

# The Holy Spirit in You & Me

## Learning dependence on the Spirit for life & ministry

**Listen in** as the risen Jesus tells his disciples, "Steady now, lads. Don't try to do anything just yet!"

**Acts 1:3-5:** After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

**D**o you suspect that Jesus' disciples had an unfair advantage? Have you ever fantasised that if you could spend just half an hour with Jesus, it would change your life forever? I have. Then I read the Gospels.

**The truth is,** having spent *three years* with Jesus, the disciples were still a right sorry lot. They had got it straight about who he was (the Son of God) but not about why he had come. He had told them repeatedly he would suffer, die, rise again and return to the Father but it had not registered. They had heard his every word and seen his every miracle, but were lost in a spiritual fog.

**Consider this:** Forty days after the resurrection, Jesus' band of merry men gathered on a hilltop near Bethany (sans Judas who had hanged himself, having betraying the Lord for £120). Mere seconds before He ascended to the Father, one of them (Peter?) asked, "Lord, is it at this time you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6) Brilliant. They had it sorted: Jesus' death and resurrection had qualified him as an indestructible earthly liberator who would free them from the yoke of Rome.

**His answer?** "It is not for you to know the times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the

remotest part of the earth" (Acts 1:7). Just then, the Father's glory enveloped the Lord and he disappeared. They were left standing there, gawking at the sky in desperate need of an angelic explanation. So much for their "advantage" of having been physically present with Jesus.



### Of course none of this surprised Jesus.

He was fully aware that until "the promised Holy Spirit" arrived, they would not comprehend why he had come, much less be able to carry out his great commission. He had told them it would be to their benefit that he return to the Father, for only then could he send the Holy Spirit (Jn.16:7). And sure enough, when he left, he not only passed the baton of responsibility to them, he made good his word. He sent the Spirit to *empower* them to do all he had commanded them.

**Do you see it?** To be in Jesus' *physical* presence can't transform us. What you and I need—and have—is his indwelling Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who empowers us to change, and the Spirit who empowers us to do all his most holy will.

**In this lesson,** we want to do two things:

**First,** have a quick overview of the grand scope of the Holy Spirit's work in our lives.

**Second,** focus specifically on what the New Testament teaches about *our daily relationship* to the Holy Spirit.

— JWJ —

## I. An overview of the grand scope of the Holy Spirit's work in our lives

**A. The Holy Trinity: One God, Three Persons, Three Functions** (a little theology<sup>1</sup>)  
Read the prayer on page 5-11. This author has a rich understanding of what the Bible teaches about the nature of God—that he exists in three distinct persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that all three are fully God, possess equal power and glory, and differ in the *roles* they play in our redemption. But, in spite of all God has revealed about himself, when we try to get our finite heads

<sup>1</sup> *Grace4Life* provides us with only a general sketch. When you are ready to go deeper, get hold of a good theology text. Recommended: **1.** *A New Systematic Theology of the Christian Faith* 2nd Edition Revised & Updated, by Dr. Robert L. Reymond, 1998, Thomas Nelson Publishers; **2.** For an excellent devotional treatment on the work of the Spirit, the must-read is *Keep in Step with the Spirit* by J.I. Packer, 1984, Fleming H. Revell.

round the infinite Trinity, we're like so many ants crawling about on the control panel of the Space Shuttle. Here is a simple analogy that may help us see how the three persons function in our salvation.

**A medical analogy:** If we think of sin as a fatal disease affecting humankind, and the Gospel as the cure, the Scriptures depict **God the Father** as the "Chemical Engineer" (the Planner) who devised the cure and superintends the curative process. **God the Son** is the "Manufacturer" (the Do-er) who, by death and resurrection, actually *produces* the cure that can save us.

**Problem:** Who will *administer* the cure? Obviously it can't be self-administered. We're dead! (Eph.2:1)

**Enter God the Holy Spirit.** The Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 29 asks: *How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?* **Answer:** *We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.*

**The Holy Spirit** is the "Duty Nurse" (The Applicator) who brings us to life so that we can exercise faith and thus receive the life-giving cure of the Gospel. Then, after our conversion, the Spirit acts as our Divine Carer to nurse us to spiritual health.

