

6th Foundation: *Baptism in the Holy Spirit*

6.4(D) The Practical Application of the Seven Spirits of God The Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation The Next Restoration of the Holy Place Life

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Some translations say “The Seven-fold Spirit of God.”

This indicates that there is one Holy Spirit but that He has seven (7) distinct manifestations in the church and in the life of the believer.

This may or may not be an accurate translation, but from scripture we can see there are many different manifestations assigned to the Holy Spirit.

From Rev 1 we learn that these Seven Spirits of God are before the Throne of God.

From Rev 3 we learn that the Lord Jesus Christ **has** these Seven Spirits of God and the seven stars.

From Rev 4 we learn that the seven lamps of fire are the Seven Spirits of God.

From Rev 5 we learn that the Lamb of God has **seven horns and He has seven eyes** which are the seven Spirits of God that are sent out into all the earth to do His bidding. (Knox).

Several translations just say "*which are sent out into all the earth*".

If the Seven Spirits are sent out, someone must have sent them.

That someone is the Lord Jesus Christ, the Word of God.

While all this is not really clear how the Seven Spirits of God function, we can learn something about them (or He) depending how you view the Holy Spirit.

Seven speaks of God's complete number for the church age.

We possibly should refer to this “seven” as “fullness.”

We could say **the Holy Spirit is functioning in this church age in an absolute and full way.**

Nothing is lacking in His guidance and support of the church.

The Holy Spirit can and will function in every area of the earth at the same time, in a complete way.

Seven Spirits of God means that everything that God has purposed will be completed by the Holy Spirit in the time allotted to Him during this Church Age.

The Lord Jesus Christ has a perfect vision into all areas of church activities because the Seven Spirits of God are His Eyes here on earth.

There is no part of the earth that is not visited by the Holy Spirit of God and He knows everything that is going on and nothing escapes His notice.

The Holy Spirit also stands as Seven Lamps of Fire before the Throne of God.

He is in all places at all times and functions as God's messenger to the earth.

He also functions as earth's messenger to the Throne of God.

His work is the perfect work of God in the earth.

If we reject the Holy Spirit, we reject all that He was sent to accomplish.

To ignore the work of the Holy Spirit in this time period is considered blaspheme.

It would certainly be to our advantage if we understood His many and various realms of work in the church and in our lives.

The Holy Spirit has always functioned on the earth in all ages.

He came upon many of the Old Testament saints to accomplish specific works and miracles.

On the day of Pentecost He was made available to the believing corporate church in an ultimate and maximum new way, a way of Fullness.

This particular ministry of the Holy Spirit could not be realized until after Jesus was glorified.

John 7:37-38

37 Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.

38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.'"

Verse 2 tells us this was the Feast of Tabernacles and Jesus is sharing something about this Feast.

They were remembering how they were dying in the wilderness because of the lack of water.

During this Feast they were to remember how God gave them water out of the rock to drink by which Israel was saved from certain death.

Now, Jesus made the spiritual application as it applies to the New Covenant.

The Rock (Christ) is still the source of the water but now the Rock is inside those who believe.

The river flows from the Rock but how does it flow?

John 7:39 But this He spoke of the Spirit, Whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The translators added the word "given".

A better word would be "**made available**" because we can see that is exactly what happened on the day of Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit certainly "was present" at this time while Jesus was ministering.

However, the Holy Spirit was not available to the New Covenant believer until Jesus was glorified.

Act 2:32-36

32 "This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.

33 **Therefore having been exalted to the Right Hand of God, and having received from the Father the Promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.**

34 For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: "THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,

35 UNTIL I MAKE THINE ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR THY FEET."

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ - this Jesus Whom you crucified."

However just because He is "Available" does not mean that He is received by all believers automatically without asking, specifically, for Him to come and indwell them.

The fundamentalist groups have made this very serious mistake for a century now.

Luke 11:13 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall *your* **heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?**"

Being exalted to the Right Hand of God also released the New Covenant to the church but closed the Old Covenant for all time.

