

MINISTRIES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. Ministries of the Holy Spirit to the unsaved:

1. The Restraining ministry of the H.S. (Holy Spirit):

He functions in and through the lives of believers to restrain, to hold back, to keep in check the power and influence of Satan and his cosmic system until the time of the Tribulation. (2 Thess. 2:6-8) **NOTE:** The H.S. is not *mentioned here by name*.

2. The Convicting (reproving the world) ministry of the H.S.:

The H.S. **convicts** the world (unbelievers) of sin, righteousness, and judgment. (John 16:8-11)

B. Ministries of the H.S. at the moment of salvation, (Phase #1):

1. Regeneration - “Entry into the family of God”

- a. Those who “believe” in the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior are said to be “*born again*”. (John 3:3)
- b. This is the new birth, “*born of the Spirit*”. (John 3:6)
- c. “*He saved us... by the washing of regeneration...*” (Titus 3:5)

2. Baptism of the H.S. - “Entry into the Royal Family of God”

- a. All believers in the Church Age have been **baptized into one body**, the body of Christ. (1 Cor. 12:12,13a; cf. Eph. 5:28, 29)
- b. We were all **baptized into** (union with) **Christ**. (Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:3, 5; cf. Col. 2:12; Eph. 4:5)
- c. This ministry was predicted. (Acts 1:5)

3. Indwelling of the H.S. - “Unity of the Royal Family, the Escutcheon (coat of arms)”

- a. The Spirit of God **dwells in us permanently** as believers in Jesus Christ. (Rom. 8:9,11; 1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19; cf. Rom. 5:5; Gal. 3:2,3; cf. Psa. 51:11; Isa. 63:10, 11)
- b. “*...the Holy Spirit who dwells in us,...*” (2 Tim. 1:14)
- c. We have received the “Spirit of God” who was **given by the Father**. (Gal. 3:2; 4:6; 1 John 3:24; 4:13; cf. Acts 5:32; 10:47b)
- d. “*...we were all made to drink of one Spirit.*” (1 Cor. 12:13b)
- e. “*...the anointing which you received from Him abides in you-all.*” (1 Jn. 2:20, 27)
- f. “*...the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message.*” (Acts 10:44). “*...whom (H.S.) He (Father) poured out upon us...*” (Titus. 3:6)
- g. This ministry produces “**unity**” within the Royal Family of God. (Eph. 4:3)
- h. This ministry was predicted. (John 7:39; 14:17)

4. **Filling of the H.S.** - “Empowering of the Royal Family”
 - a. This ministry of the H. S. is the enabling and empowering of the believer for service; and **it results from the Indwelling of the H.S.** (Acts 10:44;47; Acts 13:52)
 - b. “...*Did you receive the H. S. when you believed?*” (Acts 19:2a) -**Answer expected, Yes!**; Answer given, No! Paul expected that they would have received all of the ministries of the H.S. by this time.
 - c. Subsequently the H.S. came upon them and they exercised their spiritual gifts which required the filling of the H.S. (Acts 19:6)
 - d. **At the moment of salvation** we must be **empowered to fulfill the law** because Christ came to fulfill it not to abolish it. (Matt. 5:17; Rom. 8:3, 4)

 5. **Giving at least one Spiritual Gift** - “The Function of the Royal Family”
 - a. “...*by gifts of the H.S. according to His own will.*” (Heb. 2:4; 1 Cor. 12:11)
 - b. “*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.*” (1 Cor. 12:4, 28-31; 1 Cor. 13:1, 2, 8)
 - c. “*But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*” (1 Cor. 12:7)
 - d. The **spoils of victory**: “...*He (Jesus Christ) gave gifts to men.*” (Eph. 4:7, 8b, 11, 12)

 6. **Sealing of the H.S.** - “A Guarantee of Security in the Royal Family”
 - a. “...*you-all were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,*” (Eph. 1:13; Eph. 4:30; 2 Cor. 1:22a)
 - b. “...*God...gave to us the Spirit as a pledge.* (2 Cor. 1:22b; 5:5; Eph.1:14)
- C. Ministries of the Holy Spirit for the believer after being born again, (Phase #2):**
1. **Filling of the H. S.** - “Empowering of the Royal Family”
 - a. The Filling of the H.S. is said to be **walking according to the Spirit** (Rom. 8:4, 5, 12; Gal. 5:25); and **living according to the Spirit** (Rom.8:13).
 - b. The Filling of the H.S. is said to be having one’s **mind set on the Spirit.** (Rom.8:6)
 - c. The Filling of the H.S. is spoken of as **being led by the Spirit.** (Rom. 8:14; Gal. 5:18)
 - d. The Filling of the H.S. **is commanded**, (Eph. 5:18). “*Walk by the Spirit.*” (Gal 5:16)
 - e. “...*the fruit of the (filling of the) Spirit is love joy, peace,...*”(Gal. 5:22, 23)
 - f. Peter was **filled with the Holy Spirit** when he spoke before Annas the high priest. (Acts 4:8)

2. **Renewal of the H.S.** - “Restoration and illumination of the Royal Family”
 - a. **Restoration** - “The fellowship of the Royal Family” (2 Cor. 13:14; Phil. 2:1)
 1. “...and (He saved us)...by **renewal of the Holy Spirit**,...” (Titus 3:5)
 2. Subsequent to regeneration, **this renewal** is called **cleansing**, and comes as **the result of confession** of all personal sins. (1 John 1:9; cf. Psa. 51:2-4, 10-12)
 3. We are commanded to “...**cleanse ourselves from all defilement**...” (2 Cor. 7:1) and **cleanse our hands** (James 4:8).
 4. Similarly, we are commanded to **examine ourselves**, (1 Cor. 11:28), and “**judge ourselves rightly**,” (1 Cor. 11:31).
 5. We should “...**lay aside the old man** (the O.S.N.)...” and “**be renewed in the spirit of our mind, and put on the new man.**” (Eph. 4:22-24)
 6. We are to **put away sins**, (Eph. 4:31), and **put aside** “*all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness,*” (James 1:21; cf. Col. 3:8).
 - b. **Illumination** - “The instruction of the Royal Family” (1 John 2:27)
 1. “...**be transformed by the renewing of your mind**...” (Rom. 12:2; cf. 2 Cor. 4:16)
 2. Our new self (man) is “**being renewed into a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created man.**” (Col. 3:10)
 3. “*Now we have received...the (indwelling) Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God, ...in those (words) taught by the Spirit,...*” (1 Cor. 2:12-13)
 4. God the Holy Spirit is called **the Spirit of truth**. (John 14:17)
 5. “*It is the (Holy) Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth.*” (1 John 5:7). “*The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.*” (Rom. 8:16)
 6. God the Holy Spirit is called **the Paraclete**, (Greek - παράκλητος - “*parakletos*” - helper, comforter), “*whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.*” (John 14:26; cf. 14:16; 15:26; 16:7, 13-15)
 7. “...**His anointing** (the indwelling Holy Spirit) **teaches you about all things,...**” (1 John 2:27)
3. **Intercession of the Holy Spirit** - “Special help for the Royal Family”
 - a. “...*the (Holy) Spirit also helps our weakness;...*” (Rom. 8:26a)
 - b. “...*the Spirit Himself intercedes* (pleads our case) *for us with groanings too deep for words;...*” (Rom. 8:26b, 27)