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❖ The Person of the Holy Spirit.

■ He is a real person.

- The Holy Spirit is not a force, a thing, or an "it".
- The bible refers to him as "He".

♥ **John 16:13**, 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 show you things to come.

Summary: The body of a man is not the real man (the essence); the spirit of a man is the real man. The body is a covering (an earth suit) that you must have to live on planet earth. The devil is a spirit and does not have a body. God set it up that way for planet earth so that the devil could never have complete possession of the earth or mankind, since he doesn't have a body. Jesus does have a body so He has a legal way back into the earth for His soon return. God wants your body to indwell and to express Himself on the earth. You are God's dwelling place!

- The Holy Spirit is omnipresent, has an intellect and knows all things.

♥ **1 Corinthians 2:11**, Even so the things of God knows no man, but the Spirit of God.

- The Holy Spirit can comprehend and communicate.
 - ♥ **1 Corinthians 2:10**, But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searches all things, yea, the deep things of God.
 - ♥ **Hebrews 3:7**, Wherefore as the Holy Ghost says, today if you will hear his voice.
 - ♥ **Acts 13:2**, As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

- The Holy Spirit can hear and speak.

- ♥ **John 16:13**, 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 show you things to come.

- The Holy Spirit has emotions.

- ♥ **Ephesians 4:30**, And grieve not the Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

- The Holy Spirit has a will.

- ♥ **Acts 16:6**, Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia.

- The Holy Spirit loves.

- ♥ **Romans 15:30**, Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;

○ *Example: The Holy Sprit is referred to as a dove in scripture. Doves are well known for their love, fidelity and gentleness, thus the nickname “lovebirds”.*

● Holy Spirit teaches, convicts, guides, leads, testifies, warns, comforts, directs and prays, which only a real person can do.

♥ **John 16:8, John 14:26, John 15:26, John 16:13 and Romans 8:26,27.**

○ *Example: You can only lead someone who wants to follow or teach someone who wants to learn. If you desire aid or comfort you must let down your defenses and allow for intimacy with Holy Spirit. You will find it hard to receive from Him without an attitude of humility and willing obedience.*

■ **The Holy Spirit has an integral place with God in all things, from the very beginning of Genesis to the end of Revelation.**

● He is in the beginning with God.

♥ **Genesis 1:1,2**, In the beginning God... Verse 2, and the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

● He is seen in creation and in the making of man.

♥ **Genesis 1:26**, Let us make man in our image.

● He is seen in the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus.

✓ Jesus' birth

♥ **Matthew 1:20** But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

✓ Jesus' ministry

♥ **Luke 4:1** And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

✓ Jesus' death

♥ **Hebrews 9:14** How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot

to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

✓ Jesus' resurrection

♥ **Ephesians 1:19-20** And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

✓ Jesus' ascension

♥ **Ephesians 1:20,21**, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world but also in that which is to come.

✓ Jesus' return

♥ **Revelations 22:17**, The Spirit and bride say, Come.

● He is the third member of the Trinity. God is one God, but there are three distinct persons that make up the Godhead. They are equal yet separate.

♥ **Deuteronomy 6:4**, Hear, O Israel: The LORD (Yahovah which means one, or I am that I am) our God (elohiym which means plural not singular God) is one LORD (Yahovah, one God).

Summary: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are distinct individuals that together comprise the Trinity in complete unity. "Trinity" is "tri" meaning three and "unity" meaning one. A simple math equation illustrates this, $1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$. Another illustration is the formula H_2O which is water, ice, and steam (all different forms of the same substance, but all are H_2O). God is triune, yet He is ONE God.

❖ Holy Spirit Seal.

■ You cannot get born again without the Holy Spirit.

● You are born again BY THE SPIRIT.

♥ **John 3:5-7** (Contemporary English Version), Jesus answered: I tell you for certain that before you can get into God's kingdom, you must be born not only by water, but by the Spirit. Only God's Spirit gives new life.

♥ **Ephesians 1:13** (New Century Version), When you heard the true teaching—the Good News about your salvation you believed in Christ. And in Christ, God put his special mark of ownership on you by giving you the Holy Spirit that he had promised.

