

Chapter Nine



*God's Great Gift – The Holy Spirit
Part One – Person, Promise, Reception,
& Justification*

IX. GOD'S GREAT GIFT – THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Godhead. As such, He is a person, not an impersonal force or power. He shares fully in the nature and being of God, and proceeds eternally from the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit is **God's Promised Gift** to those who repent of their sins, believe in Jesus Christ, and receive baptism in His name.

When the Spirit comes to live in our hearts and makes our bodies His Temple, He enlightens, guides and motivates us. He gives us a new, loving attitude toward God, and makes us willing to obey Him and eager to please Him. He intercedes for us and helps us in our worship and prayers. He sometimes rebukes us; often encourages and comforts us. Since He is really the Third Person in the Godhead, He thinks, speaks, yearns—He can be grieved or pleased, insulted or obeyed. **The Presence of the Holy Spirit in our hearts is really the Presence of God Himself in our hearts.**

John 14:26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, **will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.** (NRSV)

John 16:7-8 Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when **he**** comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment. (NRSV)

** (the "He" in Greek is **ekeinos**, which is the masculine demonstrative pronoun, showing that the Spirit is a Person, not an "it," and not feminine in gender.)

Acts 5:3-4 Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?... **You have not lied to men but to God.**" (NIV)

Acts 7:51 (Stephen, to Sanhedrin) "You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: **You always resist the Holy Spirit!**" (NIV)

Rom. 8:26-27 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but **the Spirit Himself intercedes** for us with sighs too deep for words. And He who searches the hearts of men knows what is **the mind of the Spirit**, because **the Spirit intercedes** for the saints according to the will of God. (RSV)

Eph. 4:30 And **do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God**, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. (NIV)

2. THE PROMISE – A WISH THAT BECAME A PROPHECY

THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS NOT THE CONSTANT COMPANION OF THE ORDINARY BELIEVER IN THE OLD TESTAMENT TIMES (AS HE IS PRESENT IN EVERY BELIEVER IN THE NEW TESTAMENT), BUT MOSES WISHED FOR THIS IN HIS DAY!

Num. 11:16-17 The LORD said to Moses: “Bring me seventy of Israel’s elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you. I will come down and speak with you there, and I **will take of the Spirit that is on you and put the Spirit on them. They will help you carry the burden of the people so that you will not have to carry it alone.**” (NIV)

Num. 11:27-29 A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ aide since youth, spoke up and said, “Moses, my lord, stop them!” But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I **wish that all the Lord’s people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!**” (NIV)

3. THE OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT – *THE FULLER OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS PROMISED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT AS SOMETHING WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT. THE MESSIAH WOULD BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT. THIS BECOMES A GREAT PROMISE OF THE OLD COVENANT WHICH IS TO BE FULFILLED IN THE NEW. (COVENANT = TESTAMENT) THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL ACCOMPLISH A GREAT CHANGE IN GOD’S PEOPLE: (1) THEY WILL HAVE A MORE PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF GOD. (2) HIS LAW WILL BE WRITTEN ON THEIR HEARTS. (3) THEY WILL HAVE A NEW HEART WHICH WILL ENABLE THEM TO KEEP AND OBEY HIS ORDINANCES. (4) ALL BELIEVERS, YOUNG AND OLD, WILL HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT.*

Is. 11:1-5 (Jesus is the Spirit-bearer and Bestower) Out of the stump of David’s family will grow a shoot—yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root. **And the Spirit of the LORD will rest on him**—the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. He will delight in obeying the LORD. He will never judge by appearance, false evidence, or hearsay. He will defend the poor and the exploited. He will rule against the wicked and destroy them with the breath of his mouth. He will be clothed with fairness and truth. (NLT)

4.A. The Only Requirement For Receiving The Spirit Is Faith In Jesus (*John 7:38-39*)

“The Spirit is received, according to this text, by simple faith in Jesus...but prior even to this **fide** (faith) reception there is a more basic condition to be fulfilled. The giving of the Spirit is dependent, first of all, upon the ‘glorification’ of Jesus, which in John’s Gospel means the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ (*John 12:16, 23-24; 13:31-32; 17:1*). The indispensable pre-condition for the giving of the Spirit is the work of Christ.”

