

THE POWER OF THE SEVENFOLD SPIRIT OF GOD

Jesus commissioned the Church in Jerusalem to (1) make disciples, (2) baptize them by the authority of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and to (3) teach them all things that He had taught them.

I would like to share information about a gift that is available to us from God to enable us to accomplish this work. This gift is so important to God's scriptural Churches that Jesus instructed the Church in Jerusalem to wait until they received it and then they would be witnesses for Him in Jerusalem, Judaea, Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth (Acts 1).

Matthew 20:20-23

²⁰Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping *him*, and desiring a certain thing of him. ²¹And he said unto her, **What wilt thou?** She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. ²²But Jesus answered and said, **Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?** They say unto him, We are able. ²³And he saith unto them, **Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with:** but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but *it shall be given to them* for whom it is prepared of my Father.

Christ could not have been speaking of water baptism since the disciples had already been immersed in water. He promised they were to be baptized or immersed into the same agent into which He had been baptized or immersed. Isaiah tells us about the agent into which Christ was immersed.

(Isaiah 11:1-2 KJ)

"And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of His roots: and (1) the Spirit of the Lord (*Jehovah*) shall rest upon Him, (2) the Spirit of Wisdom, and (3) (*the Spirit of*) Understanding, (4) the Spirit of Counsel and (5) (*the Spirit of*) Might, (6) the Spirit of Knowledge and (7) the Spirit of the Fear (*Reverence*) of the Lord."

This passage in Isaiah 11:1-2 lists the sevenfold work of the Holy Spirit of God. Please note that not one of the seven refers to "charismatic" gifts. This is the sevenfold work of the Holy Spirit of God described in Revelation 1:4 and Revelation 5:6.

"John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from **the seven spirits** before his throne..." (Revelation 1:4 NIV)

“Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which **are the seven spirits of God** sent out into all the earth.” (Revelation 5:6 NIV)

Please Note:

According to my Greek textbooks, there is no indefinite article in the Greek New Testament text. To help explain that statement, I quote from “Essentials of New Testament Greek”, Broadman Press, and page 16. The portions in parenthesis and the quoted words that are underlined are my contribution in order to help better understand this portion of the textbook without us having to get too technical.

“There is no indefinite article in Greek. Thus we see that ἄνθρωπος (*pronounced anth' - ro - pos*) means “man” or “a man.” It does not, however, mean “the man” because Greek does have a definite article (*and if the writer had meant to say “the man” he would have used the definite article*). The definite article for the masculine singular is ὁ. (*It is pronounced “ho” . This Greek definite article may also be found to be written differently and to be pronounced differently depending upon the three systems of inflecting Greek nouns.*

ὁ ἄνθρωπος (*pronounced “ho anth' - ro - pos”*) means “the man.” For the purpose of the exercises the student should observe this carefully. Do not insert an English “the” in the translation unless the Greek article appears; do not insert a Greek “ὁ” unless the English “the” appears (*when you translate the practice exercises at the end of this chapter from Greek into English*).”

The bottom line is this. When we find the Greek definite article immediately preceding the Greek words that are translated “Holy Spirit” (**ὁ πνεῦμα ἅγιος**) it is referring to the person of the Holy Spirit.

On the other hand, the text may not have the definite article and will read simply **πνεῦμα ἅγιος**. In that case, **πνεῦμα ἅγιος** (without the definite article) refers to the quality, the characteristics or **the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Do you recall when Jesus Christ (Acts 1:8) told the Church in Jerusalem to tarry in Jerusalem until they were endued with power? We find in Acts 2:4 the Greek text relates that the Church in Jerusalem was filled with **HOLY SPIRIT POWER**. The Greek text says that they were filled with **πνεῦμα ἅγιος** not **ὁ πνεῦμα ἅγιος**.

The text relates that they received the power of the Seven Fold Spirit of God, not the person of the Holy Spirit. They had already received the person of the Holy Spirit when they were saved. If the person of the Holy Spirit of God was not on this earth prior to the day of Pentecost, who was convicting of sin and calling people to salvation?

Both of my Greek texts state that the translators should not have inserted an English “the” in the translation unless the Greek article appears. Time and space does not permit me to give you all the scripture where this mistake was made when the Greek text was translated into English. If you communicate your desire to know them, I will be glad to furnish that information.



Do you recall the lamp holder in the tabernacle that held seven lamps? It was the only source of light within the tabernacle. It was the only source of illumination to the priests as they carried out their assigned duties inside the tabernacle. As we continue with this article, please notice that the Spirit of Jehovah in Isaiah 11:2 was listed alone (like the center stem of the lamp holder) while the other six were listed in pairs.

