



The Spirit of Truth

How is it that ye do not understand?
(Mark 8:21)

If all professing Christians receive the indwelling Christ immediately upon conversion to faith in Jesus—as most evangelists and pastors love to insist—then why are so many Christians led into false and even cult-like beliefs, practices, and doctrines? Why so much lawlessness, disobedience, self-seeking, confusion, depression, and even suicide among those who claim Jesus as their Savior—if they truly possess the Indwelling Holy Spirit of Christ—whose express ministry is to set the soul free,¹ and to *guide into all truth*?²

The answer is twofold:

1. Those Christians **are not** true believers or followers of the Lord Jesus Christ in the first place, and therefore do not have the Holy Spirit of Truth, either *with them* or *in them*—or else,
2. They **are indeed** true believers—but have not received the indwelling *Spirit of Truth*.

For if these professing believers truly received this coveted Spirit of Truth, as either *with them* or *in them*, they would not have fallen for the infinite number of false doctrines in the so-called Church today.³ They would have acted as true Bereans,⁴ who do not blindly accept everything that is taught—but instead search the Scriptures for themselves.⁵ And they would not interpret Scripture passages based on their own limited mental or emotional capabilities⁶—for the Spirit of Truth would have been their Teacher and Guide⁷—who alone is able to *keep them from falling* into error.⁸

The Falling Away

This absent Spirit of Truth answers the question in John's Epistle: *Why do so many Christians, who profess faith in Jesus Christ, and believe they have the Holy Spirit—fall away from the faith?*⁹ Answer: *Because they NEVER had the Holy Spirit to begin with!*¹⁰ They were deceived into believing that the Holy Spirit is immediately given to everyone upon profession of faith in Jesus Christ! For those who are yet *of the world* CANNOT receive the Spirit of Truth.¹¹ For, if they truly possessed the Holy Spirit of Truth, He would have been able to keep them *in the truth!*

Again, if every professing Christian instantly receives this Spirit of Truth, *Why are so many Christians now turning to the Deconstruction Movement,*¹² and abandoning the faith they once believed? Answer: *Because they NEVER received the Spirit of Truth in the first place.* All the promises made by false leaders have never come to pass—therefore they blame God, blame the pastor, blame the teacher, turn away from the Lord, follow after other beliefs, or else create a religion of their own.¹³

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Broken Cisterns without Water

If the Spirit of Truth is truly with them or within them, *Why do so many follow after false teachers—who are nothing more than broken cisterns that hold no water?*¹⁴ *Why are they not able to perceive that the Spirit of Truth is not present with those false ministers?* Answer: *Because the Spirit of Truth is neither with them nor in them.*¹⁵ Therefore they are unable to detect neither the false spirit nor the Spirit of the Living Christ. As a result they honor leaders that have no true spiritual depth, and teachers who minister to the intellect and the emotions—but can never reach the deep things of God.¹⁶

False teachers produce false Christians¹⁷ who have no true holiness, no true reverence for the Lord, no true insight of the Holy Spirit, and no true knowledge of things to come.¹⁸ These false Christians (CINO's)¹⁹—are ever attending their sermons, ever buying their books and merchandize, ever learning—but never able to come to the knowledge of the Truth.²⁰ For these false teachers and preachers have mouths, but they speak not. They have eyes but they see not. They have ears, but they hear not. Neither is there any breath of the Spirit of Truth²¹ in their mouths. As a result, those that trust in them become just like them.²²

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Jesus said that the world²³ *cannot* receive this Holy Spirit of Truth. For in reality they do not see Jesus for who He truly is, nor do they know Him.²⁴ They will not love Him *too much*, or obey Him *too much*. They say, “I will love Him only *this* much—but not *that* much.” They say, “I will obey Him in this, but not in that.” For in reality they love and worship themselves more than God. They make gods *of themselves*, and follow after their own will, their own desires, and understand with their own natural minds. They have never truly surrendered to God their Creator; for they always hold back something for themselves.

