

Spirit-Led Healing (living)

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace,

Who bring glad tidings of good things. (Romans 10:15)

Introduction

Healing is a hot commodity in some Christian circles; it is certainly desired and sought out even by the secular world. There are doctors, natural therapies, psychology, new age and other methods that can produce some form of healing. Christians argue whether healing is relevant or even possible today. For those convinced it is a current possibility, there seems to be as many Christian healing methods/approaches as there are denominations. Some espouse technique, some emphasize authority, others the persons' past and still others confession of the Word. These are only examples and it would entail considerable research to discover them all. What appears to be successful for one may not work for another or so it is claimed. Each one contending for attention, as if the exclusive holder of healing success. They usually all agree that without Jesus none of this is possible.

But why is healing through Jesus the pinnacle of restoration? Because "It is finished"; His last words on the cross. Everything that had separated us from God, He was now paid for and we (as believers) are no longer beholden to sin (which includes disease and death). For we are crucified with Him, and it is no longer we that live, but Christ that lives in us. The Scriptures declare we are co-joined and One with the Father (Romans 8:). We are Jesus' body, His flesh and His bones. (1Cor) We are perfected forever by the one offering Jesus Christ (Hebrews 10:14). By His stripes we were healed (1Peter 2:24). So where does healing fit into all this seemingly incomprehensible truth? He paid for it pure and simple. Once this is accepted and recognised, the next step is to experience healing for ourselves. The specific

method is not the concern of this booklet, the source is...Jesus. He paid for our complete health and wholeness. When we examine the depth of the brutality measured against Him as He was beaten, scourged and whipped, to the point of being humanly unrecognizable, we understand how all disease, illness, anguish, pain and humiliation was borne for us. (Isaiah 53:3-5) This is the basis without which, we would have to bear our own sicknesses, pain, shame, etc.

Although there are general points to consider and learn in healing through Jesus, the most significant point is Who is doing the healing. While Jesus walked amongst men, Emmanuel, He did the healing and then demonstrated this power to His disciples who continued bringing healing/restoration/wholeness in His name. Once Jesus left, the Father sent the Helper, Teacher, Comforter, Spirit of Truth ~ Holy Spirit to release the healing in our own and others' bodies. It is by His power that wholeness is restored. This is the emphasis in this healing approach....HOLY SPIRIT.

Holy Spirit is the least understood of the Triune God. Father and Son are sought after, but Holy Spirit.....He is often maligned as "something" not someone who produces bizarre manifestations. He is rarely sought after in terms of teaching and guidance for which He was given to us. More often than not, He is the invisible Man to the majority of Christians. Without The Spirit of Truth (another name for Him) leading us, we are led by all and sundry. Anyone can claim anything if there is no reference point, and although the Word is most Christians' barometer of what is legitimate or not, interpretations on Scripture has brought brutal divisiveness into the Body of Christ. If Holy Spirit is as He is described in 1 John 2:27, the anointing that

leads us into all truth and we therefore have no need that anyone teach us, perhaps we should consult Him on one part of this "all", healing.

When people are seeking healing, they can be everything from desperate to complacent. Some have become so discouraged, that they would be surprised if they were healed. Others expect it so instantly (and that often does occur), but if there is any lag time, they declare defeat. Holy Spirit and consulting Him leads to permanent healing, for we can never again be deceived into thinking this disease/sickness is from God. Many are warned not to listen to Him, for fear they may be listening to the wrong spirit...so deafness to Him ensues.

By now some will have chosen not to continue reading; will consider this fluff and uncontrolled or even unreliable, but Holy Spirit the abiding presence of the Living God living in us and is always and perfectly reliable.

*"But the anointing which you have
Received from Him abides in you
And you do not need that anyone
Teach you; but as the same anointing
Teaches you concerning all things
And is true, and is not a lie,
Just as it has taught you, you
Will abide in Him" (1John 2:27)*

We tend to seek method over Holy Spirit more for our own comfort that optimum choice. But He in fact is the Spirit of truth and as such

His function is to lead us into all truth as Jesus declared. *All* is the operative word; *all* would include truth in healing. There are four major points that Holy Spirit has shared with me which are critical in understanding and ministering healing.

1. Being settled in the Spiritual fact that there are *no loopholes (condemnations) in grace.* (Romans 8:1-2)
2. Knowing and sharing the Father's heart for themselves and others. (Romans 8:12-13)
3. Knowing their authority over sickness, demons, and death through Jesus Christ. (Romans 8:2, Mark 16:17, Luke 10:19)
4. Knowing the Holy Spirit as a Person whom they commune with and seek guidance from. (John 14:16, 1John 2:27)

This is the list suggested by Holy Spirit. It is vital that our healing approach be based on these criteria. Of course healing success is possible through faith alone as the Scriptures state in 1Cor 13:2; it is not the Lord's optimum choice. He always seeks a more excellent way. And that way is love. When we minister to others, whether they are strangers, friends, or relatives, love is to be our motive; for without it, we are nothing (1Cor 13:2).

