

What the Holy Spirit Can Do for You

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THE THIRD PERSON OF THE GODHEAD CAN ENABLE YOU TO FULFILL GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR LIFE

"The Holy Spirit is a person, for He beareth witness with our spirits that we are the children of God. When this witness is borne, it carries with it its own evidence. At such times we believe and are sure that we are the children of God."—*Evangelism, 616.*

"We need to realize that the Holy Spirit . . . is as much a person as God is a person."—*Evangelism, 616.*

"The work is laid out before every soul that has acknowledged his faith in Jesus Christ by baptism, and has become a receiver of the pledge from **the three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**"—*6 Bible Commentary, 1074 (Manuscript 57, 1900).*

"Christ determined that when He ascended from this earth, He would bestow a gift on those who had believed on Him, and those who should believe on Him. **What gift could He bestow rich enough to signalize and grace His ascension to the mediatorial throne?** It must be worthy of His greatness and His royalty. **He determined to give His representative, the third person of the Godhead. This gift could not be excelled.** He would give all gifts in one, and therefore the divine Spirit, that converting, enlightening, and sanctifying power, would be His donation."—*6 Bible Commentary, 1052-1053 (Southern Watchman, November 28, 1905).*

"Christ has made every provision for us to be strong. He has given us His Holy Spirit, whose office is to bring to our remembrance all the promises that Christ has made, that we may have peace and a sweet sense of forgiveness. If we will but keep our eyes fixed on the Saviour and trust in His power, we shall be filled with a sense of security; for the righteousness of Christ will become our righteousness."—*Messages to Young People, 107.*

"For the mind renewed by the Holy Spirit, divine beauty and celestial light shine from the

sacred page. That which is to the earthly mind a desolate wilderness, to the spiritual mind becomes a land of living streams."—*Signs, October 10, 1906.*

"The Holy Spirit was sent as the most priceless treasure man could receive."—*Signs, August 16, 1899.*

"The Lord has fullness of grace to bestow on every one that will receive the heavenly gift. **The Holy Spirit will bring the God-entrusted capabilities into Christ's service, and will mold and fashion the human agent according to the divine Pattern,** in proportion as the human agent shall earnestly desire the transformation."—*Youth's Instructor, July 5, 1894.*

"The office of the Holy Spirit is distinctly specified in the words of Christ: 'When He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.' John 16:8. **It is the Holy Spirit that convicts of sin. If the sinner responds to the quickening influence of the Spirit, he will be brought to repentance,** and aroused to the importance of obeying the divine requirements."—*Acts of the Apostles, 52.*

"It is through the mighty agency of the Holy Spirit that the government of Satan is to be subdued and subjected. It is the Holy Spirit that convinces of sin and expels it from the soul by the consent of the human agent . . . Through the merits of Christ man may be able to exercise the noblest powers of his being and expel sin from his soul."—*Review, April 25, 1893.*

"Those who consent to be led by the Spirit of God will be illuminated and sanctified. They will discern the hatefulness of sin and the beauty of holiness. They will esteem it a great honor to be called the sons of God, knowing that they are wholly unworthy to be associated with Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father. Christ took upon Him our nature, that He might associate us with Himself. He suffered in the flesh . . . that He might bring many sons and daughters to God."—*Youth's In-*

structor, December 8, 1892.

“We need to recognize the Holy Spirit as our enlightener. That Spirit loves to address the children, and discover to them the treasures and beauties of the Word. The promises spoken by our Great Teacher will captivate the senses and animate the soul of the child with a spiritual power that is divine. There will grow in the receptive mind a familiarity with divine things which will be as a barricade against the temptations of the enemy . . . The sparks of heavenly love will fall upon the hearts of the children as an inspiration.”—*Counsels to Parents and Teachers*, 172.

“It is the Spirit that causes to shine into darkened minds the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness; that makes men’s hearts burn within them with an awakened realization of the truths of eternity; that presents before the mind the great standard of righteousness, and convinces of sin; that inspires faith in Him who alone can save from sin; that works to transform character by withdrawing the affections of men from those things which are temporal and perishable, and fixing them upon the eternal inheritance. **The Spirit recreates, refines, and sanctifies human beings, fitting them to become members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King.**”—*Gospel Workers*, 286-287.

“God desires that the receivers of His grace shall be witnesses to its power. Those whose course has been most offensive to Him He freely accepts; when they repent, **He imparts to them His divine Spirit, places them in the highest positions of trust,** and sends them forth into the camp of the disloyal to proclaim His boundless mercy.”—*Desire of Ages*, 826.

“Provision is made by God Himself for every soul that turns to the Lord, to receive His immediate cooperation. The Holy Spirit becomes His efficiency.”—*Review*, March 22, 1898.

“It is the Spirit’s power that we need. This can do more for us in one minute than we can ever accomplish by talking.”—*My Life Today*, 47.

“Only to those who wait humbly upon God, who watch for His guidance and grace, is the Spirit given. The power of God awaits their demand and reception. This promised blessing, claimed by faith, brings all other blessings in its train.”—*Review*, November 19, 1908.

