



**THE
HOLY SPIRIT**

BELIEVE AND RECEIVE HIM

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INTRODUCTION

The book – The Holy Spirit, believe and receive Him is a teaching on, The Teacher, who is the Holy Spirit.

Whom God sent to teach man, enable man to receive the things of God and to walk in them.

In this book I have tried to show who He is and what the Father had sent Him to do in the life of a believer – because He was sent to those who believe in Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior – Jesus said, ‘The world cannot receive Him’ (John 14:17)

The aim of this book is to help you believe in this gift of God the Father - the Holy Spirit, so that you can receive Him when you believe; and He who is the great Teacher will teach you the rest.

In writing this book, the Holy Spirit made me to understand that He is the teacher, as such, I can only write what is granted me to write.

But when you have received the Holy Spirit, He will enlighten the eyes of your understanding and you will understand even more.

Therefore go through this brief introduction of the Holy Spirit, and believe to receive Him, so that you will have the Master Teacher in you to guide you.



INTRODUCTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT~

It is best to understand the person of the
Holy Spirit.

In the beginning, the Holy Spirit was introduced as the one hovering over the face of the waters, at creation (Gen. 1:2) so the Holy Spirit was there at the beginning of creation.

And when God said, “*Let Us make man in Our*

image, according to Our likeness”

(Gen. 1:26).

He was talking to the Trinity, which is God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Though this was not reveal at first, because the Scripture did not reveal those God was talking with;but Jesus reveals Them, before His departure when He said,

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matt. 28:19).

Jesus throughout His teachings, revealed the Father in sayings like:

“I have come in My Father's name”

(John 5:43)

also,

“My Father, is greater” (John 10:29).

In all His utterances and teachings, He showed, revealed and testify that, God the Father is greater. He also introduced Himself as ‘the only begotten Son’, whom God the Father had sent to redeem man.

Now, after Jesus had revealed the Father, He also showed the relationship He has with the Father, by saying,

“I and My Father are one” (John 10:30).

Here we have seen, God the Father and the Son.

Then close to the end of His ministration, Jesus introduce the Holy Spirit, saying:

“I will pray the Father, and He will give

you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever - the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive” (John 14:16-17).

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

With the introduction of the Holy Spirit, we can see that He is the third person in the Trinity. This does not mean He is the smallest, but that He is the third to be revealed.

Also Jesus said,

“He is the Spirit Of truth that proceeds from the Father” (John 15:26),

This means, He came out from God.

With these we've learned that the Holy Spirit

is the Spirit of God the Father who came forth, (or Who came out of God).

Apostle John wrote,

“For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one”.

(1John 5:7)

First, Jesus said,

“I and My Father are one” (John10:30);

and now Apostle John is telling us that,

The Father, The Word (Who is Christ), and The Holy Spirit, are one.

It therefore means that the Holy Spirit, is the Spirit of God Himself; and as such,

He should be referred to as,

“God the Holy Spirit”

HIS MINISTRATION

Just as it was God's will to send His Son, Jesus to die for the sins of man; the scripture reveals that it was also God the Father's will and promise to send the Holy Spirit to all who will believe in Jesus whom He sent.

In the book of Joel it is written,

“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” (Joel 2:28).

Also in the book of Ezekiel, God promised,

“I will put my Spirit within you and cause

you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them”
(Ezekiel 36:27).

This reveals that God’s intention for sending the Holy Spirit, was for His Spirit to help man walk in His statutes, and be able to keep His judgment.

God knew we will need help, that on our own, we will find it difficult to walk in His statutes.

So He promised this help for everyone who will choose to believe what He sent His Son to do for man; and to those who have received and chose to walk with Jesus Christ.

Jesus spoke of the role of the Holy Spirit, what He will do when He comes, saying,

“When the Helper comes --- He will testify of me” (John 15:26).

Here we see the oneness of the Trinity: When Jesus came, He testified of the Father, He showed the way to the Father, and then He shed His blood to reconcile us to the Father.

