

The Light - Junior Series
Lesson 13

The Giver of Spiritual Gifts...the Holy Spirit
The Passionate Holy Spirit, Our Teacher

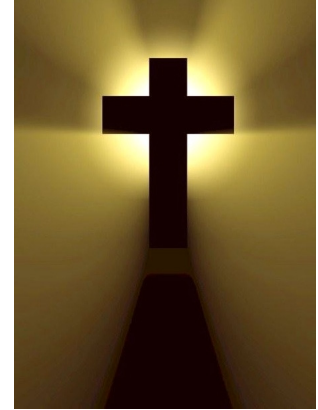


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1 Cor 2:9-10 "For to us God revealed them (the gifts God has prepared for those who love Him) through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches ALL things, even the deep things of God."

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If YOU have never believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, you have the opportunity to do so right NOW. Simply tell God the Father that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that He came down from heaven and became a man to take our place and pay for the penalty for all the sin of all mankind. Jesus, the Savior died on the Cross for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Then Jesus was buried but He rose again and He is alive today seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. When you make the decision to believe in Jesus in simple faith based on His work on the Cross, you are now a believer and will always be a child of God. When you die, you will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. *(Acts 16:31) "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved."* *(John 3:16) "God loved the world so much that He gave us One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

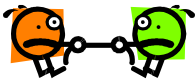


Lesson

In our last lesson we learned about the indwelling of the Holy Spirit called anointing in 1 John 2:20 and 2:27. At the end of that lesson we started to learn about two ministries of the Holy Spirit to the believer. They are the Holy Spirit's work of teaching the believer the Word and His work of giving the believer a "natural" ability to know in an unplanned way, things that are spiritual. In other words to act and think like Jesus. These Spirit ministries are wonderful and are described in more detail in 1 Cor 2:9-15 "...but just as it is written, THINGS WHICH (the) EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND (the) EAR HAS NOT HEARD, and which HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM. (10) For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches ALL things, even the deep things of God. (11) For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. (12) Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, (13) which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words. (14) But a natural man (the unbeliever) does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually understood. (15) But He who is spiritual appraises all things, yet He Himself is appraised by no one. For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? BUT WE HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST."

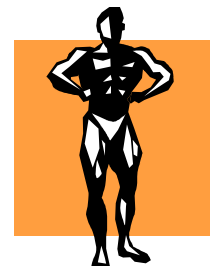


Let's look at James 4:5. "Or, do you think that the scripture says in an empty manner and to no purpose, the Spirit who has been caused to make His permanent home in us has a passionate desire (to control us) to the point of jealousy (He's jealous of any control that the sin nature may have over us)?"



Did you get that? The Holy Spirit desires passionately that we don't shut Him down because of some sin that has power over us so we don't use His power!!! That's amazing!! The Holy Spirit is very jealous when we leave Him for the cosmic system!!!

You see the Greek word for desire is **epipotheo** (ep-ee-poth-eh'-o) and it means to yearn for, to dote on, or to intensely crave possession of or really, really want very badly in a good way or a bad way. It also means to long for, to pursue with love, or to long after. My first pastor says that epipotheo is the strongest word in the Greek for passionate love, pure passion...good passion. It is a strong word for love, and it includes all the passion that goes with true love. So it should be translated "deeply loves." The Spirit who dwells permanently in us deeply loves us!!! That is so cool!





You know, kids, you are learning the Word of God at a very young age so you will reach spiritual maturity while you are a young adult. If you do study everyday and believe God's Word and apply it a very strange thing happens to you. Not only do you fall in love with God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit but you long to be with them especially our Savior Jesus who saved you with a precious love. You'll think about these things more and more and REALLY appreciate them. The more you KNOW HIM the more you LOVE HIM and the more you will WANT TO BE LIKE HIM and with HIM! Look at these verses in 2 Cor 5:2-5. "For indeed in this house (our earthly body) we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven (our resurrection body), (3) inasmuch as we, having put it on, will not be found naked (in our earthly body). (4) For indeed while we are in this tent (our earthly body), we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed (with our resurrection body), so that what is mortal (temporary on earth) will be swallowed up by life. (5) Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge." Here we have the believer in the plan of God in his weak earthly body desiring very much to have the resurrection body instead. Sure in Spiritual maturity this is very strong. And this is all fine and good but while we live here on earth in these earthly bodies, we must wait a bit and learn to be like Christ to show others His salvation. So while waiting patiently for our resurrection bodies, we do the job God created us for. That's why He leaves us here on earth after salvation.

