

# The Holy Spirit, Power of God

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Let's look at something here concerning the love of God. Actually, as I mentioned to you last week, John 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17. all those contain the words of the New Covenant. And the New Covenant establishes a relationship with each individual in God the Father and Jesus Christ **through the power of the Holy Spirit!** And this is what it is to produce.

Let's look and see what we have here in John 15. Here's what God wants. It is first of all, *loving God!*. Now remember the three steps:

- **believe** God
- **obey** God
- **love** God

How? ***With all your heart and mind and soul and being!***

Now that's what God wants, ***because He wants to give us eternal life!*** But eternal life given to us will only come through Jesus Christ and God the Father by the power of the Holy Spirit. It won't come any other way. That's why ***WHEN*** we come to real repentance, ***THEN*** we need baptism—which all of us have had—in water completely immersed into that water! Then we are in a Covenant with God. here's an analogy:

John 15:1: "I am the true vine..."

Now remember the rule in the Greek: The adjectival noun, which describes a feature or function or simile, *does not change the gender of the main noun*. So who is the main noun here? ***I, Jesus, am the true vine!***

Now in the Greek, true vine is in the feminine. Does this make Jesus a woman? *Of course not!* But that's just a feature of the language.

"...and My Father is the husbandman. He takes away every branch in Me *that* does not bear fruit..." (vs 1-2).

Now that's exactly what the establishment Christianity is. 'Once saved, always saved,' *you don't have to do anything!* No, God expects us to

- grow in grace and knowledge
- grow in Truth and understanding
- grow in love
- grow in the knowledge of God
- grow in everything that there is

Verse 2: "He takes away every branch in Me *that* does not bear fruit; but He cleanses each one that bears fruit..."

What does that mean? *He forgives our sins, He gives us of His Holy Spirit* so that we can overcome the sin within; as Bruce Bird mentioned about that Eskimo man, about the two natures that we have within us, which is quite correct {message: Does God Answer Prayer? By Bruce Bird} With the Spirit of God, we can overcome it.

"...He cleanses each one that bears fruit, in order that it may bear more fruit" (v 2).

I thought of that the other day as I was coming back from Costco. I went up this one road on the left-hand side is a vineyard. And every year they harvest the grapes and then every fall they trim them all, all the branches off and then the next spring the branches grow and it bears more fruit. The older the vine stock is, the better that the juice is for producing wine. *So that's a good simile of what God wants us to do!*

Verse 3: "You are already clean through the word that I have spoken to you"—*and that's the words of the New Covenant in John 13 thru 17.*

Verse 4: "Dwell in Me..."

How do we dwell in Christ? ***With the Spirit of God living by every word of God!***

That's what God said. And remember the first words of Jesus when He was tempted by Satan the devil. ***Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God!***

- ***IF*** establishment Christian religion would do that
- ***IF*** they would teach about the Commandments of God
- ***THEN*** they would be preaching the Truth

*But it's a counterfeit religion just like the Catholics with all of their idolatry!*

Verse 4: "Dwell in Me, and I in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit of itself... [you must have the Spirit of God] ...but only if it remains in the vine, neither *can* you bear fruit **unless you are dwelling in Me.**"

That is you're living your life with Christ in you and you in Christ and everything that you do is based on that.

Verse 5: "I am the vine, *and* you *are* the branches. The one who is dwelling in Me... [constantly all the time] ...and I in him, bears much fruit..."

That's what God wants and that's what we've been doing with the Christian Biblical Church of God.

We have:

- a lot of books
- a lot of Bibles
- in-depth teaching

that even the Seventh-Day Adventists are astonished at what they've been missing

because they all have been 'playing' Church. So we'll have to see where that goes. If the SDAs are 'playing' Church think about what the Protestants and Catholics are doing other than worshipping Satan the devil.

"...because apart from Me you can do nothing. **IF** anyone does not dwell in Me..." (vs 5-6).

Now I want you to think about that right there, because that shows that we have to be :

- living God's way
- keeping His Commandments
- dwelling in His love
- dwelling in His faith
- dwelling in His hope

*That's why we're here!*

Verse 6: "**IF** anyone does not dwell in Me he is cast out as a branch, and is dried up; and men gather them and cast *them* into a fire, and they are burned."

Verse 7 very important and this backs up exactly what Bruce Bird was talking about. Now wherever you see **IF** you might want to circle it, ***because all of the conditions are always on us!***. We never go to God and say 'God. **IF**...'; because we ask ***His will to be done!***

Verse 7: "**IF** you dwell in Me, and My words..."

