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We Christians are quite familiar with the Father and the Son (*Jesus*); however, of all the "personages," which make-up the Trinity, we are the least informed concerning the Holy Spirit! We will now enter into a two-part study that focuses entirely upon the Holy Spirit.

Why is it that we know so much less about the Holy Spirit? Perhaps because He does not speak of himself, "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" (John 16:13). Nevertheless, it is our responsibility to search Him out!

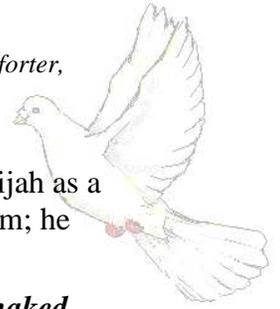
Try to grasp the work of the Holy Spirit during the supercharged atmosphere on the day when the glory of God filled Solomon's temple, "Also the Levites which were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, *being arrayed in white linen*, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them *an hundred and twenty priests* sounding with trumpets:) 13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard *in praising and thanking the LORD*; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then *the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD*; 14 So that the priests could not stand to minister *by reason of the cloud*: for *the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God*. 6:1 Then said Solomon, The LORD hath said that *he would dwell in the thick darkness*. 2 But I have built an house of habitation for thee, and a place for thy dwelling for ever" (2 Chron 5:12-6:2).

The *Holy Spirit* manifested Himself on that day as a mighty glorious cloud. We have just read that when He entered into the temple, the cloud was so overwhelming that the priests could not "stand to minister." Apparently, the priests had "fallen out" under the power of the *Spirit*. So, does this mean that the *Holy Spirit* always appears with a demonstration of great power? Notice Elijah's experience, "the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; *but the LORD was not in the wind*: and after the wind an earthquake; *but the LORD was not in the earthquake*: 12 And after the earthquake a fire; *but the LORD was not in the fire*: and after the fire a *still small voice*. 13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there



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came a voice unto him" (1 Kings 19:11-13). In this instance the LORD came to Elijah as a "still small voice." Notice Elijah's reaction when the "still small voice" came to him; he wrapped his face (*put on*) in his mantle.

What clothed Adam and Eve before the fall? The Scripture says, "they were both *naked*, the man and his wife, and *were not ashamed*" (Gen 2:25). Job said that, "Hell is *naked* before him, and destruction hath *no covering*" (Job 26:6). We will focus upon the biblical concept of a covering as relates to the Holy Spirit throughout this Bible Study.

Notice how the Scripture reveals that God clothes Himself, "O LORD . . . thou art *clothed with honour and majesty*" (Ps 104:1). In a fashion completely unknown to humanity, God somehow clothes Himself in His glorious attributes. God uses characteristics such as honor and majesty for His covering. God's clothing is His glory He does not need to cover His intrinsic being! Notice how that passage from Psalm 104 picks up again, "*Who coverest thyself with light* as with a garment" (Ps 104:2). Light exposes that which is concealed; it does not obscure.

In essence, since God is so pure, He dresses Himself with His glorious character, "The LORD reigneth, *he is clothed with majesty*; the LORD is *clothed with strength*, wherewith he hath girded himself" (Ps 93:1). We are going to learn that clothing and the Holy Spirit share a connection.

We are going to research the *Holy Spirit's* various manifestations from the beginning. Before the appearance of humanity there was a great rebellion in the spirit realm the result of which was, "the earth was (*became*) without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep" (Gen 1:2). Notice how God responded to this cataclysm, which caused a state of utter chaos; the last half of Bible's second verse says, "And the *Spirit* of God *moved* upon the face of the waters" (Gen 1:2). The *spirit* of God "moved;" the actual Hebrew word (*raw-khaf*) is otherwise translated in the King James Version as – flutter, move, and shake. The final appearance of (*raw-khaf*) in the Old Testament is translated "shake," "all my bones *shake*; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome" (Jer 23:9).

