

2 Corinthians 13:13

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Any life/lifestyle that is not miracle (work of Holy Spirit), that does not graciously come down to us from beyond us, means that we are settling for less than what God wants for us and has made available to us.

How are we to be rightly related to Holy Spirit?

1 Corinthians 3:16

Don't you yourselves know that you are **God's temple** and that the **Spirit of God** lives **in** you?

1) Recognize that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth

John 16:13

When the **Spirit of truth** comes, He will guide you into **all the truth**. For He will not speak on His own, but He will speak whatever He hears ...

Acts 19:1-3 (JB Ph)

While Apollos was in Corinth Paul journeyed through the upper parts of the country and arrived at Ephesus. There he discovered **some disciples**, and he asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" "No", they replied, "**we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.**"

³"Well then, how were you baptized?" asked Paul. "We were baptized with **John's baptism**," they replied.

Acts 8:1 (NLT)

Saul was one of the witnesses, and he agreed completely with the killing of Stephen.

Acts 9:3-5

As he traveled and was nearing Damascus, a light from heaven suddenly flashed around him. ⁴Falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" ⁵"Who are you, Lord?" Saul said.

"**I am Jesus**, the one you are persecuting," he replied ...

Acts 9:17-18

Ananias went and entered the house. He placed his hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, **the Lord Jesus**, who appeared to you on the road you were traveling, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be **filled with the Holy Spirit.**"

¹⁸ At once something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized.

Galatians 3:2 (JB Ph)

I will ask you one simple question: did you receive the **Spirit of God** by trying to keep the Law or by believing the **message of the Gospel**?

The Holy Spirit works (the miracle) where the knowledge of **truth** is being **heralded**

Qualities of the knowledge of the Truth:

- **Centered on Christ** and **constrained** by the (written) Word of God
 - “All Scripture is *breathed out* by God ...” {2 Timothy 3:16}

John 16:14-15

He will glorify Me, because He will take from what is Mine and **declare** it to you. ¹⁵ **Everything** the Father has is Mine. This is why I told you that He takes from what is Mine and will **declare** it to you.

Danger:

- Age of **Self** & our “**experience**”
 - **Disorderly** (vs. stability – Eph. 4:14)

Qualities of the knowledge of the Truth:

- **Centered on Christ** and **constrained** by the (written) Word of God
- Knowledge of the **power** of the truth

I Thessalonians 1:5-6 (CSB)

... because **our gospel** did not come to you in **word only**, but also **in power, in the Holy Spirit**, and with full assurance ... 6 ... you **welcomed the message** with **joy** from the **Holy Spirit**.

The Spirit of Truth works where truth is being **heralded & heard**

- a) We need the initial & ongoing **double work** of the Holy Spirit
 - 1) From the **inside-out** → illuminate **darkness**
 - 2) From the **outside-in** → illuminate **Jesus**
- b) We need to take responsibility for our **minds & mindset**

Romans 8:5 (ESV)

For those who live according to the flesh **set their minds** on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit **set their minds** on the things of the Spirit.

2) Embrace our **new status** and develop increasing **sensitivity to the Spirit**

a) Who we are now: the **temple** of the Spirit & **adopted children** of God

Romans 8:14,15b-16 (NLT)

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.... you received **God's Spirit** when He **adopted** you as His own children. Now we call him, "**Abba, Father.**" ¹⁶For His Spirit **joins with** our spirit to affirm that we are **God's children**.

Make something of yourself

OR

Be who you are in relation to God (Creator? Savior? Leader? Homemaker?)

b) The Holy Spirit is the **divine homemaker**

John 14:23

Jesus answered, "If anyone loves Me, He will keep My word. My Father will love him, and We will come to him and **make our home with him**."

We are **kindred spirits** with the Holy Spirit! (→ Eph. 5:32)

c) Being **Spirit-led & Spirit-sensitive** is about the **Family lifestyle**
→ *Do not grieve ...* (Eph. 4:30)

Romans 8:29b

... He chose them to **become like his Son**, so that His Son would be the **firstborn among many brothers and sisters**.

3) Yield to the primary power principle of the Spirit: **Sowing & Reaping**

Galatians 6:7-8

Don't be deceived: God is not mocked. For whatever a person sows he will also reap, ⁸because the one who sows to his flesh will reap destruction from the flesh, but the one who **sows to the Spirit will reap eternal life from the Spirit**.

The **Holy Spirit** is willing to be to us as much as we are **willing to have of Him**.

→ **Make Holy Spirit habit // Practice His Presence.**