Why was the Old Covenant closed and set entirely aside?

Hebrews 7:17-22

17 For it is witnessed *of Him*, "THOU ART A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."

18 **For, on the one hand, there is a setting aside of a former commandment because of its weakness and uselessness**

19 **(for the Law made nothing perfect), and on the other hand there is a bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.**

20 And inasmuch as *it was* not without an oath

21 (for they indeed became priests without an oath, but He with an oath through the One Who said to Him, "THE LORD HAS SWORN AND WILL NOT CHANGE HIS MIND, "THOU ART A PRIEST FOREVER");

22 so much the more also Jesus has become **the Guarantee of a Better Covenant.**

The reason we connect the Priesthood after the Order of Melchizedek to the New Covenant is that when the Old Covenant was set aside, the Old Covenant priesthood ceased to function in the economy of God.

The fact that this former priesthood still attempts to function, in its deadness, does not change the fact that God has failed to recognize it for the last 2,000 years.

Not only has the Old Covenant ceased to exist today but the New Covenant is "mediated" by a New Covenant Priesthood after the Order of Melchizedek.

This New Covenant Priesthood is mediating the "promise of the Eternal Inheritance!"

Heb 9:15 And for this reason He is the **Mediator of a New Covenant,** in order that since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were *committed* under the First Covenant, **those who have been called may receive the Promise of the eternal inheritance.**

The Old Testament speaks of the various Spirits of God by name and we can see the ways He worked then, within the restrictions and limitations of the Old Covenant.

Most all of those restrictions and limitations have been removed under the New Covenant provisions.

It is that dimension, which we are referring to as "fullness," that the limitations are removed.

He works in the same ways today but He works in an even more complete way in the church than He did in Israel.

We will first examine how He worked within the Old Covenant.

Before we do that I want to establish our thesis for this study.

This will involve the fact that Christ Jesus has been **made unto us** "WISDOM FROM GOD."

These three words contain an understanding that I am speculating will be essential to the next restoration.

1 Cor 1:30 But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, Who became to us **Wisdom from God**, and Righteousness and Sanctification, and Redemption.

It seems obvious that so many of the provisions of the New Covenant have been ignored or misunderstood today that the church is nearly devoid of this kind of Wisdom from God.

While we may recognize “righteousness, sanctification and redemption” as valid today, this Wisdom from God has been seriously neglected as a living, life giving experience.

Ephesians 1:16-23

- 16 I do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention *of you* in my prayers;
- 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, may give to you a **Spirit of Wisdom and of Revelation** in the Knowledge of Him.
- 18 *I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the Hope of His calling, what are the Riches of the Glory of His Inheritance in the saints,
- 19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His Power toward us who believe. *These are* in accordance with the working of the strength of His Might
- 20 **which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and seated Him at His Right Hand in the heavenly places**,
- 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in the one to come.
- 22 And He put all things in subjection under His Feet, and gave Him as Head over all things to the church,
- 23 which is His Body, **the Fulness of Him Who fills all in all**.

We cannot, accurately, separate the releasing of the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation from the “Ascension of Christ Jesus to the Throne of God.”

These are intricately linked together in the Scriptures.

In other words when Jesus received the Promise from the Father and He poured forth the SPIRIT, the Spirit of Wisdom and the Spirit of Revelation was made available to the Church.

This was in accordance with “the working of the strength of His might and the surpassing greatness of His Power toward us who believe.”

The Purpose was that “the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.”

It seems obvious to me that if the true believers are lacking or not participating in this full provision that was released on the first Pentecost, what “we see as pitiful Christianity today” is just the consequences of this ignorance of the time in which we live.

Most people will agree that what the first Adam lost in Genesis 3 MUST be restored in Christ Jesus, the Last Adam.

When Christ Jesus ascended to the Throne of God all the provision was released to begin a totally New Covenant, a new dimension of the Holy Spirit and **a totally new creation**.

Within the development of **this new creation** emerged **a new species of inner man** that was born of God.

This **new species of inner man, the new inner man**, was endowed with, at least, the potential to recover EVERYTHING that first Adam lost.

