



UNDERSTANDING THE HOLY GHOST



"What He Does"

- There has never been a time when solid Theological Pentecostal teaching is as necessary as today, and it seems like we are hearing the least about Him.
- Many Christians know what He feels like.
- They describe Pentecost by the sights, sounds and feeling of the Spirit, while they often lack the understanding of His role in the Godhead.
- So, the question is: WHAT DOES THE HOLY GHOST ACTUALLY DO?
- And WHY IS IT IMPORTANT THAT WE KNOW?

1. THE SPIRIT REVEALS CHRIST
2. THE SPIRIT TRANSFORMS US
3. THE SPIRIT GOVERNS OUR LIFE

1. The Holy Ghost Reveals Christ

- Jesus taught us... that the PRIMARY MINISTRY of the Holy Ghost... is to REVEAL JESUS... so we can be more like Him!
- Jesus said in *John 16:13-14...the Spirit would not speak of himself... but He shall glorify me.*
- The Holy Ghost NEVER COMPETES with Jesus for attention. He always points people to Him.
- The Spirit reveals Christ to us through CONVICTION...
- Jesus said in *John 16:8... And when He (The Holy Ghost) is come... He will REPROVE the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment.*
- The word **REPROVE**... means to expose, and bring light into the dark places.
- On the Day of Pentecost, as Peter was preaching to this large crowd
- Luke said... in *Acts 2:37... Now when THIS CROWD heard this, THEY WERE PRICKED IN THEIR HEART...*

- We need the CONVICTING POWER OF THE HOLY GHOST to stir us and challenge us
 - Before God can heal us... He must expose what is broken
 - Before God can forgive us... He must show us our need for forgiveness
- The Spirit also draws us to Christ.
- Jesus said in *John 6:44... No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him...*
- The Holy Ghost creates Spiritual Hunger!
- EVERY SINGLE PERSON WHO HAS EVER BEEN SAVED... has a TESTIMONY that ultimately begins with the HOLY GHOST drawing them to Jesus...
 - It started with a drawing... then conviction... then revelation...

2. The Holy Ghost Transforms Our Character

- The work of the Holy Ghost DOES NOT STOP AT CONVERSION...
 - He not only BRINGS US TO JESUS...
 - He MAKES US LIKE JESUS...
- Paul said of the Spirit in... *2 Corinthians 3:18*
- *But we all... are CHANGED INTO THE SAME IMAGE... from glory to glory, even as by THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD...*
 - When He comes in... HE CHANGES OUR BEHAVIOR...
 - He works within us... UNTIL we become more and more like him.
- Paul said, When the SPIRIT MOVES IN... HE PRODUCES FRUIT... *Galatians 5:22-23*
 - The EVIDENCE OF THE SPIRIT IS NOT ONLY TONGUES... and GIFTS... and POWER... and SHOUTING...
 - THE EVIDENCE OF THE SPIRIT.... IT IS ALSO A CHANGED CHARACTER...
- As Pentecostals... we have spent much time talking about the **EXPRESSION OF PENTECOST**... that we have neglected to talk about the **FRUIT OF PENTECOST**...
- Paul said... *2 Thessalonians 2:13...God hath from the beginning... chosen you to salvation THROUGH SANCTIFICATION OF THE SPIRIT... and belief of the truth.*

UNDERSTANDING THE HOLY GHOST CONTINUED...

- SANCTIFICATION means being set apart for GOD'S PURPOSE...
 - The Spirit continually works to SEPARATE us from sin and conform us to Christ
 - He's TRANSFORMS OUR CHARACTER
- The Holy Ghost also ENCOURAGES US and COMFORTS US...
 - Jesus said in *John 14:16*... *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.*
 - The Holy Ghost comes alongside believers and STRENGTHENS, ENCOURAGES, COMFORTS, and SUSTAINS.
- THE HOLY GHOST INTERCEDES FOR US...
- Paul said in *Romans 8:26-2*... *The Spirit... maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered: And HE knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*
- The Holy Ghost intercedes for US ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD...
 - So, when we pray in the SPIRIT, WE ARE PRAYING THE WILL OF THE FATHER...
- This is OUR SECRET WEAPON as SPIRIT-FILLED BELIEVERS...
- When we are PRAYING IN TONGUES... THE devil CANNOT INTERPRET OUR PRAYERS!

3. The Holy Ghost Governs Our Life

- The Christian life was never intended to be lived by HUMAN WISDOM ALONE.
- God gave us the HOLY GHOST... TO HELP GOVERN OUR LIVES...
- Jesus said in *John 16:13*... *Howbeit when he, the SPIRIT OF TRUTH, is come... He will GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH... AND HE WILL SHEW YOU THINGS TO COME.*
 - The Spirit directs our thinking...
 - He corrects our course...
 - He helps us discern the will of God...
- Paul said in *Romans 8:14*... *For as many as are LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD ... they are the sons of God...*
 - It is the WILL OF GOD... that WE BE LED BY THE SPIRIT!
- The Spirit will GUIDE US INTO ALL TRUTH

- Jesus said in *John 14:26*... *But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost... shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*
 - The Holy Ghost illuminates Scripture...
 - He helps us understand God's Word...
 - He makes Biblical truth come alive...
- Then Jesus said in *Acts 1:8*... *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me... in the uttermost part of the earth.*
 - The purpose of Pentecostal power is not merely personal experience... It is missional empowerment.
 - The Holy Ghost gives effectiveness in witnessing...

WHAT HE DOES:



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| • Reveals Christ | John 16:14; John 15:26 |
| • Convicts of Sin | John 16:8 |
| • Draws People to God | John 6:44; Acts 2:37 |
| • Regenerates | John 3:5-6; Titus 3:5 |
| • Indwells Believers | Romans 8:9 |
| • Seals Believers | Ephesians 1:13; 4:30 |
| • Assures Salvation | Romans 8:16 |
| • Teaches | John 14:26; 1 Corinthians 2:13 |
| • Guides into Truth | John 16:13; Romans 8:14 |
| • Gives Wisdom | Isaiah 11:2; Ephesians 1:17 |
| • Sanctifies | 2 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Peter 1:2 |
| • Produces Spiritual Fruit | Galatians 5:22-23 |
| • Comforts | John 14:16; Acts 9:31 |
| • Intercedes | Romans 8:26-27 |
| • Gives Power | Acts 1:8 |
| • Empowers Witnessing | Acts 1:8 |
| • Gives Spiritual Gifts | 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 |
| • Calls People into Ministry | Acts 13:2 |
| • Directs the Church | Acts 16:6-7 |
| • Inspires Scripture | 2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16 |
| • Gives Boldness | Acts 4:31 |
| • Creates Life | Genesis 1:2; Job 33:4 |
| • Raises the Dead | Romans 8:11 |
| • Glorifies Christ | John 16:14 |