Now the Holy Spirit is here to testify of Jesus, take from Jesus and declare to us; as it is written,

“ He is not going to speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak”, (John 16:13).

This also is like what Jesus was doing while He was here. Jesus said,

“For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave

Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak --- The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority but the Father who dwells in Me does the works” (John 12:49;14:10).

In this statement, Jesus was testifying of the Father, and He was also revealing the Father to man.

This clearly speaks of the unity of the trinity, which Apostle John said,
“These Three are one” (1 John 5:7).

So in the ministry of the Holy Spirit:

(1) He testifies of Jesus Christ by revealing Christ to the believer and also

becomes the channel through which we communicate with Jesus;

As it is written, “*For He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak*” (John 16:13).

[Please note, the Holy Spirit will not testify of Satan and his works. Because He is not here to tell you what Satan is capable of; but He is here, to glorify Jesus and reveal to you the love Jesus has for you; the sacrifice He did on the cross on your behalf and the down payment for forgiveness, through His blood which He paid on the cross].

Also know that the Spirit of truth will only point you to the greatness of Christ, ‘*Who has been given the name which is above every*

name that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father’;
(Phil.2:9-11);
as your salvation and your strength.

(2) He endue the believers of Jesus with power to overcome sins and the snare of Satan.

He also gives them boldness, sound mind and authority to speak and withstand the tricks of the devil.

As it is written,

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me – to the end of the earth”

(Acts 1:8).

Also,

“Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit’, says the LORD of hosts” (Zech.4:6),

Then 2Timothy 1:7 says,

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind”.

He is the enabler and grace [divine assistance] for God's Children to do God's will.

(3) The Holy Spirit also, serves as a seal of authentication and approval for the believer;

you can see that in these Scriptures:

“Having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the

guarantee of our inheritance”

(Eph. 1:13-14);

Also in this:

“The Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption”

(Eph. 4:30);

And,

“Who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee”

(2Cor.1:22);

(4) The Holy Spirit bears witness to the fact that we are God's children; and He bears witness with our spirit, confirming in our hearts that we are God's children.

As it is written,

“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our

spirit that we are children of God”

(Rom.8:16).

Also,

“There are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one” (1John 5:8);

In this witnessing, Jesus told the Jews,

“It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true” (John 8:17) –

Therefore, if the Spirit of God bears witness with your spirit that you are a child of God, the testimony is true.

The Holy Spirit, is God’s DNA in His children - as a proof of sonship and a proof of oneness.

Just like every legitimate child must have a percentage of his father and mother's DNA in his blood, every legitimate and approved child of God must have the Holy Spirit's abiding presence in them.

This is what Jesus said,

“If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him”.

(John 14:23)

It is this abiding presence of God through His Spirit, that guarantees, and empowers the child of God. We need this guarantee to possess our inheritance. Without this guarantee you have no inheritance in God, because a child must have his father's DNA

in him to proof he is a child.

So, if this is the case about the Holy Spirit, then He is a most have for everyone who say, “I believe”.

Apostle Paul was precise about this when he wrote,

“Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His; --- For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God” (Rom.8:9,14).

[Please this information, is not to condemn you nor to discourage you, but to enlightened you, so that you will seek, receive and believe the will of God for your life, and what He has

made available and your inheritance in Christ]

These therefore are the ministry of the Holy Spirit and the role He plays between man and God.

THE WORKS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Let us look at the works, the Holy Spirit will do in the life of a believer;

In Jeremiah 31:33-34, God said,

“But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD; I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I

will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, know the LORD; for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD”.

Now, for this to happen, He said in Ezekiel, *“I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them”* (Ezekiel 36:27).

It is the Spirit that will teach everyone to know God and also enable them to keep God's statutes.

These prophecies are fulfilled when the Holy Spirit comes into our heart and be the teacher and the guide of our lives.

