

**Put God First**  
**(Work Out Your Salvation)**  
**Part 7**

***“<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed--not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence--continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.” (Philippians 2:12-13)***

God did His part when He sent His son the Lord Jesus Christ to save mankind. Jesus died on the cross to pay for the worlds' sins and rose from the dead to give eternal life to everyone who believed in Him and follow His steps in life. Now you need to do your part and work out your salvation based on what God had offered to you. You had received certain things from the Lord and now you need to work it out with the Lord that the purpose of salvation of the Lord in your life shall be achieved ***for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.***

As you received Christ and got saved The Holy Spirit that you are sealed with will dwell with you and in you to mould you and change you in the way that God wants you and ordained for you to be. The following verses will show clearly that as you received Christ you are sealed with the Holy Spirit:

***1- “<sup>13</sup> 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, <sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession--to the praise of his glory.” (Ephesians 1:13-14)***

***2- “<sup>21</sup> Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, <sup>22</sup> set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.” (2Corinthians 1:21-22)***

***3- “And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” (John 20:22)***

The Holy Spirit is God The Holy Spirit, and as you respond and abide in Him will reproduce in you the fruit of the Holy Spirit that would reflect the characters of Jesus in your life, ***“<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” (Galatians 5:22-23)*** The Holy Spirit that God gave you will work in you as long as you yield to HIS will. And as you are sanctified ultimately you will be filled with The Holy Spirit and you will carry with you the gifts of the Holy Spirit that will enable you to serve God.

The Holy Spirit is a deposit guarantee of what is to come and to have our inheritance in heaven if we continue to abide and walk in Him. There are times that the believer will live in sin and The Holy Spirit would suffer the following:

***1- Grieved: “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” (Ephesians 4:30)***

***2- Envid: “<sup>4</sup> You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup> Or do you think Scripture says without reason that the spirit he caused to live in us envies intensely?” (James 4:4-5)***

***3- Insulted: “<sup>26</sup> If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, <sup>27</sup> but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. <sup>28</sup> Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. <sup>29</sup> How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? <sup>30</sup> For we know him who said, “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” and again, “The Lord will judge his people.” <sup>31</sup> It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” (Hebrews 10:26-31)***

In the above three examples it show that God would not be glad that you who is sealed with the Holy Spirit would continue to live a sinful life. And when your style would persistently live in sin and would be marked with that sin, then there will be no place in heaven for you as you can read here: ***“<sup>8</sup> But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars--their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.” (Revelation 21:8)***

***4- Lied on: “<sup>1</sup> Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. <sup>2</sup> With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet. <sup>3</sup> Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? <sup>4</sup> Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God.” <sup>5</sup> When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. <sup>6</sup> Then the young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him. <sup>7</sup> About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. <sup>8</sup> Peter asked her, “Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?” “Yes,” she said, “that is the price.” <sup>9</sup> Peter said to her, “How could you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also.” <sup>10</sup> At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. <sup>11</sup> Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.” (Acts 5:1-11)*** Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira they were believers but God put them to death and end up in hell. You need to be careful and aware that sometimes God would judge at once as you have read above and will not give a further chance for you to repent.

***My Dear and Beloved:*** You don't know which time your life will end up and you don't know which time Jesus is coming, therefore ***continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling*** 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 and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord I repent from the following sins \_\_\_\_\_ . Lord I commit myself to live in holiness and to avoid being ensnared with any sinful life that contradicts your word and your ways. Lord help me to keep this commitment to you, this is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.*