

The Operations of The Holy Spirit.
As Teacher for the Perfecting of the Saints.

John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 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. . . 26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall **teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

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Rom. 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.*** 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. . . . 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. 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

1Cor. 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 17 ***If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy***; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

2Cor. 3:8 How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious? 9 For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory. . . 18 But we all, ***with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.***

Gal. 3:14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Eph. 2:18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

See Eze. 1:20,21. 3:12-14; Rev. 2:7,11,17,29:3:6,13,22:14:13. In quote below.

As Prophet for the Preparation of Coming Events.

John 16:7 . . . for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. 8 And when he is come, **he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:** 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me; 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. 12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 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 shew you things to come.** 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

Acts 2:18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

1Cor. 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; ***that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.*** . . . 12:8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; ***to another prophecy;*** to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

Eph. 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you ***the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:*** 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, . . . 3:5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and ***prophets by the Spirit;*** 6 That the ***Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body,*** and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

1Tim. 4:1 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;

Rev. 1:10 I was ***in the Spirit on the Lord's day,*** and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

Eze. 1:19 And when ***the living creatures*** went, the wheels went by them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. 20

Whithersoever *the spirit* was to go, they went, thither was their spirit to go; and *the wheels* were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. 21 When those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. . . 26 And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness *as the appearance of a man* above upon it. 27 And I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about. 28 As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. *This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD.* 3:12 Then the spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing, saying, Blessed be the glory of the LORD from his place. 13 I heard also the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels over against them, and a noise of a great rushing. 14 So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the LORD was strong upon me. . . 24 Then the spirit entered into me, and set me upon my feet, and spake with me, and said unto me, Go, shut thyself within thine house. . . 4:4 Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it thou shalt bear their iniquity. See chapter 10.

Note: Here in Eze. Chapter 1 we see The Lord in verses 26-28, The Spirit (Holy) Verses 20,21, Angels in verses 19,20,21. And the Church on earth represented by the wheels—a wheel within a wheel—the workings and organization of it, verses 19,20,21; 3:12-14; 10:5-22 In Rev. Chapters 1-3 we see these same parts the Lord 1:14-18;8:2; the Holy Spirit 1:10;2:7,11,17,29;3:6,13,22;8:3. Angels and Churches 2:1,8,12,18,,3:1,7,14. *Thus the Holy Ghost-as a person has direction and oversight of the work and what is taught. It will also be seen the close connection between the Holy Spirits influence and “whatsoever I have said unto you”—the scriptures.*

The Lord Rev. 5:5,6,11; Holy Spirit Rev. 4:2;5:6 Angels The Church Rev. 4:2,4-9;5:11-14.

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Many fail to receive the gracious influence of the Spirit, or receiving it, abuse it, and so shut up the way of further blessings, by receiving it as the end of Christian effort instead of as a means. When such are blessed of Heaven they consider that the object of religious effort has been accomplished; and they sit down to enjoy

themselves, or to congratulate themselves over their gifts and graces. A greater mistake could not be made. So does the gormandizer take his food as the means of self-gratification, and this is the end of his efforts. But the man who realizes the responsibilities of life, and who has a true interest in the faithful discharge of life's duties, accepts his food as the means of gathering strength for future labor and usefulness. The Spirit will be given to all who ask for it as a means of renewing their strength that they may engage more successfully in the Christian warfare, and gain new victories to the glory of the Captain of our salvation. SGOM 13.1

Paul speaks of "those who, by reason of use, have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." Hebrews 5:14. ***It is unfortunate that so many lack this discernment;*** they have never so used their senses as to have them available to any practical benefit. ***In gifts of the Spirit they discern only evil. Every object is to them a stone, a serpent, or a scorpion. Humility, self-denying, cross-bearing, and earnest prayer would enable them to see unnumbered blessings, great and precious, clustering along their pathway, where all is now dark, dreary, and forbidding.*** SGOM 13.2

The objections which these offer against accepting the manifestations of the Spirit will hold equally good against uniting with any church; because, while the church of Christ is a unit (for "there is one body"), there are many and diverse churches in the world, and therefore the chances are that we shall unite with a wrong one, and so be led astray. But the objector readily replies, We must choose that one which bears the divine impress; which presents the characteristics of the true church according to the New Testament. That is right. And so also with regard to the Holy Spirit and its manifestations. We must compare all with the divine standard, and receive that which will bear all the tests of the word of God, and reject all which are condemned by that infallible rule. ***It is to be regretted that so little attention is paid to this important subject; that so little is known in general, concerning the promises, the operations, and the gifts of the Spirit of God.*** SGOM 13.3

There is one office of the Spirit which is not only ignored, but denied by many at the present time. It is that of Reprover. Jesus said:— SGOM 14.1

"And when he is come he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." John 16:8. SGOM 14.2

They who deny the exercise of this office to the Spirit say that the promise of the direct presence of the Spirit is only to the church, as a Comforter; that they only who are members of the church can receive the influence of the Spirit in any manner; and that they who receive it do so, not as an evidence of that membership, but because of that membership. The world is reprov'd, they say, only by the word which the Spirit has indited; and the threatenings of the word are the only method of reproof, the Spirit itself not being present at all. SGOM 14.3

But this does not accord with the words of the Saviour, that the Spirit comes into the world to reprove the world. ***It plainly appears that the Spirit of God was***

striving with man in the days of Noah. Genesis 6:3. ***Stephen accused the Jews of resisting it.*** Acts 7:51. And if it is allowable to assume that the Spirit strives with and reproveth men only by means of the threatenings and reproofs of the word, we may with equal propriety assume that it comforts the saints only by the promises of the word. And then we have the Spirit banished entirely, as far as actual presence is concerned, and the promise of the Saviour is destroyed. We claim, and we think with good reason, that to deny its presence in comforting the saints is doing no greater violence to the Scriptures than to deny its presence in reproveth sinners. And if there be no real presence of the Spirit in these works we may in vain ask the Father to give us the Spirit, notwithstanding the Saviour's instructions in Luke 11:9-13. Nor can it then be true, as promised in our text, John 14:16, that the Spirit will abide with us forever, no, nor even visit us at all. SGOM 15.1

We ought to consider ourselves responsible for every conclusion which may logically be drawn from our position. Therefore men ought to fear greatly when they take such a position as that which we now call in question, because it really removes the Spirit from the work of the gospel, as a Comforter as well as a Reprover. We fear that such positions are taken because men are too easily satisfied with a nominal religion, destitute of the Spirit's power. SGOM 15.2

Note: This work is not exhaustive but it will point the reader down the path to a fuller understanding of the work and office of the Spirit of God.