– Frederick Dale Bruner, *A Theology of the Holy Spirit*, p. 225.
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4.A. Matthew 3:11 – Baptized With The Holy Spirit

“...the **major** gift Jesus came bringing was, as John the Baptist predicted, the gift of an overwhelming Spirit, the gift of an inundation or Baptism with a fiery Holy Spirit. Chrysostom, in his late fourth-century homily on this text in Matthew, calls this baptismal gift ‘the Mystery,’ by which he means that Christ’s Spirit-baptism by fire is nothing less than Christ’s own coming, through Baptism, to dwell in our hearts by His Spirit (*Colossians 1:26-27; Ephesians 1:9-10; 3:9*). Chrysostom asks, pointedly, why did John the Baptist not predict the coming of the Messiah’s miracles or teaching, or (we may ask) his passion or resurrection? Why did the Baptist stress only the mystery of Christ’s coming with the Spirit in **Baptism** instead of stressing Christ’s many other ministries?

“This is Chrysostom’s provocative answer: ‘Because this (mystery of the indwelling Spirit) was greater than all (the other things that Jesus came to do), and for its sake all those (other miracles) were done.’

“The mystery is that when the Messiah comes, as Chrysostom points out beautifully, the Messiah is not predicted as just ‘giving’ us the Holy Spirit; that is, the coming Christ will lavish the Holy Spirit on us, grant the Spirit to us in unimaginable fullness. John’s baptism can get us wet and turn our lives around; but Jesus’ Baptism can give us internal power and fire us with the energy we need to keep our lives in perpetual repentance.”

* Saint Chrysostom, “Homilies on the Gospel of Saint Matthew,” Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers, Vol. 10, 11:7-73, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1978

– Frederick Dale Bruner, *The Holy Spirit - Shy Member of the Trinity*, pp. 40-41. Augsburg, 1984.

4. The Symphony of Salvation

The Bible tells us that whatever God the Father does also involves The Son of God, as well as the Holy Spirit. Thus, the salvation of the world was first conceived in the mind of the Father, but it was put into action in the world by Jesus, and after Christ’s Ascension, the Holy Spirit broadcast the Good News of Jesus all over the world. Or, to use a human illustration: God the Father is like a composer who conceived within himself the symphony of salvation; then He gave the completed symphony to Jesus, His Son, who like the director of an orchestra, “performed the symphony of salvation” in the world before a selected audience of Disciples and Apostles. Then, after His Ascension, Jesus poured out the Spirit richly on his Church. Hence, the work of the Holy Spirit is like that of a recording studio that produces and distributes records, tapes and CD’s by the millions so they can be heard everywhere—for the Spirit takes the Gospel, the ‘symphony of salvation’ and causes its joyous sounds to be heard in the hearts of millions all over the world.

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3. The Outpouring of the Spirit (Cont'd)

Jer. 31:31-34 “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a **new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah**, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant which they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: **I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each man teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.**” (RSV) (See *Heb. 8:6-13*)

Ezek. 11:19-20 **I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them;** I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. **Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.** They will be my people, and I will be their God. (NIV)

Joel 2:28-29 And afterward, **I will pour out my Spirit on all people.** Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, **I will pour out my Spirit in those days.** (NIV)

II Cor. 3:2-3 You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everybody. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, **written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone (the Ten Commandments) but on tablets of human hearts.** (NIV)

4. FULFILLED THROUGH JESUS – THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHESED THAT THE MESSIAH WOULD BE HIGHLY GIFTED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT (Is. 11:1-3; Is. 42:1-4; Is. 61:1-2). THE FULFILLMENT OF THESE PROMISES CAME ABOUT THROUGH JESUS WHO IS THE SPIRIT-BEARER, AND WHO MAKES THE HOLY SPIRIT AVAILABLE TO US THROUGH HIS LIFE, DEATH AND RESURRECTION ON OUR BEHALF.

