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HOLY

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PERSONHOOD

Genesis 1 (2) Now the earth was without shape and empty, and darkness was over the surface of the watery deep, but the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the water.

Mark 3 (22) The experts in the law who came down from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and, “By the ruler of demons he casts out demons!” (28) I tell you the truth, people will be forgiven for all sins, even all the blasphemies they utter. (29) But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven, but is guilty of an eternal sin” (30) (because they said, “He has an unclean spirit”).

Ephesians 4 (29) You must let no unwholesome word come out of your mouth, but only what is beneficial for the building up of the one in need, that it would give grace to those who hear. (30) And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. (31) You must put away all bitterness, anger, wrath, quarreling, and slanderous talk—indeed all malice.

EXPRESS JESUS' PRESENCE IN THEM FOREVER

John 14 (16) Then I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you **forever**—(17) the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it does not see him or know him. But you know him, because he resides with you and will be in you. (26) But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and will cause you to remember everything I said to you

Contrast

1 Samuel 16 (13) So Samuel took the horn full of olive oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers. The Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day onward. Then Samuel got up and went to Ramah. (14) Now the Spirit of the LORD had turned away from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him.

TESTIFIES ABOUT JESUS

John 15 (26) When the Advocate comes, whom I will send you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me, (27) and you also will testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.

CONVICTS

John 16 (7) But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I am going away. For if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you, but if I go, I will send him to you. (8) And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong concerning sin and righteousness and judgment— (9) concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; (10) concerning righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; (11) and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

GUIDES INTO TRUTH ABOUT JESUS

John 16 (13) But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. For he will not speak on his own authority, but will speak whatever he hears, and will tell you what is to come. (14) He will glorify me, because he will receive from me what is mine and will tell it to you. (15) Everything that the Father has is mine; that is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what is mine and will tell it to you.

A QUICK VIEW OF THE SPIRIT'S ACTIVITY IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

Acts 1 (8) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the farthest parts of the earth.”

Acts 2 (4) All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them. (8) And how is it that each one of us hears them in our own native language? (9) Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and the province of Asia, (10) Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, (11) both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own languages about the great deeds God has done!”

Acts 5 (1) Now a man named Ananias, together with Sapphira his wife, sold a piece of property. (2) He kept back for himself part of the proceeds with his wife's knowledge; he brought only part of it and placed it at the apostles' feet. (3) But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back for yourself part of the proceeds from the sale of the land? (4) Before it was sold, did it not belong to you? And when it was sold, was the money not at your disposal? How have you thought up this deed in your heart? You have not lied to people but to God!”

Acts 8 (29) Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.”

Acts 10 (19) While Peter was still thinking seriously about the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Look! Three men are looking for you.

Acts 13 (2) While they were serving the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

Acts 16 (6) They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been prevented by the Holy Spirit from speaking the message in the province of Asia. (7) When they came to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them to do this,

THE SPIRIT REGENERATES

John 3 (5) Jesus answered, “I tell you the solemn truth, unless a person is born of water and spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. (6) What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

John 6 (63) The Spirit is the one who gives life; human nature is of no help! The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

1 Peter 1 (23) You have been born anew, not from perishable but from imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

James 1 (18) By his sovereign plan he gave us birth[a] through the message of truth, that we would be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

BAPTIZES

1 Corinthians 12 (13) For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Whether Jews or Greeks or slaves or free, we were all made to drink of the one Spirit.

SEALS

Ephesians 1 (13) And when you heard the word of truth (the gospel of your salvation)—when you believed in Christ—you were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit, (14) who is the down payment of our inheritance, until the redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of his glory.

INDWELLS

1 Corinthians 3 (16) Do you not know that you are God’s temple[a] and that God’s Spirit lives in you?

AFFIRMS

Romans 8 (16) The Spirit himself bears witness to our spirit that we are God’s children. (17) And if children, then heirs (namely, heirs of God and also fellow heirs with Christ)—if indeed we suffer with him so we may also be glorified with him.

INTERCEDES

Romans 8 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how we should pray, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with inexpressible groanings. (27) And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes on behalf of the saints according to God’s will.

EMPOWERS

Romans 8 (2) For the law of the life-giving Spirit in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. (4) so that the righteous requirement of the law may be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3 (6) who made us adequate to be servants of a new covenant not based on the letter but on the Spirit, for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

TRANSFORMS

2 Corinthians 3 (17) Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is present, there is freedom. (18) And we all, with unveiled faces reflecting the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, which is from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Galatians 5 (22) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (23) gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

INFLUENCES

Ephesians 5 (18) And do not get drunk with wine, which is debauchery, but be filled by the Spirit, (19) speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music in your hearts to the Lord,

Remember the Holy Spirit's emphasis John 15:26

Compare ...

Colossians 3 (16) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and exhorting one another with all wisdom, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, all with grace in your hearts to God. (17) And whatever you do in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Ephesians 6 (17) And take *the helmet of salvation* and the sword of the Spirit (which is the word of God).

2 Timothy 3 (16) Every scripture is inspired by God and useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, (17) that the person dedicated to God may be capable and equipped for every good work.

Ephesians 3 (16) I pray that according to the wealth of his glory he will grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner person, (17) that Christ will dwell in your hearts through faith, so that, because you have been rooted and grounded in love, (18) you will be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, (19) and thus to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you will be filled up to all the fullness of God.

Galatians 5 (16) But I say, live by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desires of the flesh. (17) For the flesh has desires that are opposed to the Spirit, and the Spirit has desires that are opposed to the flesh, for these are in opposition to each other, so that you cannot do what you want.

Hebrews 10 (15) And the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us, for after saying, (16) “This is the covenant that I will establish with them after those days, says the Lord. I will put my laws on their hearts and I will inscribe them on their minds,”(17) then he says, “Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no longer.”

Galatians 5 (18) But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Colossians 1 (19) For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in the Son (20) and through him to reconcile all things to himself by making peace through the blood of his cross—through him, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

GIFTS

1 Corinthians 12 (7) To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the benefit of all. (11) It is one and the same Spirit, distributing as he decides to each person, who produces all these things.

Two major positions on the more overtly supernatural gifts: Continuists or Cessationist

1 Corinthians 13 (8) Love never ends. But if there are prophecies, they will be set aside; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be set aside. (9) For we know in part, and we prophesy in part, (10) but when what is perfect comes, the partial will be set aside. (11) When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. But when I became an adult, I set aside childish ways. (12) For now we see in a mirror indirectly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I have been fully known. (13) And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Ephesians 2 (20) because you have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

2 Corinthians 12 (12) Indeed, the signs of an apostle were performed among you with great perseverance by signs and wonders and powerful deeds.

Hebrews 2 (3) how will we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was first communicated through the Lord and was confirmed to us by those who heard him, (4) while God confirmed their witness with signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. (67 A.D.)