**DISCOVERED TREASURES –DO YOU KNOW HIM? SG**

**Scripture reading, Rev 3:22**

The Holy Spirit – Who is it? What is it? Why did God give it to us?

1. “In John chapters 14 and 16, not a word does Jesus utter that can be construed as implying that the ***Holy Spirit is simply an influence***. He addresses Him and treats Him **as a person**. **24 times** in John 14, 15, 16 the personal pronouns He, Him, and whom occur, applied to the Spirit. (example, John 15:26, 16:13) Not that the persons of the Godhead are masculine as contrasted with feminine, but **personal** as contrasted with **impersonal**.” Leroy Froom, The Coming of the Comforter, 45-46

2. “***Personal* qualities, *personal* actions, and *personal* relations are ascribed to Him**. It is **knowledge, feeling, will, and love, *not hands or feet*, that are the marks of personality**.” Leroy Froom, The Coming of the Comforter, 46

3. The Holy Spirit is more than a mere personality. He is a **divine person**. He is called God (Acts 5:3, 4), the ***third person*** of the **Godhead**. He possesses **divine attributes**: **omnipotence** (Lk 1:35), **omnipresence** (Ps 139:7-10), and **eternal** life (Heb 9:14). These pertain **only to God**, yet they are ***attributes*** of the Spirit.

4. “The **Holy Spirit** is a person **qualified** to deal with personal beings ***consciously*** **and** ***intelligently***, causing them to know what is in the **heart of God** for them, and what is in their own hearts.” Leroy Froom, The Coming of the Comforter

Fourfold power needed. 1. **Spiritual power** to live a holy life 2. **Power of a new affection and will.** 3. **Intellectual power**. 4. **Power in service**. The ***Holy Spirit is Himself the embodiment of that power***.

**21 ATTRIBUTES OR CHARACTERISTICS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

1. **Teaches** – “Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the **Holy Ghost teacheth**; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.” 1 Corinthians 2:13

2. **In us** – “That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the **Holy Ghost** which **dwelleth *in* us**.” 2 Timothy 1:14

3. It is through the Spirit that **Christ dwells *in* us**; and the Spirit of God, received into the heart **by faith**, is the **beginning** of the **life eternal**.

4. “But ye are not in the flesh, but **in the Spirit**, if so be that the **Spirit** of God **dwell** ***in* you**. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.” **Romans 8:9**

“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God **dwelleth *in* you**?” 1Corinthians 3:16

5. **Leads us**  - “Then was Jesus **led** up of the **Spirit** into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.” Matthew 4:1

“But if ye be ***led* of the Spirit**, ye are not under the law.” Galatians 5:18

“For as many as are ***led* by the Spirit** of God, they are the sons of God.” Romans 8:14

“Then the **Spirit said** unto Philip, **Go** near, and join thyself to this chariot.” Acts 8:29

6. “**Walks with us** – “This I say then, ***Walk*** **in the** **Spirit**, and ye shall not fulful the lust of the flesh.” Galatians 5:16

“If we live in the Spirit, let us also ***walk*** **in the** **Spirit**.” Galatians 5:25

 “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are **in Christ Jesus**, who **walk** not after the flesh, but **after** **the** **Spirit**.” Romans 8:1

7. **Frees us** “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me ***free*** from the law of sin and death.” Romans 8:2

Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the **Spirit** of the Lord is, there **is *liberty***.

 2 Corinthians 3:17

8. **Spirit is life** - “And if **Christ be in you**, the body is dead because of sin; but the ***Spirit is******life*** because of righteousness.” Romans 8:10

9. **Bears witness** – “The **Spirit** itself **beareth witness** with our spirit, that we are the children of God:” Romans 8:16

10. **Intercedes for us** – “Likewise the Spirit also **helpeth** our infirmities: for we **know not** what we should pray for as we ought: but the **Spirit** **itself** **maketh** ***intercession*** for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. “And he that **searcheth** the hearts knoweth what is the **mind of the Spirit**, because he ***maketh intercession*** for the saints according to the will of God.” Rom. 8:26-27

11. **Speaks to us** – “While Peter thought on the vision, the ***Spirit said*** unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.” Acts 10:19

“He that hath an ear, **let him *hear*** what the ***Spirit saith*** unto the churches;…” Revelation 2:11

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13. **Is power** - “But if **I *cast out devils* by *the Spirit* of God**, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.” Matthew 12:28

 “But if the ***Spirit*** of him that ***raised up Jesus*** from the dead **dwell *in* you**, he that ***raised* up Christ** from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his ***Spirit*** that **dwelleth** ***in* you**.” Romans 8:11

14. **Is truth** - “Even the ***Spirit of truth***; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ***ye know him***; for he ***dwelleth* *with* you**, and shall be ***in* you**.” John 14:17

“This is he that came by **water and blood**, even Jesus Christ; **not by water only**, but by **water *and* blood**. And it is the ***Spirit* that beareth witness**, because the ***Spirit is truth***.” 1 John 5:6

15. **Sanctifies us** - “That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ***ministering the gospel*** of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, ***being sanctified*** by the **Holy Ghost**.” Romans 15:16

