

Holiness is Godliness – Part 5

Eph. 5:8-21

Introduction:

1. The fruit of the Spirit is the manifestation of Godliness, Christ-likeness, Personal Holiness – the character of Christ in us and flowing out of us.
2. This is only possible for the believer by the filling of the Holy Spirit – the enabling of true Spirituality.
3. The filling of the Holy Spirit is only possible by timely confession of sin and complete obedience to the Word of God and His will for our lives.
4. **Conclusion:** That Godliness, Christ-likeness, and Personal Holiness which describes the nature of the Spiritual man or true spirituality is solely the product of the Holy Spirit's divine work in us.
5. **Caution:** The believer can not do the work of the Holy Spirit, but He can hinder the work, by grieving and quenching the Holy Spirit. (Part 3 of this series)
6. We will consider Seven Ministries of the Holy Spirit and then Seven Manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

The 7 Ministries of the Holy Spirit “in the life of the believer.”

The first 2 relate to His influence in the world - general
The next 4 relate to the salvation of the sinner – one time
The last one relates to the filling of the believer - continual

1. The Restraining Ministry - 2 Thes. 2:6-10

He is holding back the forces of evil in our world
This is a hindrance to Satan's plans and purposes
Maintains an environment for which the goodness and grace of God can be seen.

2. The Reproving Ministry – John 16:8-11

The single sin of “unbelief”
The single source of true “righteousness”
The single source of lasting “victory”

3. The Regenerating Ministry – John 3:6; Titus 3:5

The new birth of the believer
The new creature in Christ

4. The Indwelling Ministry – John 7:37-39; 14:16-17

Our body is the temple of the Holy Ghost
Literal Divine person within us – 2 Cor. 13:14

5. The Baptizing Ministry – I Cor. 12:13; Rom. 6:3

No hint of source of power for service
Placement into the family of God and Body of Christ

6. The Sealing Ministry – Eph. 1:13; 4:30

The Spirit presence “marks us” as God's own
God's branding of His eternal claim on us His child

7. The Filling Ministry – Eph. 5:18-19

This is a continual process of our yieldedness to the Spirit's controlling influence in our life.

If godliness, holiness, spirituality is the work of the Holy Spirit in us – What does it look like? How is displayed practically.

The 7 Manifestation of the Holy Spirit Work in the Believer

1. The Holy Spirit produces Christ-like Character.

Gal. 5:22-25

These graces/virtues are never found naturally in human nature – they are “divine” attributes of God.

They will never appear in our life apart from divine power; never produced by our own energy.

This character is built in us from living in the Spirit, walking in the Spirit, being led by the Spirit.

2. The Holy Spirit produces Christ-like Service.

John 7:38; Eph. 2:10; Titus 2:14; 3:8, 14

For this work, the Spirit has given us "spiritual" gifts.
1 Cor. 12:4-11.

Three questions:

- Have you identified your spiritual gift?
- Are you developing your spiritual gift?
- Is your spiritual gift producing fruit for God's glory?

3. The Holy Spirit Teaches us of the things of God.

John 16:12-15

Holy Spirit is our "primary" teacher – I John 2:27-29

Through Him we can know:

“the deep things of God”

“the mind of Christ”

Interpret Bible – comparing Scripture w/ Scripture

Make sound judgments with spiritual discernment.

4. The Holy Spirit Promotes Praise and Thanksgiving
Eph. 5:19

The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God to do this work.
Col. 3:16-17

3 Holy Fruits & 3 Bad Apples – I Thes. 5:16-22

This includes our worship – “spirit-led” – John 4:23-24

5. The Holy Spirit Leads the Believer's Life – Rom. 8:14

The leading of the Holy Spirit is in the Walk, Work and Ways that please the Lord.

There is a general leading of obedience – Gal. 5:16-18

There is a specific leading of God's will – Acts 16:6-10

6. The Holy Spirit Witnesses with our Spirit – Rom. 8:16

This is a witness of “assurance” of our sonship with God – Gal. 4:6

This is a strengthening witness with our inner man – Eph. 3:16-19 - Notice all that He witnesses to us.

Through this HE stirs our hearts to worship

7. The Holy Spirit makes intercession for us to God – Rom. 8:26

The context here is primarily of intercessory prayer. Standing between God and our fellow man in prayer.

So often we know not what or how to pray. The Spirit knows our hearts and the specifics of the other person.

Pray for “one another” – James 5:16

Paul – Eph. 1:15-16;

Not all Christians are “prayer warriors” – Eph. 6:17-18
But all Christians can become “prayer warriors”

Asked the question – what does Godliness look like...?

It is a Spirit-Filled believer who...

- Is manifesting the fruits of the Spirit – God's holy character;
- Who is actively using their spiritual gifts fruitfully;
- Who is learning of the mind of Christ the deeper things of God
- Who expresses praise, thanksgiving and worship
- Who is obedient to the leading of the God's pathway for them
- Whose spirit is in unity with God and His Spirit
- Whose prayer life is fueled by the Holy Spirit.

Next lesson – what hinders Godliness – Spirituality.