♥ **Romans 8:9,16** (Contemporary English Version), You are no longer ruled by your desires, but by God's Spirit, who lives in you. People who don't have the Spirit of Christ in them don't belong to him. 16) The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

● You cannot be a son of God without the same DNA as God, which is the same Holy Spirit.

♥ **Galatians 4:6** (Amplified Bible), And because you [really] are [His] sons, God has sent the Holy Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba (Father).

- You cannot be a temple of God without the Spirit of God dwelling in you.

♥ **1 Corinthians 3:16**, Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

■ The Holy Spirit comes into you at the moment of salvation, not when you are filled.

- When you are born again you receive the Holy Spirit. It is not when you are filled with the Spirit that the Holy Spirit comes in.

♥ **2 Corinthians 1:22**, Who has sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

♥ **Titus 3:5** (New Life Version), It was not because we worked to be right with God. It was because of His loving-kindness that He washed our sins away. At the same time He gave us new life when the Holy Spirit came into our lives.

♥ **1 John 4:13**, Hereby we know that we dwell in Him and He in us: because He hath given us of His Spirit.

- To have the Holy Spirit and be filled with Holy Spirit are two separate works.
- Living in the Spirit (your spirit alive with His life) is not walking in the Spirit (walking with Him).

♥ **Galatians 5:25**, If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

- Your spirit can be alive in God by being born again, but not walk in the Spirit, which is a Spirit filled walk.

○ *Example: You have a powerful motor in your car but it does not take you places on its own.*

● When you are filled with the Spirit you become filled from the inside out... not the outside in.

♥ **Acts 2:4**, And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

♥ **Ephesians 5:18**, Don't be drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit.

♥ **John 7:38 -39**, He that believeth on me as the scripture hath said, out of his **belly shall flow rivers** of living water. This spake he of the Spirit, which **they that believe on him should receive.**

● The gift of the Holy Ghost is inside you wrapped; but unwrapping the gift is different from just having the gift.

○ *Example: At Christmas you may have lots of gifts under the tree but never open one of them. In a sense you have them because they are in your house but you don't get the full benefit.*

♥ **Acts 2:38**, Peter said unto them, repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost (salvation).

● To be filled is revealing the gift, not just having the gift.

♥ **Acts 10:45b- 46**, That on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God (*unwrap the gift*).

- *Example: To ask for more water while swimming in the sea would not be appropriate, you just need to go deeper. You have the water (Holy Spirit) resident at salvation, so you don't need the Spirit; you just need to be filled.*

Notes:

❖ Working with The Holy Spirit.

■ The Holy Spirit helps you.

♥ **Romans 8:26** Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

○ *Example: When you help someone you are not doing all the work but working with that person. To be passive and to assume the Spirit will do all the work is not biblical. You must be active and working with Him in order for something to happen. In Romans 8:26 you do the praying, but the Holy Spirit helps your prayer life be effective.*

♥ **Mark 16:20** And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.

Note: The Holy Spirit knows all things. John 14:26 says that the Holy Spirit will teach you ALL things and show you things to come. Because He is all knowing, you need to rely on Him to give you insight concerning what you do not know. The Holy Spirit doesn't just guide in spiritual matters. Since He knows all things then He knows how to help you in practical concerns. He can help you in making decisions in your life or business and even guide you about which house or car to buy. The Holy Spirit knows if that particular car you want to buy is going to be a lemon. He knows if the house you want to buy would become problematic. Remember the Holy Spirit wants to teach you