“Every servant of God is to be guided by the Holy Spirit. It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. Our path, however rugged it may be, is marked out for us by the Lord; and in it we must walk.”—*6 Manuscript Release*, 120.

“There is no limit to the usefulness of the one who, putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart and lives a life wholly consecrated to God. . .

“To us today, as verily as to the first disciples, the promise of the Spirit belongs. God will today endow men and women with power from above, as He endowed those who on the Day of Pentecost heard the word of salvation. **At this very hour His Spirit and His grace are for all who need them and will take Him at His Word.**”—*8 Testimonies*, 19-20.

“Teach your children that it is their privilege to receive every day the baptism of the Holy Spirit.”—*Child Guidance*, 69-70.

Those who are under the influence of the Spirit of God will not be fanatical, but calm and steadfast, free from extravagance in thought, word, or deed. **Amid the confusion of delusive doctrines, the Spirit of God will be a guide and a shield to those who have not resisted the evidences of truth,** silencing every other voice but that which comes from Him who is the truth.”—*Gospel Workers*, 289.

“By the influence of the Spirit, the most discordant may be brought into harmony. Unselfishness is to bind God’s people together with firm, tender bonds. There is a vast power in the church when the energies of the members are under the control of the Spirit.”—*Signs*, February 7, 1900.

“The influence of the Holy Spirit is needed that the work may be properly balanced and that it may move forward solidly in every line.”—*6 Testimonies*, 291.

“A holy influence is to go forth to the world from those who are sanctified through the truth. . . **The Holy Spirit is to work on human hearts, taking the things of God and showing them to men.**”—*9 Testimonies*, 40.

“It is the Spirit itself that teaches and enlightens. The most powerful preaching of the Word, the reading of the Scriptures, will not be able to transform the character and save souls unless the Spirit works with and through the human agents. The planning and devising must not be of a character to draw attention to self. The Word is a power, a sword, in the hands of the human agent, but the Holy Spirit in its vital power is the efficiency to impress the mind. ‘They shall be all taught of God.’ It is God that causes the light to shine into hearts. . . The reason why God can do so little for us is that we forget that living virtue in the Holy Spirit is to combine with the human agent.”—*Sons and Daughters of God*, 30.

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“With the great truth we have been privileged to receive, we should, and under the Holy Spirit’s power we could, become living channels of light. We could then approach the mercy-seat; and, seeing the bow of promise, kneel with contrite hearts and seek the kingdom of heaven with a spiritual violence that would bring its own reward. We would take it by force, as did Jacob. **Then our message would be the power of God unto salvation.** Our supplications would be full of earnestness, full of a sense of our great need; and we would not be denied. The truth would be expressed by life and character, and by lips touched with the living coal from off God’s altar. When this experience is ours, we shall be lifted out of our poor, cheap selves, that we have cherished so tenderly. **We shall empty our hearts of the corroding power of selfishness, and shall be filled with praise and gratitude to God.** We shall magnify the Lord, the God of all grace, who has magnified Christ. And He will reveal His power through us, making us as sharp sickles in the harvest field.”—*Review, February 14, 1899.*

“As the Holy Spirit opens to you the truth, you will treasure up the most precious experiences, and will long to speak to others of the comforting things that have been revealed to you. When brought into association with them, you will communicate some fresh thought in regard to the character or the work of Christ. You will have some fresh revelation of His pitying love to impart to those who love Him and to those who love Him not . . .

“The heart that has once tasted the love of Christ, cries out continually for a deeper draught, and as you impart, you will receive in richer and more abundant measure. Every revelation of God to the soul increases the capacity to know and to love. **The continual cry of the heart is, ‘More of Thee,’ and ever the Spirit’s answer is, ‘Much more.’** For our God delights to do ‘exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.’ Ephesians 3:20. **To Jesus, who emptied Himself for the salvation of lost humanity, the Holy Spirit was given without measure. So it will be given to every follower of Christ when the whole heart is surrendered for His indwelling.** Our Lord Himself has given the command, ‘Be filled with the Spirit,’ and this command is also a promise of its fulfilment. It was the good pleasure of the Father that in Christ should ‘all the fulness dwell;’ and ‘in Him ye are made full.’

“God has poured out His love unstintedly, as the showers that refresh the earth. He says: ‘Let the skies pour down righteousness; let the earth

open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together.’ . . . Of his fullness have we received, and grace for grace.’ John 1:16.”—*Mount of Blessing, 20-21.*

“Shall we consider that we are capable of fashioning our lives and characters to enter into the portals of glory? We cannot do it. **We are dependent every moment upon the Spirit of God operating upon us and upon our children.**

“If parents would see a different state of things in their family, let them consecrate themselves wholly to God, and the Lord will devise ways and means whereby a transformation may take place in their households.”—*Child Guidance, 172.*

“Your compassionate Redeemer is watching you in love and sympathy, ready to hear your prayers, and render you the assistance which you need in your lifework. Love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, faith and charity are the elements of the Christian character. **These precious graces are the fruits of the Spirit.** They are the Christian’s crown and shield. . . . Nothing can give more perfect content and satisfaction.”—*Signs, November 29, 1877.*

“As you receive the Spirit of Christ . . . you will grow and bring forth fruit. The graces of the Spirit will ripen in your character. Your faith will increase, your convictions deepen, your love be made perfect. More and more you will reflect the likeness of Christ in all that is pure, noble, and lovely . . .

