

The
Holy Spirit
And The
Christian Life

Galatians 3:1-6

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1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

4 Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain.

5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

Introduction

A. Truths about the Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit is a person

2. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity

B. The Holy Spirit and Conversion

**1. Regenerates the believer and brings new life
(Titus 3:5)**

**2. Takes up His residence in the believer
(1 Corinthians 6:19-20)**

**3. Seals the believer
(Ephesians 4:30)**

**4. Baptizes the believer into the body of Christ
(1 Corinthians 12:13)**

**How Can We Know Whether Or Not
The Holy Spirit Is Within Me?**

I. The Presence Of The Holy Spirit Produces Faith (Galatians 3:1-6)

A. The Christian life begins with faith

Acts 16:6

Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

B. The Holy Spirit will draw you to faith in Christ

John 6:44

No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

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**C. These converts believed the lie that keeping the law
was necessary for salvation**

Romans 10:4

**For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to
every one that believeth.**

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D. The Holy Spirit comes in response to faith and He matures our faith

1. He increases our faith through the written Word

a. He was at work in revelation of the Word

b. He was at work in inspiration

c. He is at work in illumination

1 Corinthians 2:14

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

I. The Presence Of The Holy Spirit Produces Faith (Galatians 3:1-6)

D. The Holy Spirit comes in response to faith and He matures our faith - continued

2. He increases our faith by revealing Christ

John 15:26

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

Matthew 4:4

But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

II. The Presence Of The Holy Spirit Produces A Fight (Galatians 5:17)

A. Peace at the moment of conversion

Romans 5:1

**Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with
God through our Lord Jesus Christ:**

1. Spiritual life has come

John 10:28

**And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never
perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my
hand.**

II. The Presence Of The Holy Spirit Produces A Fight (Galatians 5:17)

A. Peace at the moment of conversion - continued

2. Fellowship with God becomes a reality

1 Corinthians 1:9

**God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto
the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.**

II. The Presence Of The Holy Spirit Produces A Fight (Galatians 5:17)

B. We soon learn we are in a war

1 Timothy 6:12

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

2 Timothy 4:7

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

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B. We soon learn we are in a war

1. War with the devil (Ephesians 6:11-12)

2. War with the flesh

1 Corinthians 9:26-27

26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

II. The Presence Of The Holy Spirit Produces A Fight (Galatians 5:17)

C. The conflict

1. The Holy Spirit versus the sin nature

Galatians 5:17-21

17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

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1. The Holy Spirit versus the sin nature

Galatians 5:17-21 - continued

**20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations,
wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,**

**21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and
such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also
told you in time past, that they which do such things
shall not inherit the kingdom of God.**

II. The Presence Of The Holy Spirit Produces A Fight (Galatians 5:17)

C. The conflict - continued

2. It is a personal conflict

Romans 7:21-25

21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

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C. The conflict - continued

2. It is a personal conflict

Romans 7:21-25 - continued

**24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me
from the body of this death?**

**25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then
with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with
the flesh the law of sin.**

II. The Presence Of The Holy Spirit Produces A Fight (Galatians 5:17)

D. How do we stay victorious in this battle?

- 1. By feeding the new nature on the Word of God**
- 2. By yielding to the Holy Spirit**

III. The Presence Of The Holy Spirit Produces Fruit (Galatians 5:22-23)

A. How to see who is winning the battle?

Luke 6:44

**For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns
men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather
they grapes.**

III. The Presence Of The Holy Spirit Produces Fruit (Galatians 5:22-23)

**B. The things the Holy Spirit wants to produce in you
Galatians 5:22-23**

**22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,**

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

C. The natural divisions in this list:

- 1. First three in relation to God - love, joy, peace**
- 2. Second three in relation to our fellowman –
longsuffering , gentleness, goodness**
- 3. Third three in relation to ourselves –
faith, meekness, self-control**

What Is The Holy Spirit Producing In You?