Now that's an interesting thing isn't it? Doesn't that tie in with *living by every Word of God* and *My words dwell in you!* What does that mean?

- written in your mind
- written in your heart
- written in your soul
- written in everything that you have
- written in your spirit

"...you shall ask whatever you desire, and it shall come to pass for you" (v 7).

The most important thing to ask for is that ***you be faithful to God in everything***, and that He will give you eternal life at the resurrection. ***Remember it's the resurrection!*** No immortal soul going to heaven. That is a pagan doctrine.

Verse 8: "In this..." *That is in this whole operation of everything that we've covered in the seven verses leading up to it!*

Verse 8: "**In this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; so shall you be My disciples.**"

Now look at it the other way. If you're not bearing fruit, but only professing, *you're not dwelling in Him! You do not belong to Him!* You may profess but professing does not mean conversion.

Verse 9: "As the Father has loved Me, I also have loved you; live in My love." *Aren't there a lot of people out there saying:*

Oh, we believe in Jesus that God gave His only begotten Son and I believe in Him. Therefore, I have eternal life.

And they tell you that you don't even have to be baptized. ***A lie!*** Here's what it means.

Verse 9: "As the Father has loved Me, I also have loved you; live in My love."

Then he explains it. Right here, the very next verse.

- ***IF*** you profess Jesus
- ***IF*** you think you believe in Jesus
- ***IF*** you think that He is the Savior of God
- ***IF*** you think that His words are true

*Listen to this and examine your life!* As you will find in the book *The Love of God Surpasses Human Knowledge*, it is a great and a marvelous thing. Now notice what he says here.

Verse 10: "**IF** you keep My Commandments, **you shall live in My love...**"

Now **IF** you don't keep His Commandments and you do whatever you want to do, you're not living in His love:

- though you profess His name
- though you think you're saved

*It's more than that, ***you have to live in His love!****

- Did Jesus keep the Commandments of God? *Yes!*
- Did He keep them for you so you don't have to keep them?
- Did He keep the Sabbath for you so you don't have to keep it?
- Did He not reject all idols and vain gods, *but you don't?*

You see how everything is so confused today in the lawless world that we are living in, because the source of all of this lawlessness comes from all of the Christian religions who profess Christianity, ***but they've all been captured by Satan the devil!***

You may think that's an outrageous statement, but I challenge you:

- **IF** you think you know everything
- **IF** you think you know that you supposedly are saved
- **THEN** you prove it

Now to help you prove it, we've got Appendix Z in the Bible if you have it, *Understanding Paul's Difficult Scriptures*. And we also have that in a book because he wrote some things difficult to understand: ***The Apostle Paul's Teachings on God's Laws.***

**IF** you don't understand the religious environment in his day with Judaism and paganism and all of that and why he wrote what he wrote, and what he actually means, **THEN** you need to get this Bible, study Appendix Z, study the other things that are here **so you can know the Truth!** We have produced with this Bible the Truth of God as it should be, ***not with any traditions of men!***

Think on that! It doesn't matter how great 'that man' may have been, or in the case of the SDAs that woman Ellen G. White professed to be.

Verse 10: **"IF you keep My Commandments, you shall live in My love;** just as I have kept My Father's Commandments and live in His love. These things I have spoken to you, in order that My joy may dwell in you, and that your joy may be full. This is My Commandment: that you love one another, as I have loved you."

So, it's the love of God coming to us and the love of God in us and our love with God's Spirit that we love one another.

Now sometimes in the love of God as Bruce Bird has brought out, we have trials and difficulties and all of those come along for a purpose *to see*:

- Do we really love God?
- Do we really believe God?

***To see whether we're going to come to God on His terms in repentance and yielding to Him.*** That's the whole story of the New Testament. The New Testament then tells us how we are to live, what we are to do, ***because this is the New Covenant unto eternal life!***

Verse 13: "No one has greater love than this: that one lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends, if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, because the servant does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends because I have made known to you all *the* things that I have heard from My Father" (vs 13-15). ***Now think about that!***

- Do you understand all the things that came from Jesus Christ, which was from the Father?
- Do you believe those things?

- Do you live those things?
- Is that how you think?
- What is it that your life actually is?