Jesus gave detailed account of what the Holy Spirit will do in the believer when He comes:

(1) **The Holy Spirit will Teach us -**

Jesus said,

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you”

(John 14:26).

The Holy Spirit was sent to teach believers

what they need to know, about the ways of God and to also let us know the will of God for our lives;

As a Teacher; He is the only teacher that can teach us the truth. His teachings was evident in Paul's ministry; and this is what Paul wrote,

“But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ”
(Gal.1:11-12)

Believers need to go to the school of the Holy Spirit; before any other school, if they ever want to know the truth, because the Holy

Spirit is the ordained teacher given by God for all.

Therefore, Apostle John wrote to believers saying,

“But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him” (1John 2:27).

(2) The Holy Spirit will Guide us-

Jesus said,

“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth”

(John 16:13)

When we accept Jesus into our lives, we are translated into a new kingdom, this kingdom is called, 'The kingdom of light'.

We who have been conveyed into this kingdom are new in it; that is why we are called, "Born Again Believers".

We are born anew in this kingdom of light; therefore as new born babies, and also as God's little children, we need guidance on this journey.

The Holy Spirit is the only One that

can convince our heart and give us wise counsel.

In His guiding roles, He guides us into all truth of the gospel and direct us on how to walk in the truth.

There is no man that can really make another man to walk in truth. Teaching and guiding are the works of the Holy Spirit.

Clearly it shows that without the Holy Spirit, we cannot understand the things of God, nor walk in them.

neither can we even bear the teachings of the scripture.

His guidance is important because He knows how best we can live and please our Savior. We can depend solely on Him to guide us; instead of depending on our own understanding of what is good, or on what people say is good.

(3) The Holy Spirit will connect us with Christ our Savior -

Every relationship needs communication. In this new kingdom, we are in relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, as such, we need to be communicating with Him.

Jesus did not save us and depart leaving us to struggle on our own. Jesus actually said, ***“I will not leave you orphans, I will come to you”*** (John 14:18)

So because we are in relationship with Him, the Holy Spirit was sent to serves as link between us and our Savior.

Jesus said,

“I still have many things to say to you”;
(John 16:12)

Then He told us how we will hear what He has to tell us, by saying,

“For He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you”

(John 16:12,14,15)

The Holy Spirit takes from Jesus and declare them to us, and also take our praise, thanks and request to Him. He is the communication link that keep our relationship with Jesus strong.

This communication is very vital in the relationship we have with Jesus. The fact that

we can talk to Jesus and hear Him talk back to us or answer us; gives us courage and hope to know that we are in the right directions.

Also that we are in Him who loved us and died for our sins. This is the relationship that Jesus came to establish.

And this is the relationship that God talked about when He said,

“I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be my people. --- I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters”

(2Cor. 6:16,18).

And it is the Holy Spirit that make this relationship of Father and son to be possible, because He is sent to dwell in us.

Therefore Apostle John wrote.

“By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit” (1 John 4:13).

This means we can talk to God because His Spirit teaches us to pray (Romans 8:26).

He will answer; and He can instruct us and we will obey.

For God said,

“As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten”
“Rev. 3:19).

Also it is written,

“For whom the LORD loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives. If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there

whom a father does not chasten?

But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons” (Heb. 12:6-8).

This is what a father, sons and daughter relationship look like, and communication is the key to that relationship.

(4) The Holy Spirit will Help us -

A helper is someone who helps another person with a job or a task.

The Holy Spirit was sent to assist believers and make our journey and our everyday task easier to deal with.

Because Jesus was going back to the Father,
He sent the One that will be with us always
and forever;

Jesus said,

***“And I will pray the Father, and He will
give you another Helper, that He may
abide with you forever” (John 15:16).***

This is to fulfill the promise He said, –

“I will not leave you orphans” (John 15:18).

Because of the Helper that now lives in us, we
can bear Jesus’ teachings and also be able
to do them.

