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Knowledge of God Pt 3 knowledge of the Holy Spirit

This is our third and final teaching on the topic of the knowledge of God. Last week we established three points – (i) There is an excellency of knowledge of Christ, and there is another Jesus, (ii) we pray that God would give unto our brethren the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, and (iii) for those who have no knowledge of Jesus there is eternal punishment. This week we establish three points – (i) the Holy Ghost dwells in a believer, (ii) the role of the Holy Ghost in the body of Christ is to help, sanctify, teach, comfort and guide, and (iii) The Holy Ghost bears fruits of the Spirit.

It is from our search of the scriptures that we establish our three points –

1. The Holy Ghost dwells in the believer

“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and [that] the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?” (1 Cor 3: 16). See also Rom.8: 9

2. The role of the Holy Ghost in the body of Christ is to help, sanctify, teach, comfort and guide.

The Spirit helps our infirmities – Rom.8: 26, 27– “Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. [27] And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

3. The Holy Ghost bears fruit of the Spirit of God in a believer

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, [23] Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law” (Gal 5:22).

Illustration

Jehovah Witnesses say of the Holy Spirit– “In the Bible, God’s holy spirit is identified as God’s power in action. Hence, an accurate translation of the Bible’s Hebrew text refers to God’s spirit as ‘God’s active force’ (Gen.1: 2). This concept is well supported throughout the Bible – Micah 3: 8; Luke 1: 35; Acts 10: 38. Contrary to popular belief, God is not present everywhere at all time...”

Question of the scriptures

- i) What from your knowledge of the Spirit would destroy the JW doctrine of the Holy Ghost?
- ii) How can a believer quench the Spirit (1 Thes.5: 19)?

Answers from the scriptures

i) “these three are one” (1 Jn.5: 7).

ii) Sin will quench the Spirit. You will know if you have quenched the Spirit because you will bear less fruit of the Spirit, You will struggle to walk in the Spirit, live in the Spirit nor be led of the Spirit. When we hinder the Spirit from doing His job – participating in His role in the body– whether it be teaching truth, leading, guiding or any other function.

Knowledge of the Holy Spirit will enable us to join the dots when fruit of the Spirit dries up in us. When we have no peace or longsuffering, then we will know we are quenching the Spirit. and can change, and be sanctified by the Spirit, and bear fruit.