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Introduction

In 2 Corinthians 1:21,22 it says, **“Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God...Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.”**

In 2 Corinthians 5:4,5 it says, **“For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life...Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.”**

In Ephesians 1:13,14 it says, **“In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise...Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.”**

What are the Scriptures talking about when it says, **“...hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit?”** The Word “earnest” means “a pledge; a part of the purchase money or property given in advance as security for the rest.” The security is only a pledge, based upon a continuance until the full payment is made. If the full payment is not made the security pledge is taken back. All is lost, the earnest as well as the possession.

Then in Ephesians 4:30 it says, **“And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.”** When is the day of redemption? The day of redemption is when those who are faithful will receive their full redemption. Those who are not faithful may lose their redemption.

Satan has blinded the minds of many Christians with his teaching of eternal security. Satan has teachings that cause many to think that once they are saved they are sealed forever, and already have a guarantee that they will spend eternity in heaven. If that were true, then most of the New Testament is false.

The Earnest of the Spirit Part One

Anyone who is born of the Spirit and the Word of God, and are still here on earth can have the earnest of the Holy Spirit. Even Jesus, while He was here on earth as the Son of God and the Son of Man, was given the earnest of the Holy Spirit. When Jesus was about thirty years of age He received the Holy Spirit following His baptism in water by John the Baptist. That day, Jesus received the earnest of the Holy Spirit until His resurrection from the dead.

Jesus was tempted in every manner by the Devil. Every temptation was the Devil trying and testing His obedience to the Father. Had Jesus disobeyed the Father at anytime He would have failed to obtain unto the resurrection of the dead. Jesus did not fail to do the will of God in His life here on earth. Therefore, Jesus obtained unto the resurrection of the dead.

Does that mean that Jesus was saved by works, and not by faith? No. That means that Jesus understood the will of God and the plan of the Father for those who will obey Him. Obedience is an act of faith. Faith without works is dead (James 2:19-26). This was already established in Abraham that faith must have a corresponding action (Gen. 12:1; 17:10,23; 22:9,12).

Jesus acted upon His faith by doing the will of God the Father. Jesus obtained unto the resurrection of the dead by His faith which included doing the will of the Father.

The Holy Spirit was given to Jesus to enable Him to do the will of God, not by His own power, but by **“the earnest of the Spirit”** which He received from the Father.

Jesus said in John 5:30, **“I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.”** In Luke 4:18,19, Jesus spoke the Word of God concerning Himself, by saying, **“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised...To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.”**

Jesus was the Son of God, born of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. Jesus was also the Son of Man, born of the virgin Mary, with a physical body the same as every other human being upon this earth.

Even being the Son of God and the Son of Man, Jesus still could not do anything of His own ability. Jesus needed the anointing of the Holy Spirit to enable Him to do the will of God. Everything Jesus did in the ministry was done by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, the same way it is to be done by all Christians.

It was prophesied in Zechariah 4:6, **“Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.”** Therefore, Ephesians 2:8 says, **“...by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.”** By the earnest of the Spirit which was given to Jesus, He was saved by grace through faith.

Jesus is our example to follow, that we also might be saved by grace through faith. Eternal salvation is for those who obey the LORD. In Hebrews 5:9 it says, **“And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.”** It does not say **“to them that disobey Him.”** Faith without works is dead. Can dead faith save anyone?

By **“the grace of God,”** the blood of Jesus Christ was shed for the remission of sins, until the day of redemption **“for those who obey Him.”**

The Blood of Jesus is the seal of an everlasting covenant (Heb. 13:20,21). But the covenant has two parts, God’s part and man’s part.

Not everyone will enter into heaven by the blood of the Lamb. Only those who believe the Gospel, and **“obey the LORD.”** Those who do not believe and do not obey may lose their inheritance.

The Blood was shed for the whole world (1 John 2:2). Yet, the Blood is only effective for those who believe the Gospel. Those who truly believe will receive their reward **“by faith,”** not by works. Yet, faith

without works is dead.

Grace is a gift of God to those who will believe. Faith is also a gift of God to those who will believe. Faith is *“a fruit of the Spirit”* given to everyone who is born again in Christ Jesus (Gal. 5:22,23).

Salvation is not of ourselves, but it is not without faith either. Without faith, we cannot be saved. Eternal salvation is for those who obey the LORD (Heb. 5:9).