The natural man has been excluded from receiving anything in baptism in water.

This is where we get born of the water.

How could this be?

There was a New Covenant dimension of Grace, Faith and Anointing released at the same time.

It seems clear that these Seven Spirits of God, that illuminate the Lampstand Church, (that He is building) were released as Life Giving Experiences at the exact same time.

I am speculating that one of these manifestations of the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation.

Now, it is clearly stated, in Christ Jesus this Wisdom is, at least, potentially restored to the true believers. Why?

Christ Jesus has become to us **Wisdom from God**, and Righteousness and Sanctification, and Redemption.

If He has become our Righteousness, our Sanctification and our Redemption, why would we doubt that He has also restored to us the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation?

Paul, obviously, knew this was potentially restored and began to pray that the Ephesians would receive that Spirit.

If God has restored this Spirit to the Church, why not each of the other Six (6) Spirits of God?

My thesis is that:

Christ Jesus HAS restored EVERYTHING necessary for the Church He is building to complete God's Predestined Purpose and to bring Joy to God's Heart!

The fact that there are Seven Spirits of God **Who are before His Throne** is clearly shown to John in the Book of Revelation.

- Rev 1:4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come; and **from the Seven Spirits Who are before His Throne;**
- Rev 3:1 "And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: **He** Who has **the Seven Spirits of God**, and the Seven Stars, says this: 'I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.'"
- Rev 4:5 And from the Throne proceed flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And there were **Seven Lamps of Fire burning before the Throne**, which are **the Seven Spirits of God;**

These Seven Flames of Fire are the Seven Lamps that are fixed upon the Lampstand Church (that He is building).

These Seven are identified in Zechariah 4:2-3

Zechariah 4:2-3

- 2 And he said to me, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold with its bowl on the top of it, **and its seven lamps** on it with seven spouts belonging to each of the lamps which are on the top of it;
- 3 also two olive trees by it, one on the right side of the bowl and the other on its left side."

The Two Olive Trees, that feed the golden oil FROM THEMSELVES are the Spirit of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

The finished Pure Gold Lampstand is the Eternal Church in the Tabernacle of God.

Rev 5:6 And I saw between the Throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having **seven horns** and **seven eyes**, which are **the Seven Spirits of God**, sent out into all the earth.

Thayer definition of the word "HAS" the Seven Spirits is interesting and informative.

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- (1) to have, i.e. to hold
- 1a) to have (hold) in the hand, in the sense of wearing, to have (hold) possession of the mind (refers to alarm, agitating emotions, etc.), to hold fast, keep, to have or comprise or involve, to regard or consider or hold as) to have, i.e. own, possess
- (2a) to be closely joined to a person or a thing.

From this we learn that Christ Jesus "holds" "wears" "possess" and is "closely joined to" these Seven Spirits of God.

The first thing we will notice is that the Spirit of God works in a completely balanced way.

It appears that none of His work within the Seven Spirits of God is sequential or in any designed order.

He works in each person those things that are essential and removes those things that are not needed.

In each aspect of His ministry, He functions in 2 seemingly opposite ways.

The 2 aspects of His work do not contradict each other but produce a perfect balance in the believer.

For example;

Isaiah 4:4 When the Lord has **washed away the filth** of the daughters of Zion, and purged the bloodshed of Jerusalem from her midst, by **the Spirit of Judgment and the Spirit of Burning**,

This is one Spirit.

When God judges something as unclean and filthy in us, He doesn't leave us under condemnation with no way of escape.

Along with the Spirit of Judgement He sends the corresponding action, the Spirit of Burning to cleanse away the filth.

This produces a real freedom and encouragement to permit Him to finish the remainder His Work in us.

If we are ignorant of God's purpose in the Spirit of Judgement, we may fear the Spirit of Burning.

If we have the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, we will welcome the Spirit of Burning because He is our deliverance from the filth.

Judgement has two aspects in the believer's life.

It can expose the filth and corruption for the sole purpose of cleansing us through the work of the Spirit of Burning.