**The Holy Spirit primarily works in a behind-the-scenes role.** The fruit of his work is highly visible, but he is like the great floodlights that illuminate the Houses of Parliament. The lights are incredibly bright, but they cause us to focus on the majesty of the buildings. Likewise, the Spirit takes care not to point to himself. He illuminates the glory of the Father and the Son to woo us into fellowship with them (1Jn.1:3).

**Jesus said of the Spirit:** *When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me* (Jn.15:26).

**B. The Three Persons of the Trinity are joined in a Holy Alliance to save and sanctify us.** Our analogy of curative medicine is a gross over-simplification and also, and, as we shall see now, it also grossly understates the problem! Let's do a whirlwind 7-point overview of the ways the Father, Son and Holy Spirit *cooperate* in our salvation. Notice how the Holy Spirit is involved in the process from beginning to end.

**1. Regeneration:** In the comedy film *The Princess Bride*, the hero, Wesley (Cary Elwes) is tortured until dead—or is he? When his companions rush him to the house of *Miracle Max* (Billy Crystal), Max discerns he's "mostly dead," and explains that there's a vast difference between dead and *mostly* dead. (Search "mostly dead" on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com).)

**Indeed there is!** If you and I are gravely ill (mostly dead), a cure is possible, but if we're dead, a resurrection is in order. The Bible says we were "dead in trespasses and sins" until the Holy Spirit "*made us alive together with Christ*" (Eph.2:1,5).

**Jesus** called this "*birth from above*," and "*being born of the Spirit*" (Jn.3:3,5). Theologians call it *regeneration*: the spiritually dead are raised to life. Yes, you and I have "*free will*," but apart from the Spirit's life-giving work, our freedom is limited by our bondage to sin. **Charles Wesley** described this beautifully in vs. 4 of his hymn, *And Can it Be*. (See page 5-9.)



*"Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
fast bound in sin and nature's  
night; Thine eye diffused a  
quicken ray; I woke, the  
dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was  
free, I rose, went forth, and  
followed Thee."*

**2. Faith:** Having raised us from death to life, we are given the gift of faith (Eph.2:8,9) and so are enabled to believe the Gospel we once rejected. (It should be obvious that regeneration must precede faith since the spiritually dead are incapable of initiating a move towards God.)

**3. Justification:** On the basis of our faith in Jesus, the Father declares us righteous. (See page 3-4. Rom.1:17,18;5:1; Gal.2:16)

**4. Adoption:** Having believed, the Father adopts us into his family, making us his sons and daughter—his heirs! (2Cor. 6:18; Gal.4:5-7; 1Jn.3:1). And, to be sure that we emotionally *feel* his love and are assured of our adoption, he sends the Holy Spirit, "the Spirit of sonship" into our hearts so that we cry out to him, "Daddy, Father!" **Romans 8:15** "God has not given us a spirit of slavery that leads to fear again, but he has given us the Spirit of adoption, and by Him, we cry, 'Abba Father!'" (Ref. page 3-5)

**5. Sealing:** You see a puppy wandering alone in the park. How do you determine whether it has an owner? Right. Among the first things we do for a newly adopted puppy is fit it with a *collar* to mark it as ours. Likewise, when the Father adopts us into his family, he sends the Holy Spirit into our hearts as a "seal of ownership" (2Cor.1:22)—the "*pledge of our inheritance, a guarantee of what is to come*" (Eph.1:13). So our "sealing" does two important things: **a.** It marks us as God's possession (his bought ones), and, **b.** It assures our hearts that we are truly his (Rom.8:16; 1Jn.4:13).

**6. Sanctification:** As a permanent sanctifying guest in our hearts, the Spirit plays the major role in our growth in grace.

**Watch the prepositions in John 14:16,17** - *I will ask the Father and he will give you another counsellor to be with you forever, the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.* **Question:** What's the difference between "with" and "in"? (Think in terms of a breath mint.)

