**BOOK 3 BEGINNING YOUR NEW LIFE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**BEGINNING YOUR NEW LIFE SERIES**

The Christian life is not meant to be just a list of rules and regulations or a programme of rituals and ceremonies. God intends us to have a vital, personal relationship with Him. This is why He revealed Himself to mankind in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This booklet is part of a series designed to help a believer grow in his relationship with Jesus Christ.

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**Beginning your new life in the Holy Spirit**

For three years the disciples had walked, worked and talked with Jesus. They knew him and loved him. One particular night, however, Jesus told his disciples some very upsetting news, however, Jesus told his disciples some very upsetting news: He would soon die.

Put yourself in the disciples’ place. How would you feel? Confused? Frightened? Helpless? They probably did too.

But then imagine hearing Jesus tell you that because He was going to be with the Father, another friend would come, one who would be with you forever.

The friend was to come in form of the Holy Spirit. Imagine the encouragement this promise gave to the disciples. It meant that they would not be left alone after Jesus’ departure with the impossible task of trying to imitate Christ’s character and fulfill his mission. Instead, Christ Himself, with all his character, authority and strength would live again, in them through the Holy Spirit.

Now twenty centuries later, Christ’s promise remains true. It gives us hope that we may be like him. Anyone who has sincerely tried to live as Christ lived knows how impossibly high that goal is. Only Jesus Christ can act like Jesus Christ.

So that is how special Christianity is. It gives us the highest ethical, moral and spiritual standards the world has ever heard of. But it does not leave us to struggle and fail lone.

Instead, the only person who ever lived perfectly offers to do it again- through each of us! This is what Jesus meant when he promised that ‘another helper’ would come.

It does sound good, doesn’t it? But the question is, how can I experience the resurrected Christ living through me? This booklet will help explain.

**The Bible tells us about the Holy Spirit**

1. Read Acts 5:3 – 4 Who is the Holy Spirit?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Read John 16:13 – 15. What are some things the Holy Spirit does?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Do all People who belong to Christ have the Holy Spirit? (Romans 8:9)\_\_\_\_\_
4. What two forces are at war within us? (Galatians 5:17)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. What solution does God give in order for us to please Him? Gal5:16\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. (a) Read John 7:37-39. Jesus promised plentiful spiritual refreshment, which he called ‘streams of living water’. What is this water? (verse39)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(b) How do we ‘drink it’ (verse 38)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What marks of the Holy Spirit’s work should we except to show in our lives? Galatians 5:22-23\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. (a) Read Ephesians 4:22 – 24. What is our ‘old self’ like?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(b) What are we to do with it?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(c) What is our ‘new life’ like?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(d) What are we to do with it?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. (a) Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-11. How do we receive a gift of the Holy Spirit? (verse 11)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(b) How are we supposed to use our Spiritual gifts? (verse 7)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Action Points**

1. Bow down in prayer asking for a fuller, closer walk in the Spirit. Repent of any unholiness and claim Jesus’ promise in John 7:37-39.
2. Read the books of Acts and 1 Corinthians.
3. Read the booklet ‘Have you Discovered the Spirit-filled Life?’
4. Study book 3 of the Ten Basic Steps Towards Christian Maturity, entitled ‘The Christian and the Holy Spirit.’

**Next Appointment**

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**Bible verses used in this booklet**

1. Acts 5:3 – 4 “Then Peter said, ‘Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land ?... what made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God.”
2. John 16:13-15 “But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak of His own; he will speak only what he hears, and will tell you what is yet to come. 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.”
3. Roman 8:9 “You, however, are controlled not by sinful nature but by the spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if any one does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.”
4. Galatians 5:17 “for the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other so that you do not do what you want.”
5. Galatians 5:16 “So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.”
6. John 7:37-39 “On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, ‘if anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. (38) Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.’ (39) By this he meant the Holy Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive.”
7. Galatians 5: 22-23”But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and Self-control. Against such things there is no law.”
8. Ephesians 4:22-23 “You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”
9. 1 Corinthians 12:4 – 11 – “There are different kinds of gifts but the same Spirit. 5 There are different kinds of service but the same Lord 6 There are different kinds of working but the same God works all of them in all men 7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.8 To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit , 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues. 11 All these are to work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.”

**Answers**

1. He is God.
2. He guides us into all truth; tells us what is to come; shows us things of Christ, brings Christ Glory.
3. Yes.
4. The sinful nature and the Spirit.
5. Live by the Spirit.
6. (a) The Holy Spirit.

(b) We drink by coming to and believing Christ with our whole heart.

1. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
2. (a) The old self is being corrupted by it is deceitful desires.

(b) We are to put it off.

(c)The new self is created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

(d) We are to put on the new self.

1. (a) He gives them to us as He determines

(b) We are to use our gifts for the common good.