Or in the case of those who refuse to change, His judgement will result in the Spirit of Burning destroying them by fire.

The burning will either cleanse or it will destroy.

1 Corinthians 11:31-32

31 But if we judged ourselves rightly, we should not be judged.

32 But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord in order that we may not be condemned along with the world.

God's Purpose in judgement is always to get us to repent and change so that we are not condemned along with the world.

If He judges anything in us, He also has a plan to burn it up, so we don't burn with the world.

Isa 11:2 And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him, (JESUS) the **Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding**, the **Spirit of Counsel and Strength**, the **Spirit of Knowledge and the Fear of the Lord**.

These are Three Spirits, perfectly balanced!

Why do these facts about the Seven Spirits of God hold so much importance to us?

That is because **our Great High Priest "holds" or directs these Seven Spirits of God during this church dispensation.** That is in the Church Age.

While this activity is directed by the Lord Jesus Christ, it also identifies the function of the Spirit of the Lord (the Holy Spirit) Who has multiple and vigorous actions plus these three different manifestations or areas of work that is recorded in Isaiah 11.

Still, in addition there are four (4) other manifestations of the Holy Spirit with a total of Seven (7) Spirits.

The next aspect of His function under the direction of our High Priest is "The Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding".

What then does it mean that He is the Spirit of Wisdom?

This means He communicates God's Own Divine Wisdom to those preparing the saints for membership in the Lampstand Church.

His work is to impart this much higher realm of Wisdom to us as we grow up into Christ and can incorporate it correctly.

Many other things are available to us when we need it for our own life or when it is essential for our ministry to others.

For God to share a little of His wisdom with us is a great blessing.

Nevertheless, Wisdom without Understanding can get us into big problems and cause confusion.

For example; Solomon was given a portion of God's Wisdom but Solomon lacked real Understanding in how to assimilate and integrate that Wisdom into his life.

In the end Solomon went astray, not because he lacked Wisdom but because he lacked Understanding of God, Himself.

When God gives us the Spirit of Wisdom, He must also give us the Spirit of Understanding or we can be in great danger of misusing the Wisdom.

The beautiful part of the Holy Spirit's ministry is that He will give both the Wisdom and the Understanding.

Wisdom with no Understanding is not balanced and, also, Understanding without Wisdom is difficult to maintain in our life or in our ministry.

Another manifestation of the Spirit of the Lord is the Spirit of Counsel and the Spirit of Strength (or Might).

Counsel means guidance, advice or planning. To stand alongside and teach or inform.

He counsels us for direction in our own life and He counsels us to enable us to help others. However counsel without strength or the power to enact the counsel is incomplete. To know what to do but have no power to do it is just more frustration. On the other hand, if we have all the power but don't know what to do with it, that also is frustration.

Since our High Priest is Head over His Body of Priests, it is essential that He “directs” these Seven Spirits in His function as the Ultimate Head.

For example, if the Spirit of Counsel, counsels you to stand firm in your faith and not waver, He also must give us the strength to stand firm and not waver.

Otherwise one half of His ministry is incomplete.

We must make sure we participate in the Fulness of His complete and balanced ministry. Another manifestation of the Spirit of the Lord is "the Spirit of Knowledge and Fear of the Lord".

God doesn't just impart His Knowledge to us so that we will know more than others.

The Bible says that knowledge puffs up.

If God just imparted knowledge to us we would self-destruct or at least be proud and unusable to God.

Knowledge, that is the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of good and evil, is forbidden to us by God.

All natural knowledge is not profitable to us.

Therefore, when He gives us the "Spirit of Knowledge", He also balances that with "the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord".

Those persons who have great knowledge but no Fear of God will use the knowledge in a perverted, earthly way.

This is well recognized today in some ministries!

Some men who have attained to extreme knowledge have used it to multiply wealth and name and fame and turned their knowledge into power and authority over others.

Some have used their knowledge of the Gospel as a tool to make money.

If Knowledge is God-given, it will be balanced with the Fear of God.

