

## Receive The Holy Spirit pt8 – His Miracles-Your Fingerprints

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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.

[Jos 21:43-45 NASB95] 43 So the LORD gave Israel all the land which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they possessed it and lived in it. 44 And the LORD gave them rest on every side, according to all that He had sworn to their fathers, and no one of all their enemies stood before them; the LORD gave all their enemies into their hand. 45 Not one of the good promises which the LORD had made to the house of Israel failed; all came to pass.

- A church used an AI-generated sermon preached by an AI-generated avatar.
  - "The artificial intelligence chatbot asked the believers in the fully packed St. Paul's church in the Bavarian town of Fuerth to rise from the pews and praise the Lord. The ChatGPT chatbot, personified by an avatar of a bearded Black man on a huge screen above the altar, then began preaching to the more than 300 people who had shown up on Friday morning for an experimental Lutheran church service almost entirely generated by AI. "Dear friends, it is an honor for me to stand here and preach to you as the first artificial intelligence at this year's convention of Protestants in Germany," the avatar said with an expressionless face and monotonous voice.  
[https://www.wdrb.com/news/national/can-a-chatbot-preach-a-good-sermon-hundreds-attend-church-service-generated-by-chatgpt-to/article\\_0551eee3-b528-5df7-a55a-f3e2d062a32f.html](https://www.wdrb.com/news/national/can-a-chatbot-preach-a-good-sermon-hundreds-attend-church-service-generated-by-chatgpt-to/article_0551eee3-b528-5df7-a55a-f3e2d062a32f.html)
- God never intended to act alone. His preference is to work through humans.
- In Joshua 21, notice God gave them the land. They possessed it. He fulfilled His promises. They swung their swords and shot their arrows.
- It was not all Him. It was not all them.
- It was His miracles. It had their fingerprints on them.

### How does this Divine/Human partnership work?

Here are a few ways we see the Divine/Human partnership working.

#### I. The Holy Spirit and you work together for salvation.

- a. [Phl 2:12-13 NASB95] 12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for [His] good pleasure.
- b. This is the rubric for how God works in our salvation.

#### II. The Holy Spirit and you work together for sanctification.

- a. [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.
- b. It is us by the Spirit dealing with the flesh.

#### III. The Holy Spirit and you work together in ministry.

- a. [Mar 16:20 NASB95] 20 And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the signs that followed. [[And they promptly reported all these instructions to Peter and his companions. And after that, Jesus Himself sent out through them from east to west the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.]]
- b. We preach. He brings the results. We pray. He does miracles.

#### IV. The Holy Spirit and you work together in prayer.

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- a. [Mat 6:10 NASB95] 10 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.
- b. [Mat 16:19 NASB95] 19 "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."
- c. Prayer is the place where this Divine Human partnership happens.

**V. The Holy Spirit and you work together.**

- a. No room for pride. Never assume you could have done it without God.
  - b. No room for laziness. Faith is not an excuse for not doing your part.
  - c. You are not alone. Sometimes you may not feel like it, but He works with you.
  - d. You do the possible. He does the impossible.
- **The Holy Spirit wants to work with you to do impossible things.**