

Excerpt: Splendor in the Holy Spirit
The Power of God
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Baptism of the Holy Spirit

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2 Corinthians 1:22*



There is another world parallel to our earthen one; a world that is indeed real but remains for a season invisible to man. It is a world that existed before earth was formed, for first was the Kingdom of Heaven with the angels and then the Kingdom of Earth for man. Its a heavenly Kingdom we should strive to learn about, for it will be the eternal homeland for every believer; a Kingdom of the Spirit of God made for the spirit of man.

God is a King within His Kingdom and sits on a throne surrounded by angelic beings. His Kingdom is of Spirit, for He is Spirit. He made angels and man spirit beings. The difference is our spirit is camouflaged in a physical body. We are designed in God's image and are sons and daughters of the Almighty King. We have access to our King and His Kingdom because of the finished work of His Son, Jesus, on the Cross at Golgotha. God came to earth to redeem man unto Himself and save us from ourselves, self-destruction. Our initial birth may be into a natural world; however, our new birth in Christ's Spirit is into the spirit Kingdom

of Heaven which we were fashioned for from the beginning.

Adam and Eve had a physical body but were spirit beings in the Garden of Eden until sin showed them carnality, the flesh; the soulful self-righteous side of man. We are first physical beings born into a carnal world, the Kingdom of Earth, until Christ gives us a new birth of His Spirit into the spirit Kingdom of Heaven. Now born into the Kingdom, we have privileges to all things of the Spirit realm with authority given in Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. 2 Corinthians 1:22* It is not a future event, but a reality to the believer who acknowledges the works of God and His Son, and who choose to accept Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit by realizing you are a child of the Most High God.

All the heavenly spiritual treasures are available to the person born of the Spirit of God. It places your relationship with God as it was in the Garden of Eden as God always intended it to be. This is because the second Adam (Christ) came to redeem and reconcile man to God; abolishing what the first Adam caused, the sin nature of man.

God brings His Kingdom (Himself) down to every person born of His Son through the means of the Holy Spirit, for He dwells in your heart. As your spirit is birthed of His Son's Spirit, you can now have the Spirit of God within you because you are born into the Spirit Kingdom. In your spirit birth, all your sins have been removed by the blood of the Lamb of God and Christ gives you His righteousness to be holy as He is Holy and be worthy to stand before your Almighty King. There-fore, the Father sees no sin in you, only the righteousness given in His Son. It is important to understand your position as a righteous person in Christ for the Father.

All power within the Kingdom is presently available to every believer. To live a righteous life requires under-standing the precepts that govern the Kingdom of Heaven. Know the reason for the King to leave His throne and come down to a fallen world as the Son of Man while maintaining His deity as the Son of God. Accept that He came for you because He loves you and desires for you to live within His Kingdom as His child.

The Father of all creation came born of flesh, Jesus, to reconcile you to the Kingdom of God. In order to fully comprehend what God has done for you requires knowledge of the relationship that is necessary with each personage of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. When you accept the Son, He gives

you the Holy Spirit that a relationship may exist with the Father. You cannot bypass the Holy Spirit and expect to receive from God. The supernatural power that intervenes in your life circumstances comes through the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of God, is the power of God; therefore, the Holy Spirit is a person. God has given all things both in Heaven and on Earth to His Son who now sits at the right hand of the Father and gives all things to you. *The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.* John 3:35 And through Christ's fulfilled work on the Cross and on His authority as He sits in the Kingdom, He gives you the Spirit of God. God's presence and power was needed by Jesus during His time on Earth, and for Jesus' disciples to continue His ministry, and is also required for you to live a spirit life in a fallen world.

It is the Holy Spirit who enables you to step out of this natural world and become a resident of the Kingdom. Now born in the spirit, you need an advocate (spokesperson) within the Kingdom, for you are unaware and untrained, lacking in the knowledge of how to conduct yourself in this new spirit world. The Holy Spirit teaches you all things as He is the Spirit of Truth.