This is how you can tell if the Knowledge has been given by God or not.

If it is not balanced by the Fear of God, you know its source is not God.

Rom 3:18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

From Romans 3:10-18 God charges men with 14 attitudes and attributes that condemn them. The 14th one is "There is no Fear of God before their eyes".

Pro 1:7 The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of Knowledge; fools despise Wisdom and instruction.

Pro 9:10 The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom, and the Knowledge of the Holy One is Understanding.

Without the Fear of the Lord and the Knowledge of the Holy One, as our primary focus, there can be no stable understanding.

Understanding will soon become perverted.

Prov 22:4 The reward of humility {and} the fear of the Lord are riches, honor and life.

This Promise is for those who are humble and fear God.

These two things will result in the true riches, honor and life.

These three things are the reward of the first two.

It would be difficult to find a greater blessing promised for anything in Scripture.

Riches, honor and life about sums it all up.

Zech 12:10 "And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, **the Spirit of Grace and of Supplication**, so that they will look on Me Whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him, like the bitter weeping over a first-born.

Another very important manifestation of the Spirit of the Lord is the "Spirit of Grace and Supplication".

Grace is a word that has different applications and meanings.

When it is applied to God's forgiveness, it means God's unmerited favor.

This means that God forgives us on the basis of His goodness rather than on the basis of our worthiness.

Grace is presented as the opposite of working to achieve God's forgiveness.

Forgiveness is given on the basis of God's grace as we exercise faith that God will do what He said He would do.

Grace is a "GOD" word while faith is a "MAN" word.

Grace is offered by God and it is received by man by faith.

In addition to this aspect of grace there is the "grace" that has to do with God given ability.

1 Cor 15:10 But **by the Grace of God** I am what I am, and His Grace toward me did not prove vain; but **I labored** even more than all of them, yet not I, but **the Grace of God with me**.

This Grace was a God-given ability to labor and to suffer for the sake of the Gospel so that others could believe.

This Grace was given to Paul for the benefit of others.

In this total study it should be noted that "Grace" is not a thing given but the Spirit of Grace.

We are not suggesting that "Grace" is not an item but that our focus here is upon the SPIRIT OF GRACE.

Heb 10:29 How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the Blood of the Covenant by which he was sanctified, **and has insulted the Spirit of Grace?**

Supplication is integrally linked to prayer but is not exactly the same as prayer.

Phil 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and **supplication with thanksgiving** let your requests be made known to God.

Supplication is making our requests known unto God.

Supplication is taken from a word that means "To carry an olive branch", which is the symbol of peace.

From this we understand the Spirit of Grace and Supplication gives us a special ability (or Grace) to pray, intercede and to seek God on behalf of others.

The purpose being so that God's Grace may be poured out on others, to establish peace between God and these persons.

The purpose is to seek God that His Grace would come upon these believers so they can in turn make supplication for others that they know.

The Spirit of Grace and Supplication stands perfectly alongside the other 6 manifestations of the Spirit of the Lord.

There is no conflict or redundancy, (duplication of effort).

Jesus was given the Spirit without measure.

John 3:34 For He Whom God has sent speaks the Words of God; for **He gives the Spirit without measure.**

Jesus received the Spirit without measure or in Fullness.

I am guessing that the Seven Spirits of God that He holds refers to the Spirit without measure.

This indicates that the Holy Spirit is not rationed out to us in little increments but God has purposed for Him to be ours in full measure.

One believer does not receive more than another unless he decides to limit himself.

When you are given the Holy Spirit, since He has every gift and grace, we must also receive all that He is in Himself. At the Baptism in the Spirit we receive the down payment of the Spirit – that means an Outer Court amount.

Another manifestation of the Spirit of the Lord is found in the New Testament.

The New Covenant supplies the Holy Spirit to us in 2 additional manifestations.

Ephesians 1:15-17

15 For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you, and your love for all the saints,

16 do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers;

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, may give to you a **Spirit of Wisdom and of Revelation in the Knowledge of Him.**

Williams Translation says " May grant you the Spirit to give Wisdom and Revelation.

