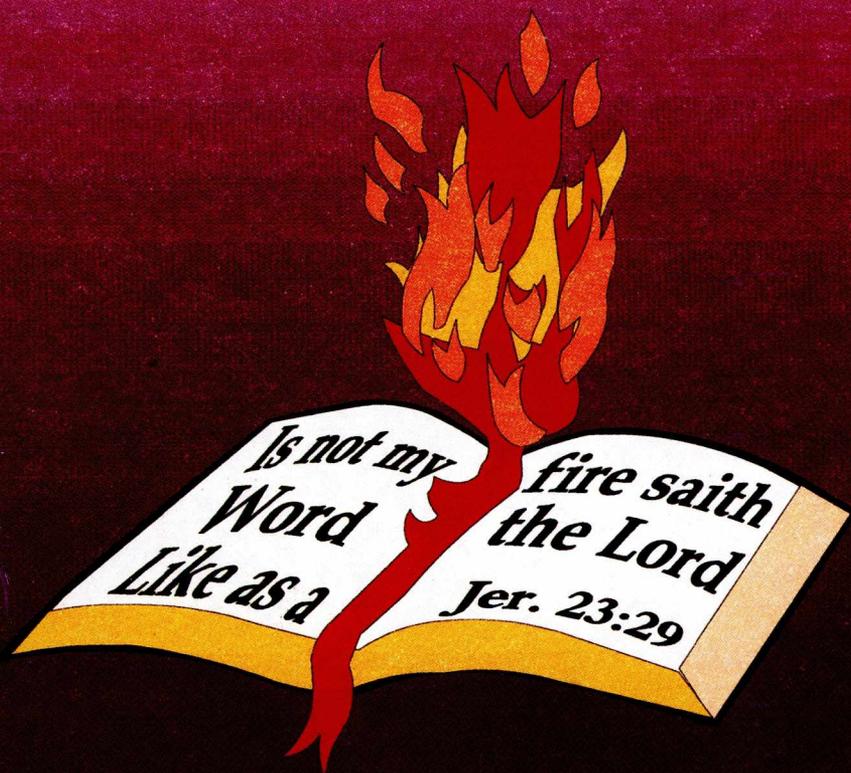


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AN IN-DEPTH STUDY





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A FOREWORD

This author is a free voice. God always sends prophets to lead the march to liberation for His Elect, out of the bondage of regimented and entrenched religion. I have declared this many times and will declare this profound TRUTH again: It takes great courage to seek, find, and proclaim the TRUTH, for the world, including most preachers and professing Christians, are more ready to believe falsehood than to believe the TRUTH. Do you wonder why this message and in-depth study and teaching about the Holy Ghost is widely rejected? The answer is, From the days of Cain and Abel down to this present hour, TRUTH has been the great dividing factor in the world. For those who seek for the TRUTH and LIBERTY, and those who become reconciled to static and defeated theology that produces frustration are forever in separate camps.

I am a FREE VOICE that the Lord has raised up, to dare to believe the whole TRUTH of God's Word, and dare to act and preach the TRUTH which makes men free -- from sin and every form of spiritual bondage.

Jesus did not come into this world to translate an army of slaves, captive to sin, to Heaven. He came to liberate the slave from sin and the devil. LIBERTY from sin and its deadly, destructive consequences has always been the theme of Christ's REDEMPTION. Jesus proclaimed LIBERTY thusly: "And ye shall know the TRUTH, and the TRUTH shall make you FREE." John 8:32 -- free from sin

and its ruinous consequences.

Please study these messages of present day TRUTH carefully. Review it again and again. Don't be fearful, fainthearted, or double-minded. The true LIGHT of God's Word has come to you, now walk in it, lest you be overcome in a resulting spiritual darkness.

Dear reader, please answer this Biblical question honestly for yourself: "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since [i.e., after] you believed?" Acts 19:1-2. This is Christian Evidence and Valid Proof that an individual can receive the Holy Ghost **only** after the Holy Spirit has wrought salvation in the heart of that individual.

Notice this Truth also: Repetition is fundamental and indispensable to this message for it to possess coherence and understanding.

I pray for you as the Apostle Paul, "The eyes of your understanding be enlightened." Ephesians 1:16-18. Jesus has assured us, when the Comforter which is the Holy Ghost is come, He shall teach us all things, and guide us into ALL TRUTH. Cf. John 14:26; 16:13. Amen.



THE TRUTH ABOUT THE HOLY GHOST

I have proclaimed this many times, and again I repeat it: From the days of Cain and Abel down to this present hour, **TRUTH** has been the great dividing factor in the world. It takes great courage to seek, find, and proclaim the TRUTH: for the world and even most professing Christians are more ready to believe falsehood than to believe the TRUTH. I pray that you are one of those who seek for the TRUTH and **Liberty**, and not one of those who have become reconciled to defeat and frustration, **and these are forever in separate camps**. But let me warn you, beloved, rejection of TRUTH always brings disillusionment, and disillusionment always produces a frustrated and cynical "Christian". Liberation from defeated and regimented religion has always been the theme of Christ's Redemption. Remember, Jesus exultantly proclaimed, "And ye shall know the TRUTH, and the TRUTH shall make you free." John 8:32.