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There are numerous passages in the Bible that refer to one or more of the gifts of Holy Spirit Power being given to individuals after God gave them a job to do. In order to save time and in order to save space, I will only list two passages that refer to each individual gift.

#1 The Spirit of the Lord

H3068

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yeh-ho-vaw'

From H1961; (the) *self Existent* or eternal; *Jehovah*, Jewish national name of God:—Jehovah, the Lord. Compare H3050, H3069.

The Spirit of Jehovah gives us the ability to do anything God calls us to do.

Judges 6:

³³Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the children of the east were gathered together, and went over, and pitched in the valley of Jezreel.

³⁴But the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet; and Abiezer was gathered after him

Judges 14:

⁵Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and, behold, a young lion roared against him. ⁶And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and *he had* nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.

GOD WILL NEVER GIVE YOU A JOB TO DO WITHOUT GIVING YOU THE POWER TO GET IT DONE.

#2 The Spirit of Wisdom

H2451

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chokmaḅ

khok-maw'

From H2449; *wisdom* (in a good sense):—skillful, wisdom, wisely, wit.

H2449

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chaḅam

khaw-kam'

A primitive root, **to be wise** (in mind, word or act):— X exceeding, teach wisdom, be (make self, shew self) wise, deal (never so) wisely, make wiser.

The Spirit of Wisdom gives us the ability to know our personal needs and our abilities. The Spirit of Wisdom also gives us the ability to understand our personal problems and to know how God wants them solved so that the solution will bring honor and glory to Him.

Exodus 23:

³And thou shalt speak unto all *that are* wise hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

Exodus 31

¹And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ²See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: ³And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, ⁴To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, ⁵And in cutting of stones, to set *them*, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.

#3 The Spirit of Understanding

H998

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bñnab

bee-naw'

From H995; *understanding*:—knowledge, **meaning**, X perfectly, understanding, wisdom.

H995

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bñn

bene

A primitive root; to separate mentally (or distinguish)

The Spirit of Understanding gives us the ability to understand God's Word, God's will and God's way.

1st Chroncles 22

¹Now, my son, the LORD be with thee; and prosper thou, and build the house of the LORD thy God, as he hath said of thee. ¹²Only the LORD give thee wisdom and **understanding**, and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keep the law of the LORD thy God.

Proverbs 2

¹My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; ²So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; ³**Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;** ⁴**If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;** ⁵**Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.** ⁶For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth *cometh* knowledge and understanding. ⁷He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: *he is* a buckler to them that walk uprightly. ⁸He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. ⁹Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; *yea*, every good path.

#4 The Spirit of Council

H6098

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ay-tsaʷ

From H3289; advice; by implication *plan*; also *prudence*:—advice, advisement, counsel ([-lor]), purpose.

H3289

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yaw ats'

A primitive root; **to advise**; reflexively **to deliberate or resolve**:—advertise, take advice, advise (well), consult, (give take) counsel (-lor), determine, devise, **guide**, purpose.

The Spirit of Council gives us the ability to understand another person's problem and to know how God wants it solved so that the solution will bring honor and glory to Him.

2nd Samuel 16

²³And the counsel of Ahithophel, which he counselled in those days, was as if a man had inquired at the oracle of God: so *was* all the counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.

1st Kings 1

¹¹Wherefore Nathan spake unto Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah (*ad- o- nee- yaw'*) the son of Haggith (*khag- gheeth'*) doth reign, and David our lord knoweth *it* not?
¹²Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon.

#5 The Spirit of Might

H1369

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gheb- oo- raw

Feminine passive participle from the same as H1368; *force* (literally or figuratively); by implication *valor*, **victory**:—force, **mastery, might**, mighty (act, power), **power, strength**.

The Spirit of Might gives us a power over and above anything we are able to generate within ourselves to resist sin and to live for God.

Psalm 71

- ¹⁵ My mouth shall show forth thy righteousness *and* thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers *thereof*.
- ¹⁶ I will go in the strength (H1369- might) of the Lord GOD: I will make mention of thy righteousness, *even* of thine only.

Daniel 2

²⁰Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: ²¹And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: ²²He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what *is* in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. ²³I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast *now* made known unto us the king's matter.

Micah 3

⁸But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

#6The Spirit of Knowledge

H1847

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da ath

dah' - ath

From H3045; *knowledge*:—cunning, [ig-] norantly, know(-ledge), [un-] **awares** (wittingly).

