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Book V follows the ministry of the Holy Spirit from the Father's promise to the Bride's final cry: "Come."

The Promise of the Father

Jesus knew that human ability alone could never fulfill a divine commission. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He did not tell His disciples to immediately scatter throughout the nations. Instead, He commanded them to wait. Though they had walked with Him for years, heard His teaching, witnessed His miracles, and even seen Him risen from the dead, there was still a promise they had not yet received. Jesus knew that human ability alone could never fulfill a divine commission. Knowledge without power would not be enough. Zeal without the Spirit would eventually fail. The kingdom of God would advance not by human strength, but by the power of God dwelling within His people. The Father had promised that His own Spirit would come to live in those who believed. This promise was not an afterthought, nor was it limited to a select few. It was woven throughout the Scriptures from the beginning and fulfilled in Christ.

The Promise Foretold by the Prophets Long before the birth of Jesus Christ, the prophets spoke of a day when God would establish a new covenant with His people. Unlike the

covenant written on tablets of stone, this covenant would be written upon the heart. God Himself would dwell within His people and transform them from the inside out.

Ezekiel 36:26-27

“A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.”

This promise reaches far beyond external obedience. Under the new covenant, God would not merely command His people to walk in His ways—He would place His Spirit within them, enabling them to obey Him from the heart. Joel 2:28-29

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.”

The gift of the Holy Spirit would no longer be reserved for kings, prophets, or judges. Through the Messiah, God’s Spirit would be poured out upon all who belong to Him.

John the Baptist Announced the Greater Baptism
When John the Baptist prepared the way for Christ, he made it clear that his ministry pointed to One far greater than himself. Matthew 3:11

“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.”

Water baptism publicly identifies the believer with repentance and faith, but Jesus alone is the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. John recognized that Christ's ministry would accomplish what no prophet before Him could accomplish: He would send the Spirit of God to dwell within His people.

Jesus Repeated the Father's Promise John 14:16-17

"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."

The disciples had known the Spirit's work among them. Soon they would know the Spirit dwelling within them. This marked a profound change in the relationship between God and His people under the new covenant. John 14:26

"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."

The Holy Spirit would not replace Christ's teaching but would illuminate it, reminding the disciples of His words and leading them into truth.

Wait for the Promise Acts 1:4-5

"And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." Acts 1:8

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” The purpose of this power was not personal glory or spiritual prestige. It was to bear faithful witness to Jesus Christ in every place and among every people.

The Promise Belongs to Every Believer Acts 2:38-39

“Then 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. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.”

The promise of the Holy Spirit is rooted in God’s covenant faithfulness. It is given to those whom the Lord calls to Himself. Throughout the New Testament, the Holy Spirit is presented as God’s gift to His people, empowering them to know Christ, walk in holiness, serve one another, and bear witness to the gospel.

Chapter Summary From the prophets to Pentecost, Scripture presents one consistent promise: God would dwell within His people by His Spirit. Jesus fulfilled that promise by sending the Holy Spirit after His resurrection and ascension. The Spirit is God’s abiding presence with believers, enabling them to live in obedience, grow in Christ, understand His Word, and faithfully bear witness to the gospel. The Christian life is not lived by human effort alone but by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, the Father’s promised gift through the Son.

Who Is the Holy Spirit?

To know the Holy Spirit is to know God Himself. The Holy Spirit is often the least understood Person of the Godhead. Many know the Father as Creator. Many know the Son as Savior. Yet the Holy Spirit is sometimes spoken of merely as a power, an influence, or an experience. The Scriptures reveal something far greater. The Holy Spirit is not an “it.” He is not merely divine energy. He is not simply a feeling, an emotion, or a manifestation. He is the eternal Spirit of God—the third Person of the Triune God—equal with the Father and the Son in deity, glory, majesty, holiness, and authority. From Genesis to Revelation, the Holy Spirit is revealed as living, speaking, teaching, guiding, comforting, empowering, and glorifying Jesus Christ. To know the Holy Spirit is to know God Himself.

