

Emil Brunner, a reformed theologian, wrote that the Holy Ghost “has always more or less been the stepchild of theology”.

John 16:7

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your *advantage* that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.”

Desire of Ages, p. 669

“The Holy Spirit is Christ’s representative, but divested of the personality of humanity, and independent thereof. Cumbered with humanity, Christ could not be in every place personally. Therefore it was for their interest that He should go to the Father, and send the Spirit to be His successor on earth. No one could then have any advantage because of his location or his personal contact with Christ. By the Spirit the Saviour would be accessible to all. In this sense He would be *nearer* to them than if He had not ascended on high.”

Acts of the Apostles, 53

The Spirit is given as a regenerating agency, to make effectual the salvation wrought by the death of our Redeemer.

Desire of Ages, p. 672

“This promised blessing [the Holy Spirit],
claimed by faith brings all other
blessings in its train.”

John 14:16-17

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and 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*.

1 John 3:24 says: “And by this we know that He [Jesus] *abides in us*, by the Spirit whom He has given us.”

The Holy Spirit will bring the presence of Jesus into us.

AW Tozer

“If the Holy Ghost were taken away from our church today, 95% of what we do would continue and no one would notice the difference. If the Holy Ghost had withdrawn from the early church, then 95% of what they were doing would have stopped and everyone would have noticed the difference.”

Michael Green, *Thirty Years that Changed the World*

“Three crucial decades in world history. That is all it took. In the years between AD 33 and 64 a new movement was born. In those thirty years it got sufficient growth and credibility to become the largest religion the world has ever seen and to change the lives of hundreds of millions of people. It has spread into every corner of the globe and has more than two billion putative adherents.”

“It has had an indelible impact on civilization, on culture, on education, on medicine, on freedom and of course on the lives of countless people worldwide. And the seedbed for all this, the time when it took decisive root, was in these three decades. It all began with a dozen men and a handful of women: and then the Spirit came.”

Acts 2:4 “And they were all *filled* with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

Acts 4:31 “And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all *filled* with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.”

Acts 13:52 “And the disciples were *filled* with joy and with the Holy Spirit.”

The Bible differentiates between three groups of people in respect to their personal relationship with God.

1st Group: Full, real relationship – the Bible calls this a Spirit filled person. (Romans 8:1-14)

Galatians 5:22

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”

Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22–23



2nd Group: No Relationship – the Bible calls this the natural man.

Galatians 5:19-21

“Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

1 Corinthians 2:14

“But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

3rd Group: Divided Relationship – The Bible calls
this the Carnal Christian

1 Corinthians 3:1-4 “And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? For when one says, ‘I am of Paul’, and another, ‘I am of Apollos’, are you not carnal?”

Revelation 3:15-16 “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.

So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

Revelation 3:20

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.”

Ellen White (RH 7/1/1890)

“He who is trying to reach heaven by his own works in keeping the law, is attempting an impossibility. Man cannot be saved without obedience, but his works should not be of himself; Christ should work *in him* to will and to do of his good pleasure.”

Luke 11:1-13

Vs. 8-9

“Yet because of his *persistence* he will rise and give him as many as he needs. So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you”

constantly
continually
tenaciously
unrelentingly
perseveringly
repeatedly
tirelessly
steadfastly

Luke 11:9-13 NKJV

“So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who ask receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If person ask for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he ask for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the *Holy Spirit* to those who ask Him!”

Luke 11:13

"how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" Greek tense literally says: "keep on asking"

Christ's Object Lessons, p. 145

"God does not say, Ask once, and you shall receive. He bids us ask. Unwearyingly persist in prayer. The persistent asking brings the petitioner into a more earnest attitude, and gives him an increased desire to receive the things for which he asks."

Desire of Ages, p. 672

“It [the Holy Spirit] is given according to the riches of the grace of Christ, and He is ready to supply every soul according to the *capacity to receive*.”

DL Moody

“Many think that because they were filled once that they are filled forever. Oh my friend, we are porous vessels; it is necessary for us to constantly remain under the fountain in order to be full.”