**We are at war!** The Christian life is no picnic. It's an all-out war against three formidable foes: **The world** (which is hostile to God); **The flesh** (our flesh, which wars against the Spirit), and, **The devil** (who is totally committed to our destruction). Our spiritual alertness and the constant exercise of Gospel faith is critical.

**But don't forget,** faith is about trusting, not trying. Bootstrap sanctification was the "foolish Galatians" error (Gal.3:1-5).

**Think it over:** If we woke tomorrow to find the world had turned good and the devil had died, we would still have to contend with the raging beast within (our yob-ness). As Pogo, the world-famous little opossum cartoon character once quipped, *"We have met the enemy and he is us."*

**But, praise God,** the Spirit helps us in our weakness. When we are on the verge of caving in to our sinful impulses, he will come to our aid with his gracious promptings. And that's a promise:

*No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it (1Cor.10:13).*

**Sadly,** there will be times when we will refuse to take the escape route God offers, resist and grieve the Holy Spirit, and suffer the painful consequences of spiritual discipline. (See Hebrews 12:5-11 - not fun!)

**7. Filling (for service):** As the giver of spiritual gifts, as we consciously rely on the Spirit, he keeps empowering us for ministry to benefit of the church and the world (Rom.12:1-8; Eph.4:7-13; 1Cor.12-14). Note: Peter was filled in Acts 2, but was filled again in Acts 4:8.<sup>2</sup>

**From what we have seen already,** the critical importance of the work of the Spirit in our lives can hardly be underestimated. *But there is still more!*

## **II. What the New Testament teaches about our need to consciously rely on the Holy Spirit for life and ministry.**

**The following is a litany** comprised of every verse we could find in the New Testament that mentions anything about *our relationship* to the Holy Spirit. As we discuss these one-by-one, we will be struck with the astonishing breadth of the Spirit's involvement in our lives.

<sup>2</sup> The Greek verb is aorist passive - Lit. transl. "Then Peter, having just been filled by the Holy Spirit, said to them..."

## **A Humbling Holy Spirit Quiz**

**This quiz is humbling because** it exposes how little we understand about the holy-sounding phrases we so freely toss about at church—"Be filled with the Spirit", "Pray in the Spirit," etc.

### **Quiz rules:**

**1. Each (willing) person will read a verse** and attempt to explain what it might look like if we practised it in daily life. Be specific. Be creative! (If you prefer not to take part, just say "Pass".) And, no pressure if you get stuck. The group can pitch in. **HINT:** It may help to imagine the *negative* consequences if we fail to act on an item on the list.

**2. As we go through the list,** try to **think of one word** that sums up all the verses to best describe our relationship to the Holy Spirit. Is that clear? When we have finished the list, be ready to share the *one word* you have come up with. Ready? Tuck in!

### **PRESCRIPTIVE: WE ARE TOLD TO...**

**1. Ask for the Spirit**<sup>3</sup> - Lk. 11:13 - *"the Father gives the Holy Spirit to those who (cont. to) ask him"*

**2. Keep in step with the Spirit** - Gal. 5:25b - *"march in step"* with the Spirit (Greek: *stoicheo*)

<sup>3</sup> John 7:38-39 - *"If anyone is thirsty, let him come unto me and drink (Greek: "keep drinking" pres.act.imper.). Whoever believes in me as the Scriptures have said, living streams of water will flow from within him."* By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified." Note the relationship between fellowship with Jesus and the Spirit.

3. **Walk in the Spirit** - Gal. 5:16 - "walk" in the Spirit (Greek: *peripateo*)
4. **Pray in the Spirit**<sup>4</sup> - Eph. 6:18; Eph.2:18 - "We have access to God by the Spirit". (Passive - in prayer: Rom. 8:26,27 - "The Spirit helps us in our weakness," and "makes intercession for us.")
5. **Be filled with the Spirit** - Eph. 5:18 - filled (Greek: *plerousthe*) Acts 4:8. Are we filled now?
6. **Put to death the misdeeds of the body by the Spirit** - Rom. 8:13 (instrumentality)
7. **Guard the gospel ("deposit") with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us** - 2 Tim. 1:14