Spirit led healing is *all inclusive*...not just addressing a particular part of the anatomy, but can include soul issues, (emotional/mental), also hidden physical issues, prophetic words, words of knowledge, words of wisdom....or whatever Holy Spirit desires to impart. Rather than attempt to control the process, we as co-workers in Him, partner with His leading. This is usually where believers will sigh deeply and consider how in the world that is possible. Well strictly speaking it is impossible in the world, but we are not of the world. Spirit led healing, indicates just that; the Holy Spirit is at the helm. This is not to suggest we are exempt from stepping out and extending ourselves, but Holy Spirit is the guide of where how and when to step; our steps are ordered by Him. This can be controversial as some are concerned, that this implies permission to be a pew-warmer; but when you are surrendered to Holy Spirit that position does not even enter your mind or heart. In actuality, when we are sensitive to Holy Spirit, He will lead you with the compassion

of Jesus to the ground He has prepared. The greater risk is that we miss what He has already prepared, as we will-nilly run the race not heeding to His leading.

If Holy Spirit were given His due and yielded to, all undue pressure to perform, all works to show we are acceptable in God's sight and all need to pressure others would be eliminated. When you become aware that you are so deeply approved of by God that He chose to dwell within you, those voices and pressures are silenced. So in actuality what does it mean to be Spirit led? It must be based on being yielded to Holy Spirit, this implies we trust Him, know His voice and follow His lead. How does such a relationship develop? In time, and not a long time, just takes some time. It is simpler than we have been led to believe, because He indwells us. To assist in the growth of your relationship with Holy Spirit, He has suggested the next section of this booklet be for you and Him alone.....He has told me to make it in form of a journal/diary where you and He can discuss and commune together on how He is teaching, what you are learning and how you and He (as One) are touching others. To be Spirit led should not be only relegated to healing, but our entire lives.

There is no other way to have a relationship with someone, other than to relate. No matter how many books we may read on marriage, nothing is a substitute for having one and relating to our spouse. It is the same with Holy Spirit; there is no substitute for being with Him. So the adventure begins.....

My prayer for every believer reading this and even those that never do.

Heavenly Father, you gave us Jesus and His Cross, and you then sent Your Spirit to dwell within us. What a privilege to be made One with You. As they journal with you and walk in Your presence fill them Holy Spirit with a tangible, undeniable knowing You, in them all the days of their life in Jesus name! Hallelujah!

***At the end of the booklet are several articles He inspired me to write about Him, to enhance our understanding of Who this God is Who lives within us.

When you are going through this process do not let the enemy hijack you and distract you from the task at hand. Only one day at a time (don't look ahead to the next day's task) and do not let the enemy thwart you or discourage you. This is between you and the Living God, living in you. Just keep walking with Him; He leads, you follow.

Dare to Be Spirit Led

Intro ~

Since this may be a new experience for you, get introduced. This is His introduction. After reading, write your introduction to Him.

- I AM a person.
- I am the presence of God on earth
- I am not confined
- I celebrate your victories with you
- I am not afraid to see/share your pain, for I am your Comforter
- I bring newness of life
- The dead to live
- I am not containable
- I am searchable for those who want to find
- I am not afraid or discouraged by your weakness or flaws
- I open doors you never knew were there
- I guide you even when you ignore Me (when you do ignore Me, we both miss the miracles and loved planned for you and others)
- I laugh with you and sometimes at you, but never at your expense
- I will always listen, never condemn and always be with you
- Your heart is my mission
- I never leave anything unfinished
- The truth I lead you into is LOVE

So, in conclusion, if you ever desire to know Me, simply ask for My Presence to come upon you and be awakened within you and I will show you, great and mighty wonders you know not of.

P.S. Daddy (Abba) says, hi!

Now it is your turn...

After introducing yourself (and don't think this is silly, He is listening because if you are born again, He is the indwelling Spirit). Re-read what you have said aloud to Him. He may smile (you may feel this), or He may give you a word, or encouragement. If you do not hear His voice at this time, remember it is only day 1.

Dare 1 ~ Just Ask (John 14:16-17, John 16:14, Romans 14:17)

Simply ask for Him to bring His presence upon you and awaken His presence within you. Then wait and let yourself sense Him...remember, no effort. You cannot make yourself 'feel' Him, you can only make yourself open. After a few minutes, write down what you sensed, don't judge it or think about all the things others have said about Him. Just write what He gave you personally. Choose a place you love being, because if you love it so will He; your special spot. If you do not have a special spot, ask Him where He would like to be with you.

Dare 2 ~ Open Discussion (John 14:26)

Again take yourself with Holy Spirit to your special spot, and ask Him to teach you something that is very important to you. This usually will be a series of revelations and lessons over a period of time. One of the most foundational questions we can ask Him is what it means that you were crucified with Christ, dead and buried and risen with Him. Without the Cross there is no Oneness with the Father. Ask Holy Spirit to explain this truth. You will never be the same. Write down anything He may have said initially and then continue to write down impressions, Scriptures, words, revelation that He gives over the course of time.