Acts of the Apostles p. 56

“To the consecrated [follower of Jesus] there is wonderful consolation in the knowledge that even Christ during His life on earth sought His Father *daily* for fresh supplies of needed grace.”

2 Corinthians 4:16

“Yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.”

How is the inner man renewed?

Eph. 3:16-17, 19

“That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through *His Spirit in the inner man*, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ... that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

Acts of the Apostles, p. 50

"For the daily baptism of the Spirit every worker should offer his petition to God."

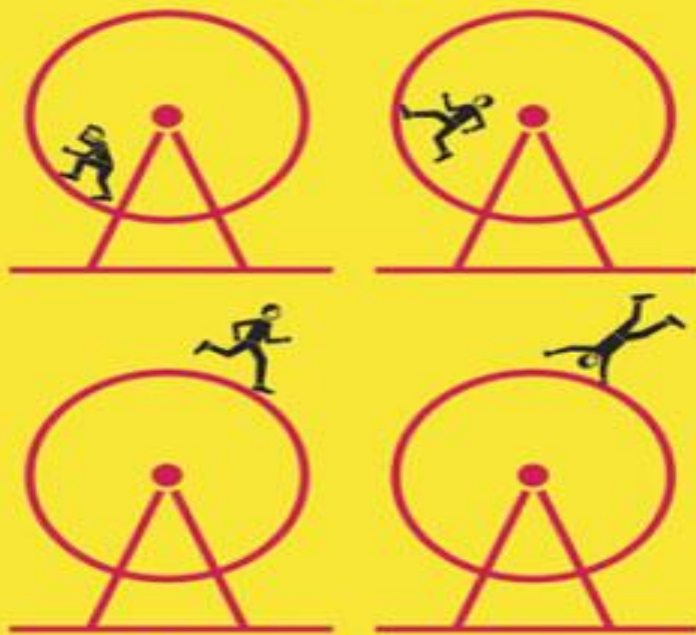
Education, p. 260 “In the midst of this maddening rush, God is speaking. He bids us come apart and commune with Him...Many, even in their seasons of devotion, fail of receiving the blessing of real communion with God. They are in too great haste. With hurried steps they press through the circle of Christ's loving presence, pausing perhaps a moment within the sacred precincts, but not waiting for counsel. They have no time to remain with the divine Teacher. With their burdens they return to their work.

...They must give themselves time to think, to pray, to wait upon God for a renewal of physical, mental, and spiritual power. They need the uplifting influence of His Spirit. Receiving this, they will be quickened by fresh life. The wearied frame and tired brain will be refreshed, the burdened heart will be lightened.

Not a pause for a moment in His presence, but personal contact with Christ, to sit down in companionship with Him—this is our need.”

THE POWER OF
H A B I T

*WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO
IN LIFE AND BUSINESS*



Charles Duhigg

“When people start habitually exercising, even as infrequently as once a week, they start changing other, unrelated patterns in their lives, often unknowingly. Typically, people who exercise start eating better and becoming more productive at work. They smoke less and show more patience with colleagues and family. They use their credit cards less frequently and say they feel less stressed. It’s not completely clear why. But for many people, exercise is a keystone habit that triggers widespread change.” - The Power of Habit.

Keystone Habit:

“One habit that alters every area of life.”

“Keystone habits create a chain reaction; changing and rearranging your other habits as you integrate the habit into your life.”



Psalm 46:10

Be still and Know that I am God.

“Consecrate yourself to God in the morning; make this your very first work. Let your prayer be, “Take me, O Lord, as wholly Thine. I lay all my plans at Thy feet. Use me today in Thy service. Abide with me, and let all my work be wrought in Thee.” This is a daily matter. Each morning consecrate yourself to God for that day. Surrender all your plans to Him, to be carried out or given up as His providence shall indicate. Thus day by day you say be giving your life into the hands of God, and thus your life will be molded more and more after the life of Christ.” Steps to Christ, p. 70

Acts of the Apostles, p. 52

The lapse of time has wrought no change in Christ's parting promise to send the Holy Spirit as His representative. It is not because of any restriction on the part of God that the riches of His grace do not flow earthward to men...If all were willing, all would be filled with the Spirit..