This is a Free Voice sent by the Lord. God has always sent Prophets to lead the march to liberation from sin's bondage -- to lead the march of faith to a Restoration Revival, restoring the Landmarks, the Guideposts, and Beacons which blind and deceitful preachers have removed. God's people can no longer be regimented by static and defeated theology. To the best of my knowledge, organized religion has never accurately interpreted the future doings of God. There has never been a time in spiritual history when organized religion was "alive" to the progressive doings of God. They crucified the Messiah and stoned God's prophets in every age. Entrenched reli-

gion has always held back the future, and killed God's prophet who dared proclaim the progressive TRUTHS of God.

The March of Faith is on. Now, let us join hands in creating a new heaven and a new earth for ourselves and our children, for the scriptures declare: "The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly." Romans 16:20.

WHEN DID THE HOLY GHOST COME?

The Holy Spirit of God has always been in the world from the very Creation. "In the beginning ... the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." Genesis 1:1-2. But the Holy Ghost was not in the world nor with men until it was poured out upon 120 of Christ's disciples at Pentecost. Acts 2:1-4. This is the TRUTH, but it is so elusive that preachers and even most of Christ's disciples reject it.

Jesus called the Holy Ghost, *the Comforter*. He told His disciples very plainly, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you *another Comforter* [to take Christ's place], that he may abide with you for ever; 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*. I will not leave you comfortless: *I will come to you*." John 14:16-18. Then to complete this great revelation, Jesus declared, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name ..." John 14:26. Notice two profound Truths so widely ignored: The Holy Ghost is designated as "He", and the Holy Ghost would be given to Christ's disciples *after* His Ascension.

The Holy Ghost is honored by several unique titles as follows: "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you *from the Father*, even *the Spirit of truth*, which proceedeth *from the Father*, *he* shall testify of me." John 15:26. The Comforter, the

Holy Ghost, which is the Spirit of Truth, is sent down from the Father to His disciples by Jesus Himself.

THE HOLY GHOST WAS NOT GIVEN UNTIL CHRIST'S ASCENSION

Beloved, believe the TRUTH even though this prophetic revelation straight from the scriptures of our Holy Bible may reprove and correct your errant views and beliefs. Jesus proclaimed loudly, "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. [Now watch these words carefully.] (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him *should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.*)" John 7:38-39. This is very vital, my beloved -- "The Holy Ghost was not yet given" in Jesus' lifetime on earth. Notice this vital revelation also -- "The rivers of living waters" flowing out of our belly or innermost being come only with the Holy Ghost Baptism!

Fifty days after Jesus' resurrection, He was glorified. "Jesus saith unto her [Mary], Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to *my God, and your God.*" John 20:17. To prove His glorification and to keep His promise: "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues [languages], as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:1-4. What was this great spiritual phenomenon? It was "that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh [but who?] ... And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy." Acts 2:16-18. The Bible doesn't call the Holy

Ghost, the Ghost, but the Spirit, properly put when singularly used.

DOES A BELIEVER IN CHRIST RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST WHEN BORN AGAIN?

The Holy Ghost does not live in a Christian who is just born again. The Scriptures explain this mystery thusly: "To be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; *that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith.*" Ephesians 3:16-17. Also again the scriptures declare clearly, "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit [Holy], if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you." Romans 8:9. Also: God hath "given *the earnest* of the [Holy] Spirit in our hearts." II Corinthians 1:22. A born again or a saved person receives the Spirit of God, but only the "earnest" or a part of what being filled with the Holy Ghost consists.

Our bodies, if we have truly sanctified them, are made to be the temples of the Holy Ghost. I Corinthians 6:19. *The Holy Ghost will not live in an unclean temple.* The scriptures cry out to a Christian: "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are *the temple of the living God*; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them [idolators and world-conformists], *and be ye separate*, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." II Corinthians 6:16-18. The Apostle Peter gave a mighty witness to this profound revelation thusly: "And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also *the Holy Ghost*, whom God hath given to them that OBEY Him." Acts 5:32.

THE KJV BIBLE TRANSLATORS WERE RIGHT

The King James Bible translators perceived and honestly made known to God's people the difference between the Holy Ghost and the Holy Spirit. The other some 60 Perversions of the Bible are deceitful and spurious. No wonder that the KJV Bible stands out manifestly to an honest-hearted saint of God to be God's only infallible Word. What majesty and glory it has passed on to us that we don't have to be deceived, bewitched, beguiled, or fooled by blind and dishonest preachers and teachers who live and teach error.

THE TITLES OF THE HOLY GHOST

The Holy Ghost as the Comforter who represents Jesus Christ to His true followers, has many divine attributes which are proclaimed and understood by the titles of respect given to Him by God the Father.

1. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of Grace. Ephesians 10:29.
2. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of Holiness. Romans 1:4.
3. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of Truth. John 14:17;
15:26.
4. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of Life. Revelation 11:11;
Romans 8:2.
5. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of Adoption. Romans
8:15.
6. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of Faith. II Corinthians
4:13.
7. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of Wisdom. Isaiah 11:2;
Ephesians 1:17.

