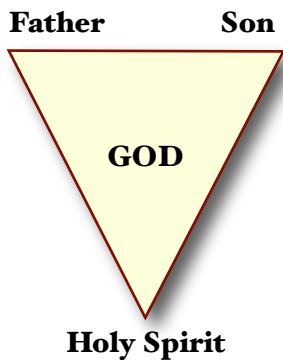


UNDERSTANDING THE MINISTRY OF THE

# HOLY SPIRIT

**THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD**, as illustrated by the triangle below, however, there are three **Persons** represented in the one Godhead. The Holy Spirit is an equal part of the Trinity and is just as much a Person as Jesus is a Person.



When Christ was on earth He had a body, however, He did not cease to be a Person when He went back to Heaven. The dictionary says a person is, "The composite of characteristics that make up an individual personality."

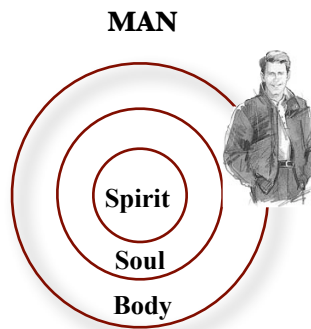
**THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT AN INFLUENCE. THAT IS WHAT HE DOES**

Satan would have us discount the **person** of the Holy Spirit and think of Him only as an influence. The Holy Spirit is much more than an influence.

Please notice the highlighted areas in the Scripture below that show the fact that the Holy Spirit is a Person.

**John 16: 7-15.** "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I

will send **him** unto you. And when **he** is come, **he** will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. 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 shew you things to come. **He** shall glorify me: for **he** shall **receive** of mine, and shall shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that **he** shall **take** of mine, and shall shew it unto you. An Influence Cannot Do These Things



In Genesis 1:26 we read, "And God said, Let us (The Trinity) make man in our image, after our likeness."

When God made us in His image, He made us a three-part being. We have a body, a soul and a spirit. We read in First Thessalonians 5:23 "I pray God your whole **spirit** and **soul** and **body** be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Man is pictured by the rings. He is lost and in need of a Saviour.

**Our spirit** is what God communicates with.

**Our body** is the house we live in.

**Our soul** is made up of our mind, will and our emotions.



When Adam sinned **the spirit** part of man was immediately affected. He lost contact with God and fellowship with God became impossible for him and for us.

**THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** is a ministry that deals with all three areas of a person.

The Spirit of God deals with us in the area of our spirit. Concerning the Holy Spirit we read in Romans 8:16, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit..."

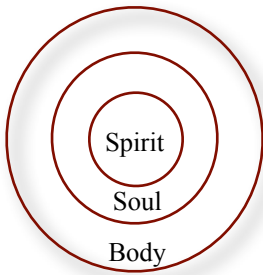
It is impossible for anyone to be saved unless the Holy Spirit convicts the person of their need of a Saviour.

**ONCE A PERSON IS SAVED**

After a person is saved the Holy Spirit begins dealing with each one in the area of presenting their "**bodies** a living sacrifice."

The Holy Spirit will also deal with the soul or self-life of the Christian.

**UNSAVED PERSON**



**THEIR CONDITION**

**They are lost.** *“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”* (Luke 19:10)

**They are sinners.** *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”* (Romans 3:23)

**They are dead.** *“And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins.”* (Ephesians 2:1)

**He is condemned.** *“He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”* (John 3:18)

**They are under the wrath of God.** *“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”* (John 3:36)

**They are in darkness.** *“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”* (Second Corinthians 4:6)

**They are on the road to the lake of fire.** *“And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”* (Revelation 20:15)

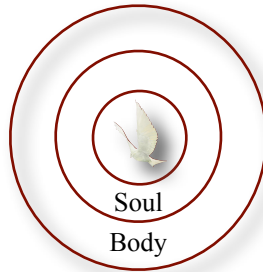
**THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE UNSAVED PEOPLE.**

The Holy Spirit convicts them of their need of receiving Christ as Saviour. Jesus said, *“And when he is*

*come he will reprove the world of sin... because they believe not on me.”* (John 16:8)



**SAVED PERSONS' CONDITION**  
**The Holy Spirit Within**



**They are new creations.** *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”* (Second Corinthians 5:17)

**Sin has been dealt with.** *“...now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.”* (Hebrews 9:26)

**Their sin is blotted out.** *“I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.”* (Isaiah 44:22)

**They are redeemed.** *“Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.”* (Titus 2:14)

**They are not condemned.** *“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”* (Romans 8:1)

**Their sins are removed.** *“As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.”* (Psalm 103:12)

**Their past is forgiven.** *“And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.”* (Hebrews 10:17)

**THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE CHRISTIAN.**

**The Christian is in-dwelt by the Holy Ghost.** *“But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.”* (Romans 8:9-11)

**Christians are sure that they will go to Heaven.** *“These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”* (First John 5:13)

*“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.”* (John 10:27-29)

**The Holy Spirit will confirm to saved people that they are eternally secure** *“He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.”* (First John 5:10)



**THE SAVED PERSON BUT STILL CONTROLLED BY THE WORLD**



**When people are saved they are in-dwelt by the Holy Spirit.**

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They are saved from the **penalty** of sin, however, they are not saved from the **presence** of sin or the **power** of sin.