Moving, shaking or fluttering are words which describe the *Holy Spirit's* original expression; this passage actually gives us a revelation of the first manifestation of God's presence. God expressed His intention to transform the earth from that chaotic state of total darkness into a state of "goodness," "And God said, Let there be light" (Gen 1:3). From the first two verses of the Bible we can glean a powerful revelation. When God gets involved in the earth, (1) He causes a manifestation in the *Spirit* as He sets the atmosphere; and then (2) God's Word is voiced! You are going to observe this continual enduring Biblical pattern (1) God causes a manifestation in the *Spirit* as He sets the atmosphere; and then (2) God's Word is voiced! Notice this pattern in the table which follows:



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"These words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the mount <i>out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness</i> " (Deut 5:22)	"it came to pass, <i>when ye heard the voice</i> out of the midst of the darkness" (Deut 5:23)
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And I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, <i>I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about. 28 As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain</i> , so was the appearance of the brightness round about. <i>This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD</i> " (Ezek 1:27-28)	"And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and <i>I heard a voice of one that spake</i> " (Ezek 1:28)
Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward the east: 2 And, <i>behold, the glory of the God of Israel</i> came from the way of the east" (Ezek 43:1-2)	"and <i>his voice was like a noise of many waters</i> : and the earth shined with his glory" (Ezek 43:2)
"In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and <i>his train filled the temple</i> . 2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. 3 And one cried unto another, and said, <i>Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory</i> " (Isa 6:1-3)	"And the posts of the door moved <i>at the voice of him that cried</i> , and the house was filled with smoke" (Isa 6:4)

The point is that the first two verses of Genesis form a pattern in which (1) the *Holy Spirit* manifests His glorious presence; and (2) God then speaks. Obviously, as we see in the table, the pattern exists throughout the Old Testament. Let's notice this pattern in the New Testament. We can observe this same pattern during the baptism of Jesus as He, "went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw (1) the *Spirit* of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: 17 And lo (2) *a voice from heaven*, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matt 3:16-17). Again, we see the *Holy Spirit* moving and setting the atmosphere; after which, the *voice* came out of heaven.

Next we will observe the events surrounding the transfiguration of Jesus. Peter asked whether or not they should build tabernacles, "While he yet spake, (1) behold, *a bright cloud overshadowed them*: and (2) behold *a voice out of the cloud*, which said, This is my



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beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him" (Matt 17:5). The overshadowing cloud of the presence of the **Holy Spirit** showed up and then God spoke! Notice the pattern in the way that Peter described the event, "we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were **eyewitnesses of his majesty**. 17 For he received from God the Father (1) **honour and glory**" (2 Peter 1:16-17); and then (2) "**when there came such a voice to him** from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (2 Peter 1:17).

There is a prevailing motif established where the **Holy Spirit's** presence first manifests itself and then God's voice is made known. The point is that only in the **Holy Spirit's** presence is the voice of God heard! Perhaps we should conclude that the word of God follows the **spirit** of the LORD. We humans cannot perceive anything in the spiritual realm until the **Holy Spirit** is present; powerful manifestations require the **Holy Spirit's** presence. We must realize that the **Holy Spirit** is not emotionalism or fanaticism as some may think; rather, the glory of God is manifest in His presence.

Jesus and the Father follow after the **Holy Spirit**; in one sense, the **Holy Spirit** is the tabernacle or atmosphere in which they dwell. The point is that God desires/requires an atmosphere of glory in which to dwell. We have learned that God clothes Himself in Honor, Strength and Majesty; the LORD was moved to tell Moses, "let them make me a sanctuary; **that I may dwell among them**" (Ex 25:8). In the Book of Revelation we can see the powerful atmosphere which surrounds the very throne room of God before the Lamb opened the seals, "out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven **Spirits** of God" (Rev 4:5). In this heavenly scene the **Holy Spirit** is the essence that creates the atmosphere around the Father and Jesus at His right hand. Essentially, the Glory of / or surrounding God is produced by the **Holy Spirit**!