Doing the things of God and the teachings of
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, will not be

by our power but by the power of the Holy Spirit; because He is our Helper.

Jesus while on earth, said,

“I can of Myself do nothing” (John 5:30);

It therefore means we on our own effort will not be able to do the things He commands us to do, except He Himself empowers us.

That empowerment is why He promised to send the Helper and why we need the Helper.

In His Helping role; Apostle Paul wrote,

“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

(Romans 8:26).

He is really man's divine help, sent by God, for the things of God.

(5) The Holy Spirit will Reminds us the word of Jesus -

When we remember God's words, it is easier for us to do them, and it is in His words, that we can have hope, and also endure, as those who truly believe Him.

Therefore, Jesus said,

“He will bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you” (John 14:26)

His Spirit reminds us of His goodness and love for us;

such that when we are down, He helps us by reminding us, God's past goodness and His promises to those who trust in Him; thereby

giving us hope for whatever situations we may find ourselves.

He reminds us the truth we know about God, His loving kindness towards us, our relationship with Him and the provisions He had made for those who loves Him.

As it is written, “*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: these things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches*” (1Cor. 2:12-13).

What God had provided in Christ for us is wonderful; that the natural mind cannot understand.

The Scripture says,

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him” (1Cor.2:9)

Also when we are lonely, His Spirit reminds us, His promise which He said,

“I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you” (John 14:18)

His abiding presence is to help and comfort us, so that we don't feel lonely or helpless in this world.

(6) His spirit will tell us things to come:

Our God is all knowing; with His Spirit, He

guides us to know what is in front of us so that we do not fall into the temptation about to happen; and He shows us the consequences of the wrong choices we are about to make. With His guidance our future is secured. We can rest our mind and know that He is walking in front of us.

(7) His spirit is here to seal and preserve us for the day of His coming.

Really, the Holy Spirit is the believer's authentication stamp of approval as children. For the scripture says,

“If any one does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His – But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead

dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you”

(Rom 8:9,11).

And it is written,

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption”. (Eph. 4:30).

(8) Then at last,

He will be the one to bear witness that truly, we are children of God.

If the Holy Spirit bear us witness here on earth that we are God's children, then we are guaranteed that He will bear us witness in

heaven, because He is the Spirit of truth that also bears witness in heaven. (1John 5:7)

All God's children must receive Him

Jesus said,

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away the Helper will not come to you but if I depart, I will send Him to you”.

(John 16:7);

It is obvious that, with the ministration of the Holy Spirit and the works He came to do here on earth, we cannot do without Him.

If He does not reveal Jesus, we would not know Jesus.

Without the Holy Spirit we are carnal, haughty, and unconvincing; and everything

we do is in carnality.

Apostle Paul wrote,

“For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then those who are in the flesh cannot please God.”.

(Romans 8:6-8).

It is only the Holy Spirit that can reveal Christ to us, so that we will know Him; and once we know Him we will be submissive to his laws and also live to please him.

The work of the Holy Spirit is enormous in our lives; and not all is mention in this writing
When you receive Him, He will teach you the

rest..

But this explanation is to let you know that, God your Father sent Him to preserves you in your day to day activities as He guide and counsels us to the finish line.

And your heavenly Father want you to receive Him and believe in Him.

BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL

According to the Scriptures, when Jesus was still on earth, the Holy Spirit was not yet given. John 7:39, says, “For the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified”

We notice in the Scriptures that the Pharisees and even the disciples of Jesus were so confused and lost as to what Jesus is doing; who He is; and His statement of coming to die for man' sins.

And all this was because they were trying to comprehend spiritual things with their carnal mind, or by their own effort.

If the Pharisees and the disciples of Jesus were confused and lost, today anyone that does not have the Holy Spirit of God will never be able to comprehend the gospel of Christ.

It does not matter what position the person occupies in the church.

Besides no one can know the Lord Jesus if the Holy Spirit has not revealed Him.