To accept Christ as your Lord and Savior and not make the transition from the natural to the spirit will hold you captive to the carnal world whereby unbelief is present. Even those spirit-born can be living in unbelief if they are without the guidance of the Holy Spirit. He is the only way to the truth of God's Word, for He is given to be your tutor. *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.* John 16:13 He is the Spirit of God. Only God can speak of Himself and His Kingdom.

Christ has given a new covenant, a marriage agreement making you a joint-heir with Him within the Kingdom. However, it is the Holy Spirit who testifies, or bears witness before God that you are sanctified by His Son, so that you may come into His Kingdom. *The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.* Romans 8:16-17 Notice that the Holy Spirit is your witness in the Kingdom before the Father. You are redeemed by the blood of Christ, but it is the Holy Spirit who testifies of your righteousness in Christ that you are made presentable to stand before the Father.

Christ and the Holy Spirit go together, like a sock and shoe. You can wear the

socks alone, or the shoes alone, but when you put them together there is a completion to the attire. Many have Christ, but not living with the active presence of the Holy Spirit. You can't have the Holy Spirit without Christ first, for He gives you the Holy Spirit when you accept a covenant with Him. Consider it a marriage gift which entitles you to supernatural heavenly treasures within His Kingdom. Like a wife to her husband who has entitlement to all he owns, so do you in your covenant with Jesus, for you are His bride.

With your joint-ownership of an inheritance in Christ, what is bound on earth is bound in heaven, what is loose on earth is loosed in heaven in whatever you do, or don't do in this lifetime. *And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.* Matthew 16:19 By your free will, your choice, you either have the power of the Kingdom in your life, or you don't. God has provided it, Christ has fulfilled and authorized it; however, it's within each believer to access the Holy Spirit to receive it. It begins with a prayer of acknowledgement of His presence and power in your life.

Many are living a life without the presence of the Holy Spirit simply because they are unaware of this most precious gift; and consequently, are without His power for their earthen circumstances. It is difficult, if not impossible, to have a relationship with someone you do not take the time to nurture that relationship. You shouldn't expect anything from a person under these terms. This holds true for the Holy Spirit. We fail to see the Holy Spirit as a person and that He is God.

It becomes a challenge for those who are sensory dependent to believe in something they cannot validate. If they can't see, hear, taste, smell, or touch it, then it can't possibly exist. This is where faith comes in, believing more in something that you cannot verify with natural abilities than what your senses and emotions dictate. *But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.* Hebrews 11:6 Faith is mandatory to connect to the unseen world of God. Faith is releasing ourselves from the dependency of sensory perception and relying on the unseen, supernatural power of God.

Interesting, how easy it is to believe in fairytales and monsters in the closet when our imagination runs wild, but when it comes to believing in the Spirit of God, there is doubt He is real. The human nature of man has no problem believing in the concept of ghosts; and yet, we harbor doubt when speaking of the Spirit of God, or that there exist angelic beings sent by God to protect us.

What we fail to realize is angelic beings existed before our natural world; angels were here before man came on the scene; and yet, we give no acknowledgement to this.

We accept electricity, radio waves, and oxygen with-out question because we experience the evidence, though they can't be seen, but we are apprehensive in consideration of the Holy Spirit. Obviously, just because something is invisible to the naked eye doesn't mean it can't exist. This has been proven. There is more power in God's presence than the imagination can ever conjure up.

So why is the Holy Spirit difficult for man to acknowledge? To give proper consideration to this question requires accepting that man has an adversary or accuser, Satan, who intends to keep you far from the knowledge of your heavenly Father and His Kingdom.

Lucifer's weapon of choice is religion which holds people under a false belief of God separating man from His Creator. It was his tactic to deceive Eve in the Garden with the objective to separate Adam from God, to tempt Jesus in the wilderness hoping Jesus would defy the Father, and continues using the same strategy of lies today to keep you from a relationship with God, your heavenly Father and Almighty King.

Satan uses the very words of God, against God, to deceive man with a false understanding of God's truth. This is why it is imperative to learn from the tutor God sends to you, the Spirit of Truth.