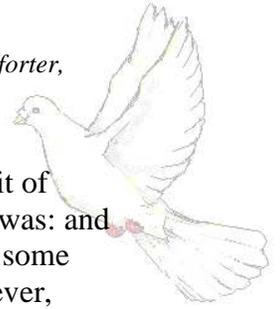
The **Holy Spirit** is a personage! He appeared as a dove and as fire and as wind; however, He is not a dove, nor is He fire, nor is He the wind. We have already observed that the first revealed distinguishable manifestation of God in the Bible is the **Holy Spirit moving**, "And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters" (Gen 1:2); likewise, the **Holy Spirit** is involved in the last distinguishable manifestation of God in the Bible, "the **Spirit** and the bride say, Come" (Rev 22:17). Therefore, the **Holy Spirit** is an integral part of the first and the last manifestation of God in the Bible! The **Holy Spirit** is God!

The **Holy Spirit** is the author of the scriptures, "holy men of God spake as they were moved by the **Holy Ghost**" (2 Peter 1:21); "All scripture is given by inspiration (*which means the blowing breath*) of God" (2 Tim 3:16). The exhaling breath of the **Holy Spirit** was the first experience of God in Adam's life as God, "**breathed** into his nostrils the **breath** of life; and man became a living soul" (Gen 2:7). In much the same way, the first person of the God family with which we Christians really came into contact was the **Holy Spirit!** He began to nudge and convict our soul and He then lead us to Jesus Christ!



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In fact, our personal human spirit came from the **Holy Spirit** who formed, "the spirit of man within him" (Zech 12:1). At our death, "shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and **the spirit shall return unto God who gave it**" (Eccl 12:7). According to Scripture, some time in the future our human spirit must return to God from whence it came. However, after the new birth or regeneration, we, "have received the **Spirit** of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father" (Rom 8:15).

The **Holy Spirit** has always worked with humanity to execute the redemptive purposes of God. Peter writes that the Bible "came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the **Holy Ghost**" (2 Peter 1:21). We can observe that before the **Holy Spirit** came to dwell permanently in humans, He worked through men and women during the Old Testament period. Jesus ministered under the same dispensation or period of opportunity and privilege as the Old Testament saints. The Old Testament dispensation ended at John the Baptist, "all the prophets and the law prophesied until John" (Matt 11:13). At the first Pentecost after the crucifixion, the **Holy Spirit** started a new period of opportunity and privilege in His working with the human family. Whenever there is a manifestation of the presence of the **Holy Spirit**, the locale (*habitation*) of the Father and the Son is always in the midst of that manifestation!

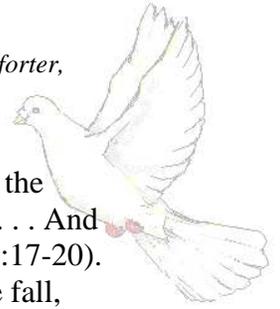
Now try to imagine the earth with a big bright cloud (*the manifestation of the Holy Spirit*) covering the whole expanse of the earth that had been thrown into chaos. Out of the cloud comes a voice, "Let there be light." Through these words beauty and order foster a state of restoration. Several days later, as the cloud of glory fluttered near the surface of the earth the voice said, "let us make man in our image, after our likeness" (Gen 1:26); as God formed man out of the clay. Next, the breath of God came from the cloud and filled the clay man and God spoke life into the man. This man (*Adam: meaning to show blood in the face or turn rosy.*) came to life. This man Adam is originally clothed or covered with the cloud of God's glory! In essence, since the glorious God made man "**in his image**," the man originally shared the same (*though much lesser*) glory as his creator. This should not be hard to grasp; we have a recorded example where Moses was so intimate with God that he began to manifest God's glory, "when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that **the skin of his face shone** while he talked with him. 30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, **the skin of his face shone**; and they were afraid to come nigh him" (Ex 34:29-30). Back to Adam, after his creation, he named (*spoke into the lives of*) the animals. At the conclusion of this activity, God opened up Adam's body and formed another Adam, "Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and **called their name Adam**, in the day when they were created" (Gen 5:2). Now there are two Adams (*one male and one female*). The cloud of the **Holy Spirit** of Glory surrounded both of them. The first Adam spoke into the life of the second Adam, "**she** (*the female*) shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man" (Gen 2:23).