ALL things and show you ALL things to come. He can even lead you on which road to take while driving. I heard the story of an evangelist from Tulsa who said that the Spirit told her not to take the road that she always did. She willingly obeyed and found out later that the bridge over the road she always took, collapsed about the same time she would have been crossing it. It pays to listen to the voice of the Spirit! My mom heard the Holy Spirit tell her to delay her entrance into an intersection even though she had a green light. She obeyed, taking her foot off the gas and immediately a speeding car ran a red light and would have hit her had she not slowed down. I am glad she was in tune with the Holy Spirit and had faith enough to know that He knew more about things to come than she did. How many accidents and problems could you avoid if you listened to and obeyed the one that knows it all? I have heard stories of people who had not boarded a plane because the Spirit said not to and later found out the plane had a major problem or crashed. Or of those who did not go to work on 9/11 in New York City because of the warning of the Spirit, only to discover later the appalling, unthinkable terrorist attacks. Everyone can think about times when you know the Holy Spirit warned you not to do something and you did it anyway and were the worse for it. I am a prime example of buying a house that I knew I shouldn't and I'm still paying for that mistake. It pays to listen to the Holy Spirit! Let the smarter one advise you in the affairs of life.

○ *Example: You have the same Holy Spirit that dwells in Jesus. You don't have a different Spirit. Jesus didn't get Holy Spirit "A" while you got Holy Spirit "B" or "C", we all got the same Spirit. Since He is the same and has all knowledge and has been with God from the beginning of time, He knows how to do all things. Listen to His wisdom and His warnings.*

♥ **Romans 8:11**, But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also **quicken** your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

❖ The Holy Spirit is your guide.

■ The Holy Spirit shows you your path.

♥ **John 16:13**, 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 show you things to come.

○ *Example: If I guide a bear hunt in Alaska, I don't find the game, as I carry the hunters down the trail, and then do all the shooting for them. I simply put them in the best situation for them to find a bear. I let them participate in the process and be involved in the hunt. The Holy Spirit does not carry you around while you do nothing to participate. Be active and work with the Holy Spirit to receive His help.*

■ How the Holy Spirit guides your spirit.

● He guides you by the Word of God.

- ✓ Doing what God's Word says is the primary way you are led.
- ✓ You don't need a special word (or leading) to do what the Word says to do. Many Christians are looking for the Holy Spirit to tell them to do, what mostly has already been written down for them to do.

○ *Example: You don't need to wait for a voice command when you already have a written one. Neither do you wait for a phone call when you already have the letter.*

- ✓ There are many commissions given in the Word of God including love your neighbor as yourself, heal the sick, cast out devils, go into the entire world and preach the gospel, make disciples, etc.... so you never have to ask to be led to do these things. Do them out of obedience.
- ✓ Jesus said, "It is written" many times when he acted on what the Word said. He was led by what had already been said!

● Holy Spirit speaks directly to your spirit.

- ✓ The Holy Spirit never contradicts the Word of God. God's Word and God's voice agree.

♥ **Acts 8:29**, Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

♥ **Acts 11:12**, The Spirit told me to accompany them without hesitation.

♥ **Revelations 3:22**, He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

○ *Example: If you are having difficulty hearing someone then you may need hearing aids. If you never hear the Spirit then you need spiritual hearing aids. Meditating the Word of God develops your capacity to hear. “Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God” (Romans 10:17). The more you meditate in the Word the better your hearing becomes to discern God’s voice. As you become better at hearing His voice, your faith grows. When you hear His voice, you will have the faith to do what He says.*

♥ **Hebrews 5:11**, Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.

✓ You are a spirit.

♥ **1 Corinthians 14:14**, I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unproductive.

♥ **Galatians 6:18**, Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

♥ **1 Corinthians 2:14**, The natural (minded) man receives not the things of the **Spirit** of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know [them], because they are spiritually discerned.

✓ Your spirit is the apparatus He uses to communicate with. He is not going to talk to your head because His words are spiritual and must be spiritually discerned.

○ *Example: If I called you on the phone you would not answer with your shoe. The phone would be the apparatus that I would use to speak to you and you would answer with. Likewise the Holy Spirit speaks to your spirit. Many times He speaks to your spirit in the form of an impression, an inspiration, a knowing or a direction about something in your life.*

● The Holy Spirit can guide by an audible voice.

- ✓ Jesus heard an audible voice from heaven the day John baptized Him.
- ✓ Scripture records only three times that Jesus heard God's voice audibly. Hearing God's audible voice is the least likely way that He will speak to you or guide you.
- ✓ It far better that you develop your spiritual hearing. It is the usual and consistent way God communicates; His Spirit to your spirit.

