

The Spirit of Life

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Part 1

The Need to Know the Indwelling “Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus”

I believe the subject of “*the Spirit*,” as used by the Apostle Paul, is one of the most misunderstood terms among Christians. Yet, no subject is as vital to the Christian because the Apostle Paul tells us the Christian’s life and walk is to be conducted in accord with, and by the supply of “*the Spirit*.”

Galatians 5:25 (NIV) Since we live (have life) by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

From verse this we can see that ultimately the Christian must come to personally and experientially know “*the Spirit*” which is “*the spirit of life in Christ Jesus*” who indwells them, if the believer is to learn to live by Christ’s indwelling (Col 1:27) “*...spirit of life in Christ Jesus*” (Rom 8:2, 1John 4:13).

I believe that much of the problem for Christians stems from them most often subscribing to a misunderstanding of the “Trinity” that leads them to consider the “One Lord” and “One God” as being almost as three individual Gods. Many Christians seem to slice and dice the Godhead as though they were not one at all. Yet, Paul tells us in clear literal terms that there is but “*one Lord ...One God*,” and “*one Spirit*” who indwells the believer.

Ephesians 4:4-6 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ One Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Nobody can fully explain the Triune Godhead. For example, how can one explain Isaiah 9:6, which says the child born, the Son given and everlasting Father are one, except by faith to believe the Scripture?

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Here we see that the child is the Son, who is at the very same time the mighty God and everlasting Father. This would mean the Son praying in the garden at Gethsemane was the Father in heaven who was hearing that prayer. We can only accept this by faith.

Yet, Paul gives us some visibility in understanding the matter of the Godhead. Paul says the fact is that the Lord Jesus Christ now is “*the Spirit*,” and as we’ve seen, there is but “*one Spirit*.” Here we see who “*the spirit*” is today – it is the risen “*spirit of life in Christ Jesus*.”

2Cor 3:17 Now the Lord (Jesus Christ) is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Peter tells us the Lord Jesus Christ is the Lord. *Acts 2:36 (KJV)* Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Let’s now get a look at how the Triune Godhead worked to become available in order to indwell believers. Our communion or a **union with God the Father** exists...**via the Lord Jesus Christ...who now “is that Spirit” in the believer’s spirit**. This following verse attributes certain functions to the One, Three person, divine Godhead.

2Cor 13:14 The **1) grace of the Lord Jesus Christ**, and **2) the love of God**, and **3) the communion of the Holy Ghost, be (is) with you all**. (Bracketed numbers inserted)

1) From this we see that “*the grace*” that we receive from the Godhead is “*the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ*.” *John 1:17b* ... *grace and truth (reality) came by Jesus Christ*.

Jesus Christ Himself is the grace-life that is given to us via the process that He endured; His incarnation, His death at the cross of Calvary, and His resurrected “*spirit of life*,” received as the free gift of God the Father given to believers.

2) The “*the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ*” came as result of the “*love of God*” the Father. The singular motive of God’s heart is “*love*,” as a giver of His Son, as the expression of “*the love of God*.”

3) While it was necessary that God’s Son would first become incarnated in human flesh to accomplish the gift of God’s love, the Son still had to, in some way, become available to believers *in a form* that could personally reach and touch each person individually. That form was achieved in that the crucified and resurrected Jesus “*became the life-giving spirit*” (*1Cor 15:45b*). In this way, Jesus would become joined to the believer’s spirit and thus we enjoy “*the communion of the Holy Spirit*.”

Thus, we see that the Godhead, the One God, reached down to man by coming to mankind in the human flesh of the “*Son of Man*” – Jesus of Nazareth. Then upon His death and resurrection as “*the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus*,” God was enabled to enter into man’s human spirit, to become

one with man's human spirit (Zechar. 12:1). It thus became possible for God and man to come to spirit-union.

1 Corinthians 15:45 ... The first man Adam was made (became) a living soul; the last Adam (Christ) was made (became) a quickening (life-giving) spirit. 1 Corinthians 6:17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

From this we can see that it was vitally necessary that the Godhead be processed, via Jesus of Nazareth, in order that He might become "***the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus***"; such that we might have "***the communion***" that we now enjoy with God, which is "***the communion of the Holy Spirit***." In that union, the grace and love of God is with every one of God's Spirit-birthed children.