The Holy Spirit Was Present in the Beginning
Genesis 1:1-2

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 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.”

Before God said, "Let there be light," the Spirit of God was moving. The Hebrew word translated moved carries the idea of hovering, brooding, or actively preparing. Just as a bird hovers over its young, the Spirit was present in the creative work of God. Creation itself bears witness that the Holy Spirit is eternal.

The Holy Spirit Is God Acts 5:3-4

"But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost... Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God."

To lie to the Holy Spirit is to lie to God. The Holy Spirit possesses the fullness of deity. He is not less than the Father. He is not less than the Son. He is fully God.

The Holy Spirit Possesses Divine Attributes

Hebrews 9:14

"...through the eternal Spirit..." 1 Corinthians 2:10-11

"But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 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." Psalm 139:7-10

"Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there... If I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there..."

The Spirit possesses the attributes that belong to God alone.

The Holy Spirit Is a Person Some mistakenly believe the Holy Spirit is simply a force. The Scriptures describe Him differently. A force does not speak. A force does not teach. A force does not love. A force cannot be grieved. The Holy Spirit does all of these. John 16:13

“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth...”

Notice Jesus did not say, “It will guide you.” He said, “He.” The Holy Spirit teaches. He guides. He reveals. He speaks.

The Holy Spirit Speaks 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 speaks with divine authority.

The Holy Spirit Can Be Grieved Ephesians 4:30

“And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.”

You cannot grieve electricity. You cannot grieve an impersonal force. Only a Person who loves can be grieved. Our sin does not remove God’s love for His children, but it does grieve the Holy Spirit who dwells within us and is working to conform us to Christ.

The Holy Spirit Intercedes for God’s People Romans 8:26-27

“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. 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.”

What a glorious comfort. The Son intercedes for us at the Father’s right hand. The Holy Spirit intercedes within us.

Our salvation is upheld by the gracious work of the Triune God.

The Holy Spirit Glorifies Jesus Christ John 16:14

“He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.”

Whenever the Holy Spirit is truly at work, Jesus Christ is exalted. The Spirit does not draw attention to Himself. He shines the light upon the Son. He opens blind eyes to behold Christ. He reveals the beauty of His character. He magnifies His Word. He forms His image within His people.

Galatians 2:20

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me...”

This has always been His ministry: not to make Himself the center, but to make Christ the center; not to magnify man’s gifts, but to magnify God’s Son.

Chapter Summary The Holy Spirit is the eternal third Person of the Triune God. He is fully God, possessing all the divine attributes of deity. He was present in creation, speaks with authority, teaches, guides, comforts, intercedes, and can be grieved. The Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force but God dwelling with and within His people. Above all, His ministry is to glorify Jesus Christ, reveal His truth, and conform believers into His image.

CHAPTER 3

Born of the Spirit

The Christian life does not begin with self-improvement; it begins with a miracle. Every person enters this world through a natural birth. But Jesus declared that natural birth alone is not enough to enter the Kingdom of God. No amount of morality, religious tradition, church membership, family heritage, or human effort can produce spiritual life. Just as flesh gives birth to flesh, only the Spirit of God can give birth to spirit. The Christian life does not begin with self-improvement; it begins with a miracle. That miracle is the new birth.

A Nighttime Conversation One evening a Pharisee named Nicodemus came to Jesus. He was a respected teacher of Israel, devoted to the Law and sincere in his pursuit of God. Yet despite all his knowledge, Jesus immediately directed him to the one thing he lacked. John 3:3 “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Jesus did not first speak about commandments, rituals, or religious accomplishments. He spoke about birth. Because the Kingdom of God is not entered by education. It is entered by regeneration.

Born of Water and the Spirit John 3:4-6

“Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”

Jesus distinguished between two births. The first is physical. The second is spiritual. Our first birth gives us life in this world. Our second birth gives us life in the Kingdom of God. This is not merely a change of behavior. It is the impartation of new life by the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit Gives Life The Holy Spirit does what no human being can do. He awakens the dead heart. He opens blind eyes. He convicts of sin. He draws people to Christ. He creates a new creation. 2

Corinthians 5:17

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

This transformation is not produced by human willpower. It is the gracious work of God.

