

# Christ Apostolic Miracle Ministry Sunday School

Week 20: May 20th, 2018

Topic: Never grieve the Holy Spirit nor quench the Spirit – Part 5

**Bible Reading: Ephesians 4:25-30**

We shall continue our discussion by mentioning the importance of the Holy Spirit to our survival in this world and the existence of mankind.

## **The importance of the Holy Spirit**

Human being need the Holy Spirit to overcome the spiritual battles that are plaguing our lives. We need the power of the Holy Spirit to subdue and defeat the terrestrial powers that are against our existence. Without the fortification of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we will be so weak and fall behind in ability, most especially the achievement of spiritual evolution. Therefore, if you don't want to be a laughing stock for Satan and his agents, you must seek the Spirit of God because this is the end-time and contrary/unclean spirits are roaming about looking for people whose lives they will ruin.

**Believers need the Holy Spirit to be conquerors:** Many satanic teaching and demonic doctrines are prevalent in this world today; so, we need the Holy Spirit to surmount them. Countless nations around the globe have various laws like: freedom of speech and religion. So, numerous people in these countries are misusing their freedom; they are using their freedom against God to serve the Devil. Paul apostle said through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that “All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any” **1 Corinthians 6:12.**

The fact that something is not against the law does not mean that it is beneficial or profitable; so, do not be enslaved by anything just because it is lawful or be brought under its power because it is permissible in your community/nation. Because you will become the slave of whatever you choose to obey. You can be a slave to sin if you are doing lustful things that are lawful or you can choose to obey God and receive the Holy Spirit **Romans 6:16.** Therefore, flee from whatever that is lawful which cannot edify your faith.

Many believers are yet to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit which will guide and guard them in their Christianity journey. Such people must strive to be endowed with the Holy Spirit according to the event that happened in these passages **Acts 19:2-6.** **If you are yet to receive the Holy Spirit, something great is lacking or missing in your life.** Until

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the time that you have the gifts of the Holy Spirit that is when the Spirit Himself will bear witness with your spirit that you are a child of God **Romans 8:16**. For you to be referred to as a child of God, you must have the Spirit of God.

**Holy Spirit is necessary for our survival:** Human being need the power of the Holy Spirit to protect and preserve their lives, most especially to defend them against spiritual attacks. Simeon the sorcerer knew the importance of the Holy Spirit that was the reason he offered John and Peter money to buy the power of the Holy Spirit **Acts 8:18-23**.

King David foretold the future by announcing the reign of Jesus Christ the Messiah of the world. He said through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that “The Lord said to my Lord, sit at the My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool” **Mark 12:36**. Also, Ananias restored Paul apostle’s sight through the power of the Holy Spirit **Acts 9:17**. From these passages, we can conclude that Holy Spirit is essential to our peaceful existence and without the gifts of the Holy Spirit, our lives will become unbearable.

**Do not deny, betray or conspire against the Holy Spirit:** You must neither deny the existence of the Holy Spirit or conspire against Him when the situation gets tough. You must be bold and determined to resist the Devil and confront your challenges. Do not give in or betray the Holy Spirit through your actions, reactions and utterances. Always remember that your unsatisfactory condition will not last forever, but for a brief period, because God will not leave nor forsake you. Emulate the conducts of Paul apostles when he was confronted by prison time and tribulation. He said “But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I receive from the Lord Jesus to testify to the gospel of the grace of God” **Acts 20:20-24**. You need to be resolute and do not forget that anyone who endures to the end shall be saved **Matthew 24:13**.

Furthermore, you must be faithful to the point of death, so that you will be given the crown of life **Revelation 2:10**. It is for this reason that Paul apostle sounded the warning to the founders and the overseers, and the shepherds to take care, keep watch and be on guard for themselves and the whole flock which the Holy Spirit has appointed them as leaders, overseers and guardians to shepherd, tend and feed the Church of God which He purchased with His own blood. Because false teachers and deceptive preachers like ferocious wolves together with the agents of Satan have come into the churches and will not spare the flock. Even some people among the overseers, founders and shepherds will rise up and distort the truth in order to entice Christians to follow them or come to their churches. It is happening now in the world because several founders and overseers are speaking perverse and corrupt things so as to draw away Christians from other denominations to their churches **Acts 20:28-30**. If you are one of the founders,

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overseers, shepherds and leaders, be zealous to tend, feed and shepherd the flock of God rather than luring believers from other denominations, but if they come to your church by their own volition, it is okay.