Now remember that the **Holy Spirit** was not in them. Rather, He surrounded them as a glorious cloud; yet, we must realize that they were never born-again. Along their way they fell into sin, "as by one **man** (*Sin entered through Adam not through the woman.*) sin



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entered into the world, and death by sin" (Rom 5:12). It was not until after sin that the woman was named, "And unto Adam he said . . . cursed is the ground for thy sake . . . And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living" (Gen 3:17-20). After sin entered, death entered as the **Holy Spirit** lifted off from them. Prior to the fall, they were accustomed to the covering of the cloud of God's glory. Without the covering of the cloud of the **Holy Spirit** (*The mantle of God*) they felt naked, "the eyes of them both were opened, and **they knew that they were naked**; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons" (Gen 3:7). In essence, sin caused their glorious glow to depart! Without the cloud of God's glory covering them, they felt empty; and worse, they were completely exposed to the devil who had authored the original chaos upon the earth.

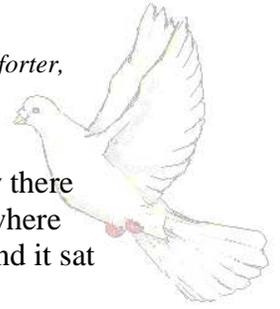
The man and the woman had lost the holy presence of the Almighty! Ever since that time mankind has desperately sought after the presence of God Almighty. Some of the holy men of the bible found the presence, "when Elijah heard it, that **he wrapped his face in his mantle**, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, **there came a voice unto him** (*Remember our pattern that the Holy Spirit always precedes the Voice.*)" (1 Kings 19:11-13). Notice that Elijah sought the covering of the Almighty that he might wrap his face in that presence (*Remember also that Moses' face began to shine when he received the law from God*). It is in the nature of humans to seek God's presence. The presence or mantle represented the cloud of Glory or the **Holy Spirit**; that same Glory overshadowed Mary the mother of Jesus, "the angel answered and said unto her, The **Holy Ghost** shall come upon thee, and **the power of the Highest shall overshadow** thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35).

Let's recall the baptism that we have earlier observed. It took place as Jesus, "went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matt 3:16-17). At this exact moment the **Holy Spirit** returned to the earth. Prior to Jesus' baptism the prophets and the holy men of the Old Testament merely felt the presence of the **Holy Spirit**. The **Holy Spirit** filled only a very few select people during the Old Testament period; and even then, it was only to accomplish the redemptive plan of God. However, in the New Testament Jesus promised the coming of the **Holy Spirit** to be, (1) *with us*, "I will pray **with** the spirit" (1 Cor 14:15); (2) *in us*, "they were all **filled** with the **Holy Ghost**, and began to speak with other tongues" (Acts 2:4); and (3) *upon us*, "the spirit of glory and of God resteth **upon** you" (1 Peter 4:14). In essence, today we get the opportunity to experience the **Holy Spirit** in the same manner that Jesus Himself experienced the **Holy Spirit**. Jesus walked with, in, and under the **Holy Spirit** of God. The prophets and holy men of old were only temporarily filled with the presence of the **Holy Spirit** in order that they would be moved to speak the Word of God under divine inspiration. They received the spirit as it only temporarily came unto them. On the contrary, the **Holy Spirit** is permanently **in us**, **with us** and we are **under** the power of the **Holy Spirit**. To those original New Testament



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Church members, the **Holy Spirit** first came in two forms: wind and fire, "suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing **mighty** wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of **fire**, and it sat upon each of them" (Acts 2:2-3).