The Mystery Revealed by the Spirit Ephesians 3:3-5

“How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) 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.”

The Holy Spirit is not only the One who gives new life; He is also the One who opens our understanding to the mystery

of Christ. The gospel is not merely information to be learned. It is divine truth revealed by the Spirit to believing hearts.

Christ in You John 14:17, 20

“Even the Spirit of truth... for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you... At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.”

These words reveal one of the deepest mysteries of the Christian faith. Through the Holy Spirit, believers are united with Christ. The Father is in the Son. The believer is in Christ. Christ dwells in the believer. Colossians 1:27

“To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

This is not merely symbolic language. It is the living reality of the new covenant. The Holy Spirit unites us with Christ, making us participants in His life and conforming us to His image. The One who walked with the disciples now dwells within His people.

Sons and Daughters of God

John 1:12-13

“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”

We are not born into God’s family by natural descent. We are born of God. This new birth brings us into His household, making us heirs with Christ and children of our heavenly Father. The Wind of the Spirit John 3:8

“The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.”

Though we cannot see the wind itself, we see its effects. The trees bend. The leaves move. The air is stirred. In the same way, the Holy Spirit's work is invisible, yet His transforming power is unmistakable. A heart once hardened becomes tender. A life once ruled by sin begins to love righteousness. A soul once dead is made alive in Christ.

Chapter Summary The new birth is the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit, bringing spiritual life to those who believe in Jesus Christ. No one enters God's Kingdom through natural birth, religious effort, or human achievement. By the Spirit, believers are born of God, united with Christ, and made sons and daughters of the Father. The same Spirit who gives life also reveals the mystery of Christ and continually transforms His people into His image.

Revelation by the Spirit

Every true revelation given by the Holy Spirit glorifies the Son. God has always desired to make Himself known. From the beginning, He spoke through creation, through the Law, through the prophets, and finally through His Son. Yet even after Christ came into the world, many failed to recognize Him. The problem was not that God had hidden the truth, but that the human heart, darkened by sin, could not perceive spiritual things apart from the work of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit does more than inspire the Scriptures. He illuminates them. He opens the eyes of the heart. He takes what God has spoken and makes it living, personal, and transforming within the believer.

The Mystery Hidden and Now Revealed Ephesians 3:3-5

“How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery... 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.”

The mystery was not discovered by human intelligence. It was revealed by the Holy Spirit. The same Spirit who revealed Christ to the apostles now opens the hearts of believers to understand the riches of the gospel.

The Spirit Searches the Deep Things of God 1 Corinthians 2:10-12

“But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God... 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.”

Believers are not left to guess the will of God. The Spirit reveals what God has freely given. This is not secret knowledge reserved for a spiritual elite. It is the gracious work of the Holy Spirit, who delights to make Christ known to all who humbly seek Him.

The Natural Man and the Spiritual Man 1 Corinthians 2:14

“But the natural man receiveth 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 does not bypass the mind; He renews it. He gives understanding so that believers may see the beauty of Christ, the wisdom of God’s plan, and the transforming power of the gospel.

The Spirit of Truth John 16:13-15

“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth... He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.”

The Father possesses all things. The Son receives all things from the Father. The Holy Spirit reveals the Son to the believer. This is why every genuine work of the Holy Spirit magnifies Christ rather than man.

The Spirit Bears Witness with Our Spirit Romans 8:14-16

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God... The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.”

The Spirit does not merely inform us about God. He draws us into fellowship with the Father. He teaches us to cry, “Abba, Father,” and assures us that we belong to God.

The Mirror of the Word 2 Corinthians 3:18

“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.”

The Word of God is like a mirror. It does not merely reveal who we are; it reveals who Christ is. As we behold His glory, the Holy Spirit changes us into His likeness. Transformation comes by seeing Christ more clearly.

Revelation Produces Obedience True revelation is never given merely to increase knowledge. It is given to produce obedience. Whenever the Holy Spirit reveals Christ, the proper response is worship, repentance, faith, and obedience. The Spirit does not simply fill our minds with information. He forms Christ within us.

