



PARTNERSHIP WITH THE **HOLY** **SPIRIT**

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INTRODUCTION

If you are reading this book, you might be wanting to know more about the Holy Spirit, or you have come to know that to fulfill your Kingdom assignments, you need the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. I recall being taught in bible school that a God given assignment will be so much greater than your natural ability or understanding. Now I understand that the reason is that it will require a walk of faith and being led and empowered the wonderful Holy Spirit.

So, for this reason, it becomes vital that we learn to partner with what the Holy Spirit is doing. A true vision from heaven cannot be accomplished by natural human ability, but it will require supernatural ability.

When you next read the book of Acts take the time note all occurrences of the words “Holy Spirit” or “Spirit”, you will then start to notice that the apostles were being led by the Holy Spirit, the He (Spirit of God) is constantly speaking, empowering them to do the tasks they are called to. The partnership with the Holy Spirit can be seen.

When we understand that success comes when we make the right decisions, and therefore we need to know that the Holy Spirit will lead us into the plans and purposes of God.

Acts 1:4-5 (NKJV) 4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Well, Jesus was clear to his disciples that they were to wait for the Holy Spirit. So, Jesus was being rather clear that they needed Holy Spirit to fulfill what He (Jesus) had called them to do. (Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:16-19) So the Father sent forth the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost to lead, empower, enable, and equip the Church for its Kingdom assignments.

The Holy Spirit has not left the earth, so we don't have to wait like they did, but rather we need to be baptized in the Holy Spirit by Faith. (See prayer to be baptized in the Holy Spirit at the back of the book)

1 John 4:17 (NKJV) 17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

John is very clear in the words he wrote that "as He is, so are we in this World". We are called to be conformed to the image of Christ (Romans 8:29), and we are to be like Him here in the world. Bringing hope, peace, healing, life, love and restoration wherever we go.

Man was created in the Image and likeness of God. (Genesis 1:27-28). Man is called to be God's representative here on the earth, to walk as sons and daughters of God.

Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of lords. (Revelations 19:16), He conquered Death, Hell, and the Grave. (Revelations 1:18). HE disarmed principalities and powers at the cross. (Colossians 2:15) Jesus then declared that he had all authority in Heaven and earth was given to him (Matthew 28:18) and then we are sent to declare the Gospel of the Kingdom with the same boldness, clarity and power knowing that when we partnership with the Holy Spirit in the same way Jesus did that we will have victory that He did.

Total Dependence

So, we know from reading Matthew chapter 3 that Jesus only started his ministry after he was filled with the Holy Spirit, and this occurred at his baptism in water. Later, we read the following words spoken by Jesus.

John 5:30 (NKJV) 30 I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

What He is showing is that He had a total dependence to the Holy Spirit.

- I can do Myself do nothing; Jesus is clear that to do the work He was sent to do it would require surrendering and partnering with God. He understood that there was a choice to follow the Holy Spirit and succeed or to do it of himself and fail. Jesus understood that the call on His life would mean that He had to be fully dependent on the Spirit of God.
- As I hear, now the question you should ask yourself is who he was listening to, well, it is clear it is the voice of the Spirit of God. So the very words He spoke are what the Father spoke, and the Holy Spirit was telling them to Him.

- I do not seek My own will, a life that is dependent seeks not its own will but rather that of the Father. To partner with God, we will have to seek God's will and not seek our own.

Jesus demonstrates the life that we as believers are called to. A life that is dependent on the Will of the Father and led by the Spirit of God. This is the life that you and I are called into. You may not know it, but it's true, in order to be a son of God you have to be led by the Spirit of God.

Partnership with Holy Spirit

2 Corinthians 13:14 (NKJV) The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen

Paul, as he finishes his letter to the Church in Corinth, finishes with a Powerful Ending of the 3 things that he speaks over the Church in Corinth.

- Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ

We are saved by Grace through Faith, not of works, lest any man should boast. (Ephesians 2:8) We must never allow the Grace that we have received from Jesus to become commonplace or cheap in our lives. For it was His grace that has redeemed us from the curse of the law. (Galatians 3:13)

- Love of God

For God so loved the World that He gave his only Begotten Son (John 3:16). The Love of God was demonstrated in the sending of Jesus to redeem mankind to Himself. Paul prayed that the church at Ephesus would know or really experience the Height, the depth, the length of the Love of God. (Ephesians 3:18)

- Communion of the Holy Spirit

Jesus said He would ask the Father to send another Helper, someone just like him.

This is where I want us to focus on for a bit, and it's the last part of the verse and particularly the word Communion, for it is in relation to Holy Spirit.

The word Communion has a few meanings in the original Greek: Communion, a Fellowship, a Partnership, and Distribution. So, as can be seen that this word has a whole flavor of meanings, but one primary meaning is that of partnership.

