

In review

“Thus, again, it may be suggested that not every saved person is led of the Spirit; for those who are led are so supplied with true counsel and guidance that manifestly they need no outward commandments. [**Galatians 5:18** But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.] This wonderful relationship which provides such blessed realities may easily be perverted by sincere persons if they do not know the right relation to God through which true guidance may be secured. Not only is it demanded that a right understanding should obtain relative to the leading of the Spirit, but that there be freedom from fanaticism, undue emotionalism, and superstition.”¹

- Fanaticism, undue emotionalism & superstition in the Charismatic Movement regarding the role of God the Holy Spirit has resulted in the glossing over of passages by many conservative Bible teachers.
- Therefore a non-experiential role of the Spirit develops because of a rationalistic over-emphasis of passages that deal with the role of the Spirit to the believer.
- This is the reason why many churches that adhere to the Augustinian Dispensational View of Sanctification where Bible doctrine is taught have not been taught or have misunderstood the role of God the Holy Spirit.
 - The Filling of the Holy Spirit is reduced to “fellowship with God” as a result of over-emphasizing the link between 1 John 1:9 and Eph 5:18.
 - 1 John 1:9 - - is required to rebound into the absolute state of fellowship with God.
 - However, when the filling of the Spirit is reduced to fellowship with God, one’s view of filling is limited to what the Bible communicates.

“The unhindered ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of a Christian.” Dr. John F. Walvoord (*Five Views of Sanctification*, 215)

“...The very center of the theme of the spiritual life. It is the Spirit fulfilling in the believer all that He came into that heart to do.” Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer (*Systematic Theology*, Vol. 6, 42)

- The Holy Spirit took up permanent residence in the believer to do much more than produce fellowship with God.
- When the filling of the Holy Spirit is reduced to “fellowship” - the exegesis of Eph 5:18 becomes limited to the Holy Spirit doing nothing more than *filling* the believer with Bible doctrine.
 - The believer must be filled to be taught by the Spirit.
 - However, the Filling of the Spirit is not the Teaching of the Spirit.
- In fact the filling of the Holy Spirit includes “all that He came into that heart to do”.

John 7:38-39

(38) "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will (future tense from the point of the promise) flow rivers of living water.'"

- Reception of the H/S is one time in the life of the believer (at salvation).
- “Innermost being” – KOILIA – *Stomach or belly*
 - Figurative meaning – “the hidden innermost recesses of the human body”
 - The core of your being; from within not from without.
 - That is why charismatics are wrong – it is from within not from without.

The issue is the Spirit securing more of the Christian from within

¹ Dr. Lewis S. Chafer, *Systematic Theology* Vol. 6, *Pneumatology*, 226.

NOT
the Christian getting more of the Spirit.

- “Rivers” – POTAMUS – *Never ending flow of water that supplies the ocean.*
 - An inexhaustible supply.

(39) But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive (note – when you believe – you receive); for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The believer receives all of the Holy Spirit he is going to receive!

- Context of this passage is before the Holy Spirit began His unprecedented ministry in the life of the born-again believer (May 24, 33, Feast of Pentecost – Acts 2).
- There is a transitioning from the Age of Israel to a new dispensation of the Church in which the believer will be led by the invisible Spirit of God.
- In the Age of Israel (and before) believers were led by visible means.
- The book of Acts is a transitional book – transitioning from visible means to invisible means. That is why certain gifts were available during this transitional period such as tongues, prophecy, etc.
- Now that the canon of Scripture is completed, those special gifts are removed and we are to “walk by the Spirit” who indwells us from within. He is invisible.

God the Holy Spirit is the source of all divine power from which everything flows in the spiritual life.

- The believer in this dispensation learns from *within* how to “walk by means of the Spirit”.

In 2 Corinthians 12:9 "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." The power available to Paul was available from **within** not from without.

Chafer (Vol. 6, page 226 *continued*)

“Since the whole course of a life may be misdirected and that in spite of sincerity, it is needful to an imperative degree for the believer to learn for himself – for no other’s experience is a pattern – how to be led of the Spirit. No step can be safely taken in this world apart from divine guidance. But little help can be gained by imitating the experience of others or by following rules which men have made. The leading of the Spirit, as the very term used for this ministry implies, is a most intimate and personal experience. To those who by constant attention and prayer are made familiar with the Spirit’s ways of guiding them, the leading becomes one of the richest experiences know to the believer’s heart.”

Constant attention!

Where does leading ministry of Holy Spirit originate from?

- From Within - the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit.
- 1 Cor 3:16 – we are permanently indwelt.
- The believer should maintain situational awareness to the indwelling ministry of God the Holy Spirit.
- To not just know the doctrine but to translate that into a reality!

Galatians 4:6

(6) Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

Romans 8:15-16

(15) For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by **whom** we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

- Gal 4:6 “the Spirit cries Abba, Father” *cf.* Rom 8:15 “we cry out Abba, Father”
 - There is cooperation between the believer and the Spirit – a unity of effort.
 - THE SPIRIT IS ALWAYS WILLING.

- But the believer does not always cooperate with what the Spirit was sent into his life to accomplish. That is why some people are saved and they don't even know it as they are Quenching the Spirit (1 Thess. 5:19).
- God the Holy Spirit is the one who enables us to make the identification (from within).

(16) **The Spirit Himself testifies** (bearing witness) **with our spirit** [to our spirit] **that we are children of God** (the reality of Abba, Father),

Remember that the spiritual life is a supernatural life with a supernatural means of execution – the Holy Spirit.

Remember - two requirements must be present:

- 1) **Volition** of the believer
 - a. **To be malleable**
 - b. **To walk in dependence upon God the Holy Spirit.**
- 2) **Providential Hand of God**

Now you can understand why there had to be a transition –

- From a dispensation of visible leading to invisible leading required an experiential transition.
- A transition from a visible Mentor – Jesus Christ to an invisible Mentor – God the Holy Spirit.
- You can know the Holy Spirit but you cannot see Him.

The Spirit's ministry within the believer results in an intrinsic identification and this causes the believer to call on God as his Father. That is supernatural, not Pentecostal. No undue emotionalism or fanaticism.

POD – The foundation for the supernatural dynamics of the Church Age spiritual life is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

POD – The fountainhead from which the leading ministry flows is the filling of the Holy Spirit.

When the believer is filled with the Holy Spirit or when God the Holy Spirit is fulfilling ALL that He came into your soul to do, then and only then – you will be led. You will be at the right place at the right time, doing exactly what God wants you to be doing.

Class Slides



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