



The Holy Spirit # 2

Hello everyone. Welcome to "Notes From the Presence." This is the second of a series of short articles on the Holy Spirit. In our last post, we talked about the Garden of Eden and our human creation. We discussed how the Holy Spirit was released in two different manifestations upon the first persons to live on our planet - He was both "in" them and also "upon" them. The first expression was an internal one, the second was an external one.

So, why did God make us with two different Holy Spirit expressions? As we proceed through this series, this fact will become evident, but let me paint a simple picture today to get us started. The Holy Spirit is in us because we need an inner connection to God. We as a species were created to "rule" and "reign" on this planet. Because everything created proceeded from the spirit realm, God gave us a human spirit and then placed His Spirit inside us as well, intertwining the two as one.

Imagine for an instant a colony of a country like England. Back in the days of colonialism, the sovereign (or king) of England would place a dignitary in a colony to rule that colony in his stead. Most often this would be a member of the royal family. This dignitary would share the "DNA" of the sovereign and also his heart and will for the colony. God did much the same with us when He created our earth. Think of it as a colony of heaven. God created another realm, another inhabitable place out of His own realm - heaven. He then put a being here to rule it for Him. In that being, He placed part of the very same DNA that He had - His Holy Spirit. Because of this fact, we have been made with a personal, intimate connection to our Sovereign, Father God. We carry His DNA, and we can know His will and plan as we go about care-taking this world on His behalf.

But the second half of this equation is the fact that a sovereign would also need to endow his dignitary with the "authority and power" with which to rule. First we need to

know God intimately and carry His heart. Second, we need the power with which to carry out His mandates and will for our planet. This is where the Holy Spirit "upon" us comes in. With this external manifestation, we are endowed with "power from on high." He is "upon" us for mighty deeds and to empower us to do the impossible.

Acts 1:8(a) And you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come "upon" you.

We as a human creation were created with an inner connection of intimacy with God and also an external equipping from God. These two expressions are found in one divine being - the Holy Spirit. As I write this blog, even now, I am overwhelmed with awe at the divine plan and purpose with which God made us. I am also so thankful for the Holy Spirit. He truly is our advocate, the One given to come along side us to help us as we sojourn on this earth.

So what happened when Adam and Eve sinned. The answer lies in two parts. First, the Holy Spirit is – of course - holy. As such, He cannot live in an unholy environment. For this reason, at the moment of sin, He had to "vacate the premises" of the first humans to live on our planet. Sin causes a separation from God, and Adam and Eve were left in a condition of separation from their creator; they no longer had the Holy Spirit living inside of them. In fact, until Jesus, no human person could have the Holy Spirit living inside them due to this unholy condition. Second, the external covering of the Holy Spirit lifted. This is the reason why Adam and Eve immediately realized that they were naked. Think of the fact that all of the other living beings created by God have a built in covering like fur, feathers, or scales. We, on the other hand were given a divine covering - the very glory of God. His Holy Spirit covered us. When this covering departed, our shame and nakedness was exposed. For this reason, we are unique as a species in that we wear clothes, something that no other creation has a need for.

This is the condition that we, as a species were in from the time of the sin of Adam, until the time of Jesus:

- we had a dead spirit, depraved soul, and sin nature inhabited body
- sin in the Old Testament was not removed, but instead only covered by the blood of animals
- When Jesus came, He took on and paid for all sin past, present and future, in other words, He obliterated all of the sin of the past that was temporarily covered, and paid for the future as well.

In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit would still come upon people from time to time. When this would happen, they would do great and mighty deeds; however, He did not live inside them.

In our next post, we will look at this phenomenon. Some of the accounts of this Holy Spirit action are actually quite humorous.

Thanks for reading, Jesus is real – and He has made a way for you.