

Receive The Holy Spirit pt3 – Becoming Like Jesus

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[Jhn 20:22 NASB95] 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

[1Th 4:3, 7-8 NASB95] 3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification; [that is,] that you abstain from sexual immorality; ... 7 For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification. 8 So, he who rejects [this] is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you.

- Christianity is a total remake of who you are. It is not an add-on. It is a radical change of extreme distinction between who you are and who you will be. **This is being born again.**
- Review Sunday: Accept conviction. Be changed (Don't resist but welcome change). Connect to God as a child of God.
- The Bible word is sanctification. Two aspects: 1. Positional and instant. 2. Practical and progressive.
- S. Horton – Sanctification (being made separate to God and becoming like Jesus) – this work of the Holy Spirit receives by far the greatest attention in the NT.
- It is Christian suffering. (1 Pet 4:1-3)

What role does the Holy Spirit play in us becoming like Jesus?

Here are the areas, cooperations, and results of the Holy Spirit making us like Jesus.

I. The areas where the Holy Spirit will work.

a. The three areas:

i. Believing – You agree.

ii. Behaving – You act. [1Co 6:9-11 NASB95] 9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor [the] covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

iii. Belonging – You are.

II. The result of the work of the Holy Spirit.

a. Becoming like Jesus.

b. Metanoia – Repent – change of mind that results in a change of action.

c. Three aspects:

i. Perspective. See things like Jesus.

ii. Purity. Live like Jesus.

iii. Power. Work like Jesus.

III. The cooperation we must have with the Holy Spirit.

a. Dr. Hart – it (sanctification) is both a gift and a demand.

b. Atmosphere. You will be affected by your environment.

c. Avoidance. You will need to cut things off from your old life. [Rom 8:13 NASB95] 13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

d. Actions.

i. [Gal 5:16-18 NASB95] 16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. 17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the

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Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.

- ii. Pray – Holy Spirit intercession. Romans 8:26-27
 - iii. Bible study – Holy Spirit inspiration. 2 Timothy 3:16. [1Pe 1:2, 22-23 NASB95] 2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure. ... 22 Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, 23 for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, [that is,] through the living and enduring word of God.
 - iv. Church – Holy Spirit involvement. [1Co 12:7 NASB95] 7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
- **The Holy Spirit will change you resulting in you becoming like Jesus as you cooperate with Him.**