As a consequence they follow after leaders who cater to their flesh rather than crucify. They follow preachers who lack humility because they themselves despise brokenness. They follow after rich men because they themselves are striving for prosperity.²⁵ They continue to pursue leaders and doctrines that appeal to their own natural and worldly ambitions. Therefore they content themselves with pastors who do not require them to give up too much, confess too much, or pray too much. And they are more than willing to hand these ministers all responsibility over their tithes—releasing themselves of any personal obligation to be good stewards with the Lord's money.²⁶

In Like Manner

But the faithful disciples, who keep and obey the Lord's words—CAN KNOW HIM. For—the Spirit of Truth dwells *with them*, or else *in them*. During His earthly ministry Jesus declared Himself to be this very Spirit of Truth, who at the time was *with* His disciples in an outward way. He said that one day soon He (Jesus as the Spirit of Truth), would be *in them*, as a manifest indwelling presence. He said, *I will come to you.*²⁷ Jesus Christ identifies Himself as this Spirit of Truth.²⁸

For today's Christian, and for every Christian since Jesus returned to Heaven, this Holy Spirit of Truth comes to the soul *in like manner* as He did in the days of the early disciples.²⁹ Through God's saving grace the repenting soul is led to true faith in Jesus Christ.³⁰ This is the Holy Spirit working *with you*. Once converted, and upon faithful obedience to the instructions given in the Holy Scriptures, Jesus then *ASKS THE FATHER* to send you the Holy Spirit³¹—which becomes the Holy Spirit of Truth working *in you*. Once you receive this Holy Spirit as an indwelling presence, which Jesus calls the *Promise of the Father*, He (the Holy Spirit) will not leave you—*ever!*³²

NOTES & SCRIPTURES

Scriptures are from the King James Bible

- 1 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. (Joh 8:36)
- 2 When the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, *that* shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come. (Joh 16:13)
- 3 I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ... though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. (2Cor 11:3-4; Gal 1:8)
- 4 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. (Act 17:11)
- 5 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2Ti 2:15)
- 6 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. (1Co 2:14)
- 7 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. (Joh 15:5)
- 8 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present *you* faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, (Jud 1:24)
- 9 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us: but *they went out*, that they might be made manifest that they were not of us. (1Jn 2:19)
- 10 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us: but *they went out*, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. (1Jn 2:19)
- 11 And we are his witnesses of these things; and so *is* also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him. (Act 5:32)

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. (Joh 14:17)
- 12 "Faith deconstruction, also known as deconstructing faith, evangelical deconstruction, the deconstruction movement, or simply deconstruction, is a Christian phenomenon where people unpack, re-think and examine their belief systems. This may lead to dropping one's faith all together..." (Wikipedia)
- 13 In those days *there was* no king in Israel: every man did *that which* was right in his own eyes. (Jdg 21:25)

Whose end *is* destruction, whose God *is their* belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame, who mind earthly things. (Php 3:19)
- 14 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, *and* hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water. (Jer 2:13)

He that believeth on me, as the Scripture says, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (Joh 7:38)
- 15 Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch. (Mat 15:14)
- 16 But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. (1Co 2:10)

He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what *is* in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. (Dan 2:22)
- 17 There are of course exceptions. This Writer is one who sat under false teachings for a time. But God was faithful to lead this soul into the truth.
- 18 When the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but

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whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. (Joh 16:13)

The testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy. (Rev 19:10)

- 19** CINO: Christian in Name Only.
- 20** Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. (2Ti 3:7)
- 21** Breath: *pneuma*, or the Breath (Spirit) of God.
- 22** Psa 135:15-18.
- 23** Which also includes false professors who are Christians in Name Only (CINO's).
- 24** *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. (Joh 14:14-18)
- 25** And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. (Mat 19:24)
- But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation. (Luk 6:24)
- But God said unto him, *Thou* fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So *is* he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God. (Luk 12:20-21)
- But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. (1Ti 6:9)
- 26** Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: (Pro 3:9)
- Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. (1Ti 6:17-19)
- 27** I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. (Joh 14:18)
- 28** *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth

him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. (Joh 14:17)

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even* the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: (Joh 15:26)

When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. (Joh 16:13)

- 29** He breathed on *them*, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: (Joh 20:22)

Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. (Act 1:11)

- 30** By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. (Rom 5:2)

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: (Eph 2:8)

- 31** If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; (Joh 14:15-16)

- 32** *Let your conversation be* without covetousness; and *be* content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. (Heb 13:5)

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever. (Joh 14:16)