

Brief Description Of The Holy Spirit Work In The Life Of The Believer

(Part 1)

The presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer start by convicting the person and leading him to repentance as what Jesus said, *“⁸ When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:”* (John 16:8) Once the person repent and receive Christ as Saviour and Lord over his life then he will be sealed with the Holy Spirit as we can read in *Ephesians 1:13-14* *“¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.”* This seal of the Holy Spirit is given to all those who are in Christ Jesus.

Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ after His death and His resurrection from the death He went and met His disciples, and He gave them the Holy Spirit as we can read in *John 20:21-22* *“²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”* At that setup what the Lord had given them He gave them the seal of the Holy Spirit. Only at that time that was possible for the Holy Spirit to dwell in them because Jesus had already paid the full prize for man sin on the cross. It was not possible for the disciples to receive the seal of the Holy Spirit before Jesus death and resurrection because man cannot reach God without Jesus being paid the full prize on the cross for man’s sins.

One a person repents and receives Christ as Saviour and Lord over His life, then he is part of the body of Christ. *1Corinthians 12:12-13* *“¹² The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free —and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.”* Here is speaking about baptism not with water or Holy Spirit baptism but the baptism here to be part of the body of Christ. And he mentioned here that we were all given the one spirit to drink; that the same of what is called in *Ephesians 1:13* the seal of the Holy Spirit.

To be sealed with the Holy Spirit at the time of believing and receiving Christ we can symbolize that with the following: If for example we consider the believer is a cup and the Holy Spirit is water, then to be sealed with the Holy Spirit is like to put little of water in a cup. It is like just a taste of water in the cup.

The Holy Spirit is with man and when he believe then the Holy Spirit become inside him and that what the Lord said to His disciples in *John 14:15-17* *“¹⁵ “If you love me, you will obey what I command. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.”*

So here the Holy Spirit is not only with the disciples but is living inside the disciples. Therefore as we receive the seal of the Holy Spirit this will work in our lives and as we cooperate with Him and submit our lives unto Him the Holy Spirit will change our characters and attitudes and we will develop the fruit of the Holy Spirit that give us the same character and personality of Jesus.

The fruit of the Holy Spirit that will appear in our lives are the following as we can read in:

1- Galatians 5:22-23 *“²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”*

2- Philippians 1:11 *“¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.”*

As you receive the seal of the Holy Spirit after you believe then it is your responsibility to cooperate and respond to the Holy Spirit work in your life. If you cooperate and submit yourself to its work then the process of the sanctification will start to appear in your life; you will endeavour to live in holiness and in the fear of the Lord. And as you respond to the work of the Holy Spirit in your life and in response to your obedience to His word and commands then you will start to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit, *“²¹ Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.”* (Isaiah 30:21) You will find yourself easily led by the Holy Spirit to take the right step and to reach the right decision because we had received the spirit of sonship, and with the same spirit we are able to pray and cry out to God, as the word of God declares, *“¹⁴ because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs —heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”* (Romans 8:15-17)

To be sealed with the Holy Spirit and cooperate and respond submissively to the Holy Spirit and get sanctified, led by the spirit and having the mind of spirit and developed the fruit of the Holy Spirit, we can symbolize that with the following: If for example we consider the believer is a cup and the Holy Spirit is water, then the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer at this stage is like to put more of water in a cup and you have a drink.

My Dear and Beloved: We will continue with you in the next issue with more details of the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believers. Meditate on what you read and be in his presence as you agree to pray.

My prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your word to me that made things more clear and understandable. Lord I repent from the following sins and the work of the flesh _____ . Lord I commit my life unto you, work in me, cleanse me and sanctify me and produce in me the fruit of the Holy Spirit that you desire to see in my life, this all I ask and pray in Jesus name Amen.*