The Greek does not have capital letters to define whether it is speaking of our spirit or the Holy Spirit.

It seems obvious that our spirit cannot give us wisdom and revelation.

Therefore it seems logical that Paul is speaking of the Holy Spirit.

If Paul is praying to the Father for this "Spirit" it must be with a capital "S".

Paul must be praying for this additional manifestation of the Holy Spirit to become their actual experience rather than an additional doctrine.

This is what this **Spirit of Wisdom and of Revelation in the Knowledge of Him is given to supply.**

The next verses supports this understanding.

Ephesians 1:18-21

18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the Hope of His calling, what are the Riches of the Glory of His inheritance in the saints,

- 19 and what is the surpassing Greatness of His Power toward us who believe.
These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His Might
- 20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and
seated Him at His Right Hand in the heavenly {places},
- 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is
named, not only in this age, but also in the one to come.

This must be the manifestation of the Holy Spirit because He is the Promise that Jesus received from the Father when He ascended.

The Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation, in the knowledge of Him, is specifically assigned to the New Covenant dimension.

This SPIRIT is not in conflict with the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding.

Here “Understanding” is much less than Revelation and functions in a very different realm.
Why?

That is because the Holy Spirit is to reveal the things to come and to reveal the things that were freely given to us by God.

This is much more than understanding.

The Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation is not just a general wisdom and revelation.

It is a specific **Wisdom and Revelation in the Knowledge of Him.**

Jesus said when the Holy Spirit came He would reveal Christ Jesus to us.

Jesus said the Holy Spirit would teach us all things and lead us into all Truth.

This is more than Understanding.

The Mystery is why Paul **had to pray** that **God would grant** this specific manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

The Ephesians had already received the Holy Spirit in the New Testament way in Acts 19.

If they had received the Holy Spirit they should have received all that He possesses.

It seems obvious that the Holy Spirit is first given in the “down payment measure” but every manifestation of the Holy Spirit does not function instantly in the new believer.

Therefore Paul said

Ephesians 1:15-16

- 15 For this reason I too, having heard of **the faith in the Lord Jesus** which
exists among you, and **your love for all the saints,**
- 16 do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you **in my**
prayers:

When their faith was actively working and their love for all the saints was unmistakable and a certain maturity attained, Paul begin to pray for this additional revelation of the Holy Spirit to be given.

If this is accurate, it will help us to pray for ourselves and for others.

Our ultimate revelation must be of Jesus Christ and come to a full, exact and precise knowledge of Him.

The Greek word used here for knowledge is Epignosis.

This is a very strong word that indicates more than a general knowledge.

It refers to an accurate, exact, full and precise Knowledge of God.

This kind of Knowledge is unique and is only revealed by the Holy Spirit from the Divine Source of God's Own Knowledge.

This dimension of Wisdom and Revelation was beyond Paul's ability to teach the believers.

These things must be imparted by revelation to the Ephesians by the Holy Spirit, Himself.

For this reason Paul began to pray to **the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ** that He would grant this additional blessing by imparting this higher dimension of the **Spirit of Wisdom and of Revelation in the Knowledge of Him!**

This particular word translated as "Wisdom" is the Greek word "SOPHIA".

This word is used in reference to God.

It is used as Wisdom personified.

An example of its use is in 1 Corinthians 1:30:

But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us **Wisdom from God**, and Righteousness and Sanctification, and redemption,.

In Ephesians 1 it speaks of Spiritual Wisdom.

Or Wisdom given by the Holy Spirit.

It is beyond the natural realm of learning.

It refers to insight into the "true" nature of things and not just what is obvious to the outward man and understood by the mind of man.

This is not the wisdom to make money or even to help others.

It is an ability or a Wisdom to know God.

Since we can only "know God" by revelation, God must grant to us the Holy Spirit to perform His work of revelation.

This revelation is defined even clearer for us.

It includes God's Person and His Purpose and is a revelation of God's Strength and His Might which God demonstrated when He raised Jesus from the dead, in resurrection, and seated the Man, Christ Jesus, at God's Own Right Hand.