We need to ask those questions. I want you to understand something, because God does the calling and we answer the call. And if we don't answer the call, ***He won't choose us!***

Verse 16: "You yourselves did not choose Me, **but I have personally chosen you...**"

Think of that! *Jesus has personally involved in everyone that's chosen*, and it talks about in Rev. 17 about **the called, the chosen, and the faithful!**

"...and ordained you, that you should go forth and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain; so that whatever you shall ask the Father in My name, **He may give you**" (v 16)

That's very important to understand. So, that's why we have this brand new book. ***The Love of God Surpasses Human Knowledge.*** Now, Randy Vilde put the cover together. I gave him the ideas of what we needed, but we chose the dove because as we will see a little later, the Holy Spirit came down upon Jesus Christ as a dove.

We're going to cover. Again, some of the things about the Holy Spirit of God. This is something that you need to really, really know, because this is going to come down on everyone out there who belongs to an establishment 'Christian' church.

Do you really believe in God the Father and Jesus Christ, and that the Holy Spirit is the power of God! How far have the tentacles of Rome and their:

- ecumenical councils
- translations
- doctrines

*interfered with the Truth of the Bible?* I saw, and I'll have Ron post it online, a special given by a Baptist theologian whose major is the Greek New Testament.

He covered some things there that were very interesting. But they should have made these changes long ago. He said, 'Major changes are coming in modern translations of the New Testament.'

What did he mean by that? Well, in the Bibles that are accepted in the world, you have the sequence of books, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, then the book of Acts, then the book of Romans, and then they put the General Epistles at the tail end.

All of this was done to enhance the influence and power of the Roman Catholic Church. Also, the translation of the Bible by Jerome—Old Testament and New Testament—into Latin: he scrambled the books in the Old Testament and in the New Testament, because the general epistles in the Greek

New Testament should have come right after the book of Acts. Now this is what they're proposing to change in the future in the Protestant and perhaps even the Catholic world. I don't know.

However, this Bible, *The Holy Bible In Its Original Order*, is way ahead of them because we put them in the original order:

1. when we did the first edition, of the New Testament
2. then of the Old Testament

So, you might ask the question: What took them so long? ***Well because they believed in the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church and men!***

In the edition that they're going to do, this professor brought out that certain parts of the Bible they really don't believe, so they put it in brackets. Well there's another Greek text out there called: *The New Testament Greek In Its Original Order* by Robinson and Pierpont.

Now they were professors, Robinson at Duke, and Pierpont was independent. When we were doing the New Testament, Gary Staszek was writing the chapters 8 through 14 for the Commentary of the New Testament, which we produced first. We produced the Bible at a later date.

We had all the New Testament in its original order. There was a professor at an Ambassador College, Dr. Ernest Martin, and he left because of doctrinal problems within the Church and personal problems of his own. Now while he was teaching at Ambassador College, he brought out the proper order of the books of the New Testament as well as the Old Testament, but mainly the New Testament.

He wrote a book on it: *Restoring The Original Bible*. I was in touch with him all during the time that I was doing the translation, and I was more in touch with Dr. Dorothy who taught me the Greek. He was the one who encouraged me, first of all, to translate the New Testament. I told him, 'No, I didn't want to translate it, someone else should translate it.'

Well, over the years of continuing to study and so forth, and under his encouragement to translate, I decided to go ahead and translate. As I mentioned before, I never intended to do the whole New Testament. What it was, was this, we had a small church group of seven to twelve people, and we studied through the book of John verse-by-verse, and it took us two years to do that. So afterwards I asked them, well, what do you want us to do now? And they said to continue studying like this.

And since Dr. Dorothy had been encouraging me to translate, I undertook to translate the General Epistles: James, 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Peter, 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> John, and Jude.

I told the brethren, well, how about this? I'll do a study translation from the Greek into English, and we'll have a wide column down the middle of the page, and we'll have wide spaces on each side of it for notes. That's how it started.

I'd already previously done, years before, *A Harmony Of The Gospels*, and I did it in a paraphrased translation because my knowledge of Greek when I did it way back in 1973 was not like it was by time in 1992 that I started translating the General Epistles.

Then we got through the first five books of the General Epistles, all of them, and then we were running low on *A Harmony of The Gospels*. I said, 'I've got to translate Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John and bring *A Harmony of The Gospels* up to date, which we have. And that is the best *A Harmony of The Gospels* and the only one which has everything about the sequence of the years of Jesus beginning:

- When was He born?
- When did He start His ministry?
- When was he crucified?
- How long was he in the grave?
- When was He resurrected?

*All of that is put together in a chronological order based upon the Calculated Hebrew Calendar!*

So, I had to re-translate that from a paraphrase to a literal translation. Then someone in the UK sent me a 'gender-neuter' New Testament, and that was the beginning of what we now have, transgender.