As it is written,

“For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God” (1Cor.2:11)

As such every other practices without the

Holy Spirit is called, “religion”.

We can be so religious, doing everything the church ask us to do; we can even be so kind, generous, meek, soft spoken, and nice to everyone we see without actually doing the will of God.

Apostle Paul is one example:

When he was converted and he received and was taught by the Spirit of God, he addressed the Jews and those who were now persecuting him for the sake of Christ; and inform them that he was just like them, before he met Jesus in this speech;

“I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this City at the feet of Gamaliel, taught according to the

strictness of our fathers' law, and was zealous toward God as you are today.

I persecuted this way to the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women' --- And I punished them often in every synagogue and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted them even to foreign Cities” (Acts 22:3-4, 26:11);

then he wrote in 1 Timothy saying,

“Although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief” (1Tim.1:13).

In all he was doing, he thought he was doing the right thing, until Jesus was revealed to him.

We today, need the Holy Spirit to reveal Christ to us and to convince our heart.

He is the One to guide us on the path that is true, and help us to accept the spiritual truth and bear with the truth.

Jesus asked the Pharisees,

“Why do you not understand my speech?”

(John 8:43)

Also to His disciples He said,

“Do you not yet perceive nor understand? – is your heart still hardened? Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember? When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments did you take up?”

They said to Him “Twelve”. Also, when I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of fragment did you take up? And they said, “Seven” so He said to them, “How is it you do not understand?” (Mark 8:17-21).

This is how Apostle Paul described what was happening,

“But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him” (1Cor. 2:14).

The Pharisees couldn't understand His speeches. Even His own disciples could not understand His workings and neither did they remember His miracles, because the Holy Spirit was not yet given.

That is why Jesus said, to His disciples,
*“It is to your advantage that I go away; for
if I do not go away, the Helper will not
come to you”* (John 16:7).

Listening to Jesus' explanation of what the Holy Spirit will do when He comes; we will agree with Him when He said, *'It is to your advantage'*.

The activities of the Holy Spirit,
are the reasons we need Him; and why His
coming, is to our advantage.

The Holy Spirit is the promise of God the Father to all who will receive Jesus Christ and the work of salvation He accomplished.

The salvation Jesus paid for, and the relationship He came to establish between man and God will only be complete in us, when we receive the Holy Spirit; Who was sent to help us walk the new life in Christ and be true children.

Therefore every believer needs the Holy Spirit. We need Him to be God's children; it is only through Him that we can be obedient to the truth. We need Him to communicate with Jesus Christ our Savior.

We need His guidance; His comfort; His counsel; He is the grace [God's divine power], we need to do all that God wants us to do and to be. It is Him that will seal and preserve us unto the coming of Christ.

The Fruits Of The Holy Spirit

Apostle Paul wrote, “*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control.*” (Gal.5:22)

The Spirit of God that dwells in us, produces fruits. That is why the fruits are called the fruit of the Spirit. The fruits are not our own, nor by our own effort; these fruits that Apostle Paul called, ‘The fruit of the Spirit’, is the workings of the Holy Spirit in our inward that shows up in our outward.

We on our own will continue in our fleshly lust and be just the way we were even after we've accepted Jesus into our lives, if the Holy Spirit is not dwelling in us.

Accepting and abiding in the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ will be a struggle, if not completely impossible on our own effort.

More so, there are many things or behaviors that we may never know are bad and uncomely for a child of God, without the teachings and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, it is the Holy Spirit, who tells us what is bad and wrong; and He also helps us to let go of those wrong things. He tells us

the things that are good and acceptable before God; it is His working in us that actually springs out like fruits to add colors to our appearance.

Let us go back and look at the fruits:

Apostle Paul said the fruits are:

(1) Love - This is the unselfish loyal concern for the good of another; the kind of concern our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ had for all, and came that He might save us from eternal doom. The Holy Spirit spread this same concern in our heart for others who are yet to be saved.