Now let's go back to James 4:5. "Or, do you think that the scripture says in an empty manner and to no purpose, The Spirit who has been caused to make His permanent home in us has a passionate desire (to control us) to the point of jealousy (of any control the old sin nature may have over us)?"



The indwelling Holy Spirit possessing all of the potential power and help that a believer needs has a passionate desire to the point of jealousy. So what's He jealous of? There is a rival for the attentions, affections, and trust of your soul. That rival is Satan as he shows himself in the world and the old sin nature, which if you remember is his inside agent in the Angelic War. He is jealous of the fact that believers are flirting with the world and are allowing themselves to be dominated by their old sin nature. When we do this we shut down the Holy Spirit's guidance in our lives.

Let's look at it this way...your SOUL is a woman at a dance (sorry guys, this is just an analogy!). Your brother sends his best friend to go over and dance with you. His best friend is a perfect gentleman and a world class dancer. And he is in love with you. But you let his best friend sit in the corner all night and instead, you choose to dance with some creep who mistreats you, is nasty to you, and keeps stepping on your feet. He can't dance at all. That's how it is when you leave the filling of the Spirit and go dance in the cosmic system of Satan and the Holy Spirit hates this and is very jealous! And what does God the Holy Spirit passionately desire? It is the same thing that our Lord Jesus Christ passionately desired for us! They want us to show the world what God is like...LOVE...and then they want to bless us and comfort us for doing the work and for any suffering during it!



Here are two places in the Gospels where Jesus Christ said He desired something related to His disciples, whom He loved very much. Matt 9:10-13 "Then it happened that as Jesus was reclining at the table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were dining with Jesus and His disciples. (11) When the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, 'Why is your Teacher eating with the tax collectors and sinners?' (12) But when Jesus heard this, He said, 'It is not those who are healthy who need a doctor, but those who are sick. (13) But go and learn what this means: I DESIRE COMPASSION AND NOT SACRIFICE, for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Matt 12:1-8 "At that time Jesus went through the grain fields on the Sabbath, and His disciples became hungry and began to pick the heads of grain and eat. (2) But when the Pharisees saw this, they said to Him, 'Look, Your disciples do what is not lawful to do on a Sabbath.' (3) But He said to

them, 'Have you not read what David did when he became hungry, he and his companions, (4) how he entered the house of God, and they ate the sacred bread, which was not lawful for him to eat nor for those with him, but for the priests alone? (5) Or have you not read in the Law, that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple break the Sabbath and are innocent? 6 But I say to you that something greater than the temple is here. (7) But if you had known what this means, ' I DESIRE COMPASSION AND NOT A SACRIFICE,' you would not have condemned the innocent. (8) "For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."



The Holy Spirit has been given to the church (believers) to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and that means that He has a passionate desire to produce in us, Church Age believers the virtues of Jesus Christ. John 17:22-26 "The glory which You have given Me I have given to them (the disciples), that they may be one, just as We are one; (23) I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me. (24) Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. (25) Oh righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these (the disciples) have known that You sent Me; (26) and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

One of the tests concerning whether or not we are operating in the plan of God and eventually in our spiritual gift, therefore, will be whether or not we are operating with the mind or thinking of Jesus Christ. Everyday of our lives we must act more and more like Jesus Christ. The Word combines with the Spirit helps us to do this. It's this power that makes us think like Jesus. We must show our neighbors (those around us everyday) what Jesus was like on earth. We know what He was like because the Holy Spirit teaches us what He is like and gives us the power to be like Him in the filling of the Spirit.

Take a little test to see if you are thinking and acting like Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit:

- Are we regarding ourselves as less important than others?
- Are we ready and willing to submit to authority?
- Are we obedient to the authority of the Word of God in particular?
- Is the cross of Jesus obvious to others in our work, whereby we are laying down our life for the Royal Family?
- Are we kind to them, helpful to them, sharing with them, giving them what they do not have?



Listen, the cross of Jesus humbles us, and the Rapture of the Church into heaven inspires us to continue in God's plan, find and use our spiritual gifts and display to those around us through the ministry of God the Holy Spirit who and what Jesus was like. We are, remember, His lights to the unsaved world.

Now we just learned the Holy Spirit teaches us and makes us like Christ in the Church Age. And you already know that not only does God the Holy Spirit have several active ministries with the believer but he also has a VERY ACTIVE ministry to the unbeliever as well. He makes the Gospel of Jesus very clear to the unbeliever. Once we were unbelievers and the Holy Spirit made the Gospel clear to us. I know you are as grateful about that as I am. And now we are called to walk and we do it the same way we were saved...by believing that what God is telling us about these things in His word is true. **1 John 5:4 "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world...our faith."** And the key to this is knowing that we are in Christ and we have eternal life.

Close in prayer

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