Well, I started reading that and they said, that 'what we're doing, we're taking out everything that is in the masculine gender as much as possible.' They explained this: *Father in the New Testament is a metaphor*. No, it's not a metaphor! That's what He's called, ***the Holy Father!***

So they said, 'We're going to translate it this way: Father/Mother, and let everybody use their own imagination as to what they believed.'

I read that and I was so moved that I said, ***'This is a disaster. If we don't answer this, God is going to hold us responsible!'***

- Isn't that right?
- Wouldn't you think that was necessary?

Then I said, 'All right, I'm going to translate all the New Testament' which I did, and we put out *The New Testament In Its Original Order*, a big fat, thick book, with large type. We only have about five copies left. I think we put out about 25 or 30,000 of the New Testament.

Then Michael Heiss started attending with us down in Monrovia. And I used to go down there one

Sabbath every month. As I've mentioned before, but I want to put this together with everything for today, Michael Heiss knew the Hebrew in the Old Testament. Different brethren kept asking, 'Are you going to do the whole Bible' And I said, 'I don't have enough knowledge of Hebrew to do any translation.'

So, here's Michael Heiss, a converted Jew. And he told me how he was converted. It was quite a thing! He was at a Christian summer camp and he was out walking one night and he called out to God and said, 'If you are the Christ, I need to know.' And a voice came, 'Yes, He is the Christ.' Now I don't know if those were the exact words, but I remember him telling me that when we were at Ambassador College, we both graduated in 1964 and Carl Franklin, my friend, graduated then, as well.

Then I came to Michael Heiss, who had studied at Hebrew Union College and Judaica University. And he knew the Hebrew. He knew Yiddish. He grew up in a Jewish home, and here he is converted. So, I asked him, 'Would you translate the Old Testament?' And he said, 'I always wondered what I would do with the knowledge that I have been learning.' *So he did the translation of the Old Testament.* It took him three years to do it.

So that's how we got the Holy Bible. And we put all of the Old Testament books in the proper order in the three categories, the Law, the Prophets, and the Writings. So, what we have with the Holy Bible now in this edition, one of the best English Bibles in the world, not to brag, but to state a fact that if you want to know the Truth in English, this is the best Bible for you to have.

Watch the *two messages* I gave in showing the Greek, the lettering and the words and everything.

- *The Holy Spirit, Person or Power*
- *Why God Chose the Greek for the New Testament*

Just remember one rule that's important: Since every noun in the Greek has a gender-designation in the spelling, in the definite article and the verb. Descriptive adjectival nouns defining the main noun may be in a different gender than the main noun, but they cannot change the gender of the main noun. That's the important thing!

So, I had Randy do this: I would like you to search as many New Testaments that are online that you can and find out the critical verses of John 14—verses 15 through 18 and 25 through 27.

He checked out 54 New Testaments. How many have it translated correctly and truthfully with the Greek? *One* besides the *Faithful Version*. *One!* So that tells you that the translators have been influenced so heavily with the Catholic doctrine, that in order to

get things done and get along with them—because they're Catholics on the translating committees—they did not call or designate the Holy Spirit in the neuter gender, but in the masculine gender. Fifty-three New Testament translations have it wrong; *knowingly wrong* as I pointed out last week, that the ones who did the New American Standard Bible with the column on the left and the NIV with the column on the right and the Greek down the middle on John 14.

They have it in the neuter and 'it' and not 'he.' But at the bottom they say that there are other places where it's in the masculine gender. However, it's not the Greek word for spirit, which is 'pneuma,' which is neuter. And the definite article is 'to' pronounced 'ta'; and spirit is 'pneuma; to pneuma.'

If you make the Holy Spirit something that it isn't, that's a false doctrine. Who wants to come into the throne area of God and be God? What do we find in Isaiah 14? *Lucifer the morning star said, 'I will exalt my throne above the stars of God! I will become like the Most High!'*

Rev. 12 shows that that war took place and Satan was cast back to the earth and the third of the angels went with him.

Now then, what do we have here in 2-Corinthians 2:17. All of these things that we have manifest today started back in the days of the apostles. Because Satan was right there:

- Where was Satan right after Jesus was baptized? *Right there!*
- Where was Satan at the last Passover? *Right there!*

Satan has been the enemy of the Church everywhere. And there are ministers who follow him, ministers who lie.

2-Corinthians 2:17: "For we are not like the many..."

Now notice that word. There were a lot going around there. Now stop and think of this. How many people saw all the miracles of Jesus? *Healings, this and that, the other!* And there were even some who were casting out demons in His name that James and John wanted to forbid them from doing it. Jesus said, leave them alone. Those who are on our part are not against us.

