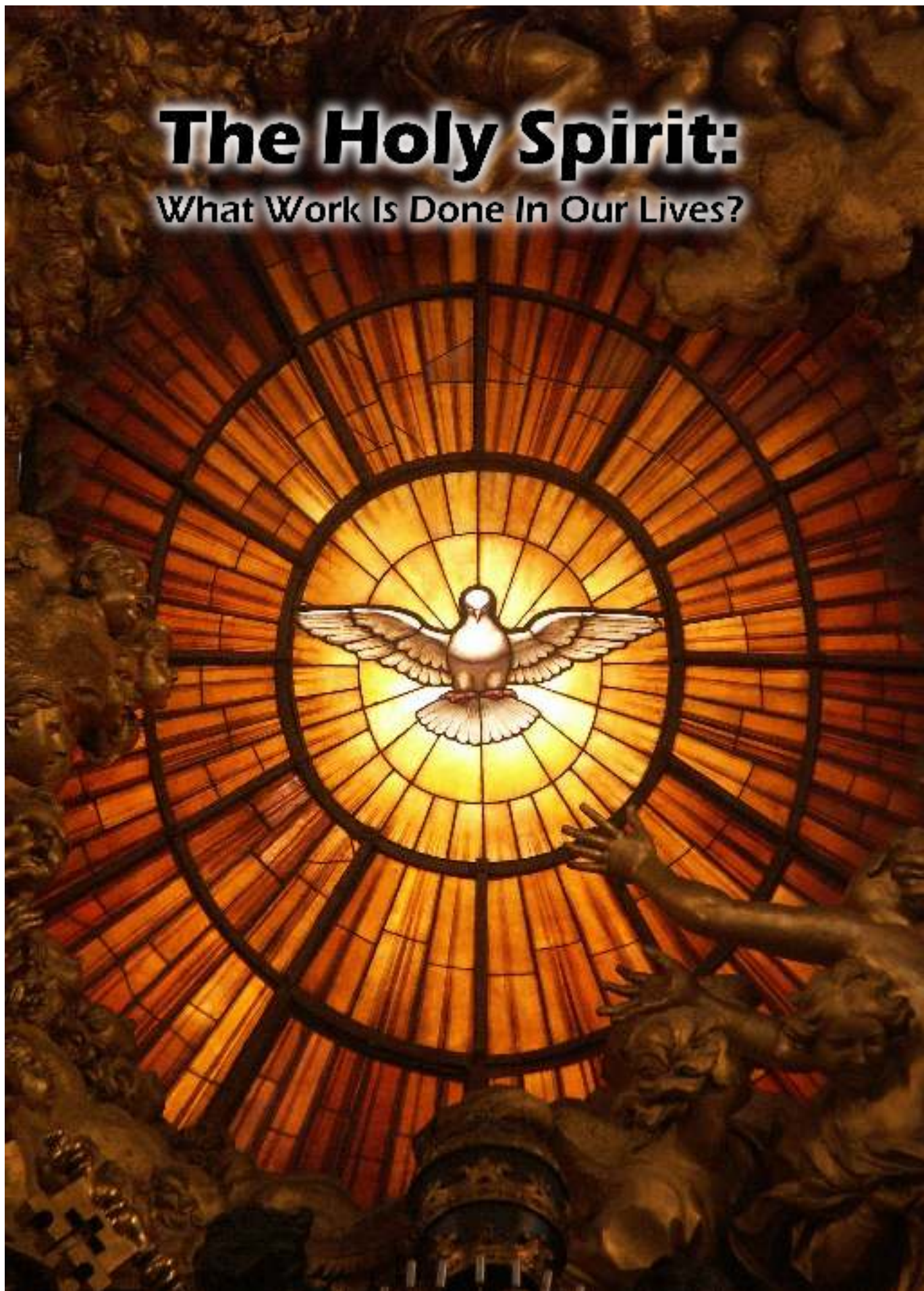


# **The Holy Spirit:**

What Work Is Done In Our Lives?



