



## Welcome & Intro :: The Fullness of the Spirit & Spiritual Balance

### The Fullness of the Spirit & Spiritual Balance - posted by docseth1 (), on: 2009/12/16 12:47

Wherever the Holy Spirit goes, He takes His nature & character with Him. You cannot divide Him; He is indivisible. He will come to live inside of you as He is entirely, or He will not come at all. He will not leave off a part of Himself to become more conducive to our carnality or bad theology. Are you one of those who loves the gifts that He brings (1Cor 12), but care nothing for the fruit that He bears (Gal 5)? Perhaps it is the fruit that is the most appealing to you. Maybe you love His fruit, but you mock the very notion of His gifts being in operation today? Are you one who would dare to strip away the holiness of the Holy Spirit, while basking in the love, joy, and peace that He brings? Or do you know only His holiness, and know very little if anything of the love that He sheds abroad in our hearts, the peace that passes knowledge, and the fullness of joy that He promised? Will we dare to dissect and detach from Him characteristics that are essential to His nature - especially those characteristics that do not allow us to feel comfortable in our sin and spiritual apathy? I'm speaking about balance - spiritual balance.

These statements and questions have very real implications for all who desire and seek the fullness of the Spirit in their life. In a day where it seems that almost anything goes, both in society and the church, it is important to realize that there are things that still offend the sensibilities of the Holy Spirit. There is a reason why the apostle Paul warned the Ephesus believers "grieve not the Holy Spirit of God." How is it possible that the Holy Spirit can be grieved over sin, while many who profess to be Spirit filled are never grieved by it at all? How can this be? Do we not remember what Jesus said in John's gospel, how that one of the major functions of the Holy Spirit was to bring about conviction of sin (Jn 16:8)? How is it possible then to claim the fullness of the Spirit and there never be any inward or outward displays of His presence? How can we profess the indwelling of the Holy Spirit without there being a hunger for holiness and a growing hatred for that which grieves His heart? Did not the apostle Paul rightfully call the Holy Ghost the Spirit of holiness? (Rom 1:4) One of the greatest evidences that a man or woman is born, filled, and being led by the Spirit is that they are constantly being challenged by the Spirit to become more and more like Christ. One thing that the Holy Spirit will not do is leave you like He found you. Those who desire His fullness need to know that there will be things that they will more than likely have to abandon and avoid in order to receive and maintain His presence.

To accept the fullness of the Holy Spirit is to bring a much needed balance back into the church. In a time where the gifts of the Spirit are being exploited for personal gain, and used to build the ministries of mere men, it is extremely important for Spirit filled believers to recognize that the only person that the Holy Spirit has been called to magnify is Jesus Christ. He has come to build the kingdom of Christ; not yours or mine. In John chapter fifteen and verse twenty-six, Jesus declared, "when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which cometh from the Father, he shall testify of me:" The minister that speaks more of his own self and ministry more than he does the person of Christ cannot be Spirit led. An even more incredible truth to discover is that a Spirit led man will not spend the majority of his teaching or preaching expounding on the gifts of the Spirit. You see, as important as the Holy Spirit is, He should never become the main object of our focus. In John chapter sixteen and verse thirteen, Jesus said, "he shall not speak of himself." The Spirit led individual will always point people to Jesus. The one who seeks to build his own kingdom is not on the side of Christ. Jesus did not mince words when He said, "He that is not with me is against me; and he that is not with me shall bring him abroad (Mt 12:30). A very important question that should be asked any time an individual is said to be operating under the influence of the Spirit is this: "How is Christ being magnified?"

In a time when men can supposedly operate in the gifts of the Spirit, without maintaining personal or scriptural integrity, the fullness of the Spirit reminds us that if we will have His gifts, then we must also bear His fruit. Let us never forget that from the scriptures point of view, the only ones who were able to work miracles and perform signs and wonders without Godly integrity were the Antichrist and the false prophets. Let us not for a second suppose that such individuals were then or are now acting under the unction of the Holy Spirit. In order to avoid spiritual fanaticism and extremism that comes with unbalanced doctrine, and in order to escape falling under the spell of demonism, which often works under the guise of true faith, it is imperative for the church to once again know and experience the fullness of the Spirit. In times past, receiving the fullness of the Spirit meant mainly that one spoke with tongues and operated in the gifts; however, in these last days of apostasy and spiritual deception, it has also become increasingly imperative for the church to examine one's character along with one's supposed gifts. In truth, Jesus warned that we would know men by their fruit. It is no longer an acceptable form of discernment to judge a man's spirituality by his abilities alone; he must also possess qualities and characteristics that reflect the inward work of the Holy Spirit.

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We have never lived in a time where it has become so necessary to know the Holy Spirit so intimately and completely . He is the "Spirit of truth, the "Spirit of the Lord," the "Spirit of God," the "Spirit of holiness," the "Spirit of wisdom and revelation," the "Spirit of Grace," and the "Spirit of Christ." He is all of this and more. Study Him, know Him, acknowledge Him, and most importantly, accept Him. Not your condensed watered down version. When God said to Moses "I Am," He was in essence saying "I will be who I will be. God the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, and the One who is one in essence with the Father and the Son, is who He is; and He will be who He will be. Do you desire His Fullness?

**Re: The Fullness of the Spirit & Spiritual Balance - posted by Leo\_Grace, on: 2009/12/16 13:44**

Welcome! This is your self-introduction to the forum? Wow!

Thank you for this timely message. And I'd like to add that the Holy Spirit's main ministry in our lives is to glorify Christ and to lead us to Christ and to make him known to us.

*Jn 15:26 "When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me."*

*Jn 16:14-15 "He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you."*

*1Co 12:3 Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.*

**Re: - posted by docseth1 (), on: 2009/12/16 15:10**

Sorry guys, I really did not understand the whole forum posting thing. I just had a message that I really wanted to share. Prayerfully, it will be of some use to all who read it. Thanks and God bless!