Every believer can say, "***We know by experience that it is God, in Christ, now as "the Spirit," who is with us.***"

Romans 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Part 2

“God is spirit”

John 4:24 (NASB) "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in (their) spirit and truth."

In order to understand the Spirit as relating to mankind we must first understand God who Himself “is spirit.”

I have purposely titled Part 2 “God is spirit” because the Greek Scripture does **not** say “God is a spirit” (KJV), as so many Bible versions have translated. The article “a” here in the KJV is italicized, meaning it was inserted by the translators, but not in the oldest Greek manuscripts. That would be saying “God is a spirit among other spirits,” which is not what is being said here. Rather the words more properly are “**God is spirit,**” without need for capitalizing the word “**spirit.**” “Spirit” should not be capitalized as this is simply telling us of that God’s substance is spirit, as a table may be wood. Spirit here is not His title.

Why is this significant? It is because the John 4:24 statement is saying God’s very material exist as a “spirit being” – not physical. “Spirit” is the substance of God, as gold may be the substance of a ring.

Upon seeing this fact, then we can come to realize that our relationship with God then must be also “*in Spirit.*” God made man with a human spirit for God and man could come to spirit-union. *Zechariah 12:1 (KJV) ...the LORD... formeth the spirit of man within him. Job 33:4 (KJV) The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath (neshamah, spirit) of the Almighty hath given me life (quicken me). We have a way to really worship God - John says the real worshippers of God must worship him “*in spirit,*” that is in and by their human spirit.*

Continuing with this understanding that our relationship with God is via our human spirit, which really makes us truly alive, we can then better understand Paul saying he served God, prayed, and sang with his spirit, as was led in life by “*the spirit,*” which is the indwelling “*spirit of life in Christ Jesus.*”

*Romans 1:9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers; **1 Cor. 14:15-16** What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.*

Paul was guided and led by “*the Spirit*” who impressed Paul’s human “*spirit.*”

Acts 18:5 when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ. Acts 16:7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.

God, In Christ, was processed via incarnation, suffering, death, and resurrection in order to accomplish redemption, but the ultimate point of the cross was that He might become “*the life-giving spirit*” in order to be in the form necessary to indwell each believer’s human spirit.

First, the eternal “Word” had to become flesh - human. *John 1:14 ... And the Word was made (Gk ginomai, became) flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. Gal 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,*

Then in that process, upon His death and resurrection, **Jesus became “the life-giving spirit.”** *1 Cor. 15:45... the last Adam (Jesus) was made (became) a quickening (life-giving) spirit.* As the Spirit, Christ now imparts His “spirit of life” as the new life of a new race of people – the people of God who bear His very life and nature. *2Corinthians 5:17 (NASB) Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature (creation); the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.* The made new creation part of the believer is not His body or souls, but his spirit – by regeneration of the indwelling “Spirit of Christ.”

Upon Jesus’ death and resurrection as “the spirit of life in Christ,” He indwells the believer and is available to the believer, as close as the believer’s breath. He knows us intimately, and in us He is to us what we need.

Hebrews 4:15 For we have not an high priest (Christ) which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

It is by the imparting of His Spirit into our spirit at the moment of our rebirth that we became one with Christ’s “Spirit of life.”

John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. We’re then literally one with and in Him by the union of our two spirits *1 Cor. 6:17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.*

When we receive the Spirit of Christ, as the Spirit-Seed of the Father (1Pet 1:23), we become the literal children of God by a new spirit-birthing.

John 1:12 (NASB) But as many as received Him (Christ’s Spirit), to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, 1 John 3:1a Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God...

Part 3

A Profound Change in The “Triune Godhead”

Over the years I’ve heard preachers say God never changes. This is true, but also not true. God’s nature and character never change, and He keeps His word (Psalm 15:4), but *God’s “form” has experienced two great changes.* As we consider the processing of God’s life to become available to man as “the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus” we must note the words “became” and “become”; indicating these two (2) great changes in God’s form.