Dare 3 ~ Believe He is a Person (1John 2:27, John 14:16)

Begin to talk with and consider Him a person, not just a thing or force, or power. Ask Him anything that you desire to learn about and even for practical issues like how do I teach my child about you Lord? What do I say to my husband about our finances? How can I get my wife to understand the plans I have? Anything and everything He is an expert at....because He teaches us concerning **all things**. Write what He shared and taught you about any questions you asked Him.

Dare 4 ~ Serving Others (Psalm 37:23, Gal.5:25, John 15:12)

Holy Spirit leads us into all truth including who He has prepared to receive Him. You can simply ask as you begin your day, "Holy Spirit lead me to those who will receive Your power and healing and grace, and lead them to me, in Jesus name." This may mean a neighbor stops by and ends up crying at the kitchen table and you pray for them and lead them to salvation; or it may mean as you are grocery shopping or filling the tank with gas/fuel someone is limping and you simply ask them what has happened and after you chat you ask to pray and lay hands on them. He will guide you, your job is to listen. By the way, listening is not simply hearing in sentences a specific instruction; it is impressions about someone you notice, a picture, or a light around/above them or a word. He will communicate with you individually as to what suits your make-up and learning style. Sometimes He just surprises you and puts you in a place you didn't even expect ministering would occur. Write about whoever He led you to and share how He ministered to them with you. If you did not minister specifically to anyone share what impressions He gave you.

Dare 5 ~ Just be Yourself : He Knows You Anyway (Matt. 10:30, Matt. 5:8, John 16:13, John 15:7)

Some suggest that in order to commune with Holy Spirit we must be still and quiet and listen. This often degrades into Eastern-style meditation. How would you relate to your husband or wife or children or friends? Would you close your eyes and think what you want to speak to them or try to quiet what you have on your mind while they sat in front of you? Very unlikely. Holy Spirit is a Person. So to commune with Him successfully, it probably would be best to be yourself, tell Him what is on your mind and heart and share genuinely. After you finish, you will naturally quiet down because you have shared what you want to and then it is His turn. Sometimes He will interrupt to laugh at you (in a friendly way), or share His impressions on the matter, sometime He will wait and let you finish. He may even scold you; but if He does it is a chastening done in love, not condemnation. So today, be *yourself*, with Holy Spirit and go to that special spot, and *meditate* which in Hebrew actually means *to speak, complain, pray, commune and declare*. Yes, you have permission to complain (and no lightning strikes will be administered). Of course as we quiet down from sharing our hearts, His presence and voice is far more easily heard. So complain and pray and declare away; then write down anything He shared with you or how it felt to complain, declare, speak, pray, commune.

Dare 6 ~ To Know Him (Eph. 3:19)

In Ephesians 3:19 Paul writes: " ...to *know* the love of Christ that passes knowledge; that you may be filled with *all* the fullness of God." That word 'know' in Greek, means experiential knowing, intimate knowing as a husband and wife know each other as one. This is how we are to know God, this is why in Matthew 7:21, Jesus admonishes those that claim their reward because what they have done and He responds by telling them, he never knew them. Same "know" as in Ephesians. So knowing Him is paramount as far as His heart is concerned. And what does this knowing lead to? Being filled with *all* the fullness of God. There is no better prize. Today, ask Holy Spirit to teach how to know the love of Christ. Let Him show you in word or impression or feeling or picture, etc. Even ask Him to bring His presence upon you and awaken His presence within you in Jesus name. This is an ongoing relationship and we develop it daily. Write down what you received.

Dare 7 ~ Ask Holy Spirit {fellowship} 1Cor.13:14

Ask Him for what you really want in your relationship with God. Tell Him how you want it to be between you and Him. In detail.

After you have shared with Him, allow Him to share with you, His ideal of your relationship. You may find they have more in common than you think. Trust Him to speak to and through you. Write down what He has shared, even if you hear only a word.

Dare 9 ~ Romance and Love (Rom. 5:5, Psalm 136, Rom. 8:38)

Holy Spirit is a hopeful romantic. He inspired the poetry of the Psalms and Song of Solomon. The Bible can be viewed as an instruction book or a love letter; it is in the eye of the beholder. One thing is for certain in His eyes you are worthy enough to sacrifice His only begotten Son, Jesus. Ask Holy Spirit how He sees you. He was willing to dwell in you, from the inside out, and sees everything (Omniscience tends to prevent secrets), including the things you are trying to hide. Since nothing separates us from the love of God, He can only see us through the eyes of Love. Let Him tell you what He thinks of the Bride of Christ (of which you are). Write down any impressions, thoughts, words He may have given you.