The Holy Ghost is man's only agency to lead him to Christ and salvation. How serious! Jesus warned soberly, "And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but

whosoever speaketh **against the Holy Ghost**, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come." Matthew 12:32. Also, just as soberly, Christ's apostle warned: "Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but **by the Holy Ghost**." I Corinthians 12:3. It is a tragedy for an individual, Christian or sinner, to toy around with this Truth.

LET'S BE SOBER AND SERIOUS

These scriptural proven TRUTHS revealing the difference between the Holy Spirit and the Holy Ghost are not allegorical or euphemistic -- they are just as clear as the air we breathe. The folly of so many Christians and their teachers is caused by their unbelief. On an occasion before His crucifixion, Jesus' disciples replied to Him concerning His teaching: "Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb." John 16:29. Let's see here what Jesus spoke so plainly about: (1) "If I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." John 16:7. (2) "I came forth from the Father [God], and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father." John 16:28. Clear as this revelation is, there are thousands of professing Christians who stumble at this TRUTH.

My beloved, the Holy Ghost wrote the Bible through holy men of God, and it takes a Holy Ghost filled and anointed man of God to give the sense and true meaning to God's people. "Knowing this FIRST, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation [someone's opinion]. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved **by the Holy Ghost**." II Peter 1:20-21.

JESUS' SPECIAL PRAYER

Jesus "breathed on them [His apostles], and saith unto them,

Receive ye the Holy Ghost." John 20:22. This was on the day of His resurrection, fifty days before they received the Holy Ghost on the Day of Pentecost. These received power after that the Holy Ghost came upon them, as Christ promised. Acts 1:8. This promise is still available as the Apostle Peter preached: "For the promise [the Holy Ghost] is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Acts 2:39.

Let's be really serious again and heed this warning: "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of *the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost*, And have tasted the good Word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away [from believing the TRUTH], to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame." Hebrews 6:4-6.

This is a description of a believer who blasphemes the Holy Ghost! So beware and be serious, my beloved, about making ignorant or dumb remarks about the Blessed Holy Ghost Baptism!

GOD'S ENEMIES TWIST THE SCRIPTURES

These theologians who pervert and twist God's Word are God's enemies, but they're yours also. In Ephesus, the Apostle Paul asked some of Christ's disciples, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost *since ye believed?*" Their reply was, "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost." Acts 19:1-2. Most preachers in today's sick and backslidden church have changed that scripture to fit their perverted view of unbelief to, "Did you receive the Holy Ghost *when you believed?*" Beloved, that is pure depravity. These early disciples of Christ were saved, just as saved as His disciples were who received the Holy Ghost baptism at Pentecost -- and they already had the Holy Spirit with them, but they were not filled with the Holy Ghost. And no one else is when he or she gets saved or born-again.

These Christians at Ephesus were Apollos' disciples, who knew only Water Baptism preached by John the Baptist, not the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Jesus had foretold His disciples before Pentecost, "The Holy Ghost dwelleth with you, but shall be in you." John 14:17 -- and they were filled and indwelt by the Holy Ghost in the upper room at Pentecost. John the Baptist baptized many who came to hear him in the Jordan River, and prophesied: "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance ... He [Jesus] shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." Matthew 3:11. Did Jesus do it? Yes, indeed! John the Baptist gave his disciples the waterworks -- Jesus gave His the Fireworks -- and He ever lives to fill true and obedient believers today with the Holy Ghost and Fire. I know, because I have received and been filled with the Holy Ghost and Fire, and have been for 58 years, and I'm not wrong about all these declarations.

Watch out for Bible corrupters and dishonest scripture-twisters. Stand resolutely on God's plain, infallible Word found only in the King James Version of the Bible. Amen!

Shall we proceed to the next chapter?



THE EXPERIENCE THAT *MUST PRECEDE* THE HOLY GHOST BAPTISM: SANCTIFICATION!

A DEFINITE WORK OF GRACE

Preparation for the Pentecostal experience of being filled or baptized in the Holy Ghost is truly essential for a truly saved person. Jesus Christ taught His apostles well in advance of the Day of Pentecost all about this prophesied phenomenon -- the How's, When's & Where's! These were truly saved or born again disciples of the Lord, but like Apollos' disciples, they had "not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost." Acts 19:2. These early apostles and disciples had heard of the Holy Spirit or Spirit of God, but not the Holy Ghost. Why? Jesus had taught them, "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake He of the [Holy] Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: *for the Holy Ghost was not yet given*; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)" John 7:38-39.

THE COMFORTER

The Holy Ghost is a different manifestation of the Holy Spirit, to wit: "But when the Comforter [Holy Ghost] is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me." John 15:26. Remember, Jesus said, the Comforter "is the Holy Ghost." John 14:26.

These disciples of Christ were saved and Born-again, but not Sanctified and Baptized with the Holy Ghost.