Change #1 - We know that Jesus was and is God, and that He was in the beginning with God as the Word. *John 1:1 (KJV) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* We also know that “The Word became flesh ... *John 1:14 (NIV)*

Question: Wasn’t this a change in God’s form? Of course it was. That change was from the eternal Spirit form of the Word to the Spirit limited to Jesus of Nazareth’s human flesh, the body of His humiliation.

Change #2 - Paul tells us another great change that occurred when Jesus of Nazareth died and rose to **become the life-giving spirit**. *1 Corinthians 15:45 (NASB)* So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, **became** a living soul." The last Adam **became a life-giving spirit**. Here we see change number two. This 2nd change carried with it some profound implications.

This first change I noted above brought **God into a man** ("the Word became flesh"), but the second change brought an uplifted "**humanity**" into God.

Romans 1:3-4 (NASB) concerning **His Son**, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh (**as a human**),⁴ who **was declared the Son of God** with power **by the resurrection from the dead**, according to **the Spirit** of holiness, **Jesus Christ our Lord**,

This verse tells us the processed Jesus, who "**has become both Lord and Christ**" (Acts 2:36), has added humanity into the Godhead – bearing the marks of the body of His humiliation – His human essence. The resurrected Christ still bore the nail and spear scars.

Romans 1:3-4 (KJV) Concerning his Son **Jesus Christ our Lord**, which was made of the seed of David **according to the flesh**; (flesh - His humanity essence) **declared to be the Son of God** with power, according to the **spirit of holiness**, (Spirit – as His divine essence) by the **resurrection from the dead**:

Do you see it? One day there was a divine "declaration" by which Jesus of Nazareth, the "**Son of Man**" according to his humanity, was declared to be the "**Son of God**." In other words, the Godhead was altered forever when the resurrected human essence of Jesus of Nazareth was added into the Godhead.

It is by the addition of Jesus' human essence into the Godhead that we now have a God who can now be "*touched with the feelings of our infirmities*."

Hebrews 4:15 For we have not an high priest (Christ) which cannot be **touched with the feeling of our infirmities**; but **was in all points tempted like as we are**, yet **without sin**.

By Jesus' human living, death, and resurrection as "*the spirit of life in Christ*," He became able to know us intimately, and be life to us, to be what we need in order to endure living upon this earth.

Part 4

A Greater Intimacy with Christ by the “Spirit of Life” Now In Us

“*The Spirit*” is the reaching of God to men, personally. ***Ephesians 3:16 (KJV)*** *That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his (Christ’s) Spirit in the inner man;*

Before the “*dispensation of grace of God*” (Eph 3:2), God’s Spirit of Holiness was only “*among*” or “*came upon*” some humans. ***1 Samuel 10:6*** *And the Spirit of the Lord will come upon thee...* ***Haggai 2:5*** ... *I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.*

Upon His resurrection and ascension, Jesus returned to **breathe upon a few of His Jewish disciples**. This was Jesus baptizing or immersing these men in the Holy Spirit who He **breathed upon them**.

John 20:22 when he had said this, **he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Spirit.**

This breath of Jesus was **NOT** the deposit of Christ “*spirit of life*” as His life deposited into them. This was something different – it was the first deposit of the power Holy Spirit given to them to empower them to “*be witnesses*” (*Acts 1:8*), to enable them to preach and offer “the kingdom,” the Messianic kingdom that had been long promised to Abraham’s seed. That kingdom had only been “*at hand*” (*Matt 3:2*) when Jesus of Nazareth spoke of it to the Jews, but now it was now to be offered by His disciples, but offered only to that to whom Jesus had instructed them to preach – that is “*the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*” ***Matthew 10:5-6*** *These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶ Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel.” This message was **not** for the Gentile body of Christ.*

Jesus’ breathed “upon” them in John 20:22 as a foretaste of Pentecost. Foretelling of Pentecost, Jesus told his Jewish disciples (now 120 of them) they should wait to **be clothed upon with the Holy Spirit**. ***Luke 24:49*** *And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.* The word “*endued*” here is the Greek *enduo*, meaning “*clothed*.”