Dare 10 ~ Help in Conflict (1John2:27)

Holy Spirit is an expert at all things, since He teaches us concerning all things. Conflict is an area we usually attempt to avoid, but as a Christian (let alone as a human being) we are promised it. As soon as we are born again, we have set a dividing line between us and the world. This will undoubtedly lead to conflicts; whether in family, work or just in general. Consider any current conflict in your life and ask Holy Spirit how to resolve it. Seek His help, for He is the Helper. It is not our job to figure everything out; it is our job to rely on the One who made us. You may receive an immediate solution (including a Scripture, picture or word/impression) or He may resolve it in real time. Simply invite Him into the situation and watch with wonder the Holy Spirit work all things together for the good of those who love Him (you). Write down any immediate response.

Dare 11 ~ Holy Spirit as Comforter (John 15:26)

There is a reason He is sent in the capacity as Comforter. Thus accommodation is for our benefit when we are faced with painful situations. Consider an uncomfortable situation. Invite Holy Spirit to comfort you about this (your emotions and thoughts). Since Holy Spirit can be very subtle in His approach, you may just notice over time (usually brief) that what was causing you discomfort, no longer disturbs you. Take the day to consider any difference you notice about the discomfort being lifted and write down your experience.

Dare 12 ~ Pay Attention (Acts 19:9-17)

Ask Holy Spirit to help you pay attention. Today write a list (notes) on anything that suggested Holy Spirit's presence; whether a thought, impression, a drawing, word, Scripture, vision, etc. At the end of the day consider how Holy Spirit spoke/communicated to you. He speaks in a variety of ways; sometimes He even gets loud!

Dare 13 ~ Holy Spirit's Will (1Cor. 12:11)

He has a will. When our desires, (for instance for spiritual gifts) are shared with Him, His will is engaged. He is not a pick and choose type of God, "duck, duck, goose." This one gets a prize and this one does without. He has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus. We seek and then find, we knock and the door is opened, we ask and then receive. So ask, seek and knock. Write what spiritual gift or gifts you desire and why (motivation). Be honest; our hearts determine His will in these matters.

Dare 14 ~ His Wisdom {not ours}

(Isa. 11:2, Pro. 2:6, Jn 14:26, James 1:5, 1Cor. 1:26, 1Cor. 2:13)

Proverbs is filled with admonition and advice about His wisdom. Holy Spirit is the source of wisdom, the Spirit of Truth, Himself. Our wisdom is foolishness to God, with this in mind, deferring to Holy Spirit the One who is the source of wisdom living in us, in all situations seems wise. Ask Him to give you wisdom in a situation where it seems to be lacking. Just talk to Him about it and then let Him share His wisdom. Don't expect that this wisdom comes necessarily as a linear thought or in a particular way. He sometimes just fluidly thinks with us, for we are one with Him. Write what He shared.

Dare 15 ~ Don't Resist (1Cor.2:10-12, Acts 21:4 Acts 21:11)

As you spend time with Holy Spirit, you will notice and sense His presence. He is a person and has a sense of humour, especially as it pertains to you. He finds us funny, at times even entertaining. He knows everything about you, even what you don't want Him to know. He will remind you of instructions He has formerly given if you don't heed the first time. He tends to be relentless, so yielding is the most sensible choice. Think of a time you resisted His instructions (no condemnation here; remember there is none in Christ Jesus). Or if you can't remember ask Him to remind you and discuss openly why you resisted. Tell Him whether you are willing to submit now or not. It is a choice not a dictatorship. Write down what you resisted, why and what you plan to do.

Dare 16 ~ Grieving Holy Spirit (Gen. 6:6, Isa. 63:10, Eph. 4:29-32,)

Holy Spirit can be grieved. We have all heard this comment and usually have become worried by instructions from others that our behavior or choices are grieving Him; we often expect punishment as a result. But punishment was taken by our dear Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. And chastening of His son's is not punishment but correction. Grieving refers to making one sad. How do we bring sadness to Holy Spirit? How do we bring sadness to others? If we hold to bitterness, anger, strife, slander, it effects Holy Spirit, because He lives in us. He is not an unfeeling automaton. He is the same Spirit that not only rose Jesus from the dead but created all life, is the source of wisdom and miraculous power, and all Truth. So if we are in strife or hatred this effects how we see and interact and also effects how He flows through us. Not that it effects His righteousness, anymore than it effects ours for are redeemed by the blood of the Lamb (the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus). But it effects our attitude, outlook and interactions; it effects our relationship with Him. We are not to be vigilant, alert , concerned with every move we make and try to discern whether it grieved Him or not. We are to bring the things that have upset us, even injustice done to us, those things that disturb us to Holy Spirit (our Comforter/Helper), not bear them upon our own shoulders. This is what causes the bitterness to take up residence, the anger to turn to malice and hurt turn to unforgiveness. When forgiveness is impossible for us, we can ask Holy Spirit to forgive the violation through us for we have Christ in us, the One who forgave all in all.

