

Ever Present Holy Spirit

With the Holy Spirit there is no yesterday or tomorrow, there is only the everlasting now.

Since the Holy Spirit is altogether God, He enjoys all the attributes of the Godhead.

Psalms 139:7-12 [NIV] *“Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, ‘Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,’ even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.”*

The Holy Spirit is omnipresent, He is everywhere.

This is good news to those who know and love God, because no matter what we do or where we go, we can never be far from God’s comforting presence.

It is possible to have the Holy Spirit withdraw the manifestation and the power of His presence.

Ephesians 4:30-31 [NIV] *“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.”*

We can hinder the work of the Holy Spirit by allowing any of these wrong attitudes of mind and actions invading our lives.

1 Thessalonians 5:19-22 [NIV] *“Do not put out the Spirit’s fire; do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil.”*

Listed here are wrong attitudes of mind and actions that can quench the influence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The word “*prophecies*” refers to Holy Spirit inspired teaching.

Our insensibility to the presence of the Holy Spirit is one of the greatest losses that our pre-occupation with worldly matters and things can cost us.

We may have made the Holy Spirit a tenet of our creed, we may have enclosed Him in religious words, but have we experienced Him personally?

Satan has hindered us all he can by raising conflicting opinions about the Holy Spirit, of a topic of hot and uncharitable debate between Christians.

It would help us if we could constantly remember that the Holy Spirit is the Person of the Triune Godhead that reveals to us all the attributes of the whole Godhead.

2 Peter 1:20-21 [NIV] *“Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”*

It was the Holy Spirit that inspired all the writers of the Christian Bible.

John 16:13 [NIV] *“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”*

It is the Holy Spirit who opens our minds to the truth, Jesus Christ, [John 14:6] the words of the Christian Bible. [John 17:17]

1 Corinthians 2:9-15 [NIV] *“However, as it is written: ‘No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him,’ but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man’s spirit within him? In the same way no-one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man’s judgment.”*

The Holy Spirit will if we allow Him impart the very mind and character of Jesus Christ in us. [Galatians 5:22-25]

John 14:15-18 [NIV] *“If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you for ever, the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”*

Note the two levels of the presence of the Holy Spirit, “with you” or “in you.” This is a choice we have to make as we have seen there is nowhere that is “out of bounds” to the Holy Spirit, this is the “with you.” But the “in you” is **only** by our personal invitation, if we are willing to surrender the direction of our life to Him. **[Galatians 5:24-25]**

Romans 12:1-2 [NIV] *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is, his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

The surrender to the Holy Spirit that He may work within our lives has to be total. The Greek word translated “bodies” is “soma” meaning the whole instrument of life, our body, mind and human spirit.

We then allow the Holy Spirit to re-educate our minds so that we will be developing the very mind of Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:5-6 [NIV] *“Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace;”*

Eternal life and peace of mind are the blessings that come to those who allow the Holy Spirit to direct our lives.

Romans 8:9, 13-17 [NIV] *“You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. **And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.**” ... “For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs, heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”*

Unless we are allowing the Holy Spirit to direct our thoughts and actions, we are **not** disciples of Jesus Christ, in fact we are **not** Christians, and **not** created children of God in the making.

It will be a new day and a new life when we put away false notions and foolish fears and allow the Holy Spirit to fellowship with us as intimately as He wishes to do.

After we take that decision and continue to act on it, there can be no more loneliness, only the wonders of a never failing presence of our Creator God in our lives.