How did that turn out? *Because Jesus knew how it would turn out!* What did He prophesy back in Matt. 24? *Be careful of the few little renegades because they will be false prophets! No!* He said, *many false prophets shall arise and preach perverse things!*

Here's one. Here's how they do it:

Verse 17: “For we are not like the many who for *their own* profit are corrupting the Word of God; but we speak with sincerity, as from God, *and* before God, *and* in Christ.”

Now come over here to 2-Cor. 4, because this will tell us why all of these churches cannot possibly represent God because they’re all Sunday-keepers with the exception of the SDAs and they’re just barely hanging on. That’s going to come on them a little later. Why they believe that the Holy Spirit is a third person in the Trinity

2-Corinthians 4:1: “Therefore, having this ministry, according as we have received mercy, we are not fainthearted. For we have personally renounced the hidden things of dishonest gain...” (vs 1-2).

- anything that’s dishonest
- anything that’s against the Word of God

That means taking tithes and offerings and things above and beyond what they should.

“...not walking in *cunning* craftiness, nor handling the Word of God deceitfully...” (v 2).

- See what they do?
- Isn’t that what they say?

One of the biggest deceptions today is there’s going to be ‘a rapture.’

I’ll cover that here pretty soon because they confuse that with the resurrection.

“...nor handling the Word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the Truth...” (v 2).

That is what we did, Michael with the Old Testament and me with the New Testament, to make sure, because:

- God made sure that the Truth was here
- God has made sure that the Truth is available

*The question is will we:*

- believe it?
- do it?
- preach it?
- teach it ?
- translate it?

“...nor handling the Word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the Truth, we are commending ourselves to every man’s conscience before God. But **if our Gospel is hidden** ...” (vs 2-3).

Now think about that! If the Gospel is hidden, that means *people can’t understand it!* Don’t we have that today? Look at the Catholics. What do they do? *They eliminate the second commandment in their catechism!* They make the Sabbath Commandment

the third Commandment, with ‘remember the Lord’s day.’ Then they split the 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment to have two on lust.

That is handling the Word of God deceitfully, and that means they’re lying. That means ***nothing that the Catholics are doing***—and the Protestants who follow them—***is following God the way God intended it to be***. All of them believe in a trinity. Don’t they? Check it out.

“...**IF our Gospel is hidden**, it is hidden to those who are perishing 4: in whom **the god of this age** [world]... [Satan the devil] ...has blinded the minds of those who do not believe...” (vs 3-4).

You need to think about this for a minute. There are two beliefs:

1. a profession, I believe in Jesus
2. the actual belief and repentance unto baptism and forgiveness of sin

***And then to walk in newness of life with the Spirit of God leading and directing your life!***

So here we have it. **IF** you follow what’s in the world by the establishment Christianity and Catholicism or any other religion, ***your minds are blinded!***

How are they blinded? *You refuse to accept and believe the Truth, and because you’ve had those who tell you lies.*

“...blinded the minds of those who do not believe, lest the Light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ, Who is *the* image of God, should shine unto them. **For we do not preach our own selves**...” (vs 4-5). Very important statement!

Catholics preach *men* Protestants preach *a false Christ, a false salvation* ***And they worship on the day of the sun-god Baal, called Sunday!*** Both of them!

Verse 5: “For we do not preach our own selves, but Christ Jesus *the* Lord, and ourselves your servants for Jesus’ sake, because *it is* God Who commanded *the* Light to shine out of darkness... [of this world] ...Who shined into our hearts *the* Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in *the* face of Jesus Christ” (vs 5-6).

So, they had different false prophets coming into these churches in Paul’s day. What did John write in 1-John 2? Many antichrists. Who are antichrists? *Those who reject that Jesus was the true Son of God. God manifested into flesh! Those who preach against the Commandments of God!*

2-Corinthians 11:1: “I would *that* you might bear with me in a little nonsense; but indeed, do bear with me. For I am jealous over you with *the* jealousy of God because I have espoused you to one husband,

so that I may present *you* as a chaste virgin to Christ. **But I fear...** [he knew what was going on] ...lest by any means, **as the serpent...**" (vs 1-3)—*Satan the devil* (Rev.12:9) **deceiving the whole world!**

We're living in that time as never before, and in a political party, the ones who are more totally in bed with Satan the devil are the Democrats.

"...the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds might be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ" (v 3).

