

..... the motions of confessing our sins, but not being truly sorry for our sins. Our motives for confession will also be wrong. Without the Spirit, we confess our sins because we don't want to go to hell instead of because we really love Jesus.

*Question: What is the result of man seeking to be sanctified WITHOUT the Holy Spirit?

*Answer: Seeing that the Holy Spirit purifies our mind and helps us to overcome sin, a form of godliness will result in hypocrisy as the Scribes and Pharisees. We might try to do right without the Spirit, but will fail because without God's help, we can do nothing. Repeated failure results in the belief that victory is impossible. Human nature will often, then, invent some work that we like doing for God in hopes to appease the wrath of God and justify our cherished iniquities. This is righteousness by works instead of faith! On that day, Jesus will say "I never knew you, depart from me!" (See Matt. 7:21-23)

7) How is the last church of Revelation described? -Revelation 3:14-17.

1 - "And unto the angel of the church of the Laod____ans write;...thou art neither c____d nor h__t: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art luk____rm, and neither ____ld nor hot, I will spue thee out of my m____th. Because thou sayest, I am r____h, and increased with g____ods, and have need of no____ing; and knowest not that thou art wr____ched, and miserable, and p____or, and bl____d, and n____ed:"

*Note: The Laodicean Church is the last of the 7 churches of Revelation and represents the condition of the church right before Jesus comes. They are lukewarm, seeking to please God and the flesh at the same time. They have a form of godliness with NO HOLY GHOST!

8) What SPECIAL message is given to the help save this church? -Revelation 3:18-21.

1 - "I counsel thee to buy of me g____d tried in the f____e, that thou mayest be rich; and w____te rai____nt, that thou mayest be c____thed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and an____nt thine eyes with Eye____lve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I re____ke and ch____ten: be zealous therefore, and re____nt. Behold, I stand at the door, and kn____k: if any man hear my voice, and open the d____r, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

*Note: Here are the steps to go from a form of godliness to primitive godliness:

1 - The gold tried in fire is in reference to faith. (See 1 Peter 1:7) In order to experience primitive godliness, we must have faith in the Power of the Holy Ghost to help us overcome our sins and fiery trials of persecution that come from family, friends and associates. As the fire purifies the gold, the trials purify our faith!

2 - The white raiment represents Christ's Righteousness. Quit putting faith in your own works to makes you righteous. Instead, have faith in Jesus to give you His righteousness!

3 - The "eyesalve" represents the spiritual discernment of the Holy Spirit. Pray for the Holy Spirit to remove the blindfold that prevents you from seeing your true spiritual condition!

4 - As the Holy Spirit reveals to us our sins, sincerely repent!

5 - Let Jesus come fully into your heart and remain there in all that you do!

Appeal) Will you follow the steps to experience primitive godliness? ____.

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When you read the book of Acts, you see a dramatic difference between the church of that time and the church of our time. The biggest difference is the lack of Holy Ghost power! According to the Bible, the churches of the last days will have a form of godliness denying the power of the Holy Ghost. The good news is, God will bring about a reformation and revival of primitive godliness in our present time! How can you experience this revival? Complete this lesson with KJV Bible and find out!

1) How important is it that God's people receive of the Holy Spirit?

-Roman 8:9, 14.

1 - "Now if any man have not the Sp____it of Ch____st, he is n____e of h____s."

2 - "For as many as are l____d by the S____rit of G____d, they are the s____s of G____."

*Note: According to the Bible, if we are NOT filled with the Holy Ghost, we are none of His! We can be in the right church and can have a good understanding of the Bible, but if we are NOT filled with the Holy Spirit, we are NONE of His. Therefore, without the Spirit, we are children of the Devil and being used as his agents to be a stumbling block and corrupt God's church.



*Question: Why is the Holy Ghost essential to be children of God and for us to be saved?

*Answer: The Holy Spirit is very much involved in the righteousness by faith experience!