It should be clear that no other spirit or any man's ministry is able to reveal this to us.

This requires a direct intervention by the Spirit of the Lord.

The last manifestation of the Holy Spirit is unfolded to us in John 14, 15 and 16 and is more complex.

Jesus said the Holy Spirit would come as the Spirit of Truth and as the Spirit of Comfort.

This "Comfort" is from the Greek word: Paracletes!

This means the Helper, or one Who stands alongside as intercessor, encourager or One Who urges us on.

John 14:16-17

16 "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another **Helper**, (Paracletos) that He may be with you forever;

17 that is **the Spirit of Truth**, Whom the world cannot receive, (the unsaved) because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you."

John 14:26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, **He will teach you all things**, and bring to your remembrance all that I

said to you.”

The “Paracletos” will teach you all things.

The New Covenant says that we will not have a need for man to teach us to know God.

Knowing God is only by the Grace of Revelation!

Jeremiah 31:33-34

33 "But this is the Covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the Lord, "I will put My Law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

34 **And they shall not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,** declares the Lord, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

Hebrews 8:10-11

10 "For this is the Covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My Laws into their minds, and I will write them upon their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

11 **And they shall not teach everyone his fellow citizen, and everyone his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for all shall know Me,** from the least to the greatest of them.”

John 6:45 "It is written in the prophets, '**and they shall all be taught of God.**' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.”

There is a teaching that only comes from God and by the Spirit of God.

That teaching is for the purpose of "knowing God".

That teaching is far above the realm of man teaching man.

This requires the direct intervention of God, Himself, personally instructing the true believer within the realm of revelation Truth.

John 15:26 "When the Helper comes, Whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of Truth, Who proceeds from the Father, **He will bear witness of Me.**”

John 16:7-15

7 "But I tell you the Truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, **the Helper** shall not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

8 And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment;

9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me;

10 and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you no longer behold Me;

11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

12 **I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.**

13 But when He, **the Spirit of Truth,** comes, He will guide you into all the Truth; for He will not speak on His Own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

- 14 "He shall glorify Me; for He shall take of Mine, and shall disclose it to you.
- 15 "All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said, that He takes of Mine, and will disclose it to you.

It may not be necessary to print all these Scriptures but because some new believers may one day read these studies we do not want to overlook any truth.

In this short study it is obvious that **the Holy Spirit is God's Agent on earth and that He represents the Lord Jesus Christ to the church during the Church Age. He is our contact with God through the Lord Jesus Christ.**

There is absolutely no way to eliminate the Holy Spirit from the church age.

To ignore Him or neglect Him is a fatal mistake.

What is the balance, then, between the Spirit of Truth and the Spirit of Comfort or Help?

The Holy Spirit comes to us as the Spirit of Truth to reveal the Truth about Jesus and also the truth about us.

The Spirit of Truth will utterly expose hypocrisy, lies and perversion of truth.

(Example; Homosexuals, liars, thieves and perverts are accepted by reconciliation and by the Grace of the Lord because Christ died for the whole world)

This Greek word "Truth" is an active word and could be translated as "Reality".

It is used as that Ultimate Truth as it relates to God, Himself!

It is a Truth that is not available to us by human reasoning of the natural mind.

This is **not** just a doctrinal truth but Reality or experiential truth.

Truth here means ideal or genuine.

It is used to define the manifested Divine Reality which is the basis of all reality.

This is not just an ethical truth as opposed to a lie, but the perfect expression of Ultimate Truth.

Not just a teaching but a manifested reality which is the perfect expression of Truth.

It embodies sincerity and integrity of character.

As the Holy Spirit reveals the reality of Jesus Christ to us, He also reveals ourselves in contrast to Jesus.

As we see Him, we also see the revealed Truth about ourselves.

It is a great joy to see the reality of Jesus Christ but it is disgusting and depressing to see ourselves in comparison.