Question: Do you wear clothing on the outside or inside of you? Outside of course.

This Scripture again speaks of “*the Spirit*” to come “*upon*” them, not in them. ***Acts 1:8*** *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you ...* So, Pentecost is not the coming of the “*Spirit of Christ*” to indwell the disciples to be their new life, rather, it is the empowering influence of the Holy Spirit, enduing these disciples with “*power*” (v8). Power for what? Power to boldly preach the “gospel of the Kingdom” as was long promised to Abraham’s seed – not the Gentiles.

Today, under “*the dispensation of the grace of God*,” revealed by Christ to the Apostle to the Gentiles, Paul, for we Gentiles, there is something more for the members of the body of Christ.

Now, for the regenerated believer, Christ's "***Spirit of life***" comes "***indwells them***" (Col 1:27), as their very life (Col 3:3). This is in great contrast to the "***spirit upon***" Jesus' Jewish disciples at Pentecost.

Notice the words describing "***the Spirit***" and "***Christ***" as being "***in you,***" in the believer.

Col. 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is ***Christ in you,*** the hope of glory:

Romans 8:9-10 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the ***Spirit of God dwell in you.*** Now ***if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*** ¹⁰ And if ***Christ be in you,*** the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

"***The Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus***" (Rom 8:2a) is the means by which God literally dispenses the person of ***Christ into*** every believer.

Rom 8:11 if the ***Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you,*** he that raised up ***Christ from the dead shall also quicken*** (give life) your mortal bodies by ***his Spirit that dwelleth in you.***

Part 5

Christ, as "***the Spirit of Life,***" is the Fullness of the Godhead Now In us

Col. 2:9-10 For ***in him*** (in Christ) ***dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.***

¹⁰ And ***ye are complete in him,*** which is the head of all principality and power:

The Spirit "***in us***" is for our personal realization of righteousness, peace and joy. ***Rom 14:17*** ***the kingdom*** (realm) ***of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.*** In fact, all the attributes and benefits of God's life are now... "***in Christ,***" and they ***come to us*** ... by the indwelling "***Spirit of life in Christ Jesus.***"

The "***Spirit of Christ***" in the believer is "***the truth***" or reality of Christ Himself for us to realize personally as our "***comforter.***"

John 14:16-20 And I (Jesus) will pray the Father, and he shall give you another ***Comforter,*** that ***he may abide with you for ever;*** ¹⁷ Even the ***Spirit of truth*** (the Truth – ***Christ*** is the "reality"); whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth ***him*** not, neither knoweth him: but ***ye know him;*** for ***he dwelleth with you,*** and ***shall be in you.*** ¹⁸ ***I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.*** ¹⁹ Yet a little while, and the world seeth ***me*** no more; but ye see ***me:*** because ***I live, ye shall live*** also. ²⁰ At that day ye shall know that ***I am in my Father,*** and ***ye in me,*** and ***I in you.*** < Ask yourself, who is in the believer?

- NOTE: In v16 & 17 the Lord refers to the Holy Spirit as “he,” but in verse 18, the pronoun changes from “he” to the “I” who was speaking to them at that time – The “I” was and is “Jesus.”
- By changing the “he” who was with them (in verses 16-17) to “I” in v18 the Lord was saying the “he” is the “I” who is to return as the Spirit to indwell them.
- The Holy Spirit that Jesus spoke of in v16-17...is He Himself, but then as “the Spirit of Life” (Rom 8:2a)

We see **Jesus as the “living water”** here in **John 4:14** *But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.* Also below, in **John 7:38-39**, we see the “**the Spirit**” is the “**water of life.**” Both Jesus and the Spirit are “the water of life” because they are One and the same.

We need to note that in the KJV, the word “**given**” (v39 below) is *italicized* because it was incorrectly added by the translators. It is not in the oldest original Greek manuscripts. You see, it’s not that “*the Spirit*” was “not yet *given*,” rather it’s that Christ had not yet glorified since he had not yet completed the transformation from the man “**Jesus of Nazareth**” into being “**the Spirit of life.**”

John 7:38-39 (KJV) *He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. ³⁹ (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)*

Here above the **Holy Spirit is seen as the “water of the life”** of the resurrected Christ who then was still “**not yet**,” meaning “**not yet in existence**” because Jesus had not yet completed the process by which He would become available as “**the Spirit of life**” to indwell the believers.