*Note: Righteousness by Faith is a 2 Part Process. The first part is Imputed Righteousness, which is known as justification. Justification is the process of sinful man being made just through faith in Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. The second part is Imparted Righteousness, which is known as sanctification. Sanctification is the process of sinful man experiencing a change of character, which is our thoughts, habits, words and actions.

2) How is the Holy Spirit involved in JUSTIFICATION? -Romans 5:5.

1 - "The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost."



*Note: The only reason why a person would ever have a desire to learn about God and worship the Creator is because either they or someone else prayed for God's Spirit to work on their heart! If it wasn't for the Holy Spirit, we would have never cared to want to learn about God and we, especially, would not have godly sorrow for our sins, which leads us to confess and repent! "We can no more repent without the Spirit of Christ to awaken the conscience than we can be pardoned without Christ." -White, E.G. Steps to Christ, pg. 26.

3) What work does the Holy Spirit do within our conscience, which leads to justification? -John 16:7, 8.

1 - "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will remove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment."

*Note: The Holy Spirit reproves your conscience! On the Day of Pentecost, the people present were "pricked in the heart." (See Acts 2:37) Their consciences were "violently agitated" to the point where they experienced godly sorrow, which lead to repentance and justification! As a result, three thousand souls were converted in a day!



*Note: The Holy Spirit makes our conscience sensitive to sin. He will agitate our conscience when.....



...we are watching impure things, venting angry words, telling lies and eating things we shouldn't.

4) What is another function of the Holy Spirit in Justification? -Hebrews 10:21, 22.

1 - "And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water."

*Note: The sprinkling of the conscience represents the assurance from the Divine Comforter that our sins are forgiven, which soothes a guilty conscience. The Holy Spirit gives comfort to the heart when we are overwhelmed with regret over our past failures and mistakes. He reminds us that our confessed sins are "cast into the depths of the sea." -Micah 7:19.

5) How involved is the Holy Spirit in the process of sanctification? -1 Peter 1:2, Romans 8:5-9, John 6:63, Galatians 5:16.

1 - "According to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit."

2 - "They that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit."

3 - "It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

4 - "Work in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."

*Note: The Bible says that sanctification comes through the Spirit, therefore, it is impossible to be sanctified without the Holy Spirit. In what ways does the Holy Spirit sanctify us? Here are 3 ways:

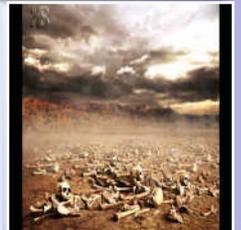
- 1 - The Holy Spirit changes our mind by taking away the hatred for the law of God, which is the natural inclination of our sinful nature. He changes the hatred into a love for God and His law.
- 2 - The Holy Spirit quickens us, which means to give spiritual life. He gives us the spiritual power to do right, even when we don't feel like it!
- 3 - The Holy Spirit gives us the power to resist temptation. The flesh will still prompt you to sin, but the Spirit will keep you from giving into temptation.

*Warning: The Holy Ghost is essential in sanctification, yet many churches don't teach or preach about the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit is a matter little thought of, the Holy Spirit is NOT given and spiritual drought, darkness and spiritual death are the result!

6) What vision did God give to the prophet Ezekiel that was a depiction of Israel's spiritual condition? -Ezekiel 37:1, 2.

1 - "The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry."

*Note: Ezekiel's vision is a depiction of God's people when they attempt to follow God WITHOUT the power and spiritual life of the Holy Spirit. We may attend church on a weekly basis and go through the motions of worship, but without the Holy Spirit, there will be no character development, no real love for your brother, nor desire to witness and share your faith. In the New Testament, Paul refers to this experience as a "form of godliness" "denying the power thereof." (2 Timothy 3:5)



*Question: What is the result of man seeking to be justified from sin WITHOUT the Holy Spirit?

*Answer: Seeing that the Holy Spirit puts within us the love of God and godly sorrow for sin, a "form of godliness" without the Holy Spirit will result in us going through....