○ *Example: At Jesus' baptism, He didn't exclaim, "wow, I'm the Son of God" when He heard the audible voice. He already knew He was the Son of God and that God was well pleased with Him. God speaking audibly just confirmed to those around Jesus, what Jesus already knew.*

♥ **2 Peter 1:18-19**, And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.**19** We have also a **more sure word** (*than God talking audibly*) of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise **in your hearts:**

● The Holy Spirit can guide you by discomfort.

- ✓ There are many examples of people lead by unrest in the Bible.

♥ **Mark 1:12**, The Spirit driveth him into the wilderness.

♥ **John 11:33**, Jesus groaned in the spirit (and then did something).

♥ **Acts 16:7**, The Spirit suffered him to go (uneasiness by

Holy Spirit).

- ♥ **Acts 17:16**, Paul's spirit was stirred in him (agitated by Holy Spirit).
- ♥ **Acts 18:5**, Paul was pressed in spirit, and testified to the Jews about Jesus (squeezing by Holy Spirit).
- ♥ **Acts 20:22**, I go bound in the spirit (he felt restricted by Holy Spirit).
- ♥ **2 Corinthians 2:13**, I had no rest in my spirit (Holy Spirit would not let him get comfortable).

- ✓ Uneasiness can be a good thing to awaken you to the fact that something new is coming or that you need to change something you are doing.

- *Example: A wake up alarm is not a comforting or peaceful sound, but that annoyance sure gets your attention!*

- ✓ The Prince of Peace lives in you so you should be living in peace, not expecting to be led by peace. Otherwise, that would mean you live in a state of uneasiness in your daily life.

- ♥ **Galatians 5:23**, The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, PEACE, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.

- *Example: I heard the story of a lady's encounter with an angel that came into her room and told her to follow him. The lady was very uneasy inside and felt something was not right. She knew that the Holy Spirit was leading her not to follow the angel by her uneasiness. She said "no" to the angel and when he turned around to leave, she noticed his back was made up of worms. This was a demonic being that was trying to deceive her. Thank God for those uneasy feelings at times!*

- ✓ Joseph was warned by a troubling dream to leave Egypt. Joseph changed his direction and took his family to safety in Nazareth because of this disturbance from the Holy Spirit.
- ✓ Holy Ghost can move in uncomfortable ways to prepare you for directional changes.

○ *Example: If you feel like you are taking a bath with your clothes on, you know something is not right! When you get that sense in your spirit that warns or alerts you, pray! The Lord may be preparing you for a change.*

- ✓ Holy Spirit who is the Comforter, can comfort you after the discomfort. You cannot have comfort without first having discomfort.

♥ **John 15:26**, But when the **Comforter** is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, [even] the Spirit of truth, which proceeded from the Father, he shall testify of me.

Note: Not all discomfort is from Holy Ghost, you must discern. Discomfort can be from your own disobedience, a demonic attack, or from waiting while you receive a full manifestation or answer from the Lord.

● Holy Spirit can guide you by an inward assurance.

○ *Example: You don't know how you know, but you know it's the right thing to do. Like when you realize you have met the right person to marry, you just know.*

- ✓ The Holy Spirit will give you an inner witness at times.

♥ **Romans 8:16**, The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.

- ✓ When the Spirit bears witness with your spirit, you have a sense of freedom or a green light. A “yes” or “knowing” that it is the right thing to do is how the Spirit bears witness with your spirit.

♥ **2 Corinthians 3:17**, Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty.

- ✓ Liberty is the best way to describe the inward leading.

♥ **Galatians 5:18**, If you are led by the Spirit you are not under the law (*you are led by freedom in your spirit not the law*).

- ✓ Your spirit and the Holy Spirit = freedom.

♥ **John 8:18**, I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.

♥ **Romans 8:16**, The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

♥ **Hebrews 10:15**, Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us.