Obviously then, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are one in the same, seen here as...the “**water of life.**” The “**Spirit is life**” and it is “**Christ who is our life**” (Col 3:4a), so “**the Spirit**” and “**Christ**” are **One** as the real life indwelling the believer’s spirit.

John 14:6 *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. Romans 8:2 ...the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. Col. 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*

“**The Spirit**” then is Spirit of the One Godhead, **God the Father**, and **Christ**, as the new life to indwell believers. Note here the various terms to describe who it is that is “**in you.**”

Romans 8:8-10 *So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. [9] But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God (the Father) dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. [10] And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.*

“**The Spirit** of life in Christ Jesus” is the culmination of Jesus of Nazareth’s human experience on earth, now as “**the life-giving spirit.**”

1 Cor. 15:45 ...the **last Adam** was made a **quickenin**g (life-giving) **spirit**.

John 6:63 *It is the spirit that quickeneth (gives life); the flesh profiteth nothing.*

1 John 4:13 *Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.*

Part 6

So, Who Are Believers To Live By?

Christians need to realize that Jesus of Nazareth no longer exists; He has changed... to be “*both Christ & Lord.*”

Acts 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that **God hath made that same Jesus** (of Nazareth), whom ye have crucified, both Lord (kurious, controller, governor) and Christ.

Jesus of Nazareth was God as in the flesh body, as “*the Son of Man.*” The “*Son of Man*” was changed by completing the process that He experienced through His incarnation, human living, suffering, death, burial, and resurrection and ascension; in order to become “*the life-giving Spirit.*” Thus, Paul tells us it is **not** “*Jesus of Nazareth*” that we are to live by.

2Cor. 5:16b though we have (past tense) **known Christ** (Jesus of Nazareth) **after the flesh** ...**henceforth know** (ginosko, experientially know) **we him no more.**

Notice that the word **know** is the Greek, “ginosko,” meaning “*to come to know experientially.*” Jesus of Nazareth is not here on earth today for us to experience, but “*the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus*” is here, indwelling our spirit. Since we each now bear Him in our spirit being in the midst of our body, we are His current incarnation on earth; together we are called “*the body of Christ.*”

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NASB) Or do you not know that **your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?**²⁰ For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify **God in your body.**

What a remarkable statement from Paul. Jesus of Nazareth no longer exists as such for the Christian under the grace dispensation. We are not to practice living by pondering and questioning “*What would Jesus do (WWJD)?*” Rather, **we know the resurrected “Spirit of Christ,” by our Spirit union with Him, and we hear Him by having the sense of Him in us and we walk in accord with Him; we live as He chooses to live through us.**

1 John 5:20 And **we know** that the Son of God is come, and hath **given us an understanding, (so) that we may know him** that is true, and **we are in him** that is true, even **in his Son Jesus Christ.** This is the true **God,** and the **eternal life.**

The “*Holy Spirit,*” which is “*Spirit of Christ*” in us, is the “*witness*” and presence of the living **Christ**, now as God Himself living and moving within us.

Romans 5:5 And **hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by** (through) **the Holy Ghost** which is **given unto us.**

1 John 5:6-7 This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the **Spirit that beareth witness,** because the **Spirit is truth** (reality).⁷ For there are three that bear record in heaven, the **Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost:** and **these three are one.**

Now, “*That Spirit*” is Christ the Lord, who now works in us, changing, and renewing our souls from within.

2 Cor. 3:17-18 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.
¹⁸But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are **changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.**

Philippians 2:13 (KJV) For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Part 7

The Significance of the Titles of God's Spirit

Nothing in Scripture is to be taken loosely. In Old Testament there was only "*the Spirit of God*" (i.e., Gen 1:2). The New Testament term "*Holy Spirit*" is the general title for the "*Spirit of God*," as He is today.