JESUS' PRAYER -- SANCTIFY MY DISCIPLES

Well in advance of His passion and crucifixion, Jesus prayed a great prayer for His chosen disciples, to His Father, thusly: "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." John 17:17. Did He do it? Yes. These were very sad at His announced departure from them back to the Father. "And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands and blessed them ... And [they] returned to Jerusalem with great joy: And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God." Luke 24:50-53. This was before they were filled with the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:1-4. They were sanctified. They had the Holy Spirit with them, but not the Comforter or Holy Ghost. Jesus had foretold them, "The Spirit of truth [Comforter] ... dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."

Now, beloved, don't bypass Calvary's cross and seek to be Baptized in the Holy Ghost -- seek to be sanctified, **OR** you'll get a phony Holy Ghost that will only mimic the real Comforter. You see, the real Holy Ghost in you is just as if Jesus Himself is living in you and working through you. God gives the Holy Ghost "to them that obey him," the words of the Apostle Peter. Acts 5:32. Also the words of the Apostle Paul: "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy *in the Holy Ghost*." Romans 14:17. ***Sanctification is a definite work of grace instituted at Calvary.*** The result of sanctification or a sanctified life is ***holiness***.

PRESERVED IN CHRIST

A natural brother of Jesus Christ, who as an apostle and a sanctified saint, wrote so eloquently: "Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are ***sanctified*** by God the

Father, and **preserved** in Jesus Christ and called." Jude 1. Praise God! Ladies and gentlemen, any God-fearing man or woman, boy or girl can be sanctified holy, and then stay sanctified -- that is, **preserved in Christ!**

Here's the wonder of it all expressed so beautifully by Christ's apostle, Paul: "And the very God of peace **sanctify you wholly**; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be **preserved blameless** unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it [if you'll seek for him to do it]." I Thessalonians 5:23-24.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

To preserve means: "(1) To keep from harm, damage, danger, or evil; to protect; save. (2) **To keep from spoiling or rotting.** (3) To prepare for future use as canning, **salting**, etc." Jesus will keep us preserved from evil -- from spoiling -- and He will salt us for future use if we're sanctified. Did not Jesus our Lord and Master declare: "For every one [each Christian] shall be **salted with fire**, and every sacrifice [our bodies as a living sacrifice] shall be **salted with salt**. **Salt is good:** but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? **Have salt in yourselves**, and have peace one with another." Mark 9:49-50.

Your Holy Bible teaches this **beautiful doctrine** called Sanctification. However, it also teaches the wonderful **spiritual experience** called Sanctification. Come to think of it, you probably haven't heard about it or know little of what it means if you attend a Modernist, Fundamentalist, or Charismatic church. Most Christians and preachers abhor the subject that is so vital to an honest-hearted believer in Christ.

A TRUE EXPERIENCE

True Holiness, manifested in a holy life-style, is the result of sanctification -- which is a true spiritual experience of grace subsequent to being born again.

A DEFINITE WORK OF GRACE

Jesus Christ came into this old lost world and to a backslidden church to do more than just forgive sinners their trespasses and sins! ***He came to sanctify the people with His precious blood -- that was, to lift men above sin and out of sin --*** to give them victory over sin, the sins of the flesh, and the devil! Men had forgiveness of sins under the law or Old Testament covenant. "For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God." Hebrews 7:19. Also: ***"For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified."*** Hebrews 10:14. Wonderful! And Amen!

The main theme of Sanctification is Obedience to God's Word -- to the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth. We are sanctified by the Truth (John 17:17) unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ (I Peter 1:2).

THE PROPENSITY TO SIN!

In every born-again Christian there remains a traitor -- the old man or old nature -- which has a strong propensity to sin or rebel against God's Commandments. The fleshly or carnal nature of any human being is not subject to the Law of God, neither indeed can be. Romans 8:7-8.

Propensity means: "A natural inclination or tendency; a strong bias, or bent to." A truly born-again Christian who is not

sanctified still has the old nature very active which has not been crucified or made inoperative or inactive. Thus, Christians have received this warning from the Holy Ghost: "He that committeth sin [sins daily or regularly] is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, *that he might destroy* [make inoperative or inactive] *the works of the devil*. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin [doesn't sin daily]; for his seed [of God's Word] remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." I John 3:8-9. The old nature must be crucified through the sanctifying power of Jesus Christ or a Christian will return to the world and his sinful habits -- and these spell defeat and ruin! Cf. Galatians. 2:20; 6:14.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO LIVE DISGRACEFULLY

The glorious experience of grace subsequent to the new birth -- Sanctification -- does not destroy our humanity, but it does destroy the power of our old man or old nature!

It is not a reproach to boldly testify that you are sanctified if you live the life. It is a reproach to live like most professing Christians do and publicly claim to be a disciple of Christ — professing to be in God's grace, and live disgracefully.

OUR OLD NATURE MUST BE CRUCIFIED

"Knowing this, that our old man [old nature] is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be *destroyed* [made inoperative or ineffective], that henceforth we should not serve sin." Romans 6:6. A sanctified Christian is dead to sin -- Romans 6:7. *A sanctified Christian by faith, reckons* (accounts) himself to be dead unto sin. Romans 6:11. *A sanctified Christian* is free from sin and has his fruit unto Holiness. Romans 6:22. *A sanctified Christian* is cruci-

fied with Christ, and he will take up his cross daily (Luke 9:23), whereby the world is crucified to him, and he is crucified to the world. Galatians 6:14. To Christians the Apostle Paul exhorts: "Put off concerning the former conversation [total behavior] the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; ... And that ye put on the new man [or let the new nature rule your life], which after God is created in righteousness and **true holiness.**" Ephesians 4:22-24. ***A truly sanctified Christian will not conform to worldly life styles.*** I John 2:15-16.