What is the greatest grief (sadness) we can produce in Holy Spirit? Being thoroughly ignored, denied as being a part of our lives, avoided for fear of seduction. Not that He sulks somewhere because of our ignorance, but we are His

temple. A temple ,that knows not its purpose, power and what it contains, unused---
--a waste. In the *Greek* grieving means to make sad or bring sorrow. How amazing
to consider God in us could be made sad by our choices and attitudes. That is
intimacy. For He so loved us that He gave (not just sent), gave Jesus. Ask Him how
you may have grieved Him (if you already know share openly with Him). He does not
hold this against you and this is not to stir up guilt. This is to help you realize
that's how much He cares for you, that you could even make Him sad. Write down
your and His responses.

Dare 17 ~ Trust (1John3:24, Romans 8:16, 1John2:20, 1John 4:2)

Trusting Holy Spirit is a process, not because of His character but often because what we have been warned to believe. He is not an uncontrolled, wispy spirit who encourages outrageous or strange manifestation. He is a Person, Holy Spirit. Many have forewarned the Church to have nothing to do with Him other than hope He illuminates Scripture during Bible study...we are warned not to talk with Him, for fear we may be speaking to a seducing spirit, but He abides in us and the Spirit signifies that we are sons of God. We are instructed to test every spirit, (and the test is very clear cut and simple in 1John 4:2, but we are not to avoid Holy Spirit. He spoke to Paul and the other apostles and not just regarding what to include in the Scriptures but for their personal safety, direction and circumstances. Holy Spirit is still alive today, in us. He can and will directs us if He is invited. Trust develops as you become familiar with Him. Think of how trust grows in any relationship. Being honest and open is the foundation for trust. This includes being honest and open with Holy Spirit. We often avoid what is uncomfortable (openness), but remember He is our Comforter; so He will attend to that as you share. Tell Him your dreams, hopes, visions, even disappointments as you would with a dear friend. He always listens, because He is in you, One. Write down anything in particular that you shared and that helped build trust with Him.

Dare 18 ~ Fear of the Lord (Psalm 25:12, Psalm 34:4,7,11, Psalm 19:9)

Holy Spirit lives within us, but that is not His only place of residence. He existed for eternity, omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent. He is the power of God; the Person of that power, Holy Spirit. As we grow intimate, there is also a balance necessary, not to turn Him into a *cute teddy bear, a little buddy or gushy guy*. That would be similar to squishing a nuclear arsenal and stroking the warheads. Our intimacy with Holy Spirit is through awe, wonder and the Love of the Father that sent Him, not patronising familiarity. The fear He mentions in Scriptures leads to our protection; that is the extent of His love. Ask Him to teach you what it means to have the fear of the Lord. If He reveals it throughout the day write down those revelations.

Dare 19 ~ Honor the Spirit (1Cor 2:13-14, Jn 16:8)

Holy Spirit is not a toy, nor puppy dog following behind us "confirming the WORD" , nor a machine. Some have relegated Him to a position of their personal "power-pack", on-tap at any given moment. He is God in us, One with us. We are containers, vessels of His very presence/power and temples of His Spirit. This is to be regarded with the utmost honor, not flippantly brag about or demean. Ask Holy Spirit how to honor Him. He may give very simple answers (e.g. "Listen to what I say.") Write down what He shares with you.

Dare 20 ~ His Voice (Isa. 6:8, Isa. 30:21, Jn 14:16, Jn 16:13, Acts 13:2-4, 1 Cor.2:14-15, 1Cor.12:13)

How do we recognize His voice as distinct from other spirits and teachings. We are told He will never contradict the Scriptures and of course this is true. Often Scriptures are twisted to prove we are not to listen to Holy Spirit under the guise that we are to only listen to His Son. Well, who prayed for Him to take His place? Who sent Him in Jesus' stead. We need to rightly divide the Word. How do we rightly divide the Word? By the Spirit of Truth. Who is the Spirit of Truth? Holy Spirit. They work in unity, never apart...the letter kills but the Spirit adds life. The Spirit always confirms the Word. We have straight-jacketed Him by the very Word of God, He inspired. To assume that it is too dangerous to speak to Him and listen to His responses, for fear we may be seduced, leaves us vulnerable to spiritual seduction, because without the Spirit of Truth who are we listening to? Ask Him to teach you to recognize His voice. His speaking to people hasn't finished with the prophets of the Old Testament nor the apostles of the New Testament. He abides in us forever.

