

Understanding the Holy Spirit

What is the Evidence of the Holy Spirit in Your Life?

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Evidence – as a noun: the available body of facts or information indicating whether a belief or proposition is true or valid, Proof; an outward sign: **INDICATION**; something that furnishes proof: **TESTIMONY**. Specifically: something legally submitted to a tribunal to ascertain the truth of a matter; one who bears witness. **CONFIRMATION, VERIFICATION, AFFIRMATION, AUTHENTICATION.**

- **The New Testament reveals much about the Holy Spirit. When we repent and receive Jesus as our Savior, God gifts us with the Spirit (Act 2:38)**
- **Through Him, God pours His love into our hearts (Romans 5:5)**
- **Our bodies become the Holy Spirit’s temple and He lives in us (1 Corinthians 6:19)**
- **teaches us and guides us (John 14:26)**
- **The Spirit enables us to speak boldly about Christ (Acts 4:8-10)**
- **He also warns us (Act 20:22-23)**
- **gives us spiritual gifts (Hebrews 2:4)**
- **He is with us forever (John 14:15-18)**
- **The Spirit gives us love, joy, peace (Galatians 5:22)** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness; **encouragement (Acts 9:31)** Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied; **hope (Romans 15:13)** Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Evidence – as a verb: be or show evidence of; to make evident or clear; show clearly; manifest; to support by evidence: **INDICATE, SHOW, REVEAL, DISPLAY, EXHIBIT.**

1Corinthians 2:12-14

(12) Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. (13) These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. (14) But 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.

- **This is the “revealing” evidence of the Holy Spirit in your life!**
 - Spiritual man receives –
 - **Not the spirit of the world – κόσμος kosmos, “cosmos.”** (Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 6:11-12)
 - **The Spirit who is from God** - every believer has the access to this spiritual wisdom. spiritual (things) to spiritual (men). (1 Corinthians 12:1-11; 1 John 2:20)
 - Spiritual Things with Spiritual - revealed by the Holy Spirit; **Under the influence** of the Holy Spirit; **spiritual illumination** (Ephesians 3:9).

- Natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God – nothing! Spiritually **Discerned**; They are **spiritually judged**; incapable of rendering (revealing, access, discern) the Truth; they are unable to recognize spiritual things.

Discipleship Homework:

We now have the potential to be led by God. Making decisions from the flesh (using our natural abilities, such as reason and experience) make sense in the natural order but be completely outside of the will of God.

- Has God revealed these “Spiritually” things to you? Mediate(chew) on God’s Word & ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate His Truth!
- Review & journal
 - Psalm 119:11,18,27,89,99, 105,130,160,165 - Your Word Is a Lamp to My Feet!
 - The Beatitudes Matthew 5: 2-12 – Blessed are you_____.

Watchman Nee “The Spiritual Man” stated, “How can a believer understand spiritual life if he does not know what is the extent of the realm of the spirit? Without such understanding how can he grow spiritually? To fail to distinguish between spirit and soul is fatal to spiritual maturity. Christians often account what is soulical as spiritual, and thus they remain in a soulish state and seek not what is really spiritual. How can we escape loss if we confuse what God has divided?”