SET APART BUT HOLY

To be sanctified is to be holy, purified, and set apart for God's holy purpose. The prophet David exclaimed: "But know that the Lord hath **set apart him that is godly** for himself." Psalm 4:3. Every Christian should be sanctified -- but they aren't!

REMEMBER: Sanctification is a definite work of grace instituted at Calvary. The result of sanctification or a sanctified life is holiness.

God has decreed: "But as he which hath called you is holy, so **be ye holy in all manner of conversation;** Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." I Peter 1:15-16. What does this mean? Just what it says -- we must be as holy as God is holy in all manner of our life-styles and habits. The spiritual experience of sanctification is available to a born-again believer in Christ. ***This experience is subsequent to the New Birth, and it must precede being Baptized with the Holy Ghost.*** Your whole body, soul, and spirit must be sanctified wholly and holy! I Thessalonians 5:23-24.

CARNAL CHRISTIANS

"And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto **carnal**, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it,

neither yet now are ye able. ***For ye are yet carnal ... and walk as men.***" I Corinthians 3:1-3. And most Christians do walk as men!

The Apostle Paul vividly notes the difference in a sanctified or spiritual Christian from the carnal majority: "Brethren, if a man [Christian brother] be overtaken in a fault, ***ye which are spiritual***, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness ..." Galatians 6:1 Also, in his salutation to the Corinthian Christians, he boldly declared: "Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, ***to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus***, called to be saints ..." I Corinthians 1:2. All Christians are called to be saints -- but, only those who are sanctified will qualify. ***"Many be called, but few chosen,"*** so said Jesus in Matthew 20:16.

SPIRITUAL CIRCUMCISION

The proud fleshly appetites and desires of the flesh that war against the soul are cut off or circumcised by the Holy Ghost when a born-again believer in Christ is truly sanctified. "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, ***abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul.***" I Peter 2:11.

This proud flesh (i.e., natural inclinations to sin and live worldly) that vaunts itself against God's Holiness and Commandments, must be made inoperative or ineffective in a Christians's life ***through the circumcision of Christ***, "made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh." Colossians 2:11. How can this be accomplished? Answer: ***By being sanctified by the Grace of God!*** ***"And they that are [truly] Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts."*** Galatians 5:24.

THE BEGINNING

Every Christian must "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." II Peter 3:18. The experience of Sanctification has definite possibilities of ***growth*** into perfection

-- but, this wonderful experience of God's grace has ***a definite starting point*** after one is saved or born again. How can a Christian grow into Sanctification when they are not sanctified? We grow in grace because we're in grace, even so when we receive the spiritual experience of Sanctification, we should continue to perfect Holiness which is the result of Sanctification. ***However, there is always room for improvement.***

The Apostle Paul wrote of the conflicts which a carnal Christian suffers; "O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death [the power of the old nature]?" Romans 7:24. The answer: "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. Jesus Christ will Sanctify you, me, your wife or husband, that carnal church member or preacher if they want to be sanctified. The Apostle Paul exclaimed about being sanctified: "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." I Thessalonians 5:24. I am a sanctified man of God! Amen! And I live a holy life-style. ***The phrase "in Christ Jesus"*** means to be without sin — to be holy, to wit: ***"Whosoever abideth in him [Jesus] sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him."*** I John 3:6. ***The phrase "neither known him"*** means that a professing and sinning Christian does not really know the Real Jesus nor understand him. ***And most Christians are just barely saved or borderline -- they definitely are not sanctified!***

A RENEWED MIND

Every Christian has problems with their thoughts at one time or another, and they are heard to exclaim, "How can I stop having bad or evil thoughts?" The answer: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Philippians 2:5. And also: "Think on these things" -- the list is found in Philippians 4:8. The Holy Ghost exhorts the Christian: "Be renewed in the spirit of your mind." Ephesians 4:23. ***A Christian's mind is transformed and renewed when he is sanctified.*** To those who are already saved the scripture exhorts: "And be not conformed to this world: ***but be ye transformed***

by the renewing of your mind." Romans 12:2. A Christian who doesn't think soberly, righteously, and godly, will not live soberly, righteously, and godly.

DON'T LIMIT GOD'S GRACE

God is not just a heart specialist -- but through the glorious experience of sanctification a Christian's mind is transformed to think soberly, righteously and godly. Titus 2:11-13.

Listen beloved, cast those evil thoughts from your mind by God's grace and Holy Ghost power. ***Remember, you can't help it if a bird lights on your head, but you can keep him from building a nest in your hair!*** Don't dwell on bad thoughts -- eject them and stay sanctified -- and by God's grace you can.

