

*Note:- These are the outline notes of the sermon **Spirit-filled Christian Life** delivered at City Revival Ministries, Kuala Lumpur on 07/11/2015 7PM. The verses used here are from KJV and NKJV. You can contact me [here](#) for any clarifications, doubts or corrections. Praying that this will minister to you and may these notes be a blessing to many. In Christ, Donny*

Bible Portion

15 “If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— 17 **the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.**

Introduction

In this notes, I would be concentrating on the last verse of the above portion. Verse #16, I have already covered in my previous notes. You may read it here

17“the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”

Context

The context of this portion is already explained in my previous note (Click here to read). Jesus was

about to leave the disciples and go to the Father. He gave his last instructions in the Book of John, chapters from 13-17. The disciples were sorrowful and troubled in heart. So Jesus warns them not to be troubled in heart. (Click here to read the notes on ‘Let not your heart be troubled’). Now Jesus tells them more about the Holy Spirit and the indwelling of the Comforter.

There are 9 things to note here from verse#17.

1. The Comforter is mentioned as the **Spirit of Truth (which means He is a Spirit)**
2. The world **cannot receive** this Spirit
3. The world **does not see** this Spirit
4. The world **does not know** this Spirit
5. But the disciples **can receive** the Spirit
6. The disciples **can see** the Spirit
7. The disciples **knows** the Spirit
8. This Spirit **dwells** with the disciples (SIMPLE PRESENT TENSE)
9. This Spirit **will be** in the disciples (FUTURE TENSE)

Note the tenses of these words. If you carefully analyse these scriptures using various translations, you will get a better understanding. Ask the Holy Spirit himself to explain this scripture to you.

Comforter will be IN you

From this I would like to explain the last point. **WILL BE IN YOU.**

Here Jesus is speaking about the Comforter coming and dwelling inside of a disciple. This literally happened in Acts 2.

*1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

This is called Infilling of the Holy Spirit. Wherever in the Bible, we see the phrases, ‘upon you’, ‘in you’, ‘filled with’ - all these refers to the infilling of the Holy Spirit, which is a promise by Jesus himself.

The Promise of the Father

Jesus himself called this as **the Promise of My Father**.

In Acts 1: 4, we read like this:

*4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for **the Promise of the Father**, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me;*

The disciples heard Jesus giving this promise in John 14:6. Jesus was referring to the same as the Promise of the Father, that is, the indwelling and

infilling presence of the Comforter to all disciples, to whoever asks. Luke 11:13

*If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit **to those who ask Him!**”*

You will receive power

Peter, after getting filled with the Holy Spirit, preached his first message with power and 3000 souls were added to the Body of Christ. This is the same power which Jesus mentioned, that the disciples would receive, when the Comforter has come upon them (Acts 1:8)

*But 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.”*

This promise is to YOU and to YOUR CHILDREN and to...

Peter concludes his message with this statement, with this mention of the promise of the Comforter in us. (Acts 2:38,39)

*³⁸ Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and **you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.** ³⁹ For **the promise** is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”*

Spirit on all flesh

It was God's desire long back, that He wanted to pour out His Spirit on all human beings. This was prophesied by Prophet Joel. (Joel 2:28)

*And it shall come to pass afterward
That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your old men shall dream dreams,
Your young men shall see visions.*

Peter in his first message, explained a bit on this. In the Old Testament period, God did not pour out His Spirit on all flesh. Only few people got that infilling, say for example, Samuel, Elijah, David and other prophets, priests etc. But after Jesus made this promise, the infilling is now freely available to any one who believes in Jesus. What a privilege! Sadly, many Christians, don't know about this. So it's our duty to remind them about this precious gift of Jesus, that is, the Comforter indwelling in us.

When did this happen and How?

As Jesus promised in John 14:16, He went to the Father, after his resurrection and prayed the Father and sent the Comforter to the 120 disciples who were waiting for Him. Acts 2

32 This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. ³³ Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father

the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

What should we do?

Firstly, we need to be a disciple of Jesus. Only the disciple can receive this promise. (John 14:17, Acts 2:38). Who is a disciple of Jesus? One who obeys Jesus and His commandments. He should repent of his sins, get baptized and should follow Christ) However there are instances of disciples who were filled with the Holy Spirit even before they were baptized.

Secondly we need to aware of this promise. This article is to tell you that this promise is available for you. We should understand that this promise is for us and for our children and for all whom the Lord will call (Chosen in Christ). Lack of knowledge is also a hindrance.

Read the below passage. Acts 19:1,2

And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples ² he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

Thirdly, we need to have a great burning desire within us and a thirst to receive this gift of the Holy Spirit. This is a precious gift of the Father, which he gives only to them that ask. (John 7)

37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “**If anyone thirsts**, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” 39 But this **He spoke concerning the Spirit**, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Thirdly, we need to ask with faith. (Luke 11:13)

13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father **give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!**”

Finally, we need to wait for the Comforter to come upon us. (Acts 1:4)

4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me;

The disciples waited for 10 days, until they received the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. Then they started their ministry. This is the role model We should wait for the infilling of the Holy Spirit, before we actually go out to do the ministry ahead of us. This power from above equips us for a powerful ministry.

Shall we pray? Are you ready for an infilling now? What is preventing you? Have you become a disciple of Jesus yet?

Pray this prayer with faith in Jesus

Dear Jesus, I am a sinner, I repent of my sins. I admit that I am a sinner. Please forgive me and wash me with your blood, which was shed for me on the cross. Make me clean. Come into my heart and make me a new creation. I accept you as my Lord and Saviour. I will follow you all the days of my life. Be with me and guide me. Prepare me for your coming. In Jesus’ Name Amen.

If you have prayed this prayer sincerely, I believe you are now become a disciple of Jesus. Congrats! Welcome to the family of Jesus.

Now, if you want to receive the Holy Spirit, as you are reading this, simply believe that God will give you His Spirit to dwell in you. Pray this.

Father, I need your Spirit, the Comforter. Please come and dwell in me. I am waiting for you. Fill me Lord. In Jesus’ Name I ask you. Amen

Now, wait. You will receive Him. God bless you. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact me.

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