- What did Jesus say? **IF** you love Me, keep the Commandments, namely Mine!
- Isn't that simple?
- Is there anything hard about that? *No!*

Verse 4: "For indeed, if someone comes preaching another Jesus, whom we did not preach, or you receive **a different spirit**, which you did not receive..." *Now that's interesting isn't it? Because:*

- **religious demons** follow Satan
- **religious demons** come and make you feel good in your deception and in your rebellion against God

**Not telling you that somewhere down the road it's going to be a disaster and you won't be able to recover!**

"...or **a different gospel...**" which you did not accept..." (v 4).

What is a different gospel? *Oh Jesus changed the day from Saturday to Sunday. LIE! Absolute LIE!* That's like a Democrat saying 'we're banning all abortion.'

"...which you did not accept, you put up with it as *something* good. But I consider myself in no way inferior to those highly exalted *so-called* apostles" (vs 4-5). *They were coming along and saying they're apostles!*

Think about this: Jesus says **the one who is of God speaks the words of God!**

- not deceitfully
- not for gain.
- not for self

**But in Truth!**

That's what we've done with the Bible. This is what we're doing with everything we do and publish. All of these things now are far more important than when we first started years and years ago.

Verse 13: "For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers..." *Telling you lies that 'it's okay'!*

Telling you that you **don't have to keep** the

Passover—which is the central thing of Christianity—**but** you can keep the communion, Eucharist or the Lord's Supper! And with the Catholics, they can take it any time they want to as long as a priest is there to do it. **The priest is the greatest liar in the world if he believes that the bread turns into the flesh of Jesus and the wine turns into his blood literally!** Because as a spirit being Jesus has no more flesh and no more blood!

"...deceitful workers **who are transforming themselves...**" (v 13).

Who is the power behind that transformation? **Satan the devil!** They are not transforming themselves through:

- repentance
- love
- truth
- overcoming

**transforming themselves** into apostles of Christ. And *it is* no marvel... [don't be surprised at this] ...for Satan himself..." (vs 13-14)—*who's the 'god of this world' who wants to be worshipped as God!*

So, when you put that together with the Trinity who is the third person trying to squeeze himself in between God the Father and Jesus Christ? **None other than Satan the devil!**

That's why they make it such an absolute dogma that you believe in the trinity. Did not the Catholic Church kill millions in martyrdom in Europe all across the face of Europe for centuries, **because the true believers of God would not submit to the pope and would not accept the trinity?** That's where it is right there!

"...for Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore, *it is* no great thing if his servants also transform themselves as ministers of righteousness—whose end shall be according to their works" (vs 14-15).

- Remember what we have read and studied in the seven churches?
- Remember how it starts out in every one of the seven churches?

**I know your works!**

That proves one very important fact: **What you believe in your mind and heart**—whether true or error—**that's what you produce; your works.**

**He didn't say,** 'I know your faith and you don't need any works.' That is a **satanic doctrine** coming right out of the cauldron of Satan the devil.

Now a lot of people won't believe that, because the ministers are so nice and we do all of this. **Listen! You have to judge everything by the Word of**

## God!

You need to restudy the things that I have done the last two messages concerning how the Greek is laid out.

- *The Holy Spirit, Person or Power*
- *Why God Chose the Greek for the New Testament*

You will be able to distinguish between the masculine gender, the feminine gender, and the neuter. The Holy Spirit *is always in the neuter!* Spirit is used nearly 400 times in the New Testament. Not once is it used as a main noun in the masculine gender. Just like this survey that Randy Vilde did of 54 New Testaments; only one translated it correctly.

You wait and see, this doctrine of the Trinity is going to be a main focal point in the struggle of true Christianity, *and especially within the Seventh-day Adventist Church*, because they are standing at the brink of the cliff. They don't know how far they are going to fall ***unless they repent and come back to God.***

John 14:10: "Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me?...."

- How did that happen?
- Then Jesus was baptized, what did John the Baptist say? ***I saw the Spirit come upon Him like a dove coming down out of heaven!***

That's why we have a dove on the front of this book: *The Love of God Surpasses Human Knowledge*

Then it said, 'and Jesus was filled with the Spirit.'

- Who filled Him with the Spirit? *The power of God the Father!*
- What does it say about God the Father?
- How are we, how are we to approach God the Father and Jesus Christ? ***We are to worship Them in Spirit!***

That is with our spirit and the Spirit of God in begettal, ***connecting with our spirit, to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth!***

***That is God's Holy Spirit***, which is the power of God, ***and the truth***, which is His Word. That's how we are to worship Him. Why? ***Because God is Spirit***, a Spirit being.