**A TIME FOR DECISIONS**

Ephesians 4:22-24 says the Christian is to, “...put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”

The green in the diagram above represents the world pouring in through the senses of people thus making them worldly Christians.

The red arrows represent the Holy Spirit dealing with Christians concerning how they should live.

**Christian must know that they are to become dead to the worldliness.**

- “But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.” (Galatians 6:14)
- “Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.” (Romans 6:6)

- “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.” (Galatians 2:20)

**They must abstain from: Worldly pleasures.**

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.” (First John 2:15-17)

**Wrong associations.**

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you,

and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.” (Second Corinthians 6:14-18)

**Wrong habits.**

“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.” (Galatians 5:19-21)

**Anything Christ would not do in His body must not be done by Christians.**

“Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.” (Romans 6:12, 13)

**SAVED MAN BUT WORLD CONTROLLED IN HIS SELF-LIFE**



**THE CHRISTIAN WITH THE BODY CONTROLLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT BUT STILL CONTROLLED BY THE SELF LIFE.**

The soul consists of the **mind**, the **will** and the **emotions**. A Christian may have victory over sins of the

body and yet refuse to let the Holy Spirit control the *mind, will* and *emotions*. Jesus said, *“If any man come after me let him deny HIMSELF.”*

- *“But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds.”* (Colossians 3:8, 9)

- *“And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.”* (Ephesians 4:24,25)

- *“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: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”* (Galatians 5: 16-21)

**Evidence of a Christian person controlled by self rather than the Holy Spirit.**

**Self-will**

*“An adherence to one’s own desires or ideas.”*

**Pride**

*“A claiming for oneself more importance than is warranted.”*

**Self-pity**

*“dwelling on one’s own sorrows or misfortunes.”*

**Worry**

*“To afflict ones-self with mental distress; to become anxious.”*

**Self-glory**

*“Personal vanity.”*

**Self-esteem**

*“An exaggerated opinion of one’s own qualities or abilities.”*

**Jealousy**

*“A hostile attitude of intolerance toward one believed to enjoy an advantage.”*

**Self-love**

*“A regard for one’s own happiness or advantage.”*

**Envy**

*“A resentful awareness of an advantage enjoyed by another joined with a desire to possess the same advantage.”*

**Self-seeking**

*“The act or practice of selfishly advancing one’s own ends.”*

**Sensitiveness**

*“Easily hurt emotionally.”*

**Selfishness**

*“Concentrating on one’s own advantage, pleasure, or well-being.”*

**Discouragement**

*“To deprive of courage or confidence.”*

**Self-interest**

*“A concern for one’s own advantage and well-being.”*

**Self-indulgence**

*“Excessive gratification of one’s own appetites, desires, or whims.”*

**Self-satisfaction**

*“Satisfaction with oneself or one’s position or achievements.”*

**Self-deprecation**

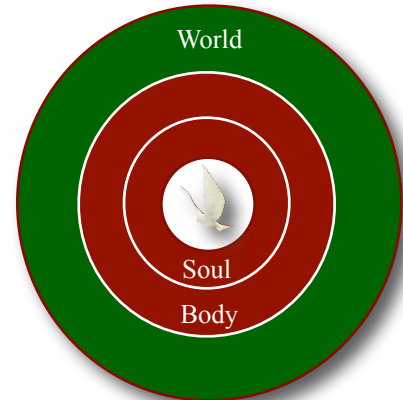
*“To lower the price or estimated value.”*

**Self-consciousness**

*“Uncomfortably conscious of oneself as an object of the observation of others.”*

*“The devil hates the Spirit-filled minister with an intensity second only to that which he feels for Christ Himself.” A. W. Tozer*

**SAVED PERSON  
SPIRIT-CONTROLLED  
BODY & SOUL**



**THE CHRISTIAN WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT IN CONTROL OF HIS BODY AND SOUL**

(The Self-life)

**They now realize that they can do nothing of themselves.**

*“I can of mine own self do nothing; as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.”* (John 5:30)

**They realize they are crucified with Christ.**

*“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me”* (Galatians 2:20)

**They realize that God must have total control.**

- *“For that which I do I allow not; for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.”* (Romans 7:15)

- *“For the good that I would I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do.”* (Romans 7:19)

**They realize that any good that he does is of God.**

*“But by the grace of God I am what I am; and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more*

abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.” (First Corinthians 15:10)

“This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But ye have not so learned Christ; If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.” (Ephesians 4:17-32)

- “And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void to offence toward God, and toward men.” (Acts 24:16)

This Christian is living a life of **unconditional surrender** to the will of the Holy Spirit and

**unconditional separation** from everything and everyone the Holy Spirit would direct him to separate from.



**SAVED MAN WITH SELF-CONTROLLED SPIRIT LIFE**

The diagram above shows the saved person with the Holy Spirit in control of the **body** and **soul**. The **spirit**, however, is not yet completely surrendered to God.