A. The Spirit is given through faith in Jesus, but only after His work was completed.

Matt. 3:11 “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.**” (John the Baptist speaking of Jesus.) (NIV)

4.A. (Cont'd)

Matt. 3:16 And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. (NRSV)

John 7:38-39 “He who **believes in me**, as the scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.’ Now this He said about the Spirit, which **those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.**” (RSV)

B. After his resurrection, Jesus assures the disciples that the promised Spirit will soon be given.

Luke 24:49 “And see, **I am sending upon you what my Father promised;** so stay here in the city until you have been **clothed with power from on high.**” (NRSV)

Acts 1:4-5 While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for **the promise of the Father.** “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but **you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now.” (NRSV)

5. THE NEW COVENANT – THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS Poured OUT ON THE FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST, AND THE NEW COVENANT BEGAN. (NOTE: PENTECOST=50TH. THE JEWS BELIEVED THAT THE OLD COVENANT OF THE LAW WAS GIVEN 50 DAYS AFTER THEY LEFT EGYPT. THE LAW WAS GIVEN ON TWO SLABS OF STONE. IN THE NEW COVENANT—PENTECOST—THE LAW IS WRITTEN “ON THE FLESHLY TABLETS OF HUMAN HEARTS” II CORINTHIANS 3:3.)

Acts 2:1-4 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues (languages) as the Spirit enabled them.** (NIV)

Acts 2:14-17 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.’” (NIV)

5. (Cont'd)

Acts 2:33 (Peter, speaking of Jesus) Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father **the promise of the Holy Spirit, he (Jesus) has poured out this that you both see and hear.** (NRSV)

Acts 2:38 And Peter said to them, "**Repent, and be baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ **for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**" (RSV)

6. OUR SPIRITUAL CONDITION — WE ARE BY NATURE SPIRITUALLY DEAD. (WE ARE DISCONNECTED FROM GOD'S LIFE.) WHEN WE REPENT AND ACCEPT JESUS AS OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, AND ARE BAPTIZED, THE SPIRIT OF GOD COMES INTO OUR LIVES. THUS GOD'S OWN LIFE IS AGAIN PRESENT IN US. THIS IS CALLED THE NEW BIRTH OR REGENERATION. WE ARE NOW A "BORN AGAIN" CHRISTIAN. (SEE ALSO CH 3-19 – 23)

John 1:12-13 Yet to all who **received him**, to those **who believed in his name**, he gave the right to become children of God – **children born** not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but **born of God.** (literally: "born out of God") (NIV)

John 3:3 (Jesus to Nicodemus) In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, **no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again*.**" (NIV)
*(Greek: **anōthen**, "from above" or "a second time")

Tit. 3:5-6 He saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of His own mercy, **by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.** (RSV)

I Pet. 1:23-25 **You have been born anew**, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, **through the living and enduring word of God.** For "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures forever." **That word is the good news that was announced to you.** (NRSV)

See also: *Acts 2:38* (above) and *Ephesians 2:1-5*.

7. THE SPIRIT AND FAITH – THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GIVEN TO ALL WHO RECEIVE CHRIST IN THE OBEDIENT RESPONSE OF FAITH. THE SPIRIT IS IMPARTED **as people listen with believing hearts to the Gospel and receive baptism in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of sins.** THOUGH THE SPIRIT WORKS IN THE MINDS AND CONSCIENCES OF PEOPLE PRIOR TO BECOMING CHRISTIANS, SPIRITUAL REBIRTH DOES NOT TAKE PLACE WITHOUT THE GOSPEL AND BAPTISM, WHICH ARE THE MEANS, OR CHANNELS OF HIS COMING. (SEE TITUS 3:5-6 ON CH 9-11 AND CHAPTER 14 ON BAPTISM.) REMEMBER THAT THE TITLE **“Christ”** MEANS **“THE ANOINTED ONE.”** JESUS WAS **“ANOINTED”** WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND SO ARE ALL CHRISTIANS.

Acts 5:31-32 “God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is **the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.**” (That is, they obey the Gospel invitation and put their faith in Jesus. *Acts 6:7*) (NRSV)

Acts 8:18-20 When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money and said, “Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.” Peter answered: “May your money perish with you, because **you thought you could buy the gift of God with money!**” (NIV)

Acts 9:17b & 22:16 (Ananias to Saul) “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and **be filled with the Holy Spirit.**” ... “‘And now what are you waiting for? **Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.**’” (Paul quoting Ananias's words.) (NIV)

Acts 10:38 ...God **anointed** Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power;...he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. (NRSV)

Gal. 3:5 I ask you then: **when God gives you the Spirit and works miracles among you, why is that?** Is it because you keep the law, or is it **because you have faith in the Gospel message?** (NEB)

1 John 2:20 “...you have been **anointed** by the Holy One, and so you all have knowledge.” (REB) (Christians are little “christs.”)

8. JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH

B. We are justified by faith in Jesus

The Holy Spirit convicts people of their sinfulness and lostness; then he leads us to Jesus and creates faith in Jesus within the heart. We are then “**justified**” by our faith in Jesus. The word, “**justify**” as used in the Bible means “**to declare righteous**.” But God doesn’t just call us “righteous,” but he actually imparts, or accounts, his own perfect righteousness to the sinner—the righteousness which Jesus won by his perfect obedience and death on the cross. The Christian’s righteousness is really God’s righteousness **bestowed on us as a Free Gift** when we put our trust in Jesus.

We are “justified” by our faith in Jesus, not because our faith is a virtue on our part, but rather because our faith takes hold of Jesus and what He did for us when He died for our sins on the cross. **Justification** entails a change of **status** before God. Our justification is instantaneous, total, and continues as long as we keep trusting in Jesus and not in our own works for salvation. (See also Ch 8-14 & 15)

John 16:8-9 When He (the Spirit) comes, **he will convict the world of guilt** in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: **in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me (Jesus)...** (NIV)

Rom. 5:1 Therefore, **since we are justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (NRSV)

Rom. 10:3 (Paul of his fellow Jews) For, being ignorant of **the righteousness that comes from God**, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God’s righteousness. (NRSV)

II Cor. 5:21 For our sake he (the Father) made him (Jesus) to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him **we might become the righteousness of God**. (NRSV)

Gal. 2:16 ...We have believed in Christ Jesus, **in order to be justified by faith in Christ**, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. (RSV)

See also: *Romans 1:17; 3:20-22; 4:20-25; 5:18-19; 9:30-31; 10:3; 11:5;*
I Corinthians 6:11; Galatians 2:16 & 21; 3:10-12 & 21-22;
5:4; Ephesians 2:8-10; Acts 15:11; I Peter 3:18; Luke 18:9-14.

Faith - The Proper Stance for Humans Before God

1. Faith is the desired basic attitude or stance of the human before God. Faith is a trustful, childlike, looking to God and depending on God. Faith connects us with God so that His Spirit, wisdom, power, hope and love, come into our lives. "Without faith it is impossible to please God" Hebr. 11:6. Faith is the cause of our receiving; love and hope are the result of our having faith. Rom. 5:1-5
2. Faith brings God's Righteousness, won by Christ, into and upon us. "Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Rom. 5:1
3. Saving faith is created in us as we listen to the Gospel with open hearts. "So then, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message comes through preaching Christ." Rom. 10:17 Also, the Holy Spirit comes to us as we hear the Gospel with faith, and the Spirit continues to come into our hearts as we continue to hear with Faith. Gal. 3:1-4. We have to "stay tuned" to the Gospel for the Spirit to be continually supplied to us. The forgiveness of sins, Rom. 4:6, and all other blessings won for us by Jesus, come to us when we put our trust "in his blood" (that is, His sacrifice). "God presented Him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood." Rom. 3:25
4. Faith puts its confidence in God - the opposite is confidence in the flesh. "We who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh" Phil. 3:4. "Your Confidence is in God" 1 Pet. 1:21. Our Self-confidence must be shattered (i.e., "You can be all you want to be"). Unbelief constantly gives God a vote of "no confidence," and then ignores or defies Him. John 12:37
5. Faith clings to God's Word of Promise. Faith and Promise are correlatives: John 5:50 (5:46-54). Abraham: "father of many nations" (Rom. 4:18). "We, like Isaac, are children of promise — born of a promise!" Gal. 4:28. If there is no promise, faith has nothing to grab hold of. God has not promised you a rose garden but He has granted us "precious and very great promises." 2 Pet. 1:4
6. Faith Credits God with being able to do what He says - hence it gives glory to God. He is able to do the impossible. Matt. 8:2. "No distrust made him waver concerning the promises of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God." Rom 4:20
7. Time, Distance, Circumstances - are no problem for true faith. Mark 8:13-21. Notice: Jesus asked 9 questions! Abraham's faith did not waver when he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead. Rom. 4:19