In 1 Timothy 4:1, it says, **“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.”** We must be careful of those who **“...depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.”**

The Scripture says in Hebrews 10:38 says, **“Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.”**

Understanding the Earnest of the Spirit

We are living in the time of the New Covenant, which is **“established upon better promises”** than the Old Covenant (Heb. 8:6). There are a few major differences between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant.

The Old Covenant was between the LORD God and the Children of Israel (and whosoever would receive the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob). The Old Covenant was not given to other nations, only to God’s chosen people.

That does not mean that God did not love the people of the world. God loves everyone born into this world. But not everyone has a covenant with God.

There were many people saved in the times of the Old Testament, but they were not in covenant with God. God does not reject anyone who will come to Him and believe in the LORD God. Some examples were **“Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God”** (Gen. 14:18). Melchisedec was not in a covenant with God. Noah was saved in the time of the flood, but Noah was not in a covenant with God at the time he and his house were saved (2 Peter 2:5). Rahab the harlot was not of the Children of Israel, but she was saved at the time of the destruction of Jericho. Rahab entered into the covenant with the children of Israel after she was saved.

In the Old Covenant the people were not “born again” of the Word and the Spirit. They were “saved,” which means “delivered and/or protected” when they turned to the LORD for help.

The New Covenant replaces the Old Covenant, and only includes those who are “born again in Christ Jesus.” This includes people of every nation of the world, not just a single chosen nation like the Children of Israel. Therefore, the Blood of Jesus was shed for the whole world, not just for the Children of Israel. The Blood of Jesus is “the seal of the New Covenant.”

The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is the “seal of the earnest of the Spirit” (Eph. 1:13,14). The Baptism in the Holy Spirit was not available in the Old Covenant. It is only for the New Covenant. A person cannot receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit unless they are first born again (John 14:17).

The Holy Spirit operated in the Old Covenant with seven of the gifts of the Spirit mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:7-11. Two of the nine gifts of the Spirit mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 only operate in the New Covenant. There is a major difference between the way the Holy Spirit operated in the Old Covenant and the way the Holy Spirit operates in the New Covenant.

The Holy Spirit is the power of God that manifests according to the Word of God. Without the Word of God the Holy Spirit cannot manifest. The Holy Spirit never manifests outside of the Word of God.

Anyone who receives the Holy Spirit receives the earnest of the Spirit until the day of their redemption. The day of their redemption happens when they leave this earth for the last time. We are redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb, but our redemption is not complete until the final day of redemption.

We are given the earnest of the Spirit to enable us to do the will of God. Without the earnest of the Spirit we cannot do the perfect will of God (Rom. 12:2). For, the New Covenant is not “man doing his will,” but the Holy Spirit doing the will of God through those who commit themselves to permit God to do His will in their lives.

If Christians try to do their own will, they will fail to do the will of God. Therefore, Jesus said, **“I can of mine own self do nothing...”** (John 5:30). Had Jesus tried to do His own will, He would have disobeyed the Father and would not have obtained unto the resurrection of the dead.

The Scripture, concerning the New Covenant was already written in Zechariah 4:6, saying, **“Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.”** Therefore, it was not possible for Jesus to fulfill the Word of God without the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Everything Jesus did was in complete accordance to the written Word of God established in the Old

Testament. Jesus fulfilled the Law of the Old Covenant that the New Covenant could come into effect (Matt. 5:17; John 19:28).

There is a difference between the Old Covenant and the Old Testament. The Old Testament begins in Genesis 1:1. The Old Covenant begins in Exodus 12:1; 20:1. The Old Covenant is called the Law of Moses. The New Covenant begins in Matthew 1:1, and continues until the end of Revelation. (These are general beginnings of the two covenants for there are parts of the two covenants in other places throughout the Bible).

Jesus was the first Man on earth that received “the earnest of the Spirit.” No one else received the earnest of the Spirit until after Jesus arose again from the dead. The earnest of the Spirit was not given to the saints of the Old Testament. The Holy Spirit did operate in the Old Testament times. But the earnest of the Spirit was not given to anyone before Jesus came into this world as the Son of God and the Son of Man. The earnest of the Spirit is only given to someone who is joined in one spirit with God. Therefore, no one can receive the earnest of the Spirit unless they are born again.

Everyone who receives the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues has the earnest of the Spirit. The earnest of the Spirit is identified by speaking in tongues, which is a gift of the Spirit that was not available in the Old Covenant.