"...The words that I speak to you, I do not speak from My own self; but the Father Himself, Who dwells in Me, does the works" (v 10). ***That dwelling within Him is with the power of the Holy Spirit!***

Verse 11: "Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; but if not, believe Me because of the works themselves. Truly, truly I say to you,

the one who believes in Me shall also do the works that I do; and greater works than these shall he do, because I am going to the Father" (vs 11-12). ***We find that in Acts 5!***

God's Spirit was so prevalent with the apostles, and with Peter, that they brought multitudes of those who were sick and laid them alongside the street, and the passing of Peter's shadow healed them!

Verse 13: "And whatever you shall ask in My name, this will I do that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it." (vs 13-14). ***What do we do?***

Verse 15: "If you love Me, keep the commandments—namely, My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter..." (vs 15-16).

Look at that word, 'comforter'; that is an adjectival descriptive noun in the masculine gender, ***but that does not change the gender of the Holy Spirit***, which is 'ta (neuter) pneuma.'

So, we have translated it correctly. These sections in John is one of two Bibles in the world that have translated it correctly into English. Now, I did not know that until I had Randy Vilde do this survey for me, and he checked out 54 New Testament translations, and they are all 'he/him.' A descriptive adjectival noun describing a function does not change the gender of the one who is doing the function. That's just the peculiarity of the Greek.

"...that it may be with you throughout the age: ***Even the Spirit of the Truth...***" (vs 16-17).

- ***the Spirit***, 'ta pneuma'
- ***of the Truth***, 'tas aletheia'

- ***IF*** you don't believe the Truth, do you think you have the Spirit of God?
- ***IF*** you don't have the Spirit of God, how do you think that you are saved? or going to be in the resurrection?

***There it is right there!***

Verse 17: "***Even the Spirit of the Truth***, which the world cannot receive because it perceives it not, nor knows it, but you know it because it dwells with you, ***and shall be within you.***"

***When we repent, we have the Holy Spirit brought to us with the laying on of hands!***

Let's see something, because there were those who were baptized under the baptism of John [the Baptist], and we find that Apollos was preaching that because he came out of Alexandria.



This is very instructive, indeed; because if you do not have the Holy Spirit of God, and ***IF*** you have not been living by every Word of God—

- yet, you've been baptized
- yet, your life is not making the changes that should be with the Holy Spirit of God

—***THEN you need to think about this right here!***

Acts 19:1: “Now, it came to pass *that* while Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the upper parts *and* came to Ephesus; and when he found certain disciples, he said to them, ‘Did you receive *the* Holy Spirit after you believed?’.... [Did they?] ... And they said to him, ‘We have not even heard that *there* is a Holy Spirit’”—‘*ta pneuma hagios*’—Then he said to them, ‘Unto what then were you baptized?’ And they said, ‘Unto the baptism of John.’ And Paul said, ‘John truly baptized *with* a baptism unto repentance, saying to the people that they should believe in Him Who was coming after him—that is, in Jesus, the Christ’” (vs 1-4).

Verse 5: And after hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. Now, when Paul laid *his* hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with *other* languages and prophesied” (vs 5-6).

Amazing! Same thing that happened on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2) And that came because Paul was to stay there and do preaching, and he did a lot of powerful preaching. So much so that the temple of Diana was virtually deserted. And then they ran them out of town. You read the rest of it there,

But the point is, they were baptized again because the baptism of John, though it was commanded by God, was not valid for the Holy Spirit. ***So, everyone needs to evaluate that in their own lives.***

Today there are so many lawless people out there doing preaching and teaching who are deceiving people that are told the Lord changed the Sabbath to Sunday, that the Lord endorses all the pagan holidays, ***which He never did***, and that the Eucharist or the Lord's Supper or Communion is what they should take. ***That is not true!***

The Passover is what should be taken the way that Jesus said, ***IF*** you are baptized.

John 14:21: “The one who has My Commandments and is keeping them...”

What did Jesus say in Matt. 4:4? I've said this how many times in how many sermons recently? ***Live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God! Jesus was God manifested in the flesh!***

“...that is the one who loves Me...” (v 21).

So reverse it. ***IF*** you're not keeping the Commandments of God, you don't love God! Now you may have a warm, fuzzy feeling in your heart and in your mind, but that doesn't mean that you love God.

“...that is the one who loves Me, and the one who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will manifest Myself to him.’ Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, ‘Lord, what has happened that You are about to manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?’ Jesus answered and said to him, ‘***IF***... [conditional] ...anyone loves Me... [just the reverse of v 21] ... ***he will keep My Word***...” (vs 21-23).