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8. Faith involves the whole person: therefore the will of the believer is "held captive to the Word of God" (Luther). "By faith Abraham obeyed the call to leave his home for a land he was to receive as a possession; he went away without knowing where he was to go." Hebr. 11:8. Saul, "What do you want me to do, Lord?" Acts 22:10. When we act in faith, we obey even if it seems preposterous, outrageous – like the requested sacrifice of Isaac. "Bring about obedience to the faith." Rom. 3:25
9. "Whatever does not proceed from faith is sin" Romans 14:23 (NRSV). If an airplane's jet engines "flame out," the plane goes down. If we do not act in faith, make plans and decisions without God, we are faithless, and then we are liable to become, 'heart-less, ruth-less, hope-less.' "Put all your trust in the Lord and do not rely on your own understanding. At every step you take keep him in mind, and He will direct your path." Prov. 3:5-6 (REB)
10. Faith must be in constant "use" — always "on"; always activated. "Where is your faith?" Lk. 8:25. The implication is that they had left it "at home," "not available," or "tuned in," when the need arose. A boy scout must "always be prepared." A Christian must always take his/her faith with him. Eph. 6:16
11. Fear and anxiety are symptoms that faith is weak or non-existent. "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have you no faith?" Mk. 4:40
12. Our faith can bring blessings and help to others Matt. 9:2. "When He saw their faith" Mark 13. Our prayers can be a means of sustaining someone else's faith. "I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail" Luke 22:32. Hence, faith can "fail"; "wink out"; it can be crushed.
13. Faith can be destroyed by disobedience. Some have made "shipwreck of their faith" by ignoring conscience. 1 Tim. 1:19
14. Faith can increase. The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith" Luke 17:5. "Our hope that as your faith increases . . ." 2 Cor. 10:15
15. True Faith Expresses Itself in Loving Actions. Without such 'Works' faith is 'dead'. "The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love" Gal. 5:6 (REB); "So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." James 2:17 (RSV). "As the body is dead when there is no breath left in it, so faith divorced from action is dead." James 2:26 (REB)

9. THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS POURED GOD'S LOVE ABROAD IN OUR HEARTS, AND SINCE LOVE IS THE ESSENCE OF THE LAW'S REQUIREMENT, THE LAW OF GOD—FORMERLY ENGRAVED ON SLABS OF STONE—HAS NOW BEEN INTERNALIZED IN THE HEART OF EACH CHRISTIAN. (SEE 2 COR. 3:2-3 ON CH. 9-7)

Romans 5:5 ... God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit whom he has given us. (NIV)

Romans 13:9-10 The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, you shall not commit murder, you shall not steal, you shall not covet," and any other commandment there may be, are all summed up in the one rule, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love cannot wrong a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. (REB)

Galatians 5:6 For in Christ Jesus...the only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. (NIV)

James 2:14-17 What good is it my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, 'Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. (NIV)

I John 3:14-17 We know we have crossed over from death to life, because we love our fellow-Christians. Anyone who does not love is still in the realm of death... But if someone who possesses the good things of this world sees a fellow-Christian in need and withholds compassion from him, how can it be said that the love of God dwells in him? (REB)

Note: See also Chapter 6-27 on the Law's fulfillment, and Chapter 10, pages 9, 10, and 11 on good works.

WORKSHEET FOR CHAPTER IX

The following passages speak either of an activity of the Holy Spirit, or of our reception and treatment of the Holy Spirit. Look up the passages and fill in the blanks with the right words. (Use Revised Standard Version of the Bible preferably.)

1. But they _____ and _____ his holy Spirit.
(*Isaiah 63:10*)
2. For it is not you who _____, but the Spirit of your Father _____ through you. (*Matthew 10:20*)
3. David himself, _____ by the Holy Spirit, declared. . .
(*Mark 12:36*)
4. But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to _____
_____?
_____?" (*Acts 5:3*)
You have not _____ but to God." (*Acts 5:4*)
5. "You stiff-necked people...you always _____ the Holy Spirit."
(*Acts 7:51*)
6. Having been _____ by the Holy Spirit to _____
_____ in Asia. (*Acts 16:6b*)
7. For all who are _____ by the Spirit of God are _____ of God.
(*Romans 8:14*)
8. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit _____
_____?
_____?" (*I Corinthians 3:16*)
9. Did you receive the Spirit by _____, or by
_____ with faith? (*Galatians 3:2*)
10. He who _____ to the Spirit will from the Spirit
_____." (*Galatians 6:8*)
11. And do not _____ the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were
_____ for the day of redemption. (*Ephesians 4:30*)
12. For you received _____ in much affliction, with
_____ by the Holy Spirit. (*I Thessalonians 1:6*)
13. Do not _____ the Spirit, do not _____
prophesying. (*I Thessalonians 5:19-20*)