

Studies for Restitution

Whom the heaven must receive
until the times of restitution of all things,
which God hath spoken by the mouth of
all his holy prophets since the world began.

Acts 3:21

THE TWOFOLD MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST

While Jesus ministers in the sanctuary above,
He is still by **His Spirit** the minister
of the church on earth.

Study to show thyself approved unto God,
a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

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James 2:26 “For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”
(margin) Spirit = Breath

What gives men understanding?

Job 32:8 “But [there is] a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.”
The inspiration (breath, spirit) of God

How was Scripture given?

2 Timothy 3:16 “All Scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:”
By inspiration of God, means God breathed or breath of God or Spirit of God

Old and New Testaments both translate breath or Spirit as inspiration of God.

Connect

Job 32:8 and 2 Timothy 3:16

Man’s understanding comes from the inspiration or spirit of God.

Scripture is given by inspiration of God. So by whom was Scripture written?

2 Peter 1:21 “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: **but holy men of God spake [as they were] moved by the Holy Ghost.**”

Note Ghost and Spirit are the same word in the original; Holy Spirit you can correctly say is Pneuma 4151.

WHO IS THIS HOLY GHOST OR SPIRIT?

1 Peter 1:11 “Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.”

This is why the Bible declares that “All Scripture” is given by the Spirit of God.

The word Pneuma translated spirit also means the rational soul or mind. It is the life of the person. It is who he is. It is his character.

1 Corinthians 2:11 “For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.”

What our spirit (mind) is to us “even so” is God’s spirit to God.

John 20:21 “Then said Jesus to them again, Peace [be] unto you: as [my] Father hath sent me, even so send I you.”

How was Jesus sent?

John 10:36 “Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world,”

Romans 15:16 “That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.”

Notice what we have learnt. Jesus is going to send his disciples sanctified through the spirit “even” as the Father sent him.

John 20:22 “And when he had said this, **he breathed on [them]**, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:”

STOP

Q : On what we've learnt so far about the breath of God, what should they receive?

A : Receive ye the Holy Ghost. Remember the spirit is the mind and character of the person. So Christ is giving to his disciples his character. Look how the spirit of prophecy puts it:

We are to make supplication according to the will of God, relying on the precious word, and believing that Christ not only gave himself for but **to** his disciples. The record declares, "He breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost."

{ST, October 3, 1892 par. 3}

Jesus is waiting to breathe upon all his disciples and give the inspiration of His "sanctifying spirit" and transfuse the vital influence from himself to his people. Christ is to live in his human agents and work through their faculties and act through their capabilities. Jesus is seeking to impress upon them the thought that in giving his holy spirit, He is giving them the glory, which the Father has given Him. That he and his people may be one in God (at-one-ment).

*This passage is all about what Christ has done and seeking to do for His disciples. Notice it says not only for but **to** His disciples.*

Q : When did Christ give Himself for His disciples?

A : At the cross – why is this so important? It is because of Christ's sacrifice for us that He is able to dwell in us. So how can this role be fulfilled by another?

"In the councils of heaven, hope was furnished for the fallen race. Jesus Christ offered his life as a ransom for the lost, as the price by

which **he** might purchase the right to re-create the sinner, and form again the image of God in the soul. Fallen man was to be renewed in the divine likeness. He was to be uplifted, to be pardoned and redeemed, not by the law, but by Jesus Christ, our Righteousness.”
{ST, December 12, 1895 par. 9}

Notice the main points:

*His life as a ransom,
That He may purchase “the right”,
To recreate man,
And renewed in the divine likeness,
That he may be pardoned and redeemed, (Romans 5: 9,10)
All by Jesus Christ our righteousness.*

{ST, October 3, 1892 par. 3} says: “HE BREATHED ON THEM”.

Q : What did he breathe on them?

A : The Holy Ghost. (what we have previously learnt is the Spirit of Christ). It says He gave them the inspiration of HIS sanctifying spirit. Why breathe, why did Christ demonstrate it this way.

Q : Where does your breath come from?

A : Inside of you.

That is why the next line says “and transfuse the VITAL INFLUENCE from HIMSELF to His people.”{ST, October 3, 1892 }

How can we get this wrong? When you have a blood transfusion what happens? They pump blood into you that is given from someone else. That’s exactly what this is saying. Jesus is wanting to transfuse “His Spirit” (mind, divine nature) into us.

Philippians 2:5 *Christ’s mind is to be in His human agents.*

2 Peter 1:4 *we may partake of divine nature, even the mind of Christ.*

Galatians 2:20 *Christ living in us*

Who is it that wants to live, work and act through us? It is Christ not someone else. And it cannot be a holy spirit as a separate person that brings Christ to us as some teach. They base this on the assumption that the spirit of God and the holy spirit are two different things.