(2) Joy - This is a state of well-being and contentment. This contentment can only come

from the knowledge of knowing who we are,
because of the finished work of the cross.

(3) Peace - Freedom from disquieting or
oppressive thoughts or emotions. A state of
harmony in your personal relationship with
God.

Naturally, our environment is full of conflict,
and strife which calls for anxieties, agitations
and worries.

Therefore, the peace the Holy Spirit spread in
our heart is not burn out of the world's peace,
as such it is not the absent of conflict, but out
of knowledge, hope and trust, in who God is.

(4) Longsuffering - This is patiently enduring
lasting offense or hardship; a state of

uncomplaining.

This of course is one of Jesus' teachings in Matthew 5, which He said, "*Who ever compels you to go one mile, go with him two, ----Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hates you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you*" (Matt.5:41,44).

We read these teachings as something that is impossible to do; of course Jesus said, '*With man it is impossible*' (Mark 10:27).

On our own there is no way this would have been possible; but Jesus taught us these things, because He knew the Helper will come, to make it possible.

(5) Kindness - This is being sensitive to the unhappiness of another.

It is possible for our hearts to go out to others ; and for us to feel concern about others' sufferings, especially those who are yet to come to the knowledge of the truth; those who are still under the bondage of Satan and his deceit.

Our hearts will go out to them with the desire that they too should come to the knowledge of the truth and be liberated to serve the living God.

(6) Goodness - Having a conduct that conforms to an accepted standard of right and wrong; conducts like, decency, honesty and

integrity.

When it comes to decency and honesty, it is only the Holy Spirit that can truly convict our hearts, and guides us to conform to God's standard. No man knows God's standard, but the Spirit of God knows.

(7) Faithfulness - Deserving trust, and being firm in adherence to promises or in observance of duty. This is a state of being constantly dependable, reliable, and trusty.

Truly, people can find us dependable when the Holy Spirit is in charge of our lives; we can constantly be steadfast, because He is leading.

(8) Gentleness - Mildness of manners or disposition.

To be mild in manner is not something that is very easy and common, especially in the face of provocation, or when things are not going according to expectations.

Thanks to the calming word of the One who lives inside of us, He calms us down with words of eternal glory, taking our eyes off the immediate.

So when our fleshly temperament wants to overcome us, we have the Helper to calm us down even in the face of provocation.

(9)Self-control - Restraint exercise over one's own impulses, emotions, or desires.

This is when we have completely cooperated with the Holy Spirit, then we realize that we no longer live for our own desires or emotions, but our inclination becomes to do the will of God only.

These nine fruits show the workings of the Spirit of God in our inside, when we cooperate with Him.

These fruits are not our own; neither can we bear them on our own efforts, that is why our awareness of His presence and cooperation with His leading is needed.

We may all not be in the same level in bearing the fruits; also these fruits do not all

spring up at the same time in a person, but the Holy Spirit is patient with us as He guides us through.

If you have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ in to your life by believing in Him, believe also in the gift of the Holy Spirit and receive Him into your life.

If you have Him, there is hope, because He will stop working until He has produce in you these fruits for the glory of God.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED HIM?

God's requirement for us to receive all He had provided for us is “Believe”.

Jesus said,

“And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive” (Matt.21:22).

Also,

“Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them”
(Mark 11:24)

If you had to only believe, to receive salvation; you also only need to believe to receive the Holy Spirit, which is a gift from God your Father.

Therefore believe and receive Him today.

If you are ready to receive Him into your life, then pray this **prayer and believe:**

Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for coming to rescue me from the bondage of sin.

Thank You for dying on the cross to grant me forgiveness for all my sins.

Today I believe You are the Son of the most high God, and I receive the forgiveness You came to offer through Your blood.

Receive me as Your child and pour into my heart the gift of Your Spirit to lead me as Your child.

Thank You for accepting my plea.

I believe You have granted all my request; and I receive all that You given me today by faith in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.