♥ **Matthew 18:16**, But if he will not hear [thee, then] take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

♥ **Acts 15:28**, For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us.

- ✓ Your spirit and the Holy Spirit make up the two witnesses.
- ✓ You are not led by the prophetic as some may think, but by

the Spirit and your spirit.

- ✓ Prophecy should only confirm what is already on your heart from the Lord. It is a confirming voice not a leading voice. Never allow prophetic leading, just prophetic confirming.

○ *Example: God doesn't have to talk to me through others. That would be like me speaking to my wife through my son. If I want to talk to wife I will speak directly to her.*

● You are guided as you go and led on the move.

- ✓ Don't sit and do nothing because you might be wrong or make a mistake.

♥ **2 Kings 7:3**, And there were four leprous men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, why sit we here until we die?

- ✓ It is much easier to steer a car (or a person) while it's moving.

○ *Example: It doesn't say in Romans 8:14, that those who sit waiting for the Spirit to lead them are sons, but those that are being led (on the move) are sons. You should always be on the move doing something, not sitting idly by waiting. God blesses the doers, not the sitters!!!*

- ✓ God directs your steps. That means you must be taking steps to get them directed. If you don't know exactly what to do, just get started. You will know on the go, not get while you sit.

○ *Example: You can't see much sitting at the foot of a mountain but as you hike up you will see more. As you get to the top, you can see in all directions. Most of my direction has come as I stepped out, and then things became clearer and I could see further what the Lord had for me.*

✓ Sometimes you can find out what the will of God **is not**, by stepping out. This can help eliminate other avenues and reveal the right one.

♥ **Acts 16:6-9**, Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not. And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over to Macedonia, and help us.

❖ Filled with the Spirit.

■ You are filled from the inside out, not the outside in.

- Jesus is the baptizer in the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11).
 - ✓ Where is Jesus? He is in you!
 - ✓ You are baptized on the inside.

- Water, which refers to the Spirit's work in you, flows out of a believer not into a believer.

♥ John 7:38 -39, He that believeth on me as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. This spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive (*take hold*).

- ✓ Are you a believer?
- ✓ Is the spirit flowing out of your belly (inner most being)?
 - * Signs follow believers.
 - * Mark 16:17 says that believers speaking with tongues is one of the signs.

♥ Acts 2:3-4, And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting (*you could say it filled their house or their*

body). And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

♥ **Proverbs 20:27**, The spirit (*your spirit*) is the candle of the Lord.

♥ **Psalms 18:28**, For thou wilt light my candle; the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness.

✓ When you speak in tongues the candle of the Lord (your spirit) is lit, bringing His light and His will into your life.

♥ Acts 2:38, Peter said unto them, **repent**, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall **receive the gift of the Holy Ghost** (*salvation*).

✓ Receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit is salvation. Revealing the gift of the Holy Spirit is being filled with the Spirit.

♥ Acts 10:45b- 46, That on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God (*unwrap the gift*).

✓ Holy Spirit poured in at salvation, and poured out by speaking in tongues.

♥ Acts 19:2a, He said unto them, Have ye received (*taken hold of*) the Holy Ghost since ye believed.

■ How to be full.

- Psalms 23:5 says that He prepares a table for you to eat and drink from.
 - ✓ The table is meant for eating and drinking until you get full.
 - ✓ You don't eat and drink once a day but throughout the day.
 - *Example: Many Christians in China say that they give God three hours a day but the rest belongs to them. You should incorporate God throughout your day and find ways to eat and drink (meditate God's Word and pray in the Spirit) even on the go.*

- **Psalms 23:5** also says that you drink and eat in the presence of your enemies.
 - ✓ You don't just drink in church.
 - ✓ **Ephesians 5; 17,18** explains that the way to be filled with the Spirit is the same way a man gets drunk. He becomes drunk by drinking often, not just once.
 - ✓ Drinking (praying in tongues) all throughout the day is the way to stay filled with the Spirit.

- You receive one initial filling, but many refillings of the Spirit as you pray in tongues.
 - ✓ Peter was filled three times in the first four chapters of the Book of Acts.