In the Garden of Eden, God Partnered with Adam. God asked Adam to name the animals. (Genesis 2:19-20) Understand that there is a divine partnership that God is calling us into. This partnership is for all.

So, Paul is telling us when he is saying the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

He is saying that the Partnership and the Responsibility of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

If we expect to partner with the Holy Spirit, then we need to understand some basics of a partnership.

- 1) When a lesser party partners with a greater party, then the greater one leads and directs, and both parties get the results. So, when we partner with the wonderful Holy Spirit, we allow Him to lead and direct us in the vision that God has given.
- 2) Both parties reap the results that the partnership brings.

Jesus and God's Children: A Comparison

I want to share with you some things from the Word of God and trust that you will see the comparison in your own life as a child of God, and why partnering with the Holy Spirit is just natural.

Conceived by Holy Spirit

Luke 1:35 (NKJV) 35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

Jesus was conceived when the Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary.

John 3:5 (NKJV) 5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

When you receive Jesus as Lord, the word of God teaches that you are now Born Again, a child of God (John 1:12 and John 3:6). It is the Spirit of God that comes upon our life and brings the Life of God into your spirit.

We need to recognise the work of Holy Spirit in us, He is the one who imparts the Life of God to us. We must allow him to come upon you and overshadow us like Mary did, and to bring us into a place of fruitfulness. For when He does this, that life of God flows into our hearts and to others through our lives. The Holy Spirit brings the divine life of God into us.

Empowered by Holy Spirit

Luke 4:18-19 (NKJV) "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."

The Spirit of God rested upon Jesus and empowered Him for the Father's work. Jesus was empowered to proclaim the Kingdom of God's message, poverty is destroyed, freedom or liberty to prisoners, the blind can see, there is freedom from oppression, and the favour of God on offer to all.

*John 14:16 (NKJV) 16 And I will pray the Father,
and He will give you another Helper, that He may
abide with you forever*

So too Jesus promises to give another helper, this is someone just like Him. He promised that the same person who empowered Him to fulfil the call of His life would be with us. So too we need to partner with the Holy Spirit, the helper, so that we are empowered by Him. The Father has sent Holy Spirit as our Helper, someone who comes alongside and empowers us to do the work Jesus told us to do.

Led by Holy Spirit

Matthew 4:1 (NKJV) 1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Jesus was led by the Spirit of God to be tempted. The first thing the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness. I believe that many times we are not recognizing that God is bringing us into places where we are tempted and are called to confront the enemy's work.

Romans 8:14 (NKJV) 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

The Word Led in Romans 8:14 means simply to lead and is often used to depict animals that were led by a rope tied around their necks. Once tied to that rope, the animals willingly followed wherever their owner led them.

When my wife and I were first married, we had a dog that, as soon as we put the leash on her, would pull with all her might. This would continue until she would tire, and then the walk would become easy. I sometimes wonder how, at times, I am pulling hard against the leading of the Holy Spirit. He is trying to keep me in a place of safety and in the will of God, but I just won't listen.

The picture here is of the Spirit of God leading you. He is in front of you and knows the way. The Holy Spirit wants to lead us in all areas of our lives. It's a place of surrender to Him to follow wherever He tells us to go, or whatever He tells us to do. We simply must be obedient and follow.

Healed by Holy Spirit's Power

Acts 10:38 (NKJV) 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

It was the anointing of the Holy Spirit on Jesus' life that healed people, who removed all forms of oppression of the devil from their lives. That same anointing is in you, too.

1 John 2:27 (NKJV) 27 But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

You are anointed with the Holy Spirit. Today, as sons and daughters of God, we need to understand that the anointing abides within us. In the above bible verse, the word Abides means: to stay in a given place, state, relation, or expectancy, abides, continue, dwell, endure, be present, remain, stand.

So, the anointing is staying in the give place, that is in you, for you are the temple of the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 6:19) He remains, He is present, ready to empower you.

The Holy Spirit / Anointing is with us and will teach us and guide us. This is why I say we must partner with the Holy Spirit. Jesus healed by the Anointing, and when you lay hands on the sick or cast out a demon, the same power that was with Jesus is with you.

Mark 16: 15-18,20 (NKJV) 15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

As you respond to the call to preach the gospel to all around you. Laying hands, casting out demons, speaking in other tongues. You will see, like the disciples of Jesus, that the Lord, through the work of the Anointing, will confirm the gospel you preach, and there will be signs and wonders. The sick will be healed, and people will be saved.

Cast out demons by Holy Spirit

Matthew 12:28 (NKJV) 28 But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Jesus had No Fear when He confronted the demon. He had no issue when He cast our Demons, He Knew that the full authority and Power of the Kingdom of God was with Him. He didn't drive out demons by following a method. No, He did it by the Spirit of God. He operated under the leading and control of the Spirit of God and used the full force of the Power and authority of God

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Just like Jesus, we walk in that same authority and power. In His name, we too confront demons, and like Jesus, we can command them to come out. The authority in His name and the empowerment of our partner with Holy Spirit brings us to victory.

