Act 3: The Holy Spirit

Lift the curtains ...as you prepare yourself for the true meaning of Revelation!

And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
[Genesis 1:2]







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Greetings from your fellow journeyer

Dear Ones,

Greetings in His most precious name.

To say that I am excited about this series would be an understatement. Why such an excitement? This has been brewing in me since 2018. I had just returned from a few fulfilling projects in South America that gave me daily joy. It was not an easy journey but God remained present throughout.

In 2018, the Lord beckoned me into 9 months of quiet. Except for voluntarily loving and mentoring hundreds of leaders through some Joy-at-Work teachings, it was an amazing time of quiet reflection on just two scriptures!

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me (Psalm 51:11) and I will not give my glory to another (Isaiah 42:8).

Oh, how David's cry in Psalm 51:11 became my *own* cry as I started to really focus on the Holy Spirit more than ever before. What an endearing experience! What I felt was not fear of losing the Holy Spirit but rather; a longing to be so one with Him that I would not miss any of what He is in my life. A deep desire to yield to Him in a way that would cause me not to miss any aspect of who and what I desired to be for them – meaning the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

It made sense that Isaiah followed!:) If we truly embrace this 3rd person of the Blessed Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) then we better understand the wonders that we will see in our own lives and journeys. When we do, we are humbly reminded that it is all for God's glory, not ours – He will not give His glory to another.

So, all that we steward, including the wonderful works of the Holy Spirit, are toward the purpose of glorifying God! We are one with Him so we enjoy the flight too but the focus is on Him.

Now more than ever as we see in Revelation the ending of the old world that is evident all around us – God is coming forth in His full reign as He puts His leaders in place. To rise to this calling in His Royal Cabinet, the only way is through the Holy Spirit. God moves through Him. Jesus moves through Him and we must do the same. There is no way around this.

From 2018 to now, revelation about the working of the Holy Spirit kept bubbling in my heart that led to this sharing. You will see what I mean as this series gets rolled out. I join you in total ecstasy as, together, we enjoy all that is in store for us through the Blessed Trinity: God's *authority*, Jesus' *example* and the Holy Spirit's *enabling*. All housed within us – their temple!:)

Love, Date

INTRODUCTION

So ... who is the Holy Spirit and why this series of messages that draw our focus to Him? Why the urgency now?

We may think ... "But He is *just* spirit". Yes, He is spirit like God is and as Jesus is. But not 'just spirit'. Many of us have personally experienced their love, support, presence, and touch more than we could with any human being. Experiences that are unquestionable. Experiences which convince us that they are alive and well in us if only we make way for them to be one with us.

I will start by saying this. The Holy Spirit is all of the following and more. We will see how each of these comes alive in us as we move forward with this series:

- He is appointed by God.
- He is a part of the Blessed Trinity.
- He is a person with whom we can relate.
- He is one with whom we enjoy fellowship daily.
- He is all that God is to us.
- He is all that Jesus is to us.
- He is our enabler for righteousness' sake.
- He is our life; we exist because of Him.



Some months ago, I awoke to what looked like this graphic as I heard a clear voice say in haste: "Let's go ...". From then to now my heart is even more alert to His voice.

Let us review His characteristics and the <u>fruit</u> of His presence as per Galatians 5:22-23. You may have noticed that I underlined the word 'fruit'. Some years ago, while having tea with a brother in the ministry, he shared that after many years of deep research and translation of the Bible into some 18 different languages in his region, he learned the complications that can arise through translation. During his time of research, he discovered the *true* meaning of the following scripture: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such, there is no law" (Galatians 5:22-23). Rewriting what he said as follows:

But the **fruit of the Spirit is love**: joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such, there is no law.

The fruit of the Spirit is love with a ':' (colon) that was omitted through translations then followed by all that love is ... joy, peace and so forth. Immediately this 'truth' witnessed to me. Because having majored in a language myself and connected with seasoned professionals in the area of translation and interpretation, we know words and meanings and concepts can get distorted through the process. It also made grammatical sense: "... the *fruit* of the Spirit *is* love and not the *fruits* of the Spirit *are* love, joy, peace, etc. Furthermore, it supports what we read that the greatest of them all is *love* (1 Corinthians 13: 13).

You will notice that I repeatedly share that the Bible is to be read with the Holy Spirit. After some intense studies with Harvard University in exploring Christianity through its scriptures, I left this classroom of teaching being even more in love with and thirsting after the Holy Spirit. Totally dependent on Him to bring the Word of God alive to me so that I can speak it and live it with His flawless guidance. Outside of the Holy Spirit, there can be some level of confusion and misinterpretation as we look at the many translations of the Bible that exist today. Without Him, I would not know what to read or how to interpret what I am reading. But with Him, all is made clear with an inner peace and also, how to apply it all to my life.

This multifaceted fruit of love that comes from the Holy Spirit is made so real in our lives as we explore each facet in more detail through these messages. Here is the list:

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- Joy
- o Peace
- o Patience
- Kindness
- Goodness
- o Faithfulness
- Gentleness
- Self-Control

As we continue exploring everything about the Holy Spirit, we are able to better understand and relate to the following scripture wherein we see that we truly lack nothing with Him. He fills us with all we could ever need:

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by his own glory and goodness (2 Peter 1:3).

I have no idea how many messages will be rolled out in this Holy Spirit Series. I just felt the need to get started as I leave the rest to Him. All things belong to Him and with time, He reveals to us as He desires: The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us ...

Deuteronomy 29:29(a).

For now, let us treat this Holy Spirit Series journey as Part 1 with the first 10 messages that I saw. We will see if this extends into other parts with additional messages as we keep listening.