Dare 21 ~ Take Him off the Leash (IJohn2:27, Rom. 14:17, Rom.15:13 1Cor.2:13)

This is the final dare. Take Him off the leash, out of the locked up traditional box that has grown around Him. He will not lead you into lunacy nor licentiousness. He will lead you into all truth. Just declare aloud: "Holy Spirit I take You off the leash in Jesus name and let You have free reign in my life, for You are the Spirit of truth and I will trust You." If after praying this, He speaks to you or gives you a thought, understanding, picture, etc. write it down. If not just know you have unleashed the power of the Living God is you to be free to reign in your life through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Annex

Holy Spirit

Attributes and Actions:

- Eternal Heb 9:14
- Omnipresent Psalm 139:7-13
- Omniscient 1 Cor. 2:10
- Omnipotent Luke 1:35, Rom. 15:13, 19

The Spirit of glory and of God 1 Peter 4:14

Author of the new birth Jn 3:5-6, 1Jn 5:4

Inspiring Scripture 2Tim 3:16, 2Pet. 1:21

The Source of wisdom Isaiah 11:2, Jn 14:26, 16:13, 1Cor12:8

Source of miraculous power Mt 12:28, Lk 11:20, Acts 19:11, Rom.15:19

Appointing and Sending ministers Acts 13:2,4 Mt. 9:38, Acts 20:28

Directing where the Gospel should be preached Acts 16:6,7,10

Dwelling in saints Jn 14:17, 1Cor14:25,3:16, 1Cor.6:19

Comforter of the Church Acts 9:31, 2Cor1:3

Sanctifying Church Ezek 37:28, Rom. 15:16

The Witness, Heb 10:15, 1John:5-9

Convicting unbelievers of sin, believers of righteousness and the devil of judgement John 16:8-11

He creates and gives life Job 33:4

He appoints and commissions His servants Isa. 48:16, Acts 13:2, 20-28

He directs where to preach Acts 8:9, 10:19-20

He does not permit Paul to go Acts 16:6-7

He instructs Paul what to preach 1Cor 2:13

He spoke to and by the prophets Acts 1:16, 1Pet.1:11, 2Pet1:21

He strives with sinners, Gen.6:3; can be grieved Isa. 63:10, teaches Jn 14:26

Guides John 16:8

Glorifies Christ John 16:13

Can be tested Jn 16:14

Can be resisted Acts 5:9

Helps in our weaknesses, Acts 9:31

Searches all things 8:26

Sanctifies Rom. 11:33-34, 1Cor 2:10-11

Directs the decisions of the Church Acts 15:28

Works according to His own will Rom. 15:16, 1Cor. 6:11

As a gift:

Proceeds from the Father Jn 15:26

Sent by Christ from the Father 15:25, 16:7

Edifies the Church Acts 9:31

A guarantee of the inheritance of the saints 2Cor 1:22, 5:5, Eph. 1:14

Given for instruction Jn 20:22

Being Led by the Spirit is Not For Wimps

Although, being led by the Spirit has become synonymous with an excuse for Christian complacency or cowardice, genuine Spiritual leading, could not be further from the truth. Why? Simply, because it means being totally surrendered to the Living God living in us...Holy Spirit. And if we make a mistake, when we think we hear His voice or leading, His grace is sufficient. That is good news. In the Book of Acts and many of the letters of Paul the Holy Spirit was acknowledged in leading, directing and correcting. No one was ashamed to call on, or inquire of Him. He even inspired the writing that we read today as the New Testament. Unfortunately the Bible has become a substitute for Him rather than an expression of His will and wisdom. Being Spirit led has been relegated to some obscure corner of Christendom, for those on the edge or unreliable or flaky. In reality being led by His Spirit is the sanest choice we can make. The difficulty for most Christians is they don't know how. They are ignorant of His Presence, voice, attributes and leanings. They have never been taught. Most likely they have been instructed to never follow the voice that calls to them and leaves a sense or impression, because who knows it could be the voice of the devil...Interestingly, who might be telling you such a bunch of codswollip (a.k.a. garbage)..Yes the one who only lies, satan. The devil warns you not to trust the Holy Spirit because you might just be tuning into the wrong frequency and find his voice instead. Such a warning is usually enough to terrify any good Bible-believing, believer into tuning out, not in, to the Spirit of God.

In the book of Acts the apostles were not timid or ignorant in relating to Holy Spirit, that is how Pentecost came about, how they chose the replacement for Judas, how Philip was transported to the Ethiopian eunuch, Paul given restored sight by Ananias and how Peter was instructed to minister to the gentiles (Cornelius' entire household coming to Christ). So who is this Spirit that we have been taught to ignore at our peril?

- One thing He is not is jr. God
- He is omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent (Psalm 139:7-13, 1Cor 2:10, Lk 1:35), Romans 15:13, 19)
- He creates and gives life (Job 33:4)
- He selects ministers/ guides teaching (Acts 13:2,4) (Acts 20:28), (Mt.9:38) (1Cor 2:13)
- He leads all believers into all truth (Jn 16:13)
- He is our Helper (Jn 14:26)
- He is our Comforter (Jn 15:26)
- He is the Spirit of Truth (Jn 16:13)
- He can be resisted (Acts 7:51)
- He can be grieved (Isaiah 63:10)
- He has a will (1Cor 12:11)
- Acts as the Spirit of Wisdom (Isaiah 11:2, 40:13-14)
- He convicts (believers of righteousness)/unbelievers of sin (Jn 16:8)
- He guides where to preach and to whom (Acts 8:29, 10:19,20 16:6-7)
- He was sent by Christ from the Father (Jn 15:26)

- He dwell in us forever (Jn 14:16) therefore He will never leave us nor forsake us

The preceding list of His attributes and abilities is only partial. If indeed, Holy Spirit is the One whom proceeded from Father and came in Jesus' stead, might it not be wise to consider becoming at least acquainted with Him at least and at best intimate. Being Led by Holy Spirit means we have to admit, everything is not all in our control and that the Father is still on the throne; that takes courage not cowardice to admit.

