

**THE LIFE OF PRAYER**  
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***It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.***  
If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

**POD [review] - The work that the Spirit of God was sent to do to enable the Christian to live his life originates from *within*.**

**Galatians 4:6** Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son *into our hearts*, crying, “Abba! Father!”

- **εἰς + καρδιά + ἐξαποστέλλω - EIS plus KARDIA plus EXAPOSTELLO** communicates being “sent out on a mission.” The place being sent is “the heart.”  
“The heart” being the regenerated soul of the believer
- **1 Corinthians 6:19** communicates “that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you”
  - > Remember the body houses the soul and . . .
  - > The soul is where the Holy Spirit has taken up permanent residence.



*The Holy Spirit was sent out to fulfill a mission in the life of EVERY believer.*

“. . . God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, **crying** . . .

- **Crying – κράζω – KRAZO** – “To shriek or to scream”, more appropriately to “Cry or call out”
- The Holy Spirit is the One performing the verbal action from within.

**What is He calling out?**

- **Αββα ὁ πατήρ** - Abba is a child’s term of endearment for his father.
  - > Is this crying out audible?
  - > It is intrinsic and invisible, yet known!
  - > It is an inaudible testimony produced from within the believer that God is His Father.

**Romans 8:15-16** For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons **by which we cry out**, “Abba! Father!”

- **Ἀββα ὁ πατήρ** – That same term of endearment for a father

**ἀλλὰ ἐλάβετε πνεῦμα υἱοθεσίας ἐν ᾧ κράζομεν**

- *Should be translated* “. . . but you have received a Spirit of adoption as sons **by Whom we cry out.**” – a reference to God the Holy Spirit.
- It is God the Holy Spirit who enables the believer to identify or cry out, “Father [*from within*].”

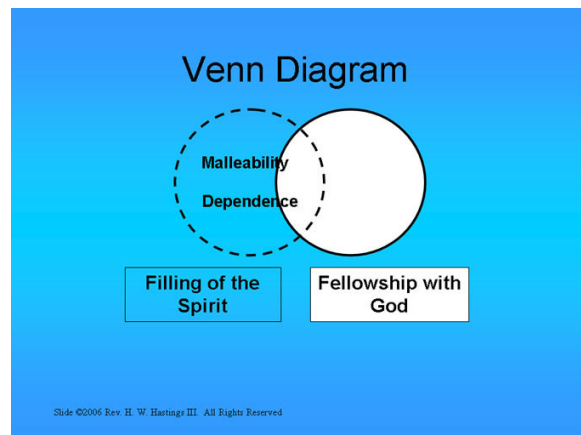
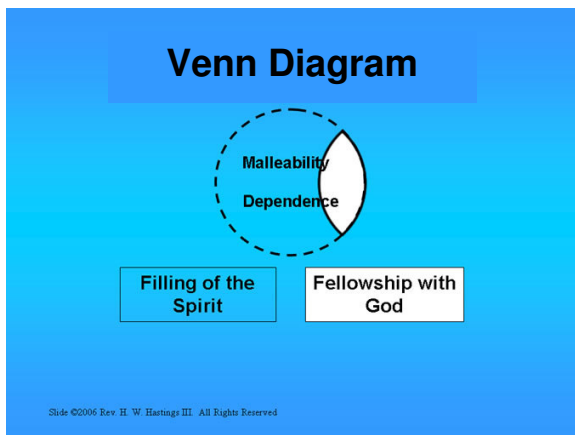
**POD - God the Holy Spirit enables the believer to cry out to God as his Father from within!**

*Apart from the Spirit's work, we could not know for sure that God is our Father!!!!*

As you compare **Romans 8:15**, in which the believer is enabled to call upon God as His Father, and **Galatians 4:6**, in which the Holy Spirit cries out **Ἀββα ὁ πατήρ**, you will begin to observe a unity of effort between God the Holy Spirit and the born again believer.

**What is the unity of effort?** It is God the Holy Spirit who stands at the ready to fulfill all that He came in your life to do. *And what is required of you in that effort?*

- Are you malleable in this effort?
- Is the Holy Spirit being *quenched* in your life?
- In that context, review **1 Thessalonians 5:19**.



