

THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We will only attain the highest level of success in life, if we can consistently experience the presence of God. In order To know by experience the presence of God we have to understand the role of the Holy Spirit in our life.

Hebrews 10: 14 For by one offering he hath perfected (past-perfect tense-the finished results, a spiritual condition brought about by the action) *forever* (two words in the Greek 1-motion into, unto 2- continuing throughout eternity, unending, everlasting) *them that are sanctified* (continuous or repeated action, to make clean and pure, to purify, to set apart exclusively for Gods use).

When Jesus died on the cross, He reconciled the world unto himself. The sin of the world was laid upon him. He canceled the debt of the Law and our old man was crucified with Him. Our old man is the Adamic nature, or the sin nature, it is everything that we have inherited from Adam and Eve.

Our old man is the D.N.A that we have received from our natural parents, our old heredity. We have a new heredity in Christ, the fruit of the Spirit. Nothing can haunt us from our past. All that we have inherited from our parents has been cut off. Our upbringing is cut off (whatever shaped us into who we were) has been put to death in Christ. Whatever traumatic experiences we have had is cut off. Whatever we did in our

own foolishness that gave us an unclean mind, or bad habits have been cut off. Everything negative thing about ourselves has been cut off. Everything that is wrong with us has been crucified with Christ.

Our old man has been crucified with Christ. But the old man is different than sin or our flesh. Our flesh is that union of soul and body that acts independently of God.

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. ²⁴And (in addition to what has been said, Even So, used for emphasis,) *they that are Christ's* (define article-the Christ, the anointing) *have crucified* (specific point past, nail to a cross) *the* (this) *flesh with* (together-with) *the affections* (that which one suffers or has suffered-affliction) *and lusts* (Strong desire, longing, lust).²⁵*If* (conditional, if, whether) *we live* (to have life, to be under His constant guidance and influence, to have eternal life) *in the Spirit, let us also walk* (continuous action subject to a condition, to follow, to keep in step, to act) *in the Spirit.*

This is talking about the works of the flesh, when sin was our master.

It says in the Greek those anointed nailed to a cross this flesh with all that was suffered and the strong desire it produced.

If we have eternal life let us walk in the flow of it.

When sin was our master it used the flesh to produce all the works of the flesh.

We cannot serve two masters, either sin is our master or Jesus is lord of our life.

Sin is personified; it is the evil spirits that had access to our soul and body that manifested in the work of the flesh.

Once our spirit becomes alive, we have a yes in it to the will of God. Our innermost desire is to be free from sin, we do not have a sin nature, and we have a new nature.

If we yield to the desires that sin produced in our flesh, then we are involved in a civil war inside. There is pleasure in sin for a season but it ends in pain and suffering. When our spirit is alive to God, we can no longer really enjoy sin because we begin to realize that we are fellowshiping with evil spirits. And the pleasures of sin have no comparison to the pleasure of God's presence.

But once we get free from sin, then the only flesh we have to deal with is that union of soul and body that acts independently of God. We are either living to please ourselves which is the flesh, or we are living to please the Lord. So the flesh is basically the self-life.

So through the cross of Jesus Christ our old man was crucified with him and we died to sin. All we have to do is to daily deny self, and live by our newly created spirit. So through the day we are either living according to our soul or according to our spirit and we begin to learn the difference between the two.

So once we become aware of the Holy Spirit inside of us, the anointing, the presence of God, we come to the place where we reckon ourselves dead to sin, this is crucifying the flesh with its affections and lusts. So that evil spirits have no more access to our soul and are just on the outside trying to get in.

But if we do not learn how to walk in the spirit we will walk according to the flesh (that union of soul and body that acts independently of the lord) then at any time we can fall back into sin and become worse off.

We have to learn how to walk in the spirit and maintain our freedom from sin.

The cross provided a perfect provision, enabling God to impart Himself into our spirit making it alive unto himself. God joins Himself to our spirit in the person of the Holy Spirit.

It is the Holy Spirit's job to take the perfect provision of Jesus Christ and make it real in our experience. We go from

grace to grace, faith to faith, strength to strength, glory to glory. This is the sanctifying process.

Our spirit is perfect but undeveloped, so we learn how to depend upon the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit reveals our identity in Christ, so that it can become part of our personality. The Holy Spirit reveals the nature of Jesus Christ, the divine nature, the eternal life of God, so that we can partake of it.

The Holy Spirit reveals to us an attribute of Jesus Christ, and we experience the presence of God in that attribute, this is grace. The Holy Spirit will reveal to us the love of God and through this encounter of the eternal life of God faith comes to us. We now have faith so that our spirit can now tune into the love of God through our will. We can feel the compassion of God for other people. Then the Holy Spirit will begin to strengthen us in this attribute, so that when we meet difficult people we no longer get offended in our relations with them but we tune into the love of God for them and walk according to it. The love of God then becomes a part of our personality and we are conformed into the image of Jesus Christ and this is called glory, the glory of the divine nature.

The Holy Spirit begins to take every aspect of the nature of Jesus Christ, the list goes on and on and on and we begin to grow up in all things unto the stature of Jesus Christ.