My wife and I have seen many people get free in Thailand and other nations from demons when we listen to the Holy Spirit and take authority in Jesus' name.

Raised up by Holy Spirit

Romans 8:11 (NKJV) But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Jesus died, was laid in the Tomb, but three days later, just as He had spoken, He rose again from the Dead. Death could not hold Him, the grave could not restrain him. The Spirit of God raised Him up. That same power is available to you.

1 Corinthians 6:19 (NKJV) Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

I want you to see the value of partnering with Holy Spirit. So too as sons of God, we walk in that same Life, the Life given by the Spirit of God to raise Jesus up who dwells in us.

Any Sickness or Death has to leave your life; you are God's temple and His Life, which is imparted to you, raises you up out of any sickness and disease.

Seated at the Right Hand

Ephesians 1:19-20 (NKJV) 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places

We know that Jesus was raised up from the dead by the Spirit of God, as (Romans 8:11. Now we see that after this, the Spirit of God seated him at the Right Hand. That same power is coming towards you when you believe, the power that raised Jesus up is coming to you.

The right hand is the place of honour, it's a place of status and connects the person to the authority of the one on the throne. The throne is a place of prayer and intercession. Hebrews 7:25 tells us He is seated at the right hand of the Father and ever lives to make intercession for us. That is such a wonderful picture of the intimacy between Jesus and the Father, and Jesus with the church.

You are already raised up in the Heavenlies and seated with Christ by the Spirit of God.

Time to Partner

Romans 8:5-6 (NKJV) 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

See, God is calling us to have a Partnership, a real and legitimate relationship where our minds are no longer set on the things of the flesh or worldly interests. Rather, we are to take responsibility for our relationship, our communion, our fellowship with Holy Spirit.

When we partner with Holy Spirit in all areas, the result will be life and peace.

Prayer to be Baptized in the Holy Spirit

Luke 3:16 tells us that Jesus is the Baptizer of the Holy Spirit and Fire. Acts 2:4 tells us that men and women who were in the upper room were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

God's perfect will is for every believer to be filled with the Holy Spirit and power. He will give you the power to live right, pray right, do right, and be a witness. You shall receive power after the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you shall be witnesses unto me.

You would like everything that Heaven has for you, right? Of course you do. We all do.

Put your hand on your belly and say this with your heart and your lips out loud.

Say: Jesus, you are my Savior, and You are the Baptizer of the Holy Spirit and Fire. I want everything that you have for me. Baptize me with the Holy Spirit and fire with the evidence of speaking in tongues. I receive Your gift of the Holy Ghost right now, and I receive my prayer language in Jesus' name.

Now, please open your mouth and speak it out. Start speaking forth those heavenly sounds. It comes from your belly, not from your head. Jesus said He that believes on me as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living waters. I command those rivers to flow right now. Be filled with the Holy Spirit and Fire, in Jesus' mighty name. Amen

Now you can pray in your heavenly language as you get ready for the day, as you go to work or school. The more you pray in tongues, the more you are built up and strengthened. The more you pray in tongues, the more you hear the voice of the Spirit. When you don't know what to pray, pray in tongues. When you pray in tongues, you edify, you bless yourself, and build yourself up spiritually.

Prayer of Partnership

Pray this with me:

Holy Spirit, we want to thank You for being our Partner in this world.

We need Your partnership. We know that without You, we are so limited in what we can do. You are the one who sees what we can't see. You know what we don't know.

You have wisdom and insight that we don't have. We simply must have Your help if we are going to do what Father has called and sent us to do.

Forgive us for all the times we have gotten in such a hurry that we didn't take time to fellowship with You.

From today, I take responsibility for our partnership with you. Like Jesus, so am I in this world. Like Jesus, we come to the place of total dependence on you.

We declare that from this moment onwards that we will consult You before we make any decision or take a single step!

In Jesus' name.

Amen

Prayer to Receive Jesus

Pray this prayer now:

Dear Lord Jesus, come into my heart. Forgive me of my sin. Wash me and cleanse me by the Blood. Set me free. Jesus, thank you that you died and shed your blood for me. I believe that You have risen from the dead and that you are coming back again for me.

Fill me with the Holy Spirit. Give me a passion for the lost and a hunger for the things of God and a holy boldness to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I am saved, I am born again, I am forgiven, and I am on my way to heaven because I have Jesus in my heart.

Dear friend.

If you have prayed this prayer for the first time, please send me a message at riverchurchbkk@gmail.com so that our team can send you some material that will help you in your walk with God.

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