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD -- NOT SOOTHSAYING PREACHERS

To stay sanctified, beloved, don't let the chagrin and contempt of carnal Christians weaken or discourage you. Every morning do as the Apostle Paul revealed 'twas necessary: "I die daily!" I Corinthians 15:31. ***Pray regularly! Fast often! Feast on the Word of God lavishly! Assemble with other saints faithfully! Crucify your flesh daily!*** How? Through faith in God's power and promise to preserve you in Christ Jesus! "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:11.

Beloved, Jesus declared, You must know the TRUTH to be free from sin and its bondage, (John 8:32). Most preachers teach error and lead you to believe you cannot be blameless and live without sinning. Please listen to this FREE Voice leading you to victory over THE WORLD, THE FLESH, over SIN, and THE DEVIL by this present day TRUTH.

SANCTIFIED THROUGH THE WORD

Jesus prayed for all His disciples both present and future to be sanctified -- and, remember, they were already "set apart": "***Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.***" John 17:17; 15:16. Did the Lord sanctify those disciples? Yes! Through obedience to the whole Truth! "Now ye are clean [sanctified]," said Jesus, "***through the word*** which I have spoken unto you." John 15:3. ***Sanctification is the result of a spiritual experience given to a truly born-again believer in Christ*** (one who seeks to be sanctified) -- the result of obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ. Cf. I Peter 1:2.

JESUS SANCTIFIES

Jesus is our Saviour, but also our Sanctifier, and Holy Ghost Baptizer -- to wit:

(1) "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, ***and sanctification***, and redemption." I Corinthians 1:30. If we are "set apart" by sanctification, then of necessity a Christian must be made pure and holy to be "prepared unto every good work." II Timothy 2:21.

(2) "For both he that ***sanctifieth*** and they who ***are sanctified*** are all of one: for which cause he [Jesus] is not ashamed to call them brethren." Hebrews 2:11.

(3) "That he might ***sanctify*** and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he [Jesus] might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; ***but that it should be holy and without blemish*** [sanctified]." Ephesians 5:26-27.

(4) "For by one offering he [Jesus] hath perfected for ever them that ***are sanctified***." Hebrews 10:14.

(5) "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might ***sanctify the people with his own blood***, suffered without the gate." Hebrews 13:12.

CLEANSE YOURSELVES -- SANCTIFICATION

"To sanctify" by Bible definition includes the cleansing or purifying of one's own spiritual uncleanness, evil habits, and lewd life-styles by his own will and effort. "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, *let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*" II Corinthians 7:1. Here enters another amazing Truth: "Christians that truly fear God will sanctify themselves from the filth of the flesh (body) and spirit, and live a holy life-style." No exceptions! The Old and New Testaments are alive with commandments to be sanctified, and examples to God's people or saints who have sanctified themselves unto the Lord. "And they gathered their brethren, and *sanctified themselves.*" II Chronicles 29:15. "For in their set office they *sanctified themselves in holiness.*" II Chronicles 31:18. "For the Levites were more upright in heart *to sanctify themselves* [to cleanse themselves] than the priests." II Chronicles 29:34. "If a man therefore *purge himself* from these [things of dishonour], he shall be a vessel unto honour, *sanctified*, and meet [worthy] for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work." II Timothy 2:21. Cf. Acts 20:32.

THE DEFINITION

The Bible phrase "to sanctify" is used with a twofold meaning in revealing the doctrine of sanctification:

(1) "To sanctify" means to set apart unto God for a holy purpose.

(2) "*To Sanctify*" by the greater definition in the Holy Scriptures means "to cleanse, purify, and to make holy unto the Lord."

WHAT TO AVOID!

Ladies and gentlemen, a sanctified saint of God will avoid evil, give up sinful habits, and all worldly lusts, avoiding these like they are rattlesnakes and diphtheria! ***What's wrong with Christians living a holy life-style, hating even the garment spotted by the flesh?*** The church is full of soothsayers who ridicule sanctified Christians, but beloved, let these phonies and borderline Christians be liars, and let God's Word be true so that you will be justified before God. Cf. Romans 3:3-4. Praise God! "And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; ***hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.*** Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you ***faultless*** before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy." Jude 23-24. Did you hear that? A sanctified Christian will ***perfect*** his life to be blameless [without sinning], and ***faultless*** [without any defects] before the Lord. (Cf. also I Thessalonians 5:23). Beloved, it's Holiness or Hell -- and, be sure to remember this: the result of that wonderful experience in God's grace, Sanctification, is Holiness! ***"For this is the will of God, even your Sanctification!"*** I Thessalonians 4:3.

The End.



THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST

My beloved, the three chapters in this book make up the complete study and understanding about the Holy Ghost, so don't quit reading this book, all three chapters, before making a judgment or opinion. This is an in-depth study of this much-maligned Bible doctrine amidst the phony and counterfeit gifts and experiences chalked up to the Holy Ghost.

Jesus Christ called the Holy Ghost, "the Comforter" -- "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive ... I will not leave you comfortless." John 14:16-18. The following scripture from the mouth of Jesus Christ is the key to this profound revelation: "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly [innermost being] shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: *for the Holy Ghost was not yet given*; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)" John 7:38-39. You see, my beloved, the Spirit of God has always been on earth, but the Holy Ghost did not fall upon God's people until the Day of Pentecost. The Holy Ghost Baptism is the third work of grace that follows being Born-Again, and being Sanctified -- in the life of a true, obedient believer in Christ Jesus.