**DESCRIPTIVE: IN THE DAILY RACE OF LIFE WE ARE TO...** (look for that *one* word!)

8. **Live by the Spirit** - Gal.5:25a (Greek literally: "since we live by the Spirit")
9. **Know the fellowship of the Spirit.** - 2 Cor. 13:14; Phil. 2:1 (Greek: *koinonia*)
10. **Be strengthened by the Spirit** (so that Christ will dwell in our hearts by faith) - Eph. 3:16,17
11. **Be taught of the Spirit** - Jn.14:17,26; 16:13 (he "leads us into all truth" - 1 Cor.2:9-16)
12. **Cry "Abba-Father!" by the Spirit** - Rom.8:15 - (Greek: "and by him we cry" instrumentality)
13. **Be led by the Spirit** - Rom.8:14 - (Greek: *ago* - to lead—as taking by the hand. Ballroom dancing?)
14. **"Sow" to the Spirit (rather than the flesh)** - Gal.6:8 (or we "grieve" the Spirit - Eph.4:30)
15. **Set our minds on the things of the Spirit** - Rom.8:6,9 (NIV - "controlled by")
16. **Manifest the fruit of the Spirit** - Gal.5:22, 23 (LJPPKGFSGS, the very character of Jesus himself)
17. **Minister using the gifts of the Spirit** - Rom.12:6ff; 1 Cor.12:4ff; Eph.4:8ff
18. **Worship God in the Spirit** (in the true circumcision - of the heart) - Phil.3:3
19. **Serve in the new way of the Spirit, not in the old way of the letter** - Rom. 7:6 (energy), and...
20. **Know that we dwell in him and he in us by the Spirit** - 1Jn.4:13 (assurance Rom.5:5!)



### III. Wrapping it up.

**THREE C's:** The Bible call us to a **constant, conscious cooperation** with the Holy Spirit in every imaginable aspect of our lives. Can you think of any area of our spiritual life that is not dependent on the direct help of the Spirit?

**A. Your answer? Considering all these verses, what is the "ONE WORD"** you would use to *best* describe our relationship with the Holy Spirit?

**Praise God** for the person and the ministry of the Spirit! Without his indwelling presence, we would be as utterly clueless and powerless as Jesus' disciples prior to the day of Pentecost.

**But wonderfully,** we do live in the new age of the Spirit, so we can "serve in the new way of

*the Spirit, not in the old way of the written code,"* (Rom.7:6). As we keep believing the Gospel, God will "keep giving us the Spirit" (Gal.3:5) and so enable us to produce the primary fruit of the Spirit—Christlike love. And, as Paul told us in Romans 13:10, "*He who loves his fellow man has fulfilled the whole law.*"

#### **B. Three tough questions for us believers:**

**1. First, the hardest question of all:** If we are all **indwelt** by the Spirit (which the Bible says we are), **why** aren't we always **filled** with the Spirit (which our experience shows we are not)?

**ANSWER:** (brace yourself) We aren't **filled** with the Spirit because we don't always **walk** by the Spirit, and we don't always *walk* by the Spirit because *we don't feel needy*, and we don't feel needy because we think we can do it in our own strength, and, we think we can do it in our own strength because we are self-centered, bone-

<sup>4</sup> According to 1Cor.12:10,28-30, not all have all the gifts, therefore it is impossible, as some have insisted, that speaking in tongues is necessary for us to be filled with the Spirit and pray in the Spirit.

headed, stiff-necked and blind to how weak and sinful we really are (unloving towards God and others)! There. We've said it.

**All along we may have been assuming** we've been too *weak* to live God-pleasing lives, but the problem has been we've been much too *strong and have tried too hard—in our own strength!*<sup>5</sup> We need to get it through our bone heads: We are really, really, *really* needy! We *need* Jesus' righteousness to cover us; we *need* his constant intercession on our behalf; we *need* to daily exercise a repentant faith to keep the Gospel fresh in our hearts, and we *need* to constantly and consciously rely on the Holy Spirit to make us into the Jesus-like lovers of God and others that will stand the world on its head and set them to wondering what caused this miracle!