Now, let's look at some of the workings of the **Holy Spirit** in a chronological fashion through the New Testament:

Attribute of Holy Spirit	Scripture presenting the attribute of the Holy Spirit
Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit	"his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost " (Matt 1:18)
The Holy Spirit is the breath (<i>working agent</i>) of the New Birth	"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 . . . 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 " (John 3:5&8)
Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit	"the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven" (Luke 3:22).
Jesus was given the Holy Spirit without measure	"God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him" (John 3:34)
Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit	"Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness" (Luke 4:1)
Jesus operated by power of the Holy Spirit	"Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee" (Luke 4:14)
Jesus received His assignment by the Holy Spirit	"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:18-19)
True worship comes by the Holy Spirit	"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24)



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The <i>Holy Spirit</i> is the giver of life	It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, <i>they are spirit, and they are life</i> " (John 6:63)
Overflowing life comes by the <i>Holy Spirit</i>	"He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly <i>shall flow rivers</i> of living water. 39(But <i>this spake he of the Spirit</i> , which they that believe on him should receive: for the <i>Holy Ghost</i> was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) (John 7:38-39).
The <i>Holy Spirit</i> is received by asking in faith	"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father <i>give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him</i> ?" (Luke 11:13)
Blasphemy against <i>Holy Spirit</i> not forgiven	"unto him that <i>blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost</i> it shall not be forgiven" (Luke 12:10).
The <i>Holy Spirit</i> will answer our accusers	"take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: 12 For the <i>Holy Ghost shall teach you</i> in the same hour <i>what ye ought to say</i> " (Luke 12:11-12).
The <i>Holy Spirit</i> is the Comforter with us forever	And I will pray the Father, and <i>he shall give you another Comforter</i> , that he may abide with you for ever" (John 14:16)
He is the Spirit of truth	"Even <i>the Spirit of truth</i> " (John 14:17)
The <i>Holy Spirit</i> is our teacher and reminder	"But the Comforter, which is the <i>Holy Ghost</i> , whom the Father will send in my name, <i>he shall teach you</i> all things, and <i>bring all things to your remembrance</i> , whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:26)
The <i>Holy Spirit</i> reproves and convicts	"when <i>he (the Holy Spirit)</i> is come, <i>he will reprove the world of sin</i> , and of righteousness, and of judgment" (John 16:8)
We glorify Jesus by the <i>Holy Spirit</i>	" <i>He shall glorify me</i> : for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you" (John 16:14)
Jesus declared to be the Son of God by the <i>Holy Spirit</i>	" <i>declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit</i> of holiness" (Rom 1:4)



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The <i>Holy Spirit</i> enables us to Love God	"the <i>love of God</i> is shed abroad in our hearts by the <i>Holy Ghost</i> " (Rom 5:5)
Jesus was raised from the dead by the <i>Holy Spirit</i>	"if <i>the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead</i> dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you" (Rom 8:11)
The <i>Holy Spirit</i> helps us mortify the deeds of the flesh	"For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but <i>if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body</i> , ye shall live" (Rom 8:13)
The <i>Holy Spirit</i> leads the Christian	"as many as are <i>led by the Spirit of God</i> , they are the sons of God" (Rom 8:14)
The <i>Holy Spirit</i> assures us of our status in God	"The <i>Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit</i> , that we are the children of God" (Rom 8:16)
The <i>Holy Spirit</i> helps in our weaknesses and prayer	" <i>the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities</i> : for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but <i>the Spirit itself maketh intercession</i> for us" (Rom 8:26)
The <i>Holy Spirit</i> reveals the deep things of God to us	"But God hath <i>revealed them unto us by his Spirit</i> : for <i>the Spirit searcheth all things</i> , yea, the deep things of God" (1 Cor 2:10)
Christian joined to LORD by one spirit	"he that is <i>joined unto the Lord is one spirit</i> " (1 Cor 6:17)
The <i>Holy Spirit</i> indwells the believer	"What? know ye not that <i>your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost</i> which is in you" (1 Cor 6:19)
We are transformed from glory to glory by the <i>Holy Spirit</i>	"we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from <i>glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord</i> " (2 Cor 3:18)
The <i>Holy Spirit</i> assures us of our sonship	"And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth <i>the Spirit</i> of his Son into your hearts, crying, <i>Abba, Father</i> " (Gal 4:6)
Through the <i>Spirit</i> of God we wait for the hope of righteousness	"For we through <i>the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness</i> by faith" (Gal 5:5)