If we ask Holy Spirit to teach us about Himself, He will gladly accommodate. He leads us into all truth and He cannot lie, and that includes everything about Himself. (1John 2:27)

Fullness in God

If we deny a living relationship with Holy Spirit, we will live as orphans...still pleading with God for understanding, closeness and unity ("Father do you hear me type of scenario"). Not realizing it is impossible for Him not to hear as His very Spirit lives in us....the fullness of God. As believers we are not to camp on one aspect of God (Elohim)...e.g. His grace, His forgiveness, His peace, His authority, His healing/miracles, His power; this eventuates into factions, tribes, cliques, which of course evolves into division. He sent Jesus to give us fullness in Him; full forgiveness, full perfection, full power, full righteousness, etc. FULLNESS How do we experience this fullness? "Just repeat this Scripture, 3 times a day 'I am the Righteousness of God in Christ Jesus' and call me in the morning" No! The Spirit adds life to the Word and without relationship with Him we might as well be practicing positive mental attitude (affirmations).

The truth is we ourselves are infused with His fullness through the indwelling Spirit. It is a nearly unbelievable reality, but nonetheless, true. We must refuse to be ashamed of our relationship with Holy Spirit; refuse to be swayed from growing closer and refuse to run from the One who has all the answers. Holy Spirit is the union that Jesus bought on the Cross. If we are ashamed of Holy Spirit and attempt to limit His role in ourselves or others, we are then ashamed of the blood and the cross....Life with God, union with Him did not stop at the Cross it began there, and relationship with Holy Spirit brings us the fullness of God. We cannot control the Holy Spirit with intellect nor reasoning for how does one decipher the Omnipotent, Omnipresent, and Omniscient with human wisdom? It is the Love of the Father that sends us Holy Spirit to indwell and empower, to be in us forever...not just when required at a Bible study or song leading, but every moment of everyday, His attention is ours.

Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, as if we are the Tabernacle of meeting in the desert, wherein the Holy of Holies was filled with His glory. There is no separation in Him. From the I AM of Moses to the Fire of Pentecost, ALL ONE. Although Elohim (Father, Son , Holy Spirit) is 3 Persons, He is not separate from Himself; only at the Cross did separation ever occur when Jesus became our sin personified.; that revelation caused

me to fall in Love with this God of the Universe as I knew I no longer needed to seek God I had found Him; for who else what have separated Himself from Himself for me? When someone is offended and accuses another of having too much emphasis on Holy Spirit, it is the same as the Pharisees being offended when Jesus said I AM. He abides in me and I abide in Him. We are One...never orphans...We need only ask Holy Spirit to teach us anything and all things and He will more than accommodate...He is living, real and a Person waiting for us.....

What's so bad about Holy Ghost (Spirit)?

Once we commune with and know Him, listen and allow Him to lead us into all truth, no one can trick us and that ruins the enemy's schemes for life!

The Holy Spirit is a gift from the Father, so should we not accept this gift.....? The Father only gives good gifts. Why is Holy Spirit, who preceded from the Father the one gift that is mistrusted the most in Christendom? Is HE not worthy of being trusted? Did not the early Church trust Him with their lives, their direction, and their very words? Why is He in modern Christianity viewed with suspicion? One very likely possibility is that if believers have a genuine relationship with Holy Spirit, then others cannot control them. Some are so offended by teachings that enable and equip believers to have relationship with Him, it becomes a rigid doctrinal position, that we must not glorify Him or focus too much on Him. Perhaps it isn't that they are worried He is being glorified, but they are worried they will no longer be glorified by those they teach, have authority over or control. Although, this is a harsh statement and it grieves my heart to speak it, why else such resistance to Holy Spirit actually being engaged as the abiding presence in every area of our lives?