Referring to Jesus of Nazareth after His death, burial, and resurrection, and ascension, Paul's uses various terms for "*Holy Spirit*" and all are significant. There are; 1) "*the Spirit of Jesus*", 2) "*the Spirit of Christ*" & 3) "*the Spirit of Jesus Christ*"

Acts 16:7b ... the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. (NIV)

Romans 8:9b Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Philip. 1:19b ... the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

Note that here in this one verse the titles "*Holy Spirit*" and "*Spirit of Jesus*" are used interchangeably.

Acts 16:6-7 Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. ⁷When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. ("Spirit of Jesus" here is taken from NIV and Greek Interlinear.)

All of these New Testament terms are used for the *fully processed Christ* who in fact is *God, in Jesus Christ, now as "the Spirit of Life."*

- 1) "*Spirit of Jesus*" – particularly speaks from the viewpoint of seeing the humanity of the incarnated, resurrected Spirit of the Savior, who was called "Jesus" – as a spirit-man now "at the right hand of the Father." This speaks of Jesus as the "*Son of Man*" who as a man brought humanity into the Godhead.

Romans 1:3-4 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the (human) flesh; ⁴ And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

2) "*Spirit of Christ*" – speaks from the viewpoint of seeing Christ as He now is, completely processed... as the risen Christ and Lord. "*Spirit of Christ*" speaks of the "*life*" of the "*Spirit of God*," now available to indwell the believer, and in His body, the church.

Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

3) “*Spirit of Jesus Christ*” - speaks from the viewpoint of seeing both Jesus the man, who is now fully processed by His incarnation death, burial and resurrection, and who has become the overcoming Christ, to be *our full supply of both the uplifted humanity of Jesus of Nazareth and divinity of Christ, who now is in us.*

Philip 1:19 ...this shall turn to my salvation ... the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

The “*Spirit of Jesus Christ*” speaks of the full supply Paul needed in his Roman prison experience.

- He needed, as we also need, the **uplifted righteous humanity of Jesus**, who is now is our supply for our enduring human life situations.
- He needed, as we also need, the resurrected overcoming divine life of Christ that Paul enjoyed, to be our supernatural life-supply.

From the foregoing we see that these titles point to *the culminated Christ, as He is today*, as the fruit of His total experience from *His divine essence... to human essence...to His uplifted resurrected essence*; now as the God-man who even now bears the marks of His human experience in His pierced hands and side.

The primary element of that experience that makes Christ and His benefits available to us is...**the cross** of His *death, from which He was raised* “by the glory of God the Father” (Rom 6:4).

In the next installment we will examine the fruit of that cross, which is found in “*the Spirit of life*” that anoints the life of the believer, as they “*walk in the spirit.*”

1 John 2:20 (NASB) But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know. ²⁷As for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.

Seeing “*the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus*” as Our All-Sufficient Life Supply

The cross is the fulcrum upon which the genuine Christian life hinges. Dually, the cross terminated the power of Sin in man’s flesh, and also yielded the resurrected “*Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus*” to dwell in every believer, bearing Christ’s own resurrection life and nature.

Jesus’ “*blood and water*” was shed for our redemption and as the “*water of life*” that is “*spirit of life*” that was released via the cross. ***Jn 19:34*** *one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water*. The “blood” of Christ redeems us, and the “water” was the water of His Spirit flowing to man.

All that we possess by Christ’s cross is seen in the anointing oil that is of His “*Spirit of life*.” We see much in the Old Testament compounded anointing oil, which is symbolic of the all-inclusive riches of “*the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus*.” It was used to anoint the elements of God’s temple; today we are His temple. ***1 Corinthians 3:17b*** *...for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are*.

The spiritual “*oil of God*” is now inclusive of Jesus’ incarnation, death, burial, and resurrection that was brought into and altered the eternal “*Spirit of God*,” now as the “*compounded anointing oil*” within believers. Let’s now examine the symbolism of the elements of God’s formula for the Old Testament anointing oil.