- Why do you need to be full of the Spirit? Because the love of God spills out when you are.

- ✓ Like a wet sponge when squeezed, what is on the inside comes out.
- ✓ When the pressures of life come, the victory of the Holy Spirit flows out.

♥ **Psalms 23:5,6**, Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely **goodness and mercy shall follow me** all the days of my life.

* The reason goodness and mercy is following you is because your **cup is full** and overflowing.

- ✓ Your overflow blesses others. Full cups have something to give!

♥ **Matthew 25:1-4,10**, Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took not oil with them. But the wise took oil in their vessels and lit their lamps. Verse 10, while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and they that were ready went with him to the marriage, and the door was shut.

- ✓ The 5 virgins who were prepared, ready, and lamps full of oil (representative of the Holy Spirit) walked through an open door of blessing.
- ✓ The 5 virgins where considered wise because their lamps were FULL of oil (not half way).

♥ **Ephesians 5:17-18**, Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. **18** And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.

- Things happen when you are full.
 - ✓ Stephen was full of the Spirit and saw heaven.
 - ✓ Philip was full of the Spirit and saw miracles.
 - ✓ Paul, filled with the Spirit, operated in the prophetic.
 - ✓ Peter, filled with the Spirit, preached a powerful sermon.
 - ✓ Barnabas, full of the Spirit, added many people to the Lord.
 - ✓ The disciples got filled with the Spirit and then spoke the word with boldness (Acts 4:31).
 - ✓ Stephen, full of the Spirit, did miracles (Acts 6:8).
 - ✓ Paul, filled with the Holy Ghost, resisted the sorcerer (Act 13:8).

- The way you get full of the Spirit is by opening your mouth and drinking.
 - ✓ Your tongue is like a cup that you take a drink from in your spirit where the Holy Spirit resides.
 - ✓ Speaking in tongues is the way God designed for you to get full.
 - * Tongues are for every believer.
 - * In the Book of Acts all 120 believers were filled with the Spirit, not just a few of them (Acts 2).
 - * Tongues seem foolish to the natural man but spiritual things are foolish to the natural mind.
 - * Tongues were normal behavior in the Book of Acts.
 - * Tongues are normal and necessary for all Christians.
 - * The number one purpose to speak in tongues is to edify yourself.

 - ♥ **1 Corinthians 14:4**, He that speaks in a strange tongue edifies and improves himself.
 - ♥ **Jude, verse 20**, But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.

- *Example: Building yourself up is better than having to stir yourself up all the time. You operate at a higher level by being built up.*
- Speaking in tongues is not difficult; it's as simple as taking a drink (Ephesians 5:18).
 - ✓ **Revelations 22:17** says to drink without struggle.
 - ♥ **Revelation 22:17**, And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.
 - *Example: It is not hard to drink a coke. You don't struggle to open your mouth, sip, and swallow. In fact, you drink without thinking. Speaking in tongues is the same way, relax and don't over think it!*
 - ♥ **1 Corinthians 12:13**, For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.
 - ✓ The Spirit helps you drink but doesn't drink for you. He is already full and wants you to be full too.
 - ♥ **John 7:37-38**, In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and **drink**. **38** He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly **shall flow** rivers of living water.
 - * Drink all day (short times of praying in tongues) as you go about your daily activities.

- * Drink (pray in tongues) as you drive, this is a great way to maximize your time.
- * Every time you pray in tongues you are getting filled.

♥ **1 Corinthians 14:2, He (believer) that speaketh in unknown tongue speaks to God.**

- ✓ If you are not drinking then He is in you, but not flowing out of you.
- ✓ Continually praying in tongues is the way you stay full.
- ✓ You have to do the praying.

- * The believer speaks in tongues not the Holy Spirit speaks in tongues.

○ *Example: Consider the illustration of The Garden of Eden and a believer. The Garden of Eden is a believer's body. The Tree of Life is God's presence which is in the believer. The Tree of Knowledge is the believer's mind which you can't live by or receive the life of God from. There was a river that flowed out of the Garden and parted in four directions (Gen. 2:10). The river is the Holy Spirit flowing out of your spirit in many directions to help not only you, but also nourish others.*

● Speaking in tongues is as natural as breathing.