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## The Pentecostal Wind and Fire

*Acts 2:3-4*

What event happens that seriously change how the work of the Spirit is seen in Scripture? \_\_\_\_\_

One of the challenges we face is the idea that Scripture is an OLD book, and not relevant for today. Let's look at Micah 2:7, in the King James: "O *thou* that art named the house of Jacob, is the spirit of the Lord straitened? are these his doings? do not my words do good to him that walketh uprightly?" The word **straitened** is the Hebrew word *qâtsar*. It means to curtail, or cut down, cut short. What does this mean when applied to the work of the Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

### *The Instructive Symbols of the Holy Spirit*

In verses 2 and 3, what major events happen that show the work of the Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

Consider Nahum 1:3 - what is happening here? \_\_\_\_\_

How is God described in Hebrews 12:29? \_\_\_\_\_

In Isaiah 6:1-7, what work does fire do? \_\_\_\_\_

### *The Immediate Effects of Pentecost*

What two effects happen to those who encounter the Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

Micah 3:8 - what is the filling FOR? \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 10:18-20 - why are we enabled to speak? \_\_\_\_\_

### *The Primary Message of the Holy Spirit*

After Peter is filled with the Spirit, look at the content of his first message. He brings up three concepts. What do you see in verses 21 and 32-36? \_\_\_\_\_

And in verse 38? \_\_\_\_\_

And in verse 39? \_\_\_\_\_

### *The Glorious Results of Pentecost*

What happens to the hearers in verse 37? \_\_\_\_\_

In verses 41-47? \_\_\_\_\_

# Our Urgent Need of the Holy Spirit

*Romans 15:13-19*

As you read this passage, what works of the Spirit become clear to you? \_\_\_\_\_

How would the life of the Church be different if we saw the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives?

## *Spiritual Life*

Look at John 6:63. What does Jesus teach us about what the Spirit does in us?

What about 2 Cor. 3:6? \_\_\_\_\_

## *Illumination*

What event happens in Ephesians 1:17-18?

What does this work of the Spirit look like in you?

## *Adoption*

Consider Galatians 4:6. How does this impact your understanding of who you are in Christ?

## *Holiness*

What is the importance of Ephesians 5:25-27 in the life of the believer? What role does the Spirit play in this? \_\_\_\_\_

## *Prayer*

Can you connect the teaching in Romans 8:26 and Ephesians 6:18? How does this work?

## *Fellowship*

What role does the Spirit have in the practice of fellowship, according to Philippians 2:1-2?

## *The Comforter*

Read John 14:16,26. How is the Spirit described? \_\_\_\_\_  
What functions does the Spirit provide for us?

Galatians 5:16-25 describes what it's like to walk in the Spirit. What stands out to you?

## The Comforter

*John 14:16-17, 26;*

What does the word "another" imply to you? \_\_\_\_\_

What is Jesus telling us about the Spirit in these verses?

### *How the Holy Spirit is the Paraclete*

Look at John 10:1-8. How are we to respond to Jesus? What does that mean about the Spirit?

A quote from Spurgeon: "All that Jesus was, the Spirit of God is now to the church." What do you think of this?

Look again at 14:17. What is noteworthy about the Spirit here?

Look at 14:26. What work does the Spirit do in us?

With that in mind, how can we understand the teachings of Jesus?

Let's read John 15:26-27. What does the Spirit do in us here?

In John 16:8, what does the Spirit do? \_\_\_\_\_

And in 16:10? \_\_\_\_\_

And Romans 8:1-6? \_\_\_\_\_

Now for John 16:12-15. What else does the Spirit do in us?

### *The Holy Spirit's Comfort*

At the beginning of Jesus' discourse, he begins with a startling statement in John 14:15. What does this have to do with what the Spirit does in us?

### *Thoughts and Conclusions*

Finally, more quotes from Spurgeon:

- "Take care to never impute the vain imaginings of your fancy to Him."
- "When my Lord and Master has any message to me, He knows where I am, and He will send it to me direct."
- "Love the Spirit, worship the Spirit, trust the Spirit, obey the Spirit, and as a church, cry mightily to the Spirit." ~ Thoughts?

# The Heavenly Wind

*John 3:1-21*

There are two crucial truths taught in this section of John's Gospel: 1) justification by Jesus, and 2) sanctification by the Spirit. How do you understand these to be similar? How do you understand them to be different? \_\_\_\_\_  
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As Jesus describes the work of the Holy Spirit in this chapter, what stands out to you?  
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## *The Holy Spirit Himself*

The word for "spirit" and "wind" is the same in Greek: \_\_\_\_\_

## *The Spirit's Freeness*

How do we control the wind? \_\_\_\_\_

How do we control the Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

What are some laws that dictate how the wind will act?  
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What are some laws that dictate how the Spirit will act?  
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## *The Spirit's Manifestations*