**Sorry to be so blunt**, but sometimes a wake-up call is in order. Let's respond by believing the Gospel in greater measure with greater fervency and greater consistency. As we do, God *will* begin to change us. Change *will* come, not because we are mighty in faith, but because our weak mustard-seed faith will be laying hold of a Mighty Christ! *Bank on it.*

**2. A question for our churches and denominations:** Honestly, how does our doctrine and experience square with what the Bible teaches about our need to *consistently* and *consciously* rely on the ministry of the Holy Spirit? Have the **Evangelical, Reformed** and **Orthodox** groups been so cold and resistant to (and perhaps fearful of) the ministry of the Spirit that we have, in some measure, forfeited his presence and power in our lives and ministries? Have the **Pentecostal** groups been so intensely focused on the *gifts* of the Spirit that, like the Corinthians, we have under-emphasised the Spirit's *first* concern—manifesting his *fruit*?

**3. A final question for us all to ask and an action for us all to take:** Don't we need to admit that we're a fallible "*see through a glass darkly*" people who don't understand all mysteries or have all the answers? Shouldn't we humble ourselves and seek the Father's face and ask him for the faith and understanding to receive in greater measure and with biblical balance, the promised benefits of the New Covenant ministry of his Holy Spirit?

**Indeed we should! So, let's close the gap between "should" and "do" and begin now.**

**Let's end this session with a time of prayer, shall we?**

**Let's ask the Holy Spirit,** "*Holy Spirit, show me the areas of my life where you want to change me to be more loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle and self-controlled. Teach me how to believe the Gospel in the midst of my daily battles when my flesh would defeat me and make me into an uncaring, unloving, insensitive, critical person!*"

**Let's confess and repent** of our self-reliance, and, in our weakness, begin depending less on self and more *consciously* on the gracious, sanctifying Holy Spirit for every area of life and our ministry.

**Note:** If you have difficulty coming up with anything God wants to change in you, just ask the people closest to you and they can probably supply you with more than want to know!<sup>6</sup>



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<sup>5</sup> **It is important to understand** that we are *not* saying spiritual growth happens as the result of passivity - "let go and let God live his life through you," but quite the opposite. Whereas our justification was God-initiated, our sanctification involves our 100% conscious cooperation with the Holy Spirit by faith—a keen and active faith. The Christian life is all out war!

<sup>6</sup> **Ordinarily**, we *Grace4Life* leaders will tell their own repentance stories, but this one is too good not to pass along: My mentor in the Gospel, Dr. Jack Miller, shared this example from his own life. Jack, a professor in Practical Theology at Westminster Seminary (Philadelphia USA), gave an assignment to his class. "*Men, I want you to go home tonight and ask your wife, 'If there is one thing about me you could change, what would it be?'*" Then, when he arrived home that evening, he thought, "I really should do this too, though Rose Marie will probably not be able to think of anything." As she sat on the sofa, warming herself in front of their fireplace, Jack popped the question, "*Rose Marie, if there was one thing about me you could change, what would it be?'*" "*She turned towards me and snapped, 'Jack, you don't listen!'*" She explained that whenever they talked, that rather than actually listening to what she was saying, he just pretended to listen while calculating the next thing *he* wanted to say.

More than a little ashamed but determined, Jack worked on his listening skills for a whole year. He listened to Rose Marie with rapt attention and even asked follow-up questions so she would be sure he was listening.

The following year, Jack gave the same assignment to his new students, and, thought, "Now that I've become a good listener, I should ask Rose Marie the question again so I can get something else to work on." That night, he snuggled up to her on the sofa and asked, "*Rose Marie, if there was one thing about me you could change, what would it be?'*" Jack says, "*She answered—without a pause —'Jack, you don't listen!'*" Stunned, he realised that his inability to listen was rooted so deeply in his personality, it would take concerted prayer and the help of the Holy Spirit to change him (rather than his moral willpower striving) so that he really *loved* others and *cared about* what they were saying to him. - JWJL -