- ✓ It's not hard to breathe.
- ✓ You don't have to struggle or even think about it.
- ✓ You just have to believe; personal traits or circumstances have nothing to do with it.

○ *Example: Recently I preached about speaking in tongues at a Romanian church and five people over eighty years old came forward and spoke in tongues for the first time.*

♥ **John 20:22**, And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost.

○ *Example: The Holy Spirit wants you to be filled more that you want to be filled. You drink and breathe without effort throughout the day so you can pray in tongues the same way, and you will get full.*

● You have the Holy Spirit in you at salvation but you must draw from the well of salvation.

♥ **John 7:38**, He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

● There are different kinds of tongues according to **1 Corinthians 12:10**, but there is one specific tongue just for your personal use.

- ✓ You can pray in your personal tongue any time you want to encourage and strengthen yourself (Jude 20, 1 Corinthians 14:2,17,18,19).
- ✓ This is not a tongue that you speak to others, but you speak directly to God (unlike tongues and interpretation in which you speak to men from God).
- ✓ Other kinds of tongues are spiritual gifts for the edification of others.
- ✓ Other kinds of tongues by Holy Spirit are to operate at certain times for certain individuals, whereas tongues for personal edification is for every believer to operate all the time at will (1 Corinthians 14:2,18).
- ✓ Other kinds of tongues are as the Spirit wills (Acts 2:4).
- ✓ Other kinds of tongues are for when the Spirit speaks through you, but this tongue is you speaking in the Spirit.
- ✓ Other kinds of tongues are a sign to unbelievers (1 Corinthians 14:22, Acts 2:11) but this kind of tongue is for the believer and doesn't edify the church (1 Corinthians 14:19).

Note: How to speak in tongues for the first time: Salvation is the first step if you are not saved. I ministered to a man for over an hour to speak in tongues and in frustration finally found out that he was not saved. Once he got saved he spoke in tongues immediately! If you're thirsty, come to Him and drink (John 7:37). You must believe that the river of the Holy Spirit is in you according to John 7:38,39. Use a point of contact such as the laying on of hands by a minister, to release your faith. In Acts 8:17 they spoke in tongues when hands were laid on them. If no one is available you can lay hands on your own self, believe and say with your mouth that you speak in tongues for the first time. The Holy Spirit doesn't speak in tongues so you will have to use your own voice. You may not feel anything in the way of emotions but just like salvation, you have to believe and SPEAK (no matter what it sounds like). It should not take you very long, although your mind will think that it's foolish. You may have just a syllable or two at first, but you are speaking words the Holy Spirit supplies, so keep speaking in faith (1 Corinthians 2:13,14). Continue praying in tongues everyday and you will be on your way to being full.

1 Corinthians 2:13,14, Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Ghost teaches; comparing spiritual things with spiritual (words). But the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God for they are foolishness unto him neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned.

■ The Holy Spirit and the flesh.

- When you are full of the Spirit, the flesh is put down and mortified.

♥ **Romans 8:13**, For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

- ✓ To mortify means to count or consider dead.

♥ **Romans 8:26**, Likewise the Spirit helps our infirmities (*weaknesses*); for we know not what to pray for as we ought: but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with **groanings** (*deep inarticulate sounds*) **which can not be uttered** (*Uttered means; to give audible expression to. To speak or pronounce and give forth with the voice. The Holy Spirit only groans, He does not speak in tongues*).

- ✓ The Holy Spirit helps your weakness of your flesh through praying in tongues.
- ✓ He groans (deep inarticulate sounds) in your spirit and you speak out those groanings, which is your personal tongue (your prayer language). You supply the voice, the audible expression.
 - * The Holy Spirit is doing the groaning, not the uttering in tongues.
 - * You are not groaning, but uttering in tongues.

♥ **1 Corinthians 14:18**, **I** (*Apostle Paul*) speaking in tongues more than you all.