DON'T DESPISE THIS GIFT

The Holy Ghost Baptism is a gift from the Lord. Acts 2:38-39. The converted Jews, including the apostles of Christ, FIRST received the gift of the Holy Ghost. LATER, while the Apostle Peter preached, "On the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 10:44-46. Consider this unprecedented phenomenon: They heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God, both Jews and Gentiles. Acts 2:4. Don't be afraid of the unknown tongues that accompany the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, even though there are many phonies who mimic both the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues. Another warning: Don't speak against the Holy Ghost because you don't believe it's a valid gift from God, or you don't understand. Jesus warned thusly: "All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men ... *but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him*, neither in this world, neither in the world to come." Matthew 12:31-32. Amen!

CHRIST IN OUR HEARTS

The scriptures reveal that Christ dwells in our hearts by faith. Ephesians 3:17. So, finding the Lord or getting saved is NOT being filled with the Holy Ghost. The disciples of the Lord were saved men and women that were commanded to go to Jerusalem "and tarry until ye be endued with power from on high." As they tarried the scripture declares they were "continually in the temple, praising and blessing God." Luke 24:53. These were genuinely born-again disciples -- sanctified men and women who loved their blessed Lord -- but they needed POWER to carry out the great commission, and they closed down operations UNTIL they received the power they would so desperately need in the days ahead. The early church members were characterized by the power of the Holy Ghost in their lives -- power to do the works of Christ -- and their lives were aflame with this power. And that power -- Holy Ghost power from on high --

made them irresistible in WORD and DEED. The Holy Ghost baptism gave to the believers of the early church irresistible words, irresistible power, irresistible faith, an irresistible mind, and an irresistible nature -- because they were wholly submitted to him. And the power of the Holy Ghost is just as irresistible today in the life of a truly obedient believer of the Lord Jesus Christ.

FILLED WITH DEITY

Being filled with the Holy Ghost is being filled with deity, for He is the third person of the Trinity, empowering the lives of the truly, wholly-yielded believer to do the works of Christ. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." John 14:12. Through fasting and much prayer, Christ's disciples will attain unto "the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ," and also will become "complete in him" [Ephesians 4:13; Colossians 2:10] through the mighty Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

THE HOPE OF EVERY TRUE BELIEVER

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: *And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit*, and they shall prophesy." Acts 2:17-18. The prophecies of the scriptures declare that the end of this age will reach a climax with a spiritual awakening of tremendous proportions, brought about by the prophesied Holy Ghost outpouring. What is this mighty visitation of the Holy Ghost all about? Jesus, before departing the world to return to heaven, gave his followers the following commandment: "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusa-

lem, until ye be endued with POWER from on high." Luke 24:49. Also similar instructions with this commandment are found in Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive POWER, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Oh, that believers could see that the Holy Ghost was sent to give us POWER -- omnipotent and irresistible power over the enemies of our souls -- the flesh, sin, and the devil. ***The best witness for the Lord is not just a loud mouth, but a victorious life over every work of the devil.*** The harvest is ripe, and the laborers are few -- and God is visiting men and women of this generation as never before in all history -- visiting them to bring them into partnership with himself -- giving them irresistible power by the Holy Ghost to help bring the world back into harmony with Himself. "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." James 5:7-8.

THE HOLY GHOST CONVICTS OF SIN

The Holy Ghost IS doing just what Jesus said He would do in John 16:7-14: "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ... ***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. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you." Thus the scripture explains very vividly that the Holy Ghost was sent into the world to convince (or convict) men of their sins, point them to the right paths of God, and warn them of judgment if they reject his direction. He ever leads us to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and to REPENT of our sins. I Corinthians 12:3.

BE STRONG IN THE LORD

God never intended for His people to be slaves to the flesh, the sins of the flesh and to the devil -- but to be free in body, mind and spirit. It is not enough to be "just saved." The scripture commands us to "be strong in the Lord, and in the power of HIS might." Ephesians 6:10. Oh, how the church of today needs God-called, Holy Ghost-anointed men, with a heaven-sent vision, and a red hot message from the Word of God, to be "the voice of one crying in the wilderness" as was John the Baptist, to prepare a people for the coming of the Lord -- men of God, not an echo, but a VOICE! ***The Baptism of the Holy Ghost is not given just to make us happy or to be filled with joy, but to give us power to be laborers in the harvest. The mighty Baptism of the Holy Ghost is not a trickle, but a resistless river of living water within the sanctified believer.*** Jesus indicated the mighty irresistible power of the Spirit when He said it was like a river of living water flowing from the innermost part of the Holy Ghost baptized believer. Think of it, A RIVER! IRRESISTIBLE!