Ephesians 2:18 *“For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.”*

Ephesians 4:4 *There is one Spirit*

Ephesians 4:30 *The Holy Spirit of God*

Colossians 1:27 *It is CHRIST IN YOU*

Now notice the emphasis on the atonement. When Christ dwells in us through his Holy Spirit (His sanctifying Spirit), His children receive the glory that His Father has given Him, that He and His people may be one in God.

Q : How do His children receive the glory?

A *By Christ dwelling in them.*

Q : *Where did Christ get His glory (character) from?*

A : *From the Father*

John 1: 14,16 *It is the Father's glory, His character, His Spirit*

Hebrews 1:3 *And Jesus is the express image of His Father*

John 17:22 *Christ's glory was given to Him by His Father.*

Colossians 1:15 *The image of the invisible God.*

*This is why Jesus says "we will make our abode with Him".
How can this be someone else?*

"The glory of Christ is His character"
{**ST, December 12, 1895 par 2**}

Ephesians 2:18,19 *access by one Spirit*

Ephesians 3:16,17 *the Spirit of the Father*

Galatians 4:6 *the Spirit of His Son*

*Remember, we observed that by His sacrifice Jesus **purchased** the right to recreate us.*

“The Holy Spirit, which proceeds from the only begotten Son of God, binds the human agent, body, soul, and spirit, to **the perfect, divine-human nature of Christ.**

{RH, April 5, 1906 p16}

The Holy Spirit is the breath of spiritual life in the soul. The impartation of the Spirit **is** the impartation of the life of Christ. It imbues the receiver with the attributes of Christ.

{RH, November 19, 1908 par. 10}

Ephesians 3:19 “And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.”

Q : How does Jesus achieve all this for us?

*A : **Romans 5:17-21** When Jesus died He died as a sinner representing all humanity. Also by His righteous life He ascended to heaven as the representative of all humanity.*

Isaiah 53:6 “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

Hebrews 2:18 , 5:8 *This is how Jesus obtained all power (Holy Spirit) on behalf of His church. Jesus brought glorified humanity back to heaven (His life) and this is the life He is seeking to impart to us. Remember the cross. It is because Christ gave **Himself** for His disciples that **He** is able to give himself to His disciples. Christ*

had to suffer being tempted that He may be able to help them that are tempted. This work cannot be separated and ascribed to another individual who has never taken our nature. The merits of Christ's work for us is devalued if another could fulfil the role of comforter.

“Christ in His humanity wrought out a perfect character and this character He offers to impart to us.”

The faith I Live By: FLB 113

Hebrews 9:11-14

Vs 11 Christ our high priest

Vs 12 Our high priest enters with His own blood (not the blood of goats and calves)

Vs 13 “For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:”
the ritually unclean (Number 19:9)

Vs 14 “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered **himself** without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”
(sacrificed) Himself.

Q : *What type of life was sacrificed?*

A : *Without spot (without fault).*

Q : *Who gave or offered this life?*

A : *Christ Himself*

Q : *How does He offer this blood (faultless life)?*

A : *Through the **eternal** Spirit or by virtue of the eternal Spirit.
It is the eternal Spirit that makes the life precious.*

1 Peter 1:19 “But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:”

Precious blood of Christ. It is the infinite cost of the offering.

Isaiah 53:10 “Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put [him] to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see [his] seed, he shall prolong [his] days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.”

*He made His “**soul**” (nephesh = total being) an offering for sin. This means His divine human nature, His own eternal Spirit, His divine character.*

Dear friends :

Can you see that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ

Hebrews 9:14 *tells you who the Holy Spirit is.*

The eternal Spirit of Christ.

*Not someone else. **Read again RH April 5 1906.** See where the “Holy Spirit **proceeds** from the only begotten Son of God who binds the human agent to the perfect divine human nature of Christ”, that His disciples may receive the glory that the Father has given Him.*

Before the scales were removed from my eyes, I often prayed and thought that if by God’s grace I would get to heaven, I couldn’t wait to personally thank the Holy Spirit for all He had achieved for me. (Bill Pinto).

Any Christian with this understanding of the Holy Spirit would have to confess similar thoughts and yet all the while it was Jesus, my Comforter. He is the author and finisher of our faith.

How true are these inspired words “The reason why the churches are weak and sickly and ready to die, is that the enemy has brought influences of a discouraging nature to bear upon trembling souls. He has sought to shut Jesus from their view as the Comforter, as one who reproves, who warns, who admonishes them, saying, “This is the way, walk ye in it.” Christ has all power in heaven and in earth, and he can strengthen the wavering, and set right the erring. He can inspire with confidence, with hope in God; and confidence in God always results in creating confidence in one another.

{RH, August 26, 1890 par. 10}

Isaiah 30:21 “And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This [is] the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.”

Dear friends, that Word which speaks to us is “the word of life”

1 John 1:1, 3 “Truly, our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ”

Amen.

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