

8 What the Holy Spirit Will Do Through Me

MEMORY VERSE: ZECHARIAH 4:6

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There are so many benefits the Holy Spirit brings into the life of the Christian.

The Christian is still required to live in a problem-filled world - but the same Holy Spirit who brings peace and purity to the Christian heart will work blessings *through* the Christian in powerful ways.

1. Note the following references to some of the saints in Acts. Indicate what the Spirit did in them - and through them.

a. In Peter (4:8) _____

Through Peter (4:9-12) _____

b. In Stephen (7:55) _____

Through Stephen (7:59-60) _____

c. In Barnabas (11:24) _____

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d. In Paul (13:9) _____

Through Paul (13:10-12) _____

2. Let's give special attention to Philip, who might be described as one elected to the first local church board.

a. More specifically, what was Philip's position in the Church? (Acts 6 :1-5)

b. To whom did he witness and why was the witness so important? (Acts 8: 26-27) _____

c. What was Philip's level of sensitivity to the Holy Spirit? (Acts 8:29-30)

d. What was the secret of Philip's power and effectiveness? (Acts 6:3 and 5)

2. In John 4:14 Jesus promises to give "a spring of water welling up to eternal life." In John 7:37-39, Christ explained what the Spirit would do. What is it?

If you figuratively, what does this provision make available for others besides yourself? _____

3. When Christ has given himself "to purify for himself a people that are his very own," what is His goal for these same people that will affect the world around them? (Titus 2:14) _____

5. What was the ministry to be performed by the Spirit-filled laymen chosen in Acts 6:1,3)? _____

6. What was the influence on those in need as a result of the compassion of the Spirit-filled Christian? _____

7. Describe an incident when there was a special concern shown to others because of the efforts of a Spirit-filled Christian.

8. The power to love and evidence joy in difficulty as with Stepen in Acts 7:55-60 and Paul and Silas in Acts 16:25 due to a certain reason. What or who is the source of qualities like love and joy? (Galatians 5:22) _____

9. How are we, as Christians, to worship? (Philippians 3:3) _____

10. How does God enable us to serve Him? (Luke 1:74-75) _____

11. Consider ordinary people doing something special for God.

a. Where do people get the ability to do special ministries for God? (1 Corinthians 12:4-6) _____

b. What should govern the use of each gift? (1 Corinthians 12:7) _____

c. Read the list of gifts, abilities, and graces in the following passages and record one gift from each list.

(1) 1 Corinthians 12:8-11 _____

(2) Romans 12:6-8 _____

(3) Ephesians 4:11-12 _____

(4) 1 Peter 4:9-11 _____

d. What gift(s) do you think God has given you, and how will you use it, or them, to fulfill a future ministry?

12. Where does God give us His power? (Ephesians 3:16) _____

13. How did Paul know how he should conduct his ministry? (Acts 13:2 and 16:7)

14. What seemingly impossible task did Christ give His followers? (Matthew 28 :19-20 and Luke 24:46-48).

a. What *need* did they have if they were to fulfill this task? (Luke 24:49) _____

b. *How* would the need be met? (Acts 1:8) _____

c. What was God's *fulfillment* of this promise in 1:8? (Acts 2:4-12) _____

d. What was the *result* of the Spirit-filled Peter's sermon and disciples' witness? (Acts 2:41) _____

e. Tell of a time the Spirit helped you witness. _____

15. If there is any sin or chaff hindering God's work in your life, how would God wish to deal with it? (Matthew 3:11-12)

16. Samuel Logan Brengle was an officer in the Salvation Army. More than a million copies of his books have blessed the world. Do you know what the Holy Spirit did through him? He poured love through Brengle! Read his testimony and see! On January 9, 1885, at about nine o'clock in the morning, God sanctified my soul. I was in my own room at the time, but in a few minutes I went out and met a man told him what God had done for me. The next morning, I met another friend on the street and told him the blessed story. He shouted and praised God and urged me to preach full salvation and confess it everywhere. God used him to encourage and help me. So the following day I preached on the subject as clearly and forcibly as I could, and ended with my testimony. God blessed the word mightily to others, but I think He blessed it most to myself. That confession put me on record. It cut the bridges down behind me. Three worlds were now looking at me as one who professed that God had given him a clean heart. I could not go back now. I had to go forward. God saw that I meant to be true till death. So two mornings after that, just as I got out of bed and was reading some of the words of Jesus, He gave me such a blessing as I never had dreamed a man could have this side of Heaven. It was a heaven of love that came into my heart. I walked out over Boston Common before breakfast weeping for joy and praising God. Oh, how I loved! In that hour I knew Jesus and I loved Him till it seemed my heart would break with love. I loved the sparrows, I loved the dogs, I loved the horses, I loved the little urchins on the streets, I loved the strangers who hurried past me, I loved the heathen- I loved the whole world.
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Memory Verse

So he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty" (Zechariah 4:6, NIV).

Do you want to know what holiness is? It is pure love. Do you want to know what the baptism of the Holy Ghost is? It is not a mere sentiment. It is not a happy sensation that passes away in a night. It is a baptism of love that brings every thought into captivity to the Lord Jesus (2 Cor. x. 5); that casts out all fear (1 John iv. 18); that burns up doubt and unbelief as fire burns tow; that makes one "meek and lowly in heart" (Matt. xi 29 [KJV]); that makes one hate uncleanness, lying and deceit, a flattering tongue and every evil way with a perfect hatred; that makes Heaven and Hell eternal realities; that makes one patient and gentle with the froward and sinful; that makes one " pure, peaceable, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy" (Jas. iii. 17 [KJV]); that brings one into perfect and unbroken sympathy with the Lord Jesus Christ in His toil and travail to bring a lost and rebel world to God.

God did all that for me, bless His holy name!

S.L. Brengle, Helps to Holiness (London: Salvationist Publishing and Supplies, Ltd., 1955), ix-x.

17. Dream a little! What do you think the Holy Spirit might do through you?

You can be filled with the Spirit and sanctified entirely. Have you? You can live and walk in the Spirit as a moment-by-moment experience. Are you? The Spirit will do gracious things through you. Is He? *O Lord, for my future days, I want to experience the adventure of Your full control.*

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Then he answered and spoke unto me, saying This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts (Zechariah 4:6, KJV).