Exodus 30:23-25 (KJV) “*Take thou also unto thee principal spices,*

- *of pure myrrh five hundred shekels, and*
 - (Speaks of His death – Myrrh was used to anoint dead bodies)
- *of sweet cinnamon half so much, even two hundred and fifty shekels, and*
 - (Speaks of the sweetness of His life offered)
- *of sweet calamus two hundred and fifty shekels, 24And*
 - (Speaks of His burial and sweet resurrection - a pod that explodes with life-seeds)
- *of cassia five hundred shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary,*
 - (Speaks of the effectiveness of His life offered - used as snake repellent)
- *And of oil olive an (one) hin:*
 - Olive oil is always figurative of “*the Spirit of God*” – Thus this speaks of the divinity of God into which the elements of Jesus’ human experience, death, burial, and resurrection were added or compounded. Symbolic of God’s “One all-inclusive supply by the One Spirit”
- *25And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound (of more than one component) after the art of the apothecary: it shall be an holy anointing oil.”*
 - “Compounded,” these are the mixed elements of the One All-Inclusive Ointment (The Spirit) now within every believer’s spirit.

From these elements of the anointing we see that for us;

- **In the “*myrrh*” and “*sweet cinnamon*” we see the sweetness of Jesus’ death in that He was and is purely innocent in His death for us. Jesus was and is as the only qualified “Sin offering” for us; freeing us from the “penalty of Sin.”**

- We also see the power of His death as us, to free us from the “power of Sin” in the flesh.
- In the “*calamus*” we enjoy the fruit of His indwelling life that comes to us out of His resurrection.
- In the “*one hin of Oil*” we have the whole of the One God-head as He now is as the oil of “*God’s Spirit*,” since God was in Christ, who now is “*the life-giving spirit*” as our innermost life-nointing.

This compounded “Oil” indicates that we have been fully equipped by the deposit of Christ’ Spirit into our spirit to be our all.

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The Practicality of Walking In the Spirit

Walking by the Uncion or Anointing of Christ’s Spirit Within Us

It is by the anointing of “*the Spirit of life in Christ*” that we come to “know all the things” that we need to know, at just the right time in order to live in accord with the Christ who indwells us. Our proper walk requires dependency upon our “innermost sense-knowing” that we have by “*the spirit*” within.

Galatians 5:25 (NIV) Since we (have life) live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

1 John 2:20 ye have an unction (anointing) from the Holy One (Christ), ye know all things. 1

John 2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of (from) him (Christ) 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.

Two Spirits as One– Christ’s and Ours

John 3:6 (NIV) Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

1 Cor. 6:17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

Romans 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Paul also uses the term “*the spirit*,” speaking of the mingled spirit in man by *Christ’s spirit of life in and one with our spirit*. Since the moment of our receiving Christ we received the “*Spirit of life in Christ Jesus*” as water could receive tea. We become one, never to be separated. Now we are to learn to conduct our daily walk under the influence of “*the spirit*,” if we are to NOT fulfill the sinful desires of our still sin-laden flesh (Rom 8:3).

Romans 8:3 (KJV) For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

Galatians 5:16 This I say then, Walk in (under the influence of) the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Note that Gal 5:16 does NOT say “*Don’t fulfill the sinful desires of the flesh in order to be walking in the spirit.*” **NO**, that would be for us to walk independent from Christ’s Spirit of life trying to make our self walk righteously – we would fail. We may be well intentioned but we are then walking separate from Christ’s empowerment – this would be “*the flesh*” in action.

No, we must be “*led by the spirit,*” meaning we must simply be willing to agree with and walk in accord with “*the spirit’s leading.*” When we are **willing to be subject to the spirit**, then our **soul-self is humbly yielded** to Him. We then can live Christ out, **trusting Him to supernaturally move us and empower us to walk in accord with “the spirit.”** This is the only way to NOT fulfill the desires of the flesh.

Galatians 5:18 But if *ye be led of the Spirit,* ye are not under the law.

Romans 8:14 because those who are *led by the Spirit* of God are sons (no longer children) of God.

Galatians 5:25 *If* (since) *we live* (have life) *in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

I trust and pray that this series may be of help to those who sincerely desire to “walk in the spirit.”

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