♥ **1 Corinthians 14:14,15a**, For if **I pray in tongues, my spirit prayeth**, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it then? **I will pray with the spirit...**

● **Praying in tongues is vital to an overcoming life.**

- ✓ To be spiritually minded is life and peace (**Romans 8:6**).
- ✓ I become spiritually minded by doing spiritual things including praying in tongues, studying the bible, worship or fellowship with other believers, etc...
- ✓ If you delight yourself in the Lord then you get the desires of your heart met (Psalms 37:4). To delight yourself is to do what the real you (your spirit) likes to do, and that would be spiritual activity like praying in tongues or meditating scripture.

● **Praying in tongues will tame your tongue and turn your flesh in the right direction (alignment with your born again spirit).**

- ✓ The only way to tame the tongue is with supernatural ways.

♥ **James 3:8**, But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

- ✓ If your tongue is controlled it will change the direction of your life.
- ✓ A grand ship is turned by the ship's wheel, so your flesh (desires) will change as you pray in tongues.

♥ **James 3:4**, Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm.

- ✓ Yielding your tongue to the Holy Spirit by praying in tongues will keep you from becoming sensual and keep you in the love of God.

♥ **Jude, verse 19-21a**, ...But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God.

✓ Whatsoever you sow, you reap. If you sow in tongues consistently you will reap a spirit filled life.

♥ **Galatians 6:7-8**, Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

❖ Anointed by the Spirit.

■ You are already anointed if you are born again.

● 1 John 2:27 says you have received the anointing.

♥ 1 John 2:27, But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

♥ Psalms 139:7,8, Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

♥ 2 Corinthians 1:21, Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God.

✓ Don't pray to be anointed but abide in Jesus and He will show you how to release what you already possess.

* Jesus never prayed to be anointed. Acts 4:27,28 says that He was anointed as a child.

* In Luke 4:18, Jesus said that God already anointed him.

♥ 1 John 4:17, "As He is so are we in the World"!!!

* You are already anointed, but like Jesus, keep yourself full of the Spirit and you will walk in the will of God, resist the devil, and be ready to release the anointing to others.

○ *Example: Just because I don't feel my wife next to me doesn't mean she is not by my side. She doesn't have to touch me, for me to know she is there. I perceive she is there and when I turn to look at her, she's there! You don't have to feel the Holy Spirit to know He is in you. He will never go from you, so leave your feelings out of it. You don't have to feel anointed to be anointed. Also, just because you don't feel anointed, doesn't mean you are not.*

● The Holy Spirit is like electricity.

- ✓ The power is in your house but you may never see it.
- ✓ Electricity illuminates the room for anyone who turns on the switch.
- ✓ The power of God illuminates the environment, no matter how dark it is. It just has to be activated.
- ✓ You can have electricity flowing through the power lines and be properly connected to the house, but unless the switch is turned on you will sit in darkness.
- ✓ God's power is in believers and will work for any believer who will release it!

● The Holy Spirit is referred to as New Wine.

- ✓ You are the container of the Holy Spirit and you carry the new wine everywhere you go.
- ✓ You have the new wine (Holy Spirit) in the inside, which produces joy, laughter, running, dancing, etc.... in your life but be mindful to release it to others (Acts 2:13).
- * Always be ready to pour forth any time needed.
- * You don't have to act spiritual just be natural, which should be spiritual. Just spill over!

Note: The Christian life was meant to live full; full of the Spirit, full of faith, full of love. You must do the basic things consistently to get yourself full. How do you know if something is full? You see overflow. If you keep pumping gas into your car you can tell when it's full, not just by the gauge but by the gas spilling out onto the ground. If you want to see more victory in your life then keep praying in tongues and get full of the Word of God. The Holy Spirit is given to help you, and also minister to others. So get yourself full and let the New Wine out of the bottle (your spirit) to be poured onto those in need. God wants the Spirit to flow out of you like a river!!!

- ♥ **Ephesians 3:20**, Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.
- ♥ **Jude, verse 20,21,24** (New King James) ... You, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God. Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy to God our Saviour.

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