Chapter Summary The Holy Spirit is God’s divine Revealer. He opens the Scriptures, unveils the mystery of Christ, guides believers into all truth, bears witness that we are children of God, and transforms us as we behold the glory of the Lord. Spiritual revelation is not merely the acquisition of knowledge but the work of the Spirit that produces worship, obedience, and conformity to Jesus Christ.

Walking in the Spirit

Victory is found by walking in the Spirit. The Christian life was never intended to be lived by human determination alone. Many believers begin their walk with Christ full of joy, yet soon discover a painful reality: though they love God, they still wrestle with temptation, pride, fear, anger, selfishness, and every remnant of the old nature. There is a conflict between the flesh and the Spirit. The good news is that God has not left His children to fight that battle alone. The same Holy Spirit who gives new birth also empowers the believer to live a new life.

The Great Conflict Galatians 5:16-17

“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other.”

The flesh seeks independence from God. The Spirit leads us into joyful obedience. The battle is real, but the outcome depends upon our yielding to the Holy Spirit. Paul does not merely command believers to fight the flesh. He commands them to walk in the Spirit.

Walking Is a Daily Lifestyle Luke 9:23

“If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.” Walking in the Spirit is not an occasional experience reserved for church services or special moments of worship. It is the continual pattern of a believer’s life. Every conversation, every decision, every temptation, every opportunity to forgive, and every trial becomes an opportunity to walk with God.

Those Led by the Spirit Are the Sons of God Romans 8:14

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”

The evidence of spiritual maturity is not simply knowing Scripture or speaking about God. It is willingly following the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit never leads contrary to the Word He inspired. He leads believers into holiness, truth, love, humility, obedience, and Christlikeness.

Setting the Mind on the Spirit Romans 8:5-6

“For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.”

Whatever occupies our thoughts eventually shapes our lives. Walking in the Spirit requires intentionally filling our minds with God’s Word, prayer, worship, and truth.

Abiding in Christ John 15:4-5

“Abide in me, and I in you... I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.”

The branch does not struggle to manufacture fruit. It remains connected to the vine. In the same way, believers do not produce spiritual fruit through self-effort. The Holy Spirit produces Christ's life within those who remain in Him.

Yielding Instead of Striving

Galatians 2:20

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me...”

The more we yield ourselves to Christ, the more His life is manifested through us. The Holy Spirit does not simply help us imitate Jesus. He forms the life of Christ within us.

Walking Worthy of the Calling

Ephesians 4:1-3

“I therefore... beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

Walking in the Spirit is seen in humility rather than pride, gentleness rather than harshness, patience rather than impatience, and peace rather than division.

Chapter Summary Walking in the Spirit is the daily life of every believer. Though the flesh and the Spirit are in continual conflict, God has provided victory through the indwelling Holy Spirit. As believers yield themselves to

God's leading, renew their minds with His Word, abide in Christ, and follow the Spirit's guidance, they increasingly reflect the character of Jesus.

The Fruit of the Spirit

Fruit is not manufactured. Fruit is produced by life. The Holy Spirit does not merely change where a believer will spend eternity. He changes how a believer lives today. The evidence of His presence is seen in a transformed heart. Where the Holy Spirit rules, the character of Jesus Christ begins to flourish. Just as healthy roots produce healthy fruit, the indwelling Spirit produces the life of Christ within every yielded believer. A branch does not strain to bear fruit. It simply abides in the vine.

The Works of the Flesh Galatians 5:19-21

“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness... Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife... Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like...”

Paul calls them works because they are the product of fallen human nature. The flesh continually exalts self. The Spirit continually glorifies Christ. The flesh divides. The Spirit unites.

The Fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:22-23

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”

Paul says fruit, not fruits. This is one beautiful life produced by one Holy Spirit. Together these qualities reveal the character of Jesus Christ.

Love - The Foundation John 13:34-35

“A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you... By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”

This love is not based upon emotion. It is the self-giving love demonstrated by Christ on the cross. It loves the unlovable, forgives the undeserving, and serves without seeking recognition.