When a person is baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, they receive the power to become witnesses unto Jesus. Jesus said in Acts 1:5,8, **“For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence...But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”**

A person can be born again in Christ Jesus, but still not be a witness unto Jesus. The true witness unto Jesus is “walking as Jesus walked and doing the same things Jesus did, the same way Jesus did them.” Born again Christians without the Baptism in the Holy Spirit cannot walk as Jesus walked, and do the same things Jesus did the way Jesus did them.

The reason is, they do not have the power of the Holy Spirit to manifest the works that Jesus manifested. Jesus did not do the works by His own ability. Even though Jesus was **“the Son of God”** from the day He was born into this world as a baby in Bethlehem. When Jesus was first born, He was born of the Holy Spirit and a virgin woman, by the name of Mary. The birth of Jesus was the beginning of a New Creation of mankind, Man and God dwelling in one individual person.

Even though Jesus was the Son of God from His birth, He could not do any mighty works until after He received the Holy Spirit following His baptism in water by John the Baptist (Matt. 3:16,17). The first miracle that Jesus did was in Cana of Galilee, where Jesus turned water into wine (John 2:1-10). In John 2:11 it tells us, **“This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.”**

All of the miracles that Jesus did, were done by the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon Him, which He received when He was baptized with the Holy Spirit following His water baptism at about the age of thirty.

For about three and one half years, Jesus had **“the earnest of the Spirit”** to do the works that Jesus did. Jesus walked in the anointing of the Holy Spirit daily, never doing His own will. Jesus only did the will of God the Father.

Jesus never went around boasting of Himself. Jesus never took the glory for the works He did. Jesus knew that God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble (James 4:6). Jesus knew it was the Father in Him that did the works (John 14:10).

Jesus received wisdom, knowledge, and understanding from the Scriptures, and from the Holy Spirit as He continued to do the will of the Father. Jesus was already learning the will of the Father at the age of twelve (Luke 2:45-52). In Luke 2:52, it tells us, **“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.”**

Today, the earnest of the Spirit can be received the same day a person is born again. Simply, because

we must be taught by God and not by man. Jesus said, **“It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.”**

When a born again Christian receives the Baptism in the Holy Spirit they receive “the earnest of the Spirit” to teach them all things. In 1 John 2:27 it tells us, **“But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.”** The Holy Spirit is the anointing, and the Holy Spirit is the teacher, sent to teach us all things.

This does not eliminate those set in the Body of Christ to teach (Eph. 4:11). But, without the anointing of the Holy Spirit, they cannot teach the Truth that is needed in the Body of Christ. It will not be men in the fivefold ministry doing the teaching. It will be those who are anointed, teaching from their spirit by the anointing within them.

When men teach without the anointing, they are not serving the LORD. They are still walking in the flesh, and teaching according to the knowledge of good and evil, just like all the false religions today.

If anyone is teaching without the anointing, it is not of God. It is man, doing his own will of the flesh.

Everything that comes from the Holy Spirit comes from the spirit of man, not the intellect. The Holy Spirit operates from the spirits of men, not from their intellect. The anointing comes from the spirit of man, not from his own understanding.

One day, while praying in the Spirit the following came from my spirit:

The problem in the world today is because Christians have not done their part. Christians are to be as Jesus was. They are to walk as Jesus walked (1 John 2:6). If Christians were doing what Jesus did in Matthew 9:35,36 the whole world would be coming to Jesus. Jesus had compassion on those who were sick, and with diseases, and healed them all. Jesus said they were like sheep without a shepherd.

When Jesus spoke to His disciples the truth concerning eating His body and drinking His blood, many of His disciples left Him and walked no more with Him (John 6:48-66). What will happen if we were to tell others the truth concerning what is happening in many Churches today?

If someone calls themselves a Pastor and they let others come into their churches and teach things that are not true and do not agree with the inspired written Word of God, are they truly what they say they are, or just someone with a title and no anointing?

If someone comes and says they are an evangelist, and they are not doing what Philip the evangelist did in Acts Chapter Eight, are they an evangelist, or just someone with a title and no anointing?

If someone comes and tells you they are a teacher, and they teach things from history books, news papers, and magazine articles, and not from the inspired written Word of God, are they a teacher or are they just someone with a title and no anointing?

If someone comes and says they are a Prophet and they do not walk in the example of the Apostle Paul, Barnabas, Silas, etc. are they truly a Prophet or just someone with a title and no anointing?

If someone comes and says they are an Apostle, and they are not walking in the anointing of Jesus and Peter, are they truly an apostle or just someone with a title and no anointing?