We can never really understand ourselves and how far we have fallen until we see Jesus, glorified, by revelation. This is revealed by the Spirit of Truth.

As the Holy Spirit reveals Jesus there is the subjective revelation of ourselves in direct contrast.

If the Holy Spirit only came as the Spirit of Truth to reveal our actual state and degree of stature, we would fall into deep despair and depression.

When we recognize our helplessness and hopelessness in changing, we will certainly need consolation.

For this reason the Holy Spirit comes to us, as the balance, as the Helper, the Comforter, the One Who stands alongside to console and comfort us.

It is certain that He will never try to convince us **not to worry about our fallen state**

because God loves us!

No! He will reveal it with clarity. Why?

His comfort is to reveal and then Help us to change, be converted and to grow up.

He encourages us that we can become all that we are predestined to become.

He, Himself, will help us.

He will also discipline us if we refuse to change.

He disciplines us so that we will share in His Holiness.

Hebrews 12:5-10

- 5 and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor faint when you are reproved by Him;
- 6 For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives.
- 7 It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?
- 8 But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.
- 9 Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not **much rather be subject to the Father of spirits**, and live?
- 10 For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, **but He disciplines us for our good, that we may share His holiness.**

The Holy Spirit has this tremendous job to discipline us but at the same time to comfort and encourage us so we don't give up.

If we are sons He exhorts us to submit to His discipline and to change.

To sum up we saw from the Book of Revelation that He Who has the seven Spirits of God SAYS "***I KNOW***".

That the Seven Spirits of God are Seven Lamps of Fire.

They are both Light and Fire.

They are also "the Seven Eyes of the Lord that are sent out into all the earth."

John says this letter is from the Seven Spirits of God and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

The letter is from the Lord Jesus Christ but is delivered by the Holy Spirit Who is referred to as the Seven Spirits of God, Who are before the Throne.

The whole Kingdom and all the authority of heaven stands behind Him.

The Holy Spirit was and is fully equipped in each of these seven areas to fulfill every desire of God in our lives so that we may fulfill God's Eternal Purpose in us and THEN through us so that we may bring joy to the Heart of God for all future ages of eternity.

The summation is this:

Whatever we need to fulfil and complete the Purpose of God and bring joy to His Heart can and will be completed by the Holy Spirit in this dispensation.

However it will require that we be filled with the Spirit and listen to Him and obey Him in all things.

We must be led by Him and follow Him wherever He goes.

When we follow the Holy Spirit we will be following Jesus.

When we obey the Holy Spirit we will be obeying Jesus Who speaks through Him and directs the work through Him.

The Holy Spirit is God's great Blessing to us to perfect us for the world yet to come!

In quite another dimension there is the Spirit of Glory and the Spirit of God that will come upon us to assist us in times of extreme suffering. This is the Seventh Spirit. (my understanding)

While this is not as clear it is worth considering.

This is definitely one aspect of the work of the Holy Spirit and may be included in some manifestation within one of the Seven Spirits of God.

1 Peter 4:12-14

- 12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;
- 13 but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing; so that also at the revelation of His glory, you may rejoice with exultation.
- 14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because **the Spirit of Glory and of God rests upon you.**

The Spirit of Christ is also called the Spirit of Life.

This is not confused but reveals another aspect of Christ in us, our Hope of Glory.

Romans 8:1-2

- 1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
- 2 For the **Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has set you free** from the law of sin and of death.

While none of these studies are complete, they will serve to alert us to the magnitude of what God has accomplished through Calvary!

They, hopefully, will remind us of the tremendous things God has released when the Man, Christ Jesus, accomplished full redemption, then resurrected and ascended to the Throne of God.

EVERYTHING that was released is essential for us to fully complete the Purpose for which God saved us and then called us.

2 Peter 1:2-4

- 2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the Knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;
- 3 **seeing that His Divine Power has granted to us everything pertaining to Life and Godliness, through the true Knowledge (Epignosis) of Him Who called us by His Own Glory and Excellence.**
- 4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent Promises, in order that **by them** you might **become partakers of the Divine Nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.