16. **Gives joy** - “For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but ***righteousness, and peace, and joy*** **in** **the Holy Ghost**.” Romans 14:17

17. **Searches our hearts** - “But God hath **revealed** them unto us ***by his Spirit***: for the Spirit ***searcheth all things***, yea, the **deep things** of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God **knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God**.” 1 Corinthians 2:10-11

18. **Gives us patience** - “For we **through the *Spirit*** ***wait*** for the hope of **righteousness by faith**.” Galatians 5:5

19. **Strengthens us** – “That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to ***be strengthened*** with might ***by his Spirit*** in the inner man;” Ephesians 3:16

20. **Gives obedience** - “Seeing ye have purified your souls in ***obeying*** **the truth** ***through*** **the *Spirit***unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye **love one another with a pure heart fervently**:” 1 Peter 1:22

21. **Fills us** - “Now the God of hope ***fill you*** with all **joy and peace** in believing, that ye may abound in hope***, through the power of the Holy Ghost***.” Romans 15:13

22. **The Comforter** - “But the ***Comforter***, which **is the *Holy Ghost***, whom the Father will send in **my name**, he shall **teach** **you all things**, and **bring all things to your** **remembrance,** whatsoever I have said unto you.” John 14:26

“Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and **were edified**; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the ***comfort* of the** ***Holy Ghost***, were multiplied.” Acts 9:31

23. **Gives power** - “But ye shall ***receive* *power***, ***after*** that the **Holy Ghost is come upon you**…” Acts 1:8

“Our **deepest, highest**, **most** ***urgent need*** of all needs today **is the *Holy Spirit***, the ***power*** and provision of ***His filling***.”

“***Fact, Faith, Feeling, is God’s order***. The filling may be unique, but will **probably be common**. Barnabas never had the experience of Paul, yet both were filled with the Spirit. **Filling is not based on feelings** but on fact. It comes as the result of quiet faith.”

24. **It’s a gift** - “Then Peter said unto them, **Repent**, and be **baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye **shall receive** the ***gift* of the** **Holy Ghost**.” Acts 2:38

“And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the ***gift of the Holy Ghost***.” Acts 10:45

25. **Brings Holy boldness** - “And when they had prayed, the **place was shaken** where they were assembled together; and they **were all filled** with the **Holy Ghost**, and they spake the word of God with ***boldness***.” Acts 4:31

“Since this is the **means** by which we are to ***receive power***, why do we not **hunger and thirst for the gift of the Spirit**? Why do we not ***talk of it, pray for it, and preach concerning it***?... For the ***daily baptism of the Spirit*** ***every worker*** should offer his petition to God.” The Acts of the Apostles, 50-51

26. So, **how important** is it to have the **indwelling (baptism) of the Holy Spirit**? Your **eternal life** depends upon it.

27. There’s **only one way**, **and *one way only* to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit**. ***EARNEST PRAYER***!

28. ***Every*** **recorded instance** of receiving the **Holy Spirit** in the New Testament is ***preceded by earnest prayer***. And how **earnestly** they desired the gift. Pentecost proves that if our repentance is **true and deep, no blessing** **is withheld because of past sins**. The **Holy Spirit** is the Advocate on earth of our glorified Lord Jesus Christ in heaven.”

29. We **receive** the **Holy Spirit by** a **definite, deliberate, conscious, personal** act of **faith in surrender**. We ***must surrender*** our will, **yield ourselves** to Him, and become **empty of self**. Remember, faith is not feeling.

30. “As Christ had a **definite time mission**, so the **Holy Spirit** likewise has a **definite** **time mission**, His special dispensation being from **Pentecost to the Second Advent.** His is a person of the Godhead who came to earth in a ***definite way, at a definite time, for a definite work***...” Leroy Froom, The Coming of the Comforter

31. “The **Holy Spirit** was the **highest of all gifts** that He could solicit from His Father for the exaltation of His people… **Sin could be resisted and overcome only** through the mighty agency of **the third person** of the **Godhead, who would come with no modified energy, but in the *fullness* of divine power**…” Desire of Ages, 671

32. **Christ our example** - “Christ ***humanity*** was ***united******with divinity***; He **was fitted** for the conflict **by** **the** ***indwelling* of the** **Holy Spirit**.”

**WHY DO WE LACK THIS POWER**?

33. “We cannot use the Holy Spirit; the **Spirit is to use us**. Through the Spirit, God works in His people to will and to do of His good pleasure. But ***many will not submit to be led***. They want to **manage themselves**. This is why they ***do******not* *receive* the heavenly gift**…This promised blessing, **claimed by faith**, ***brings all other blessings*** in its train.” The Acts of the Apostles, 50-51

Some questions –When do **You** want to receive this **POWER**? What is ***holding you back***? Are you a ***full time or part time Christian***? Is Jesus **REALLY** the Lord of **all** your life? Are you ***willing to be willing***?

 What is the only way we can receive the indwelling of the Holy Spirit? **Through Prayer**!

**So, how important is prayer? Your eternal destiny depends upon it**.