God does not send anyone into the world to do their own will. Lucifer wanted to do his own will. That was the beginning of his downfall (Ezek. 28:12-20; Isa. 14:12-20). There is no place in God’s creation where anyone is given the authority to do their own will. This is God’s creation and God is going to do things His way. In Philippians 2:13 it says, **“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”**

The anointing is so that we can do the perfect will of God according to God’s will for our lives. God does not send anyone into the world to do the work of the ministry without the anointing (Acts 1:4,5,8).

It is the anointing of the Holy Spirit that does the works within the body of Christ. It is not by man, or by the power of man. It is only as it was prophesied in Zechariah 4:6, which says, **“Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.”**

The Anointing

Everything that God does in the New Covenant is done through the anointing. If the anointing is not there, God is not working. God works by the anointing.

The anointing is the power of the Holy Spirit to do the will of God here on earth. Without the power of the Holy Spirit, God cannot do anything on this earth.

The Holy Spirit is the anointing. The Holy Spirit is one with the Father and the Son. These three make up the total of the Godhead. In 1 John 5:7 it says, **“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”**

It was the Holy Spirit that caused the birth of Jesus. In Luke 1:35, it says, **“And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.”** Jesus could not become the Son of God and the Son of Man without the Holy Spirit. Neither can anyone become born again without the Holy Spirit. Those who are not born of the Spirit are not truly born again. Jesus said in John 3:6,7, **“That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit...Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.”**

In Genesis 1:2 it says, **“And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”** Nothing happened until the Holy Spirit **“...moved upon the face of the waters.”**

Anytime anyone believes they can do the will of God without the Holy Spirit being involved they are without understanding. The will of God can only be done by the Holy Spirit bringing forth that which is written in the Word.

In the New Covenant it says, **“And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one”** (1 John 5:8). Without the Holy Spirit, there is no agreement with God here on earth.

Satan hates the Truth. Satan has no power over the Holy Spirit. All Satan can do is what people let him do. If he can deceive someone into believing they can do the will of God without the Holy Spirit, he can lead them into deception.

Many are deceived by the works of the Devil within the Churches today. Many have been following the teachings of men, and not the teaching of the Holy Spirit.

If anyone desires to do the will of God in their lives they must get involved with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has been sent by the Father and the Son to empower Christians to do the will of God.

The Holy Spirit works through the anointing. The anointing is the power of the Holy Spirit. In Acts 10:38, speaking of Jesus, it says, **“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”** Therefore, even Jesus had no power without the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Because of the teachings of men, and the deception within the Churches today there are many who will be like the Scribes, the Pharisees, and the Sadducees. These came against Jesus, because they did not know the Truth, which was revealed to them in the Old Testament. Had they known the Truth they would not have come against Jesus.

There are also many within the Churches today that will turn away from the Truth, because they cannot understand the message of the New Covenant, just as many of Jesus' disciples left Him after He told them the Truth in John 6:51-66. Jesus said, in John 6:53-56, **“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you...Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day...For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed...He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.”**

There are a lot of teachings of men that do not understand what it means by eating Jesus' flesh and drinking Jesus' blood. For those who desire to know the Truth, Jesus is the Word of God, and unless we eat and drink the Word of God we will not have eternal life within us. Those who are born of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit, must live by the Word of God.

Yet, there are a few who will know that there is no other way to go, than the way of the Truth as Peter said in John 6:68, **"...Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life."**

For those who will believe that only the LORD has the words of eternal life, they need to repent of all things, and all teachings that are not in agreement with the Holy Spirit, the Word of God, and the Blood of Jesus.

Repentance is not easy for many, because of what they have believed for years and years. It is not easy for those who have gone about for years believing what they were doing was the will of God.

But, Jesus said in Luke 24:47, **"that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."** Repentance and forgiveness of sins is worth a lot more than to end up not doing the will of God. To do the will of God, everyone must do it God's way, not man's way. And surely not the Devil's way.

In John 12:24-26, Jesus said, **"Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit...He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal...Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."**

Jesus was not speaking only of Himself dying, so that others could become born again. Jesus was speaking of those who will deny themselves and die to the things of this world, and do the will of God, God's way.

Many will lose everything they have in this world, by repenting and doing the will of God, God's way. Those who lose their lives doing the will of God "God's way," in this world, will gain eternal life in heaven (John 12:24-26).

God has a perfect plan for those who will do the will of God, God's way. Satan will do all he can to keep born again Christians from doing the will of God, God's way. Those who are not truly born again, cannot do the will of God, God's way.

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