spirit fills and guides a holy vessel? We are unfit for God's use if we don't flee our old patterns.

["20 Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. 21 Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work. 22 Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart." \(II Timothy 2:20-22\)](#)

["11 Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; 12 for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret. 13 But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light. 14 For this reason it says, "Awake, sleeper, And arise from the dead, And Christ will shine on you." \(Ephesians 5:11-14\) Change must take place.](#)

What makes the change difficult is the fact that we dabble, or even indulge in sin every day of the week. Then we go for one hour on Sunday, dressing ourselves up, putting on the mask of "holiness," and then have the nerve to ask God to bless us. If you're around a smoker, the smell of smoke gets in your clothes and lingers for a while. It's there till you clean your clothes. The stench of sin does the same in your life. It lingers until you, "Clean your temple of sin." Cleaning means not to indulge or even "dabble" in sin every day of the week.

At this point in your life, do you prefer the world more than a holiness lifestyle? Pause and think about this passage. ["19 This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved](#)

the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.” (John 3:19-21)

To become a holy vessel, we must agree with God about His standard of righteousness rather than succumbing to society’s ever-changing standards of right and wrong. “An honorable vessel is one that has fled from all sinful passions, and instead clings to holy habits.” God knows who His children are. When you give your life to Christ you are sealed as a son or daughter of the King. With this comes certain responsibilities on your part. God wants and frankly, expects you to “depart from iniquity.”

God wants you to be useful for ministry. You must live a holy lifestyle as a holy vessel. You must choose to be a holy vessel, and a holy vessel is one that has fled from all sinful passions and changes to holy habits. This takes effort by you, and it also takes time. The timeframe depends on you and how quickly you change.

I believe there is a phrase that a lot of Christians aren’t aware of. That phrase is to, “grieve the Holy Spirit.” “Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” (Ephesians 4:30) What does it mean “not to grieve the Holy Spirit?” This phrase emphasizes the personal nature of the Holy Spirit, indicating that He can experience grief. The Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force but a divine person who can be affected by the actions and attitudes of believers. Grieving the Spirit involves actions contrary to His holiness, such as sin, disobedience, or neglect of spiritual duties. I am guessing you never thought about how your actions and attitude affected the Holy Spirit.

To receive forgiveness, you must confess your sins to God. By confessing your sins, you are agreeing with God about what He says is sin. What steps do you need to take this week to expose and avoid sin in your life? If you are like me, you have work to do. Holy Spirit you are welcome in this temple. Have a blessed week.

Holy Spirit: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3zARVp3420I&list=RD3zARVp3420I&start_radio=1