

## But when the Holy Spirit Comes on You

### ***Beginning Remarks***

*Jesus Christ has forever overcome the world. All those who are in him will enjoy the blessing of his triumph. Lord Christ has given his saints “the most complete answer”. <1:1-11→ 1:13-14→ 2:1-4> of Acts record the spiritual principle (formula) by which all those belonging to Christ will triumph over all things. Saints should live their lives according to this principle whether at home or at work or in serving the kingdom. If a saint is able to do this regardless of his situation, he’ll be assured of a future like that of Abraham, Moses, David and Paul.*

**\*\* Scripture Reading: Acts 1:1-14, 2:1-4**

### **1. The Lord gave us “the only way” = “by the Holy Spirit”**

*The H.S. is with me, moves me, protects me, and guides me; my soul hungers and thirsts for righteousness and seeks the Lord’s good will; I ask the Lord’s help; I, am compassionate; my heart starts to burn within me when I see a vision; etc. All of the above are the work of the H.S. in my heart. The Lord always stresses that we have to understand what the indwelling, the work and the power of the H.S. (God the Father and Christ) are and that we “live by him” in everything.*

#### **1) Lord Jesus Christ has revealed to us all the secrets of God <1:1-11= O.T. + the entirety of the messages of the Four Gospel books>**

\* After his death and resurrection and the completion of all his work, Lord Jesus breathed on his disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit”. <Joh 20:22>

① Word becoming flesh ② Death and Resurrection ③ Ascension to Heaven and power over the Thorne ④ Gain his people, his Second Coming, Judgment and reigning over all forever

#### **2) When the disciples who knew the secrets of Christ were gathered in prayers, the H.S. came on them. <1:13-14→ 2:1-4>**

**3) At the moment they were blessed, doors opened unto them for the spread of the gospel; they witnessed to the Lord, thereby changing the world and history. <2:5-47→ the work of the entire book of Acts>**

**4) At the moment I heard and believed the gospel of Christ, the same thing happened to me. <Eph 1:13-14; Joh 1:12-13; 1Cor 3:16, 12:3>**

**5) That’s why the Lord wants us to think, speak and live “by the H.S.” <1The 5:19; Eph 4:30, 5:17-19 >**

### **2. How to do it all “by the H.S.”?**

*Scriptural references to “by the H.S.”, “Do not put out the spirit’s fire”, and “to be filled with the H.S.”, for example, are all imperative sentences. Of course the H.S. is the spirit that actively moves our spirit. But when we, the born again and beloved saints, seek him and trust*

*in him, the H.S. sets to work right away and reveals himself to us. At the same time he truly knows how to live by the H.S., a saint will enjoy “every good and perfect gift from above”. <Eph 1:3; Jam 1:17-18 Before we can seek to live “by the H.S.”, we have to master the following “five secrets”:*

**1) <Eph 1:13-14; 1Cor 2:1-5> The H.S. starts to work we begin to judge all things by “the essence of the gospel of Christ”.**

① The principle and purpose of the creation of man ② man’s fundamental problems ③ Jesus Christ ④ Evidence as God’s children ⑤ Blessings prepared for his children

**2) <Rom 8:15-17> The H.S. starts to work in my heart when I judge all things “with the heart of a son”.**

**3) <Rom 8:26; Joh 14:26; Jam 1:5> The H.S. starts to work when his children seek their “heavenly Father’s good will”.**

**4) <Joh 15:26> When I judge all the relative conditions, phenomena, things and people by the “absolute facts” (10 facts), the H.S. starts to work, revealing to me God’s good will.**

**5) <Gal 5:16-25> Whenever I “live by the Spirit”, the Spirit will bear fruit in my heart, thereby giving me authority and power.**

### ***3. Drive out demons by the Spirit and the kingdom of God will come***

*At the same time of “living by the Spirit”, we’ll see the power and fruit of the Spirit. Regardless of his conditions and circumstances, a blessed saint will see “the wonderful change” in his heart if he is willing to “live by the Spirit”: a wonderful power will overflow his heart; his negative state of mind (e.g., lack of peace, fear and bitterness) disappears and is replaced with “peace, joy, love, thanksgiving and hope”. He will see all kinds of God’s blessings in his days of past and the great and wonderful vision to be fulfilled in his days ahead. He will be filled with confidence and open up of his own accord to share what he has seen. Though what happens above is neither seen nor heard, it testifies to the very result of his living by the Spirit, i.e., in the spiritual realm, the heavenly host is mobilized, demons are driven out and the kingdom of God has come.*

**1) Scripture references <Mat 12:28; Rom 14:17; 2Cor 3:16; Joh 14:27; Gal 5:22-23; Acts 2:16-21>**

**2) Receiving the vision of the coming and expansion of the kingdom <Acts 1:8; Mat 28:18-20; the history of the entire Acts>**

① Grasp the secret of one’s life being filled with the H.S.

② See the vision of one’s entire family and descendants being blessed

③ See the vision of blessed churches being planted, God’s people being gathered, and disciples of Christ being called in the place of one’s residence

④ See the vision of Lord's disciples, families and churches being raised up all over the world

**3) Live day by day a life of meeting with disciples of Christ, breaking bread (learning the gospel of Christ), praying and witnessing**

① Will enjoy the power of the gospel more and more

② Doors continue to open for witnessing

③ Will see gradual fulfillment of your visions, dreams and prophecies

④ Will often experience "the continuous burning of the fire of the Spirit within"

**\*\* Concluding Remarks**

**\*\* Prayer Topics of the Week (01.06.08) \*\***

**1) The H.S. filled the 120 disciples as they, believing firmly in Christ's teaching, accomplishments and prophecies, were praying earnestly:** *Is the H.S. I have received the same as the one they received? Is my heart and mind the same as theirs? Am I able to explain why the heart and mind that does not know the gospel of Christ is different from that which believes in the gospel of Christ? What impact will such change of heart and mind have on how I judge all things?*

**2) How to live by the Spirit?** *Try it out yourself: Will I be able to experience in my heart and mind the five secrets of living by the Spirit as described in Outline #2 and gain God's good will and power, i.e., live them out in what I am faced with now?*

**3) Drive out demons by the Spirit and the kingdom of God will come:** *Did God give me through the H.S. "how to prophesy, have visions and dream dreams? How did they get fulfilled in my life, my family, my church, and my life's network in the days of my past? Is my vision from above getting bigger and more specific? Does my heart continue to burn within because of the vision and evidence thereof?*