### The usefulness of the Holy Spirit

The usefulness of the Holy Spirit is indescribable and inexpressible because it is a spiritual process/experience. However, we will mention some that are written in the Bible that people can easily understand:

**Revelation of past, present and future events:** King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream which he did not remember when he woke up. He called the magicians, the astrologers, and the sorcerers to tell him the dream, but they could not tell him.

Daniel through the gifts of the Holy Spirit revealed the dream that the king dreamt and forgot **Daniel 2:1-35**. If you want the gift of revelation, you need to seek the Holy Spirit. Apostle John was shown the revelation of the heaven and the events of the end-time **Revelation 1:1-20**. For you to have the gift that is superior to the satanic spirit of soothsaying, you must be devoted and surrender your life to God.

**Interpretation of dreams and tongues:** God used Daniel to give the interpretation of the dream that king Nebuchadnezzar had, Daniel even warned the king that if he is not careful, the dream will come to pass **Daniel 2:36-45**. Daniel was also utilized by the Holy Spirit to give the interpretation of the second dream of the king **Daniel 4:8-18**. Daniel also interpreted the writings on the wall for king Belshazzar the son of king Nebuchadnezzar whose atrocity led to his demise/death **Daniel 5:1-28**. If you want people to refer to you as somebody in whom is the Spirit of the Holy God, you must eagerly desire the Holy Spirit.

**Strength during difficult period:** Stephen was strengthened by the Holy Spirit so he neither deny God nor betray His covenant throughout his ordeal, therefore, he saw heavenly vision with Jesus Christ standing at the right hand of God **Acts 7:54-60**. Whatever you are passing through, you must allow the Holy Spirit to reign in your heart so that He will strengthen you to the end of your journey.

Whenever you are in trouble for doing the work of God, do not entertain any fear because the Holy Spirit will come to your aid according to the passage which stated that “But when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.” **Mark 13:11**. Remember, God will never leave nor forsake you and the Holy Spirit will always (be there for you) strengthen you.

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**Empowerment:** Jesus Christ told His disciples before His ascension to heaven that “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” **Acts 1:8.** The passage simply means empowerment comes from the Holy Spirit. Therefore, if you want spiritual power that can defeat the spiritual battles of your life, seek the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit alone can empower you to destroy the satanic realms that are afflicting you and make you to be untouchable to the forces of darkness. It is for this reason that king David prayed fervently to God saying, “Do not cast me away from Your presence, and **do not take Your Holy Spirit from me**” **Psalm 51:11.** Those of us who have the Holy Spirit must never behave in manners that will make the Holy Spirit to depart from our lives or for His gifts to be retrieved from us. The people that are yet to receive the Holy Spirit should crave to have the gifts of the Holy Spirit which can empower them so that they will not be defendless.

**Discernment:** The scripture stated that “The natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.” **1 Corinthians 2:14.** At this intersection, we must acknowledge that every Christian needs the spirit of discernment which the Holy Spirit alone provides. Christians needs the spirit of discernment to be able to decide between the truth and error, between what is right and what is wrong so that they will not be led astray.

Believers need the spirit of discernment to grasp the word of God and comprehend the difficult and obscure things of the scripture. Our perception about things must be from the Biblical angle so that we will judge correctly. Anyone without the spirit of discernment from the Holy Spirit will not be able to discern spiritually and such people cannot please God.

Finally, turn at the rebuke of the Lord and He will surely pour out His Spirit on you; He will make His words know to you **Proverbs 1:23.** If you will turn and pay attention to the reproof of the Lord, He will pour His Spirit on you and give you the wisdom to understand His words.

**The Seal: Ephesians 4:30:** **And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.**