Here is a glimpse of the first 10 messages in Part 1:

- 1. God ushered in the Holy Spirit in preparation for His voice at the onset of creation.
- 2. God partnered with the Holy Spirit in creating us.
- 3. Through the Holy Spirit, we experience the fullness of the Blessed Trinity individually as three unique persons and together, as one God.
- 4. How we enjoy the fullness of God through the Holy Spirit.
- 5. How we enjoy a daily relationship with Jesus through the Holy Spirit.
- 6. How we enjoy the Holy Spirit by releasing our lives to Him.
- 7. How do the characteristics of the Holy Spirit apply to us today.
- 8. How do the fruit of the Holy Spirit define our days.
- 9. How can I enjoy all that the Holy Spirit is in my life.
- 10. The Holy Spirit is a friend with whom we enjoy a love journey and sweet fellowship 24/7.

God bless you precious one.

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MESSAGE #1

God ushered in the Holy Spirit in preparation for His Voice at the Onset of Creation!

The purpose of this first message is for us to note who God chose to prepare creation for His voice. Yes ... His Holy Spirit. In the most beautiful way, He ushered in this part of His Trinitarian Leadership.

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the **Spirit of God** moved upon the face of the waters (Genesis 1:1-2).

He did not have to do this - after all, He is God. But He did. We will see how the work of the Holy Spirit continues on throughout the Bible - God's grand narrative that is God's beautiful journey with His Son and with His Holy Spirit. The three-part leadership He put in place for our salvation and for the fulfilment of our divine purpose.

Then God said, let there be light: and there was light (Genesis 1:3).

Please note that it was the voice of God that said: "Let there be light". What then was the role of the Holy Spirit prior to that? The Holy Spirit prepared creation to respond to the voice of God. This is the same God who spoke to the winds and the sea and they were calmed:

What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him (Matthew 8:25b).

Nature responds to Him! He is God. But the preparation, the innermost working, the moving through is what He has assigned to His Holy Spirit.

What God designed cannot be altered. The leadership He has put in place is what we have available to us. With respect to the Holy Spirit, we are dead without Him:

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. (James 2:26).

He is our only hope for today as we rise with Him and through Him above all that is happening around us. There is nothing greater than He who is within us.

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the **Holy Ghost** (Romans 15:13).

I trust this has blessed you anew or confirmed what was already in your heart. Oh, I get *goose bumps* as this is understood and becomes fully resident within me. Why? Because Jesus lovingly made me one with them (John 14:20) so I am a part of this Trinity's work. I have all the qualities of God and all of the privileges and benefits that come with the DNA that I share with God. You too!

We lack nothing for He did not just share part of Himself with us, He made us fully in His image!

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth (Genesis 1:26).

Wow, what a God who knew what His people were from the inception or would become and yet did not withdraw the Royal Inheritance He designed and desired for us from the beginning. Oh dear, how do we compare this with our earthly families who deprive us quickly of our inheritance if or when we fail to please them by not doing all that they demand of us? Yet here is a perfect God who chooses to remain with us whether we are up in the mountains or down in the valleys.

It does not matter where we find ourselves, He is there. It does not matter who we are or are not. It does not matter if we love or deny Him, who He is within us is unchangeable and immovable:

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there (Psalm 139:8).

Is it not comforting at this time to know that in an everchanging world, we serve a never-changing God? Oh, praise His name for He is our God forever.

LIVING THIS MESSAGE TODAY

As shared, this all came alive to me in a deeper way in 2018. I was aware of the Holy Spirit. I heard of the experiences of others including their being filled with the Holy Spirit and so forth. There was no question about the power of the Trinity or that the Holy Spirit was a special part of the Trinity. But the fresh awakening in 2018 was about the whole reality of knowing the Holy Spirit as a *person* as well as His extraordinary role divinely created by God, enjoyed by Jesus and available to us. Oh ... speechless as this all became such a reality. It truly transformed my life!

From 2018, I realized the amazing experience of stepping into each day with God's authority, Jesus's example and the Holy Spirit's enabling. But what does this really mean? I know from the start of my day, I can take control of my life because I have God's authority and made in His full image. He gave me all that He is and has so I can call forth what is to be. I have Jesus as my example so as I better understand His life on earth, I try to pattern my own life after Him. I also learned how to throw myself on the Holy Spirit as I totally depend on Him. This helps because I do not have to be concerned about anything. He carries my weight. Your life too can be transformed as you let the Holy Spirit move through you. It is a daily joy that is unspeakable. Enjoy!:)

~ YOUR PERSONAL REFLECTION ~

- 1. What does this message mean in your life today? What stood out to you?
- 2. God placed the Holy Spirit over His creation in the very beginning so that we could clearly hear the Father's voice and do His Will. How does this apply to your life today?
- 3. What territories has He given you authority over today home, work, communities?
- 4. What do you think happens when you too ask the Holy Spirit to move upon your territories as God did?
- 5. God made you and gave you His full DNA. You have all it takes to keep co-creating this world with Him. But do you see where you cannot answer this creative calling without the Holy Spirit who enables you daily?



Dear Father,

Thank you for loving us. You created us in your own image knowing who we were and who we would become. Yet you chose to share your complete DNA with us. We lack nothing that you are. What a God! What a Heavenly Father!

We are grateful for your leadership that we can enjoy today as we dwell on this earth for your pleasure. Whatever each moment may present before us, we have your *authority*, the *example* of your Son and the *enabling* of your Holy Spirit. Through your Blessed Trinity that is housed within us, your temple, we have all that we could ever need to triumph in this life.

You created us. You purposed us. You empowered us. You equipped us with all of your teachings through your Holy Word. May you guide us daily as this living Word becomes our beacon.

Amen