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Through the <i>Holy Spirit</i> we have access to the Father	"For through him <i>we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father</i> " (Eph 2:18)
Fulfill Judgment by the <i>Holy Spirit</i>	" <i>the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth</i> " (2 Thess 2:8)
From the beginning the <i>Holy Spirit</i> sets the Christian apart for a holy purpose	"God hath from the beginning <i>chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit</i> and belief of the truth: 14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thess 2:13-14)
Jesus offered Himself by the <i>Holy Spirit</i>	" <i>through the eternal Spirit offered himself</i> without spot to God" (Heb 9:14)
From the Old Testament we learn: The <i>Holy Spirit</i> produces the works	"Not by might, nor by power, <i>but by my spirit</i> , saith the LORD of hosts" (Zech 4:6)

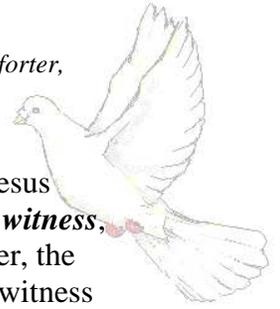
It is only the *Holy Spirit* that can provide us with the complete understanding of Jesus Christ. That is, we understand Jesus because of the teaching and leading of the *Holy Spirit*. Until Pentecost 31 a.d. only the presence of the cloud appeared and then it spoke. The cloud came and created the man and the woman; the glory of the cloud also clothed them. When they sinned the cloud (*Holy Spirit*) departed. After their fall, the glorious presence of the *Holy Spirit* came upon the prophets only during specific instances in order to speak the redemptive plan into existence. This presence persisted at times in various fashions until John the Baptist, "all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet" (Matt 1:22).

Jesus Christ (*the second Adam*) was clothed with a cloud for three and one half years from the time of His baptism. That cloud of God's glory never departed Him until He spoke of it from the cross, "And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matt 27:46). Jesus became sin for mankind and the Father turned His back on the nakedness of His Son! Almost immediately a sponge filled with vinegar fastened to the end of a long pole was placed on his lips; He drank from the sponge and, "when he had cried again with a loud voice, *yielded up the ghost*" (Matt 27:50). A few moments later, "when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: 34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and *forthwith came there out blood and water,*" (John 19:33-34); out of Jesus' warm body fluid (*which came from His side in the same fashion that Adam's rib came from his side*), the Church of Jesus Christ was birthed! The



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Apostle John went on to explain, "This is **he that came by water and blood**, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, **but by water and blood**. And it is **the Spirit that beareth witness**, because the Spirit is truth. 7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the **Holy Ghost**: and these three are one. 8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, **the spirit, and the water, and the blood**: and these three agree in one." (1 John 5:6-8). Through the **Holy Spirit** in us we come into total agreement with **the water and the blood!**

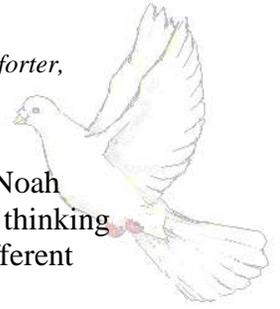
The **Holy Spirit** goes into some detail to teach us that one hundred and twenty disciples were in an upper room in Jerusalem on that day of Pentecost, "in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (**the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty**)" (Acts 1:15). And suddenly they were covered by the cloud of glory that we have been studying, "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing **mighty wind**, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of **fire**, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And **they were all filled with the Holy Ghost**" (Acts 2:2-4). Remember that we earlier studied that the day that the Glory of God filled Solomon's temple there were trumpets and sounds and voices and harps and a cloud of the glory of the LORD, "So that the (120) priests could not stand to minister **by reason of the cloud**: for **the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God**" (2 Chron 5:14). Then came the **voice**, as the disciples began to speak in tongues!