Joy - The Strength of the Believer Nehemiah 8:10

“...for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

Biblical joy does not depend upon circumstances. It rests in the unchanging goodness of God.

Peace - Resting in God's Sovereignty John 14:27

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you...”

The world's peace depends upon favorable circumstances. Christ's peace rests upon His unchanging presence.

Longsuffering, Gentleness, and Goodness

Longsuffering is strength restrained by love.

Gentleness is strength under control—truth spoken with compassion and correction given in love. Goodness flows from a heart transformed by grace.

Faith, Meekness, and Temperance Faith grows as believers learn to trust God. Meekness refuses self-exaltation. Temperance is Spirit-empowered self-control, bringing the tongue, mind, emotions, appetites, and desires under the lordship of Jesus Christ.

Fruit Is Evidence of Life

Matthew 7:16-20

“Ye shall know them by their fruits...”

Fruit does not create the tree. The tree produces the fruit. Likewise, holy living does not earn salvation; salvation produces a transformed life. We are saved by grace through faith, yet the grace that saves also transforms.

Bearing Much Fruit John 15:5, 8

“I am the vine, ye are the branches... Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.” Mark 4:20

“And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.”

God desires growth. The issue is not comparing ourselves with one another. The issue is continuing to abide in Christ so that His life may produce an ever-increasing harvest.

Chapter Summary The fruit of the Spirit is the visible evidence of the Holy Spirit’s transforming work within the believer. As believers abide in Christ and walk in the Spirit, God produces love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, and self-control. The Father is glorified as His children bear increasing fruit, revealing Christ to the world.

The Gifts of the Spirit

The fruit of the Spirit must govern the gifts of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit not only transforms the believer inwardly, but He also equips the believer for outward ministry. Every follower of Jesus Christ has been called to serve. No member of the Body of Christ is unnecessary. No believer has been forgotten. The gifts are not rewards for spiritual superiority. They are expressions of God's grace. No one earns them, owns them, or controls them independently of the Holy Spirit. They are entrusted by God for the benefit of His people and the glory of His Son.

One Spirit - Many Gifts 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

“Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord... But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.”

The gifts are diverse. Their source is one. The Father purposes. The Son is glorified. The Holy Spirit empowers.

Every Believer Has a Place 1 Corinthians 12:12, 18

“For as the body is one, and hath many members... so also is Christ... But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.”

No part of the human body exists for itself. Likewise, every spiritual gift has been given for service, not self-exaltation.

The Gifts Reveal God's Grace Romans 12:6-8
"Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us..."

Teaching, serving, encouraging, giving, leading, and showing mercy are expressions of God's kindness working through ordinary believers. Our effectiveness depends upon surrender to Him.

Gifts Must Be Governed by Love 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass... And though I have the gift of prophecy... and have not charity, I am nothing."

Love is not an optional addition to spiritual gifts. It is the atmosphere in which they are meant to operate. Character must direct power. Humility must guide influence. Love must govern every act of ministry.

The Holy Spirit Glorifies Christ John 16:14
"He shall glorify me..."

This sentence becomes the measure of every ministry. Does it glorify Christ? Does it strengthen the Church? Does it exalt the gospel? The Holy Spirit never competes with Jesus. He always magnifies Him.

The Greatest Gift Is Faithful Service Mark 10:43-45

“Whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister... For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

The greatest ministry is not measured by applause. It is measured by faithfulness. The greatest evidence of spiritual maturity is not how many people know our name, but how faithfully we reflect the heart of our Savior.

Stir Up the Gift of God 2 Timothy 1:6-7

“Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee... For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

Every gift entrusted by God carries responsibility. It must be cultivated, exercised in faith, submitted to Scripture, covered in prayer, governed by love, and used with humility.

Love Will Remain 1 Corinthians 13:8

“Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.”

There is coming a day when faith will become sight. Temporary ministries will reach their fulfillment. But love will never end, because love is not merely something God gives. Love is who God is.