## GRACE ASSIGNMENTS

- 1. Compare your fruit-bearing behaviour using the *Imitation Fruit vs. The Real Banana* chart. (5-7)**
- 2. Serious: Make “The Trinity” prayer on page 5-11 your own.** You will find a sweet balance in this old Puritan prayer as you address God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Labour to truly *pray it* rather than just say it. Pray it from your heart to God’s heart.
- 3. Fun: Have a go at the fruit of the Spirit rap, “Rappin’ Fruit” on page 5-8.**
- 4. Add Romans 8:16,17 to your Romans 8:15**
  - 15** For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.”
  - 16** The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.
  - 17** Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

## MY NOTES

# Imitation Fruit & the Fruit of the Spirit

## Moral reformation vs. spiritual transformation

**B**ehaviour-wise, there are two types of fruit—the *supernatural* kind produced by the Holy Spirit and the purely *natural* kind produced by our clumsy attempts to imitate his work. Paul asked the Galatians, "Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?" (Gal. 3:3) Do a spiritual inventory using this list and ask yourself, "What must I believe in order to grow the real banana?" (Hint: Gal.3:5)



### My cheap plastic imitation

### The real banana

My "Love" - I love people—if they're <i>loveable</i> . People don't feel loved by me. They feel used because my love is conditional.	God's Love - I give away God's unconditional love for me. By focusing on Jesus, I can love the unlovely—even my enemies! (Mtt.5:44; Lk.6:35)
My "Joy" - I'm joyful—that is, I am happy with the people and circumstances in my life <i>if</i> everything goes according to my plans.	God's Joy - When all else fails, I still have Jesus. I take delight in knowing and being known by the God who delights in me.
My "Peace" - I have peace—when there is no conflict. There is usually something troubling going on, so I complain a lot.	God's Peace - "Peace that passes understanding" is increasingly mine because I know that God is in control of the people and circumstances in my life.
My "Patience" - I am very patient—as long as people do exactly what I say! When they fail to obey/respect me (worship my godness) I lose my temper.	God's Patience - Because God is patient (long-suffering) with me, the sinner, I can be patient with other sinners.
My "Kindness" - I'm kind—up to a point, but if you fail to repay me, watch out! " <i>Scratch my back and I'll scratch yours.</i> "	God's Kindness - His kindness is leading me to repentance. I give food and drink to my enemies. (Rom.12:21)
My "Goodness" - I'm a good person... well, actually, I <i>try</i> to be good, but don't often succeed unless others are good to me.	God's Goodness - As I walk in daily fellowship with God who is good to me, the Spirit empowers me to do good to others.
My "Faithfulness" - I rely on my wisdom to determine "God's will". Then, to avoid embarrassment, I try to do what I've promised in my own strength.	God's Faithfulness - God does what he says, and finishes what he starts. As I follow Jesus and rely on the Spirit, I do the same.
My "Gentleness" - I tend to be harsh with people who don't live up to my standards. I am gentle with people—if they submit to me.	God's Gentleness - As I am blessed by God's gentleness, the Holy Spirit is transforming me into a "gentleman" or "gentle-woman."
My "Self-control" - I try to hide my negative emotions and reactions, and am shamed when my attempts at "sin-management" crumble.	God's Self-control - As I look to Jesus, the Holy Spirit is taming the savage beast of my flesh. Faith is changing me—from the inside-out.



# Rappin' Fruit

## **L-J-P-P-K-G-F-G-S - The Fruit of the Spirit**

*Galatians 5:22 Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Gentleness, Self-Control*

\* a finger snap!