FULL OF FAITH AND POWER

Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil. I John 3:8. Jesus came to set men free from the power of the devil. In the great commission, Jesus commanded His disciples to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." He also commanded His followers who are true believers to "heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils." Matthew 10:8. These things can only be done by men who are "filled with the Holy Ghost" and truly anointed by the Holy Ghost. The apostles and ministers of the early church in the Book of Acts did these works through the mighty power of the Holy Ghost upon them -- and even Philip and Stephen who were deacons, had the same power and anointing. "Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost ... And Stephen, full of faith and POWER did great wonders and miracles among the people." Acts

6:5, 8. The Holy Ghost Baptism will give genuine compassion to the yielded believer and empower him to minister to the poor, the blind, the maimed and the halt that are in the streets and lanes, the highways and byways of life. Jesus commands us to minister to those in desperate need in His name -- those who are maimed and broken not only in body but in their spirits. Great gifts and resources of the Kingdom of God are at our disposal, and we CAN meet the need of those crying for deliverance. For Jesus said, "Freely ye have received, freely give." Matthew 10:8.

WE'RE WITNESSING A TRAGEDY

It is a tragedy to get our eyes upon some weak, stumbling, and lustful professing Christian, claiming to be baptized with the mighty Holy Ghost, and emulate the fruit of their experience. The scripture commands us to "be filled with the Spirit" in Ephesians 5:18, and it takes a valiant and consistent effort to remain filled. There is a counterfeit Holy Ghost which the devil is imposing upon this untoward generation. Thousands are claiming to be filled with the Holy Ghost, and they are NOT filled with the Holy Ghost. You cannot live like the world and be filled with the Holy Ghost. The prophets and the apostles prophesied that there would be "mockers" of the blessed Holy Ghost in these last days who would not have the true Spirit of God. The word "mockers" means "mimickers" or "imitators". "But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be MOCKERS in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, HAVING NOT THE SPIRIT." Jude 17-19. There is a clever counterfeit of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost being received by millions in these last days -- a plot of the devil and hell itself. What are so many receiving in reality, you may say? "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron." I Timothy 4:1-2. Seducing spirits are religious spirits or religious

demons that are mimicking the work of the Holy Ghost -- speaking in tongues, Prophesying, claiming miracles, etc. -- through many who do not obey the Word of God.

Christ's apostle assures us, "And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the ***Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.***" Acts 5:32.

DON'T IGNORE THIS

There are four different reasons the Bible sets forth for the speaking of tongues by the Spirit-filled believer. ***First***, so that we can speak unto God. "***For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.***" I Corinthians 14:2. ***Secondly***, to edify one's own self. "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church." I Corinthians 14:4. ***Thirdly***, tongues are for a sign to unbelievers. "Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe." I Corinthians 14:22. ***Fourthly***, tongues may be given to require an interpretation. "If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; ***and let him speak to himself, and to God.***" I Corinthians 14:27-28.

The Apostle Paul affirms that these directions are commandments of the Lord. Then continuing, "Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues. Let all things be done decently and in order [Bible-directed order]." I Corinthians 14:39-40.

SEEK THE HOLY GHOST -- NOT TONGUES

My friend, seek earnestly to be filled with this irresistible faith and power of the Holy Ghost. Don't seek tongues -- seek to be baptized and filled with the Spirit, and when He comes in, He will speak with other tongues. You will know for yourself; you will not need for someone else to tell you "now you've got it!" "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." II Corinthians 7:1. Clean your life up! ***Seek to be sanctified*** by the blood of Christ. God seeks to use your body as the temple of the Holy Ghost. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." I Corinthians 3:16-17. Now, tarry until you are endued with power from on high, and you will receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and be filled with omnipotent and irresistible power.

A TESTIMONY

While I was a soldier in the U.S. Army during World War II, I had a very unusual experience. I had received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost only a few weeks before I was drafted into the Army, and I was on fire for the Lord. After about two weeks I was called before a panel of officers to answer questions about my "religion." They castigated me terribly, and I began to cry, when the Holy Ghost began to speak to these guys in unknown tongues. This lasted for nearly four hours. Well, they denounced me as being crazy, and sent me to a Chaplain, escorted by a corporal of my company. The Chaplain didn't understand either, and he sent me on further to an Army psychiatrist. And for the life of me, I couldn't quit speaking in tongues though I tried not to. Well, I was ordered to stay in a holding room for his patients thought crazy, for two weeks for his evaluation. I

took tests one after another -- thinking tests, attitude tests, intelligence and emotional tests. After two weeks, the psychiatrist looked across his desk at me and declared: "Private Pringle, you're not crazy now, but you will be in five years if you keep that religion." He didn't know Jesus had given me power, love, and a sound mind." Cf. II Timothy 1:7.

Little did I know it then, but that experience by the Holy Ghost speaking through me for four hours, saved my life. I was declared unfit to be a combat soldier, and I was given the job of being a Mess Sergeant, and by this, the persecution I endured for thirteen months ended. So the Holy Ghost helped me to be a good cook for soldiers in our Army, and I got to witness and pray with many. I wouldn't trade the Baptism of the Holy Ghost God has given to me for anything in this old world. He saved my life! Amen. And I'm no crazier now than I was when I was in the Army.

"If any man think himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. ***But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.*** Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, ***and forbid not to speak with tongues.***" I Corinthians 14:37-39. Amen and amen!