What is some of the words that he spoke? He said that the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath Day, because the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath. Meaning: ***He is Lord of the Sabbath!*** He alone determines which day it is and what we are to do. ***Not man, not tradition!***

“...he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him” (v 23).

Dwelling within us with His Spirit. That's what we just read back there in Acts 19. They had to have the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ.

- you judge everything by these verses
- you look at what is going on
- you look at the religionist
- you look at those who profess religion or whatever religion they are in

Verse 24: ***The one who does not love Me does not keep My words...***

The question becomes, as we have covered this so many times, but this is the world we are living in.

- Do we really do that?
- Do we really love God?
- Do we really keep his words?

Because ***IF*** we don't:

“...and the Word that you hear is not Mine, but the Father's, Who sent Me” (v 24).

What are you actually doing ***WHEN***:

- you don't believe Jesus?
- you don't love Him?
- you don't keep His Commandments?
- Are you just rejecting Jesus?
- Are you not rejecting the Great Sovereign of the whole world, God the Father Himself?
- Isn't that true?

Verse 25: “I have spoken these things to you

while I am yet present with you. But *when* the Comforter *comes*, **even the Holy Spirit**, which the Father will send in My name, that One shall teach you all things, and shall bring to your remembrance everything that I have told you” (vs 25-26).

There it is again, the Holy Spirit, the Comforter is not a person! It is an adjectival descriptive noun defining one of the features or substance of the Holy Spirit, **and it's to be in us!**

Luke 4 becomes very important to show that when Jesus received the Holy Spirit that came down as a dove, appeared to Jesus as John said.

Luke 4:1: And Jesus, filled with *the* Holy Spirit... [that was the additional power of God for his whole Messiahship] ...returned from the Jordan, and was **led by the Spirit** into the wilderness.”

Luke 10:17—*Jesus is talking to His disciples*: “‘Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, even the demons are subject to us through Your name.’ And He said to them, ‘I was watching when Satan fell from heaven like lightning. Behold, I give you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and upon all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall injure you in any way’” (vs 17-19).

Now that's quite a statement that's coming. Even martyrdom isn't going to injure you because even though you lose your head and die, you're going to be resurrected.

Verse 20: “‘Yet, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits... [neuter; demons] ...are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.’ In the same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit...” (vs 20-21).

Now there's a perfect example of two uses of 'pneuma:

1. for the demon spirit
2. for the spirit that Jesus had

*which is the Holy Spirit from God the Father*, plus He had:

- the *spirit in man* that He had from conception
- the Spirit of God the Father joining
- the added Spirit for the preaching of the Gospel as the true Savior of the world

“...Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit, and said, ‘I praise You, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You did hide these things from *the* wise and intelligent, and did reveal them to babes. Yes, Father, for it was well pleasing in Your sight *to do so*.’ Then He turned to the disciples *and* said, ‘All things were delivered to Me by My Father; and no one knows Who the Son is, except the Father; and Who the Father is, except the Son, **and the one to whom the Son personally chooses to reveal Him**’” (vs 21-22).

Quite a thing! When you're called to God and a calling is out there, God is doing a calling, *but we have to answer the call!* God will reveal these things to us.

Verse 23: “And He turned to His disciples *and* said privately, ‘Blessed *are* the eyes that have seen the things that you see.’”

When you read the Scriptures and you understand it, you see it and it enters your mind and you want to do that, **that's God revealing it to you through the power of His Spirit!**

There are seven spirits of God as revealed in the book of Revelation. And these go to and fro through the whole earth seeking those who are seeking God.

He will be the One Who will open your eyes. Then you come to Christ in true repentance.

Verse 24: “For I tell you, many prophets and kings have desired to see the things that you see, and have not seen *them*; and to hear the things that you hear, and have not heard *them*.”

Then a doctor of the Law came and said, ‘Which is the greatest Commandment?’ We'll go full circle back to where I began. **The greatest Commandment is to love God with all your heart and mind and soul and being!** and the second one is like it, **love your neighbor as yourself. And on these two, hang all the Law and the Prophets (Matt. 22).**

A marvelous thing! This is why:

- we study every day
- we pray every day
- we live our lives by the Commandments of God
- we want to do the things that God wants us to do
- we want to conform our lives and our thoughts to the ways of God
- we want to bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ

The book: *The Holy Spirit, Power of God* will go through every one of these things and help you fully understand that **there is no such thing as a trinity and that the Holy Spirit is not a third person in the Godhead!**

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