**L \* J \* P-P \* K \* G - \* F G \* S \* - UH! \***

WITHOUT \*THE ROOT \* YOU-GOT \*NO FRUIT \*

THE-SPIRIT \*OF-A RIGHT-\*EIOUS-NESS \* \*

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**LOVE \* JOY \* YOU-CAN'T \* DESTROY \***

PEACE - \*AND PAT-IENCE \* GROW \* \*

KIND -\*NESS SHOULD \* PRO-VOKE \*THE GOOD \*

AND FAITH-\*FUL-NESS \*WILL SHOW \* \*

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† **A GEN-\*TLE SOUL \* AND SELF-\*CON-TROL \***

COM-LETE \*THE FRUIT-\*FUL VINE \* \*

IF-YOU \*FOR-GET \* DON'T-GET \*UP-SET \*

WE'LL-START \*IT ONE - \*MORE TIME! \* \* (back to top)

† **ENDING**

**A GEN-\*TLE SOUL \* AND - SELF-\*CON-TROL \***

COM-LETE \*THE FRUIT-\*FUL VINE \* -

Y' -\*CAN'T DO-IT \*YOUR-SELF \* - SO LEAN \*ON HIM \*

AWW-RIGHT! \***NOW LET - IT \* SHINE!** \*

**\*UH!**

# And Can it Be (That I Should Gain)

**Romans 8:1, 2** *Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.*

**Words by Charles Wesley, 1738**

**Tune: Sagina by Thomas Campbell - Bouquet, 1825**

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain—  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all: th'Immortal dies:  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore;  
Let angel minds inquire no more.

He left His Father's throne above  
So free, so infinite His grace—  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race:  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For O my God, it found out me!  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

Still the small inward voice I hear,  
That whispers all my sins forgiven;  
Still the atoning blood is near,  
That quenched the wrath of hostile Heaven.  
I feel the life His wounds impart;  
I feel the Savior in my heart.  
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No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
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**1 John 3:1** *See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are!* (NAS)

## ONLINE MUSIC

<http://www.cyberhymnal.org/html/a/c/acanitbe.htm>

[http://www.sermonaudio.com/hymn\\_details.asp?PID=amazinglove](http://www.sermonaudio.com/hymn_details.asp?PID=amazinglove)



# Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

**Words: Isaac Watts, 1707**

**Tune: St. Agnes, by John Bacchus Dykes, 1866**

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
With all thy quickening powers;  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
In these cold hearts of ours.

In vain we tune our formal songs,  
In vain we strive to rise:  
Hosannas languish on our tongues,  
And our devotion dies.

Dear Lord, and shall we ever live  
At this poor dying rate?  
Our love so faint, so cold to You,  
And Yours to us so great!

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
With all thy quickening powers;  
Come, shed abroad a Savior's love,  
And that shall kindle ours.

## **ONLINE MUSIC**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f2EewEhothA&feature=related> (pipe organ)

<http://www.ccel.org/cceh/0000/x000073.htm>



# The Trinity

Three in One, One in Three, God of my salvation,  
Heavenly Father, blessed Son, eternal Spirit,  
I adore you as one Being, one Essence,  
one God in three distinct Persons,  
for bringing sinners to your knowledge and to your kingdom.

O Father, you have loved me and sent Jesus to redeem me;  
O Jesus, you have loved me and assumed my nature,  
shed your own blood to wash away my sins,  
wrought righteousness to cover my unworthiness;  
O Holy Spirit, you have loved me and entered my heart,  
implanted there eternal life,  
revealed to me the glories of Jesus.

Three Persons and one God, I bless and praise you  
for love so unmerited, so unspeakable, so wondrous,  
so mighty to save the lost and raise them to glory.

O Father, I thank you that in fullness of grace  
you have given me to Jesus,  
to be his sheep, jewel, portion;  
O Jesus, I thank you that in fullness of grace,  
you have accepted, espoused, bound me;  
O Holy Spirit, I thank you that in fullness of grace  
you have exhibited Jesus as my salvation,  
implanted faith within me,  
subdued my stubborn heart,  
made me one with him forever.

O Father, you are enthroned to hear my prayers,  
O Jesus, your hand is outstretched to take my petitions,  
O Holy Spirit, you are willing to help my infirmities,  
to show me my need, to supply words, to pray within me,  
to strengthen me that I faint not in supplication.

O Triune God, who commands the universe,  
you have commanded me to ask for those things  
that concern your kingdom and my soul.

Let me live and pray as one baptized into the threefold Name,  
Amen.

*The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers & Devotions* - Arthur Bennett - 1975 - Banner of Truth

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## MY NOTES