

The Holy Spirit and the Successful Christian Life (3)

Introduction

- A. Every Christian has been born again by the Holy Spirit (John 3:3,5) and has been baptized into the Body of Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit (I Cor.12:13).
- B. This relationship means that every believer is indwelt, sealed, baptized, gifted and anointed with or by the Holy Spirit.

I. Divine enablement for the enjoyment of spiritual things.

Now the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Rom. 15:13

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, against such there is no law. Gal. 5:22,23

II. Divine enablement for witnessing.

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. He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. But this spake He of the Spirit . . . John 7:37-39a

But when the Comforter is come, Whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me, and ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with Me from the beginning. John 15:26,27

III. Divine enablement for a successful prayer life.

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

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints. Ephesians 6:18

IV. Divine enablement for guidance.

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. John 16:13

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Romans 8:14

V. Divine enablement for a correct understanding of Scripture.

I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 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. John 16:12,13

VI. Divine enablement for an understanding of salvation.

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but ye have received the Spirit of Adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. His Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. Romans 8:15,16

And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Galatians 4:6

VII. Divine enablement for sanctification.

He shall glorify me, for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. John 16:14.

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. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Romans 8:13,14

For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, and righteousness and truth. Ephesians 5:9

Conclusion

A. This divine enablement demands our daily cooperation, Ephesians 5:18

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit.

B. It is important that we place the purpose of the Holy Spirit's ministry at the top of our value system. He has come to glorify Jesus Christ by enabling us to enjoy spiritual things, to witness, to pray, to know the will of God, to understand the Bible and our salvation, and to live a successful Christian life.

C. If we do not have these facets of the Holy Spirit's ministry in our daily life – we are out of the will of God.

D. It is a terrible sin to have such a great teacher as the Holy Spirit – and then not cooperate with Him!

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