Look at Romans 10:17: how can we detect the action of the Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Ezekiel 37:1-10. What is significant about "wind" here?  
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## *The Spirit's Mystery*

As we read 1 Corinthians 2:7-13, how do we understand the workings of the Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

How does Isaiah 26:3-4 affect this?  
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## *Those Who Are Born Of The Spirit*

According to John 8:36, and 2 Corinthians 3:17, what happens to us when we surrender to the Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

How does that work out in everyday life?  
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## "Honey in the Mouth"

### *Psalms 34:1-8*

Ralph Erskine was an 18<sup>th</sup> century Scottish preacher. He wrote an analogy to explain the Trinity that Spurgeon thought noteworthy, especially as it pertains to the work of the Holy Spirit. Erskine taught that the work of the Father was like honey in the flower, beyond our ability to get ourselves. The Son is like the honey in the comb, prepared for us. And finally, the Spirit is like honey in the mouth - the Spirit takes all of Christ, and makes Him known to us, indeed, putting His spirit IN us. With that concept in mind, how does that shape your understanding of these verses in Psalm 34?

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Consider Colossians 1:19: what does "all his fullness dwell" mean?

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Look at John 1:16. How does that tie the Colossians verse in with the work of the Holy Spirit in us?

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### *The Showing of the Holy Spirit*

Let's look at what Jesus says about the Spirit in John 16:12-13. What is the work that the Spirit will do in us?

How does this work effect the process of discernment in the believer?

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Look at 2 Timothy 1:14. What do this mean for the believer?

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Consider Romans 8:9-11. What does this mean for our everyday lives?

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Let's read the end of Jesus' prayer in John 17:20-21. How will the world know about Christ?

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What does that look like, according to John 17:22-23?

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### *The Aiming of the Holy Spirit*

Let's return to what Jesus says about the Spirit in John 16:14-15. What is the goal of the Spirit?

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What is the aim of our Christian experience, according to Colossians 1:27-28?

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How is this accomplished by the Spirit?

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### *The Comforting of the Holy Spirit*

In chapter 2 of Philippians, we're given an emotive description of what life in Christ is like. What stands out to you?

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How is the Spirit responsible for this?

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What is the Spirit DOING as this happens among us?

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# The Superlative Excellence of the Holy Spirit

## *The Physical Presence of Christ*

Let's read what Jesus says about the Spirit in John 16:7. What is the benefit of Jesus leaving?

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How is the Spirit's presence better for the Church as a whole than the physical presence of Christ?

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## *The Presence of Christ through the Holy Spirit*

What does Jesus teach in Matthew 18:20? How is this possible today?

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In 2 Corinthians 5:16, Paul mentions that the view of Christ has changed. How so?

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## *The Enabling of the Holy Spirit*

Read the prophecy of the Spirit's arrival in Joel 2:28-29. How is the human experience changed because of the presence of the Spirit?

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## *Accomplishments of the Presence of the Comforter*

We've looked at the arrival of the Spirit at Pentecost. Let's go back and look at the three manifestations of the Spirit, and see what they continue to do in the life of the Church (Acts 2:2-4):

~Wind

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~Fire

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~Tongues

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## *Effects of the Presence of the Comforter*

A prophecy about God's work is given in Zechariah 4:1-6. What is the promise given?

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How does that promise point to the work of the Spirit?

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## *Effects of the Absence of the Comforter*

Read Romans 7:14-18. What are we able to do for God in our own strength? Why?

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Finally, read Job 14:4: can we make ourselves good enough for the use of the Spirit? Why or why not?

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# Receiving the Holy Ghost

## *Paul's Diagnostic question*

Acts 19:2 contains a crucial question for the life of the believer.

How does this question affect us today? What issues does it raise?

## *Essentials of the Question*

*Essential #1:* Look at the statement in Isaiah 54:13. What is accomplished?

What does this mean about the spiritual things we learn as we walk with Christ?

*Essential #2:* Read John 3:3, and 2 Corinthians 3:18. What is happening?

*Essential #3:* Look at the process described in 1 Peter 1:3-5. What must happen?

What are its components that need to be present?

*Essential #4:* Look at part of Jesus' prayer, in John 17:17-19. What does Jesus do via the Spirit?

Why would that make a difference?

*Essential #5:* To what are we driven, according to Romans 8:26?

Why is that important?

How is it effectually changed by the presence of the Spirit?

