

The Holy Spirit Given

(Rom 5:5)

- Read Rom 5:1-11 and remember the context is the assurance that comes with justification by faith; therefore we must not isolate verse 5 and take it out of context
- I. Rom 5:5- There are 2 separate forms of assurance given in this verse:
 - A) The love of God shed abroad in our hearts
 - 1. This is the ultimate form of assurance, given to some in varying degrees
 - 2. Rom 8:16- “The Spirit beareth witness with our spirit
 - B) The Holy Spirit given unto us
 - 1. This is the indwelling Holy Spirit given to every believer
 - i. Rom 8:9- “If the Spirit dwells not in us, we are none of His (Christ’s)
 - ii. Rom 5:5- 1st mention of the Holy Spirit in the book of Romans
 - a) This is paramount to a proper understanding of Rom ch 5-8
 - 1) Each of these chapters end with “Through/in the Lord Jesus Christ”
- II. The promise of the Spirit
 - A) Jer 31:31-34- The assurance of the new covenant
 - B) Ezek 36:24-27- The cause/effect of the new covenant
 - 1. This is not to say that the Holy Spirit was not given to or came upon men under the old covenant
 - i. Judges -3:10, 6:34, 11:29, 14:6&19, 15:14
 - ii. Spirit came upon lost men- Num 24:2, 1 Sam 10:6-10
 - a) 1 Sam 16:13-14- Compare with David
 - 1) Psa 51:10-12
 - C) The fuller manifestation/assurance of the work of the Spirit given under the new covenant
 - 1. John 7:37-39- The Spirit to be given as a dowry/earnest of new marriage
 - i. John 14:12-17- The “greater works” of the Spirit
 - ii. John 14:26- Holy Spirit sent “in MY name” (Christ)
 - iii. John 15:26-27- Holy Spirit sent “from the Father”
 - iv. John 16:7-15- The “expediency” (more profitable/better) of the gift of the Spirit under new covenant
 - a) Heb 7:19-22, 8:6-13 (Jer 31 quoted)
 - b) Matt 26:28- “Blood of the new covenant”
 - 2. Jer 3:8- Israel given a bill of divorce
 - i. Isa 50:1- Israel’s bill of divorcement
 - ii. Isa 54:1-8- True Israel restored under new/superior marriage contract
 - iii. Isa 62:1-5- Israel no longer “desolate”

- a) Book of Hosea pictures this work
 - 1) Hos 2:19-20- Prophecy of the new marriage in full assurance

III. The indwelling Spirit

- A) Ezek 36:24-27- Promise
 - 1. Tit 3:4-6- Fulfillment of regeneration
 - 2. John 3:3-9- Born of the Spirit
 - 3. John 6:63- It is the Spirit that quickeneth
- B) 1 Cor 6:19-20- “Ye are the temple of God”
 - 1. God’s glory was an assurance to Israel of His presence among them and ownership of them, yet that glory departed the 1st temple, but He has promised He will never leave nor forsake us
 - i. This is the assurance Paul refers to in Rom 5:5
 - a) Phil 2:12-13- If the Spirit is indwelling, then God has begun a work and it will go on
 - b) Phil 1:6; God never leaves off His work
 - 2. Our salvation is the glory of God, and the Holy Spirit ensures His glory is not diminished
 - i. Rom 8:29-30- We are called unto glory, not simply salvation from hell
 - ii. 2 Thess 2:13- The Holy Spirit guarantees our sanctification
 - a) Eph 1:16-19- The mighty power of the Holy Spirit
 - b) 1 John 2:20-27- The unction
 - c) Tit 3:5-6- The Holy Spirit will make us purified for heaven
 - 1) He will do the work given Him by the Father: He convicts us, rebukes us, provokes us to prayer, creates the desire for God’s word, gives us understanding, makes us willing to serve God, creates holy desires within us to be pleasing to God, makes us hunger and thirst after righteousness

IV. How can we know the Holy Spirit is indwelling us?

- A) 1 Cor 12:3- The assurance of a true profession in Christ (compared with Matt 7:21)
 - 1. True faith doesn’t break down at any point of doctrine (1 Cor 13:7) concerning:
 - i. His Person:
 - a) We believe in the eternal deity of Christ
 - b) We believe in the full humanity of Christ
 - c) We believe in the virgin birth of Christ
 - d) We believe in the perfection/sinlessness of Christ
 - ii. His work:
 - a) He created all things and by Him all things consist
 - b) He kept the law perfectly and had no sin
 - c) He performed the miracles attributed to Him
 - d) He gave His life a ransom for us

- e) He had the sin of all His people imputed to His account willingly
 - f) He really and truly died
 - g) He was resurrected bodily and lives eternally
 - h) He is enthroned King of the universe
 - i) He makes intercession for us today
- B) Rom 5:1-5- Remember the assurance always starts by faith
1. Thus we take the indwelling of the Spirit by faith thru His word at the first
 2. Yet the next step was by experience/experiment
 - i. The indwelling of the Spirit is made certain by Christian experience, as in persevering through tribulation/testing
 - a) "I know myself, and had I been left to myself, I surely would have failed or quit"
 - ii. The indwelling Spirit also creates a comparison, always set before the believer, the pure dwelling with the impure
 - a) We see ourselves more truly each day as we truly are: weak and vile and capable of all things evil
 - 1) Matt 12:43-45- The worthlessness of self reformation
 - b) John 15:5- We believe and also experience ourselves capable of nothing without Christ but sin
 - 1) 2 Cor 12:1-7- "My strength make perfect in weakness"
- C) Faith tested shows its results:
1. Gal 5:22-23- The fruit of the Spirit
 2. The tests of John's 1st epistle (1 John 3:24 & 5:13)
 - i. 1 John 1:6- If we walk in the light
 - ii. 1 John 1:7-10- If we confess our sins
 - iii. 1 John 2:3-5- If we keep His commandments
 - iv. 1 John 2:9-11 & 3:14-17, 4:11-13, 20-21- If we love the brethren
 - v. 1 John 2:15-17- If we love not the world
 - vi. 1 John 2:19- If we continue in fellowship
 - vii. 1 John 2:29- If we doeth righteousness
 - viii. 1 John 3:6-10- If we do not abide in sin
 - ix. 1 John 3:18-21- If our heart be sincere (not hypocrites in profession)
 - x. 1 John 4:2-3, 14-15, 5:1-2- If we believe His person, work and deity
- V. Rom 5:1-5- Assures us because all the Godhead is interested in us and works on our behalf
- A) Rom 5:1- Peace with the Father (He planned it)
 - B) Rom 5:1- Through the Lord Jesus Christ (He performed it)
 - C) Rom 5:5- The Holy Spirit given us (He applies/empowers it)