

## 7FE6 - The Holy Spirit is at Work with US

### Objective:

- ❖ The work of the Holy Spirit in the believers.

### Memory Verse:

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you” (Acts 1:8).

### Introduction:

#### Points Of Resemblance From Real Life

The fathers likened the work of the Holy Spirit in the soul to a treasure inside porcelain vessel: the vessel is our thick body. It is like a porous stone or a sponge filled with water and when you put it in your hand the water comes out of it spontaneously; the same is with the grace of the Holy Spirit when united with the believer; it fills his mind, thoughts and life. Since the body without a soul is dead, so man without the work of the Holy Spirit is dead.

There are several other similes that befit the secret work of the Holy Spirit and His support to the human soul. The following are examples:

Oil in the lamp is like the Holy Spirit that gives light to the soul. The threads of a textile and vertical lines of which are weak but when interwoven with the horizontal strong bright lines strengthen the textile and its good quality. Fire makes iron easy to shape and in the same manner the work of the Holy Spirit purifies the flesh.

#### I. He Will Reprove Us Of Sin

As a woman lights her house with a lamp to search for the lost coin, thus the Holy Spirit reproves the repentant, and awakens their conscience. When Peter delivered his fluent speech the Holy Spirit pierced the hearts of the audience and those who crucified Christ was among them and when they heard it they were convicted by their own conscience.

“Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles: Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus, ask for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:37, 38).

The Holy Spirit give man hope and encourages him to practice the work of repentance so he rejoices in fasting, prayers and tears.

But if man resists the work of the Holy Spirit, repentance become impossible and salvation cannot be attained. He who blasphemes the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. Blasphemy means that man insists on resisting the work of the Holy Spirit and refusing repentance altogether, and adopting a sharp stand against the work of God as Ananias, Caiaphas and Judas Iscariot did.

#### II. He Sanctifies Us

The Holy Spirit is the good precious treasure and it is He that sanctifies the repentants and washes them then prepares them to become good vessels filled with virtues and gifts.

“But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God” (1 Corinthians 6:11).

In baptism we put on a new dress and the Holy Spirit helps us to keep that dress always new, clean and pure.

### III. The Process Of Sanctification Means Continuous Struggle

#### A. To attain virtues

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control” (Galatians 5:22).

#### B. To attain gifts

“And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues...” (1Corinthians 12:28).

### IV. He Guides

The Holy Spirit always gives enlightenment. No one knows your thoughts but yourself as the soul of man knows man and the Spirit of God knows the works of God and guide us to truth, all truth.

He reminds us of the words of Christ in the time when we need His guidance. This guide dwells in us and gives us advice.

“But the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you; and His anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie, just as it has taught you, abide in Him” (1 John 2:17).

The Spirit guided the apostles and the disciples and the martyrs during persecutions and they spoke and bore witness before governors, rulers, and tyrants and they were never weak and they never refrained from bearing witness and Jesus gave a promise saying:

“But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things” (John 14:26).

### V. He Comforts Us

When the soul settles and rejoices with the work of the Holy Spirit in her, she becomes like a tree planted by streams of water that yields delightful fruit. The Holy Spirit gives her peace and rejoice so that grief are no more, toil appeals to her and the Lord fills our life with everlasting love and grants us good things. The joys of the world do not please the soul that was created in the image of God. The soul of a believer rejoices only in the Lord.

### VI. The Spirit Intercedes For Us

This Greek word, “Paraclete” is composed of two syllables: “Para” meaning beside, and “clete” meaning the accused person in a court of law; meaning in general the defender or lawyer.

The Holy Spirit then defends us and intercedes for us and stands by us in the Divine Court of Justice, therefore He is our only Comforter and perpetual intercessor.

“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words” (Romans 8:26).

### VII. He Sanctifies Us

We said that the work of the Holy Spirit in the soul is like the work of fire in flesh. He prints His mark in the flesh and His mark cannot be erased. This happens in the Mystery of Confirmation where man as a whole, body, thought, self-mind, and heart becomes the Holy Spirit’s possession. It is the fiery Spirit that prints the mark of king Christ in us.

“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were brought with a price. So glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s” (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20).

“Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him. For God’s temple is holy, and that temple you are” (1 Corinthians 3:16,17).

### VIII. A Situation

When sin wages war against you and you hear the voice of the Holy Spirit shout in your heart and guide you, what will you do?

- ❖ Will you try to suppress the Divine Voice?
- ❖ Will you be indifferent?
- ❖ Will you be in favor with sin?
- ❖ Or will you be in favor with the Spirit, submit yourself to Him and offer true repentance?

### Applications:

From the Prayer Book, study by heart the third hour passages as they are all about the Holy Spirit.

Obey the Lord and follow His commandments. Seek the effectiveness of the Holy Spirit in your prayers all the time. When you live for truth, the flame of the Holy Spirit will move your heart. When you love the commandment of the Lord Jesus Christ, your heart will be kindled with the fire of the Spirit.

### Prayer:

- ❖ Holy Spirit of God let my whole life be yours. Grant me the spirit of submission and repentance. Let my tears be pure and guide me so that I may not be alone in the wilderness of this world that is full of thorns and do not leave me in the middle of the road.
- ❖ I need your kind comfort and acceptable intercession, and your precious instructions. O King of life, I promise that I will worship You and obey your commandments all my life.
- ❖ Holy Father receive my soul, my life and my destiny.
- ❖ Holy Son, dwell in my heart.
- ❖ Holy Spirit, sanctify my body which is filled with sin and purify me of the defilement of both body and soul and grant me the spiritual life so that I may walk in the way of the Spirit and not complete the lust of the flesh.