This part of a Christian is so personal it is known only to God and the individual. Sometimes areas of the spirit life are not even known to the individual until the Holy Spirit reveals the need.

This is the part of a person that goes deeper than the **body**, the **mind**, the **will** or the **emotions**.

Christians who determines to let the Holy Spirit have complete control in this area will find that they are going through a test that few Christians know anything about.

**Jesus was talking to Christians** in Matthew 7:14 when He said, “...strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”

God will take away every person and everything that might hinder spiritual progress in this person's life.

**Everything** must be controlled by

God. At this point some Christians will find they are putting God's work ahead of God. Some will find that God is dealing with them about their prayer life.

Some will find there are hidden things in their life that are more important than Christ. Each thing must be surrendered to the Lord as the Holy Spirit brings it to light.

“If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.” (Galatians 5:25)

**SAVED MAN SPIRIT CONTROLLED**



This diagram shows the saved man with the Holy Spirit in control of all areas of his life. This person is now ready for the Holy Spirit to produce the fruit of the Spirit in his or her life. “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness temperance: against such there is now law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.” (Galatians 5:22, 23)

This person is now ready for the Holy Spirit to control him or her in areas such as: “Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.” (Philippians 2:3, 4)

This person will now begin to see the truth of Romans 8:28,29 where

we read, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."

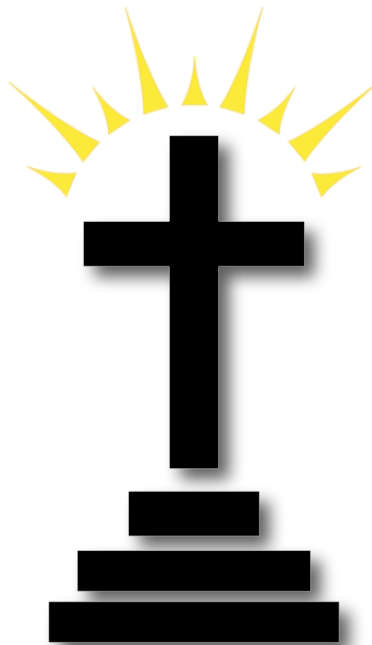
**SAVED MAN  
LIVING THE  
SPIRIT FILLED LIFE**



The diagram above shows the Christian living the Spirit controlled life and as a result he is having an affect on the people in his world.

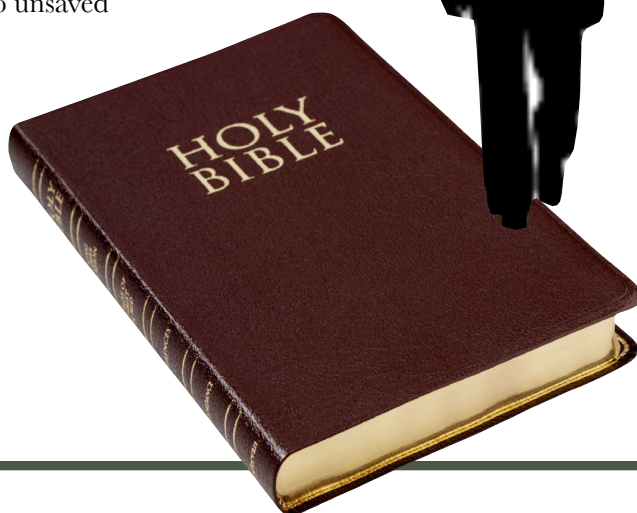
"He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)" (John 7: 38, 38)

The Spirit controlled Christian is being used as a channel of blessing to unsaved people.



**THE CHRISTIAN LIVING  
THE RESURRECTED LIFE.**

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20)



**WHY REVIVAL  
TARRIES**

Our doctrines are sound, however, something vital is missing. The climate is not favourable for the fruit of the Spirit to develop.

**A MATTER OF CONTROL**

**It is not what we believe that is at fault, but our refusal to let the Holy Spirit have control.**

A careful study of the Book of Acts will show that the Holy Spirit was in charge of *everything*. We would like to have the results recorded in the early chapters of the Book of Acts, however, we may have to be prepared to get rid of our "Order of Service."

The Holy Spirit may or may not approve of how we conduct our meetings. The problem lies in the fact that the Holy Spirit is not brought into the decision.

**WHO CONTROLS?**

**Acts 13:2**, "...the Holy Ghost said."

**Acts 15:28**, "...it seemed good to the Holy Ghost"

**Acts 20:28**, "...the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers."

**Acts 21:11**, "Thus saith the Holy Ghost."

**Acts 28:25**, "... saith the Holy Ghost."

**Acts 13:2**, "Holy Ghost said...I have called them."

**Acts 16:6**, "...forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach."

**Acts 16:7**, "...the Spirit suffered them not."

**Romans 8:27** refers to knowing, "...what is the mind of the Spirit."

**Seven times the Bible says**, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

We will never see a real work of God until we determine the Holy Spirit will be in charge of everything that happens in our lives and in God's local church.