

HOW DO WE ALLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT TO STRENGTHEN US TO LIVE OUT THE NEW MAN IN OUR SPIRIT?

Gradually – Obedience – Submission

He makes us submit and surrender more and more areas of our life to His loving control. We allow the Holy Spirit to do the searching within us, instead of ourselves, and reveal—according to His timing—the roots and rocks in our lives that must be removed.

"Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves."
2 Corinthians 13:5

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me... and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." **Psalm 139:23**

Paul said that we are to "put to death the deeds of the body" (**Rom. 8.13**), To put away these deeds the believer must:

- (1) **Rely** upon the Holy Spirit to translate his co-crucifixion with Christ into personal experience.
- (2) **Believe** that the Holy Spirit will administer the death of the cross on whatever needs to die.
- (3) **Walk** by the Spirit" and should "not gratify the desires of the flesh" (**Gal. 5.16**)

If the flesh is **alive** the Holy Spirit cannot live actively.

Which life do you prefer: that of the flesh or that of the Spirit? God's provision for us is that our flesh and its entire power and activities may be put under the power of Christ's death on the cross.

When the Holy Spirit is in **complete** control He will overthrow the power of the flesh and manifest Christ as our life.

We shall be able then to say that the "**life I now live in the flesh is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.**" Yet the foundation of that life is and always will be that "I have been crucified with Christ" (**Gal. 2.20**)!

"If we live by the Spirit"-this is our faith, for we believe that the Holy Spirit abides in us, then "let us also walk by the Spirit"-this is our obedience (Gal. 5.25).

The Holy Spirit gives strength to several of our soul faculties: **Understanding**, the **Desires** and the **Will**.

The Triune Man – The Work of the Holy Spirit - III

Spiritual strength in the mind lies in a spiritual light and ability to understand spiritual things in a spiritual way. Men in their natural state are utterly devoid of this ability. The Holy Spirit alone imparts the principle of spiritual life and holiness (2 Corinthians 4:6; 2 Corinthians 3:17, 18; Ephesians 1:17, 18).

Not all believers have the same degree of spiritual light and ability (Hebrews 6:1-6). But there is no excuse for anyone (I Corinthians 2:12; I John 2:20, 27; Hebrews 5:14).

The spiritual strength in the will lies in its freedom and ability to agree with, choose and embrace spiritual things. Believers have freedom of will to choose that which is spiritually good, for they are freed from that slavery to sin which they were under before they were regenerate.

He comes to **indwell** us, and it is through that indwelling presence that we, individually, allow the Holy Spirit to work in us and accomplish God's purpose in us.

The maturing, perfecting, growing, understanding, knowledge and wisdom we receive comes from the indwelling presence within us of the Holy Spirit.

In other words, the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit is to benefit the individual. And then when we receive the **fullness or infilling** of the Holy Spirit with speaking in tongues, there is power that comes upon us—an outpouring—so we not only have the indwelling presence, but we have the **power** to fulfill the Commission Jesus left with us. (**See Matthew 28:19-20**)

We can be witnesses of the "born again experience" spoken of by Jesus in **Acts 1:8** through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. But we can't be a witness to His power and all the things that come along with that power until we have experienced it by receiving the **Holy Spirit in His fullness**.

It is important to understand the difference.