*The believer's malleability and dependence - - while in fellowship - - is directly related to the Spirit securing a greater sphere of influence or degree of manifestation in the life of the believer.*

<sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself testifies **with our spirit** that we are children of God,

- **συνμαρτυρέω** – **SUMMARTUREO** – “To bear witness with; to testify or to declare”

Best translated - “The Spirit Himself **is testifying or bearing witness to [declaring to]** our spirit [*the Christian's human spirit*] that we are children of God.”

*Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics*, Daniel B. Wallace Th. M., Ph.D.

- This is something the Holy Spirit has been sent to do in the life of every born again believer.
- We have to pay constant attention to this witness, because the bearing witness ministry of God the Holy Spirit is how the believer is *led by the Spirit* - an inner testimony to our human spirit.

**1 Thessalonians 5:19** Do not quench the Spirit.

τὸ πνεῦμα μὴ σβέννυτε

σβέννυμι – SBENNUMI – “To stifle or suppress or hinder”

What **suppresses** this ministry of the Holy Spirit?

- Arrogance
- Dependence upon self
- Leaning on your own ability
- Lack of genuine humility

**Proverbs 3:5** Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding.

- **Trust** – “To trust or rely upon completely”
- **Lean** – “To rest or lean upon something for support”



“have trust and belief in an object to the point of being in jeopardy if the object of trust fails”<sup>1</sup>

This relates to the Holy Spirit in light of His mentorship responsibilities He was sent to fulfill to enable us to live this life for the glory of God.

You have to depend upon Him.

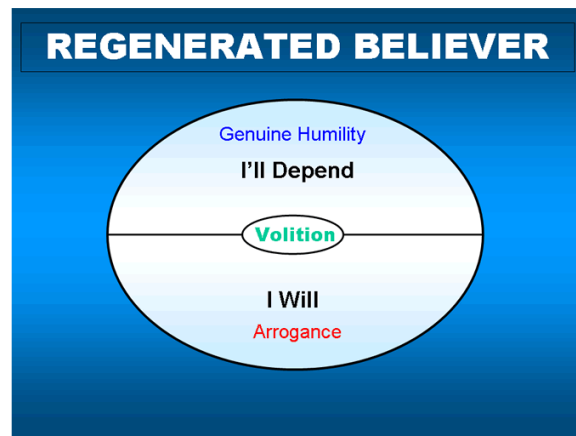
**Galatians 5:16** But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.



POD - The foundation for the supernatural dynamics of the *unique spiritual life* of the Church Age is the indwelling of the Spirit.

<sup>1</sup>Swanson, J. (1997). *Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains: Hebrew (Old Testament)* (electronic ed.) (HGK9128). Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

POD - The fountainhead from which the mentorship responsibilities flow from within is the filling of the Spirit.



POD - The degree of **filling** [controlling influence] is directly proportional to the believer's malleability and dependence while in **fellowship** [the absolute state of harmonious rapport with God].

*Just how does this relate to prayer?*

*Purpose in Prayer, E. M. Bounds*

“In July, 1811, our regiment was ordered for Spain, then the seat of a protracted and sanguinary war. My mind was painfully exercised with the thoughts of leaving my dear wife and four helpless children in a strange country, unprotected and unprovided for. Mr. Bramwell felt a lively interest in our situation, and his sympathizing spirit seemed to drink in all the agonized feelings of my tender wife. He supplicated the throne of grace day and night in our behalf. My wife and I spent the evening previous to our march at a friend's house, in company with Mr. Bramwell, who sat in a very pensive mood, and appeared to be in a spiritual struggle all the time. After supper, he suddenly pulled his hand out of his bosom, laid it on my knee, and said: ‘Brother Riley, mark what I am about to say! You are not to go to Spain. Remember I tell you, you are not; for I have been wrestling with God on your behalf, and when my Heavenly Father condescends in mercy to bless me with power to lay hold on Himself, I do not easily let Him go; no, not until I am favored with an answer. Therefore you may depend upon it that the next time I hear from you, you will be settled in quarters.’ This came to pass exactly as he said. The next day the order for going to Spain was countermanded.”

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*All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.*