Why 120 disciples? During Solomon's reign, 120 human priests blew the trumpets and the glory of God filled the temple; on the day of Pentecost 120 human disciples were filled with the glory and the **Holy Spirit** of God! Noah was in the ark 120 days during God's judgment of the old world; therefore, we are somewhat secure in the fact that 120 is somehow associated with judgment. There is another verse concerning Noah and judgment that provides us with interesting information regarding the number 120. We are accustomed to viewing that specific verse with respect to the period of judgment prior to the flood, "the LORD said, My spirit shall not always **strive** with man, for that he also is flesh: **yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years**" (Gen 6:3). The Hebrew word "*diyn*" imprecisely translated in that verse as, "**strive**" would convey a clearer meaning if it were simply translated into the word, "judge." This is the first appearance of this word "*diyn*" in the Bible; it is translated into the word, "judge," eighteen other times in the Old Testament. The word "*diyn*," is the primary root of the name Dan, who was one of the sons of Jacob (*Israel*). We find Israel prophesying of his son, "**Dan shall judge (*diyn*) his people, as one of the tribes of Israel**" (Gen 49:16). When we view Gen 6:3, from the context of the word "judge," rather than "strive," the passage results in a very interesting message, "**And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always judge (*diyn*.) with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.**" Further, it is extremely interesting that one hundred and twenty is made up of the numbers that we associate with judgment (12) such as in a jury, and the number (10), which is the number of completion of order. In essence, one hundred and twenty witnesses who received the **Holy Spirit** were a witness to the end of the period of judgment and the beginning of the period



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of grace. By the way, Noah spelled backward is the Hebrew word for grace, "But Noah found **grace** (*hen meaning grace*) in the eyes of the LORD" (Gen 6:8). In rabbinic thinking when the letters which make up a word are combined in another order to form a different word, both of the words which are spelled with those same letters are related.

Several days before the infilling of the one hundred and twenty, the same cloud came once again over the face of the earth as Jesus prophesied, "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. 9 And **when he had spoken these things**, while they beheld, **he was taken up; and a cloud received him** out of their sight" (Acts 1:8-9). As in Adam, the **Holy Spirit** had been upon the earth ever since Jesus (*the second Adam*) breathed in as he came up out of the water, "And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and **the Spirit like a dove descending upon him**: 11 And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. 12 And immediately **the Spirit driveth** him into the wilderness" (Mark 1:10-12). The second Adam never sinned; as a result, He restored the cloud of God's glory back upon the earth which had been absent since the first Adam. It was this same cloud of glory that was present when Peter, "said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. 5 While he yet spake, **behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them**: and **behold a voice out of the cloud**, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him" (Matt 17:4-5).

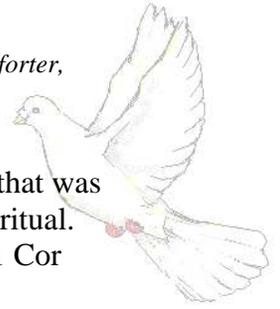
In essence, when the glory covered the 120, it was a picture of Jesus Himself covering His bride with the glorious cloud of the **Holy Spirit**. The foreshadowing of this event took place in the Book of Ruth, "she answered, I am Ruth thine handmaid: **spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid**; for thou art a near kinsman" (Ruth 3:9). What is so special about this covering is that it is impossible for this covering to be taken from the Church! The second Adam at creation (*pictured by the woman*) sinned with her husband and through that sin both lost their covering. However, the second bride (*who is the church*) can never lose her covering. Jesus secured her position! He gave her His position as the 1st born. The firstborn is treated as the second man. Adam and Eve gave birth to two sons! Cain (*the firstborn*) did not receive the promise of righteous Abel (*the second born*). However, the second born (*as in the case of Jesus*) was killed and Seth (*meaning – God hath appointed me another seed instead of righteous Abel*)" (Gen 4:25). This second born motif is replete throughout the scriptures: Ishmael (*1st born*) and Isaac (*got the blessing*); Esau (*1st born*) and Jacob (*got the blessing*); Ephraim (*1st born*) and Manasseh (*got the blessing*). The firstborn (*Adam*) sinned; second Adam (*Christ*) was born of the spirit and never did sin! In the same fashion, our flesh (*1st born*) sins and the born-again (*gets the blessing*) spirit receives the promises.