H3045

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yada

yaw dah'

A primitive root; **to know** (**properly to ascertain** by *seeing*); used in a great variety of senses, figuratively, literally, euphemistically and inferentially (including *observation, care, recognition*; and causatively *instruction, designation, punishment, etc.*):—acknowledge, acquaintance (-ted with), advise, answer, appoint, assuredly, be aware, [un-] awares, can [-not], certainly, for a certainty, comprehend, consider, X could they, cunning, declare, be diligent, (can, cause to) discern, discover, endued with, **familiar friend**, famous, feel, can have, be [ig-] norant, instruct, kinsfolk, **kinsman**, (cause to, let, make) know, (come to give, have, take) knowledge, have [knowledge], (be, make, make to be, make self) known, + be learned, + lie by man, mark, perceive, privy to, X prognosticator, regard, have respect, skilful, shew, can (man of) skill, be sure, of a surety, teach, (can) tell, understand, have [understanding], X will be, wist, wit, wot.

**The Spirit of the Knowledge of the Lord gives us the
ability to have the mind of Christ - the ability to know
how God thinks about a particular situation.**

Numbers 24

¹⁵And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said: ¹⁶He hath said, which heard the words of God, **and knew the knowledge of the most High**, *which* saw the vision of the Almighty, falling *into a trance*, but having his eyes open:

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#7 The Spirit of the Reverence of the Lord

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yi r - aw

Feminine of H3373; *fear* (also used as infinitive); morally reverence:—
X dreadful, X exceedingly, fear (-fulness).

The Spirit of the Reverence of the Lord gives us the ability to see ourselves for the great sinners that we are and to see God as the great and graceful Almighty God that He is.

Psalm 111:10

¹⁰The fear^{H3374} of the LORD^{H3068} is the beginning^{H7225} of wisdom^{H2451}: a good^{H2896} understanding^{H7922} have all^{H3605} they that do^{H6213} his commandments: his praise^{H8416} endureth^{H5975} for ever^{H5769}.

ACTS

Acts 1

¹The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, ²Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom

he had chosen: ³To whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: ⁴And, being assembled together with *them*, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but **wait for the promise of the Father**, which, *saith he*, ye have heard of me. ⁵For John truly baptized with water; **but ye shall be baptized with Holy Spirit Power** (*please note there is no Greek definite article in the Greek text*) **not many days hence.**

⁶When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? ⁷And he said unto them, *It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.* ⁸**But ye shall receive power,** **after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:** and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. ⁹And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; ¹¹Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

¹²Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey. ¹³And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James

the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

¹⁴These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

Acts 2

¹And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ²And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. ³And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. ⁴**And they were all filled with Holy Spirit Power, (please note there is no Greek definite article in the Greek text)** and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance..

**THE POWER OF THE SEVENFOLD SPIRIT OF GOD
WAS PROMISED TO HIS LOCAL, SCRIPTURAL
CHURCHES SO THAT WE CAN DO HIS WORK.**

**AS A MEMBER OF ONE OF GOD'S SCRIPTURAL
CHURCHES, THIS IS OUR HERITAGE.**

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CHURCHES, THIS IS OUR BIRTHRIGHT.**

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Scriptures That Speak of Holy Spirit without the Definite Article

Matthew 1:18; 1:20; 3:11

Mark 1:8

Luke 1:15; 1:35; 1:41; 1:67; 2:25; 4:1; 11:13

John 1:33; 7:39 (Last Reference), 20:22

**Acts 1:2; 1:5; 2:4; 4:8; 4:31; 6:3; 6:5; 7:55; 8:15; 8:17; 8:19; 9:17; 10:38; 11:16;
11:24; 13:19; 13:52; 19:2(both references)**

Romans 9:1; 14:17; 15:13; 15:16

1st Corinthians 2:13; 12:3(both references)

2nd Corinthians 6:6

1st Thessalonians 1:5; 1:6

2nd Timothy 1:14

Titus 3:5

Hebrews 2:4; 6:4

1st Peter 1:12

2nd Peter 1:21

Jude 20

Scriptures That Speak of the Holy Spirit as a Person with the Definite Article

Matthew 3:16; 4:1; 10:20; 12:32; 28:19

Mark 3:29; 12:36; 13:11

Luke 2:26; 3:22; 12:10; 12:12

John 7:39(First reference); 14:26

**Acts 1:8; 1:16; 2:33; 2:38; 5:3; 5:32; 7:51; 8:18; 9:31; 10:44; 10:45; 10:47; 11:15;
13:2; 13:4; 15:8; 15:28; 16:6; 19:6; 20:23; 20:28; 21:11; 28:25**

Romans 5:5

1st Corinthians 6:19

2nd Corinthians 13:13; 13:14

Ephesians 1:13; 4:30

1st Thessalonians 4:8

Hebrews 3:7; 9:8; 10:15

1st John 3:7; 3:8