## *Further Benefits from the Question*

There is so much more to the Christian life than just the essentials. To live only according to what is required is a pretty stark reality. Let's look at some verses that expand our understanding of what the Spirit does among us, through us, or for us:

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 -

Acts 13:52 -

John 16:3 -

2 Corinthians 3:17 -

2 Timothy 1:7 -

## *The Lessons from the Question*

According to Romans 1:17, how will we live?

Look at 1 Peter 1:8-9. What is ongoing here?

And finally, consider Romans 15:13. What's happening?

# An Intimate Knowledge of the Holy Spirit

## *Knowing and Being Known*

In John 14:16-17, Jesus teaches about knowledge and the Spirit. How do they interact?

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According to Romans 8:9, what is the indicator that we are known by the Spirit?

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## *How do we Know the Spirit?*

What does Jesus say in John 14:26?

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Back up a bit, to verses 17-21. What is Jesus teaching us about the Spirit in these verses?

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Look at Romans 12:7-11. What does this show about knowing the Spirit?

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In Acts 11:18, what are we given? How is that gift delivered, and what does it look like? (*cf. 2Ti:25-26*)

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What else is given, according to Ephesians 1:17?

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What does the Lord do, based on Isaiah 30:19-21?

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## *What do we gain?*

1 Corinthians 2:9-16 tells us a lot about what happens when the Spirit is at work. What do you see?

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In the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20), how does the Spirit fulfill Jesus' words?

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And what does that practically look like, according to 1 Corinthians 3:16?

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What happened to Jesus, according to Acts 10:37-38?

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Why is this important to know for us?

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# Grieving the Holy Spirit

## *The Love of the Spirit*

In Ephesians 4:30, Paul gives his readers an instruction that is both simple and complex:

How does grief apply to the Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

Let's look at a progression in Scripture. First, we'll read Deuteronomy 31:6-8. What is the promise given? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the context of that promise? \_\_\_\_\_

Next, read Joshua 1:5. What promise is given here? \_\_\_\_\_

And what is its context? \_\_\_\_\_

Finally, look in 1 Kings 8:57 for a promise: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you see any differences? \_\_\_\_\_

What could account for that? \_\_\_\_\_

Lastly, let's move to the New Testament, and read Hebrews 13:5-6. Same promise given, but what context is changed here? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Romans 8:26. What work is the Spirit doing in us? \_\_\_\_\_

What does that demonstrate? \_\_\_\_\_

## *We Are Sealed by the Holy Spirit*

Back to Ephesians 4:30, look at the second half of the verse. What does that mean to you? \_\_\_\_\_

To gain further insight, let's look at Malachi 3:17. How does the Lord view us? \_\_\_\_\_

What does Ephesians 1:13-14 tell us? \_\_\_\_\_

## *The Grieving of the Holy Spirit*

Jeremiah 2:13 gives a graphic example of the circumstances which result in God's grief: \_\_\_\_\_

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 shows how Moses pleads with the people. What is he challenging them to do? \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 2:9-14 shows us the interaction that the Spirit does in us. If the Spirit is grieved, what does verse 14 show us? \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 3:16 gives us a wonderful reminder about how to come out of this time of grieving. How does this impact your life? \_\_\_\_\_

# Praying in the Holy Ghost

## *Jude 20*

The 20<sup>th</sup> verse of Jude gives us two instructions:

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What are the methods by which we can engage the first instruction?

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Consider the 21<sup>st</sup> verse. How might praying in the Holy Spirit enable us to carry this out?

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## *The True Test of Our Prayers*

Consider the form of our prayer, as discussed in Matt. 6:7:

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The Context of public prayer (Matt. 6:5)

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Conviction of our private prayer (Gen. 32:24-29)

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## *A Reason for Gladness*

Ps. 103:13-14: How does this help us understand prayer? \_\_\_\_\_

And what role does the Holy Spirit play here? \_\_\_\_\_

How does the promise in Ps. 34:15 affect your attitude about prayer? \_\_\_\_\_

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## *How Then Shall We Pray?*

Rom. 15:13 - \_\_\_\_\_

Rom. 8:27 - \_\_\_\_\_

John 4:23-24 - \_\_\_\_\_

Rom. 12:11 - \_\_\_\_\_

Eph. 6:18 - \_\_\_\_\_

Rom. 1:4 - \_\_\_\_\_

Ps. 45:1,4 - \_\_\_\_\_

2 Thes 2:13 - \_\_\_\_\_

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## *The Assurance of Prayer*

I John 5:14-15 - if God prompts our prayer by the Holy Spirit, we can know that

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