God never pays attention to what is born of the flesh only of the spirit, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit" (John 4:24)! The second Adam is a different creature from the first, "And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a



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living soul; the last Adam was made **a quickening** (*life giving*) **spirit**. 46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. 47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven" (1 Cor 15:45-47). The church has been born by that quickening spirit!

The second born gets the inheritance of the firstborn! All that belongs to Jesus, belongs to the bride, "the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for **all the goods of his master were in his hand!**" The Hebrew word / name Eliezer means, "God is my Helper." Jesus said, "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter" (John 14:16). Eliezer was to Rebecca *another* different helper but **of the same kind** as the **Holy Spirit** is to the Church today! Eliezer is a picture of the **Holy Spirit**! Notice what he does in the story? He leaves the land of Israel (*the Land of Promise*) to go to a land of the Gentiles and find a Bride for the Master's beloved Son! According to historians, in 70 a.d., as ordered by the Father, the **Holy Spirit** departed the land of Israel and went into Gentile lands. The Bible tells us, "And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for **all the goods of his master were in his hand:** and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor" (Gen 24:10). After he finds, tests, and engages Rebecca he delivers her to Isaac (*Jesus Christ*). Abraham was a very rich man and he clearly possessed much more than the goods which ten camels could carry. What this means is that Abraham took the necessary steps to ensure the future for his son Isaac. Therefore, Eliezer must have had in his possession; the actual **testament** of Abraham's will (**or covenant**) which appointed Isaac as the inheritor of all of Abraham's goods, "for **all the goods of his master were in his hand.**" This is yet another aspect of how Jesus Christ parallels the life of Isaac, Heb 1:2 teaches us concerning God, "Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom **he hath appointed heir of all things.**" Jesus created the New Testament or Covenant in His Blood, "This cup is the **new testament** in my blood, which is shed for you" (Luke 22:20). It is the **Holy Spirit** who teaches us about Jesus' Blood. The church is the, "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the **Spirit**, unto obedience and **sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ**" (1 Peter 1:2).

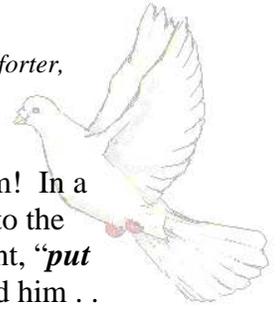
We have the **Holy Spirit** of God; He has prepared an habitation **in** us, "let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among (**in**) them" (Ex 25:8). Paul makes the location of God's dwelling place clear and without any confusion, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are" (1 Cor 3:16-17). The **Holy Spirit** is given to those who hunger and ask, "Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me" (2 Kings 2:9). Jesus confirms our need to ask for the **Holy Spirit**, "how much more shall your heavenly Father give the **Holy Spirit** to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13).

So why was it that Adam and his wife did not feel naked before the fall? Because they were not naked! They were covered with the glorious of God's glow. In like fashion, the



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glory of God is upon you; that glory is already present and visible in the spirit realm! In a manner completely unknown to humanity and in some way diametrically opposed to the human nature, it is as if God's sons somehow wear glorious attributes like a garment, "**put on** the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him . . . 12 **Put on** therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; 13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another . . . 14 And above all these things **put on** charity, which is the bond of perfectness" (Col 3:10-14). They put on these garments of glory, "that the shame of thy nakedness," (Rev 3:18); does not appear!

Next time we will the Holy Spirit in the context of the Eliezer Factor!