I have been told relying on Holy Spirit will put you at risk of seducing spirits and maybe you are not hearing from Holy Ghost at all. Reading only the Word of God and never communing with the Spirit to illuminate the Word will lead to the same scenario. How do we rightly divide the Word? Answer: By the Spirit of Truth. Who is the Spirit of Truth? Answer: Holy Spirit. They work in unity, never apart...the letter kills but the Spirit adds life. If someone is that concerned about being deceived, they can ask for the gift of discernment and who gives that gift, yes Holy Spirit...if we are going to be suspicious of Him in one area well how can we trust Him in any. He gives the nine spiritual gifts, we could just as easily suspect those...is this really the gift of healing, we could imagine it to be a counterfeit. This leads to an endless trail of suspicion and doubt/worry...or we can simply trust the Spirit of the Living God and know we are covered by His grace when we mistake His voice or His direction. But to assume that it is too dangerous to speak avidly of Him and to Him and defer to Him, for fear we may be seduced leaves us vulnerable to spiritual seduction, because without the Spirit of Truth who are we listening to? He is not someone to use Scripture to avoid(e.g. "well Holy Spirit is only allowed to point to Jesus and He only brings to remembrance what Jesus said"wait a minute, it does not say 'only' (only is implied). He does far more than only. Holy Spirit wakes us up in the night and gives us spiritual gifts, or calls us to pray for someone in distress, He reveals prophesy for others and Words of Wisdom/Knowledge and more than that HE communes when you are quiet in the middle of the night reminding you how precious you are to the Father and how loved you are or He may even drench you with His presence....so many, many benefits Holy Spirit offers. He chose ministers and directed Apostles, what to preach and where....does He not do the same today? He sanctifies us, Comforts us, Helps us and often laughs with us and at us. If fear that will be deceived by other spirits is a concern isn't the most reasonable option, to become intimate with the Holy Spirit, as that will prevent any successful deception. Relegating Him to the "he only points to Jesus so don't worry about Him" mode has cheated the Body of Christ of the Living truth, living in them..It's time to set the captives free, including Holy Spirit!

Holy Ghost we loose you from the bondage of human limitation and let you have free reign for His kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

Holy Spirit, the devil's Arch Enemy

It seems there is a devilish campaign to discourage us, even frighten us from communing with Holy Spirit, as if we may step too far to the right or left and fall head-long into the ditch of Holy Spirit glorifying. Well, I love Him, Holy Spirit, unashamedly for He teaches me all truth, comforts my haggard heart and reminds me of my righteousness in Christ Jesus. He was sent in Christ Jesus' stead (John 14) to bring our union with God Almighty into reality day to day. The enemy hates our relationship with Him because it keeps us in TRUTH and that is the greatest weapon against him, TRUTH...since he is a liar and the father of it, the devil may try to convince you that you are glorifying the Holy Spirit and need to behave yourself...You can hear it can't you...?

The devil: "What's all this talk about what He does and how He comforts and teaches and counsels and leads you into truth and how good He is...remember now He is only there to glorify Jesus, so looks like you are out of line...."(snickering with condemnation)

But they (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) are ONE and when I speak to One, or sing praises to One, or talk about One...or share with One, each ONE is lifted up and each One hears and each One partakes...as ONE ~ Elohim! Destroying union with Him is something paramount in the mind and strategy of Satan. How do we respond? Let's just admit it; we can't figure Him (Elohim) out and leave it at that...and revel in what He bought for us with the precious blood of Jesus, instead of arguing about what He did or did not do, or how to behave, or what translation of His word to read....while missing the Living Word living in us...Holy Spirit...abiding in us forever Jesus said...that is a long, long time...

Like a child the other day, I admitted I really could not grasp this 3 in One identity of God. But I told Him I loved all three, just sometimes I seemed to be more inclined to commune with one than the other...His response: "When you touch One, you have touched All"...well that will bring tears. We can determine to come to Him as a little child and stop all the intellectualism... (something I had to surrender when I first came to Christ...no need to re-introduce it now). Are we so arrogant to think when our wisdom is foolishness to Him, that we can actually dissect God? Pontificating may stir up man's approval, but not His. Did Jesus not say if we do not come as a little children we would not enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 18:3), and then of course the kingdom is within and who lives within, Holy Spirit.

After all He is called a Helper, Counselor, Comforter....how can He help, counsel or comfort if we never spend time with Him, talk with Him, or commune with Him? What does this communion produce? Greater closeness with God the Father, and Jesus the Son. Holy Spirit doesn't require and refuses to be glorified, but I can love Him, delight in Him and share the exploits He and I partake in while we heal, restore and equip others.

Communing with, knowing and learning about the Holy Spirit is not glorifying Him instead of Jesus...for Jesus sent Him in His place, therefore Jesus must have expected and desired us to relate to Holy Spirit. The test Jesus has set "He shall glorify me" (in referring to Holy Spirit) is to guard us so that we are not turned with every wind of doctrine, or charismatic leader or movement. Whatsoever does not glorify Jesus, is not to be adhered to; it is as simple as that. We ourselves cannot glorify Jesus Christ without the Holy Spirit. So as always satan attempts to divide and conquer. As if they are separate and Jesus is watching Holy Spirit to make sure He isn't glorifying Himself...they are inseparable and that is the subtle lie that is implied by satan in this taunt, "Don't glorify Him." And why would satan taunt us in such a way reminding us, finger-pointing style not to glorify the Holy Spirit? Because without the Holy Spirit we cannot glorify Jesus Christ....that's the real game going on and let us not be ignorant of his devices.

Glory (utukufu), Lord that You sent Jesus, who You glorified that He may Glorify You Father and that You sent us Holy Spirit to abide forever within us that we may become a glory unto You...Christ in us the hope of glory!

Bwana Asifiwe (Praise the Lord)