Chapter Summary The Holy Spirit graciously equips every believer with gifts for the building up of the Body of Christ and the advancement of the gospel. These gifts come from one Spirit and are given according to God’s wisdom, not human merit. Yet the gifts must always be governed by the fruit of the Spirit, especially love.

The Spirit and the Bride

The Church lives between two “comes.” From the opening pages of Scripture to its final invitation, the Holy Spirit has been preparing a people for God. He moved upon the waters of creation. He spoke through the prophets. He overshadowed the virgin Mary. He descended upon Jesus at His baptism. He was poured out upon the Church at Pentecost. He regenerates sinners, reveals Christ, sanctifies believers, distributes gifts, and produces fruit. Throughout this present age, He prepares the Bride of Christ for the glorious appearing of her Bridegroom. The story of redemption is not merely about forgiveness. It is about union. God is preparing an eternal family to dwell with Him forever.

A Bride Prepared for Her King Ephesians 5:25-27
“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle... but that it should be holy and without blemish.”

Christ’s purpose is not merely to forgive or rescue, but to present to Himself a glorious Bride. The Holy Spirit is

accomplishing that work day by day,
conforming believers to the image of Jesus
Christ.

The Spirit Continues the Work of Sanctification
Philippians 1:6

“Being confident of this very thing, that he which
hath begun a good work in you will perform it until
the day of Jesus Christ.”

The work that began at the new birth is not
abandoned. God finishes what He begins. Each
step prepares the Bride for the day she will
stand before her Lord.

The Hope of Glory Fulfilled Colossians 1:27

“...which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

Christ dwells within His people now by His
Spirit. One day they shall dwell with Him
forever in unveiled glory. The Hope of Glory
that began as a promise becomes eternal
reality.

**We Shall Be Like Him 1 John
3:2-3**

“Beloved, now are we the sons of God... but we
know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like
him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man
that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even
as he is pure.”

The believer's hope is not merely escaping
judgment. It is becoming like Christ. Faith shall
become sight. Hope shall become fulfillment.
The work of sanctification shall reach its
completion.

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb Revelation
19:7-9

“Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready... Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.”

The Bride is clothed in the righteousness graciously given through Christ and manifested in a life of faithful obedience. Every act of faith, every sacrifice, every prayer, every unseen work of love, and every step of obedience is part of God’s preparation of His people.

The Spirit and the Bride Say, “Come” 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.”

The Holy Spirit has been saying “Come” from the beginning: come to Christ, come to salvation, come to holiness, come to communion, come to maturity, come to eternal life. The Church lives between two “comes.” She invites sinners to come to Christ, and she eagerly awaits Christ’s coming to her.

Even So, Come, Lord Jesus

Revelation 22:20

“He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.”

These are not words of fear. They are words of hope. The Father’s eternal plan, the Son’s redeeming work, and the Spirit’s sanctifying ministry all move toward one glorious day when the redeemed shall stand before the throne of God, perfectly conformed to the image of Jesus Christ. Final Exhortation Beloved, yield yourself daily to the Holy Spirit. Walk in His ways. Abide in Christ. Bear the fruit of

righteousness. Exercise your gifts with humility and love. Fix your eyes upon Jesus. The Holy Spirit has not been given merely to prepare you for ministry. He has been given to prepare you for eternity.

Walk faithfully. Serve joyfully. Love sacrificially. Stand firmly. For the King is coming.

Book V Summary The Holy Spirit: Walking in the Spirit has traced the Spirit's ministry from the Father's promise to the Church's final hope. The Holy Spirit is the eternal third Person of the Triune God, sent by the Father through the Son to regenerate, indwell, teach, sanctify, empower, and prepare God's people. He reveals the mystery of Christ, leads believers into truth, produces the fruit of Christ's character, distributes gifts for the building up of the Church, and faithfully prepares the Bride for the return of her Bridegroom. From Genesis to Revelation, His work is consistent: to glorify Jesus Christ and conform God's children to His image until they stand complete in His presence.

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COLOSSIANS 1:27 (KJV)**

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