“This fruit can never perish, but will produce after its kind a harvest unto eternal life.

“‘When the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.’ Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. **When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own.**”—*Christ’s Object Lessons, 68-69.*

“Only the Holy Spirit of God can quicken the perceptive faculties.”—*Sons and Daughters of God, 33.*

“Only to those who wait humbly upon God, who watch for His guidance and grace, is the Spirit given. This promised blessing, claimed by faith, brings all other blessings in its train. It is given according to the riches of the grace of Christ, and He is ready to supply every soul according to the capacity to receive . . .

“God takes men as they are, and educates them for His service, if they will yield themselves to Him. **The Spirit of God, received into the soul, quickens all its faculties. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the mind that is devoted unreservedly to God develops harmoniously and is strengthened to comprehend and fulfil the re-**

quirements of God. The weak, vacillating character becomes changed to one of strength and steadfastness. Continual devotion establishes so close a relation between Jesus and His disciples that the Christian becomes like his Master in character. He has clearer, broader views. His discernment is more penetrative, his judgment better balanced. So quickened is he by the life-giving power of the Sun of Righteousness, that he is enabled to bear much fruit to the glory of God.”—*Gospel Workers*, 285-286.

“If the Holy Spirit dwells in us . . . we shall lift up Jesus.”—*Review Extra*, December 23, 1890.

“How man can be a counterpart of Jesus Christ is beyond human comprehension. But the Holy Spirit can strengthen our spiritual eyesight, enabling us to see what our natural eyes cannot see, or our ears hear, or our minds comprehend. **By the Spirit which searches all things, even the deep things of God, have been revealed precious truths** which cannot be described by pen or voice.”—*Sons and Daughters of God*, 34.

“In all who will submit themselves to the Holy Spirit a new principle of life is to be implanted; the lost image of God is to be restored in humanity.

“But man can not transform himself by the exercise of his will. He possesses no power by which this change can be effected. The heaven—something wholly from without—must be put into the meal before the desired change can be wrought in it. **So the grace of God must be received by the sinner before he can be fitted for the kingdom of glory.** All the culture and education which the world can give will fail of making a degraded child of sin a child of heaven. The renewing energy must come from God. **The change can be made only by the Holy Spirit.** All who would be saved, high or low, rich or poor, must submit to the working of this power.”—*Christ’s Object Lessons*, 96-97.

“Every heart that has been visited by the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness will reveal the working of the Spirit of God in voice, mind, and character. The machinery will move as if oiled and guided by a masterly hand. There will be less friction when the spirit of the worker receives the oil from the two olive branches. The holy influences will be imparted to others in words of kindness, tenderness, love, and encouragement.”—*7 Testimonies*, 195-196.

“When Christ ascended to the Father, He did not leave His followers without help. The Holy Spirit, as His representative, and the heavenly angels, as ministering spirits, are sent forth to aid those who against great odds are fighting the good fight of faith.”—*Messages to Young People*, 17.

“I have been shown what man is without a knowledge of the will of God. Crimes and iniquity fill up the measure of his life. **But when the Spirit of God reveals to him the full meaning of the law, what a change takes place in his heart!** Like Belshazzar, he reads intelligently the handwriting of the Almighty, and conviction takes possession of his soul. **The thunders of God’s Word startle him from his lethargy, and he calls for mercy in the name of Jesus.** And to that humble plea God always listens with a willing ear. He never turns the penitent away comfortless.”—*4 Testimonies*, 14.

“The outpouring of the Spirit in the days of the apostles was the beginning of the early, or former, rain, and glorious was the result. **To the end of time the presence of the Spirit is to abide with the true church.**

“But near the close of earth’s harvest, a special bestowal of spiritual grace is promised to prepare the church for the coming of the Son of man. This outpouring of the Spirit is likened to the falling of the latter rain; and it is for this added power that Christians are to send their petitions to the Lord of the harvest ‘in the time of the latter rain.’ . . .

“But unless the members of God’s church today have a living connection with the Source of all spiritual growth, they will not be ready for the time of reaping. Unless they keep their lamps trimmed and burning, they will fail of receiving added grace in times of special need.

“Those only who are constantly receiving fresh supplies of grace, will have power proportionate to their daily need and their ability to use that power. Instead of looking forward to some future time when, through a special endowment of spiritual power, they will receive a miraculous fitting up for soul winning, they are yielding themselves daily to God, that He may make them vessels meet for His use. **Daily they are improving the opportunities for service that lie within their reach.** Daily they are witnessing for the Master wherever they may be, whether in some humble sphere of labor in the home, or in a public field of usefulness.”—*Acts of the Apostles*, 54-55.