

THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT DI BAPTISM IN THE PAULINE EPISTLES

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Abstrak

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INTRODUCTION

Since Jesus Christ was ascended to heaven the role of the Holy Spirit is very essential and gives significant impact in the beginning of the Apostles movements. In the early church the Holy Spirit is sign for the Apostles as starting point as fulfillment of the promise of Christ in the ministry.

In the NT tells the baptism through John the Baptist has under the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit authority. The Heavenly Father announced “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” (Matt 3:17; Mrk 1:11; Luke 3:22, KJV). The manifestation

of the Holy Spirit in dove form was significant on Jesus Christ to anoint as Messiah, which the Kingdom of God is in hand of the time had begun. The Holy Spirit as the divine Person Himself is establishing His work in the human heart, which is the source of all grace and of all possibility.¹

The believers were baptized declaring the faith born in personal for the beginning of the new life transforming from the old life to the new life. Baptism is a confession of sin and a picture of repentance. Baptism is a profession of faith in Christ. Baptism represents a preview of the bodily resurrection, and it portrays the radical nature of conversion.²

Statement of Problem

In the last day, the Church and the believer have essential needs for the Holy Spirit. How is the Holy Spirit working in the persons before accept the Baptism? How is the Holy Spirit working in the persons after receive the Baptism?

Significant of Study

This present study has brought explanation for the Christian Church ensuring the role of the Holy Spirit is convicting and winning the souls to Christ as personal Savior. The Christians should know the Holy Spirit is working in both of the bearers and the receivers of the Gospel fulfilling the Kingdom of Heaven.

THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN PRE-BAPTISM

God was created human beings with freedom of choice, especially regarding of the salvation. All humans are fall to sins and need to change and conversion. The Holy

¹Rene Pache, *The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit*, (Chicago: Moody Press, 1954), p.19.

²Mark E. Dever, "Baptism in the Context of the Local Church," in *Believer's Baptism: Sign of the New Covenant in Christ*, ed. Thomas R. Schreiner and Shawn D. Wright, (Nashville, TN: B&H, 2006), p.330.

Spirit is the author of life and the facilitator of new life, bringing to fruition God's salvation in the world. The Holy Spirit in special way in an individual begins with conversion.³ The transforming and the life—changing is the basic of true experience of the Christians.

Since the inner essence is God's spirit in human, relation to God means responding to the inner essence, the subject of the humanity. It is an active and dynamic energy with power to reshape and renew life.⁴ His workings are often simultaneous with human action and His activities occur undetected and unnoticed.⁵ Spiritual experience is experience of the every-present radical quality of human transcendence, which goes beyond itself towards God-in-him/herself because it is always supported by God's self-communication.⁶

The conversion of the person is in the public professions of the faith, which are truly representative of conversion even before the person makes the first public recognition.⁷ In the conversion process, He acts in conviction, call, illumination, and enablement.⁸

Conviction of the Sinners

In this process God Himself has initiate through His Spirit to offer the salvation plan. The human could have connection with the Holy Spirit through surrender and united the spirit to Him. The Spirit regenerates the sinners in their transgressions, and

³Stanley J. Grenz, *Theology for the Community of God*, (Grand Rapids,MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1994), p.405.

⁴Jung Young Lee, *The Theology of Change*,(Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1979), p.109.

⁵Grenz, p.412.

⁶Karl Rahner, "Experience of the Spirit and Existential Decision," in *Experience of the Spirit*, eds. Peter Huizing and William Basset, (New York: The Seabury Press, 1974), p. 39.

⁷Dever, p.333.

⁸Grenz, p.412.

frees the sinners from the law of sin by imparting His power to live.⁹ The person will find her/himself begin exercising the impact of the spirit in mind and heart through the work of the Holy Spirit. Only to those who wait humbly upon God, who watch for His guidance and grace, is the Spirit given.¹⁰

As the person has heard about Jesus Christ which is the way for salvation from sins and the Spirit will revealing the truth. Here, the Spirit of truth as sent unto the church, testifying of Christ, and bringing conviction to the world.¹¹ The Spirit is the witness to grace; the Spirit brings evangelical conviction. When the one is gets a conviction unto despair and the other a conviction unto hope.¹² The Spirit witnesses in the human hearts, convicting of the truth of God's presence and assurance. By the Spirit's presence God gives security and establishes His ownership over the believers.¹³

The interaction of the Holy Spirit with the human will convict of the truth of sin. It is not proof that regeneration precedes conversion. Conversion from sin is response to the divine address in faith for the new birth.¹⁴ The Holy Spirit is the divine compassionate Counselor who convey them from contrition and pain to other side of repentance and conversion which is faith. The Spirit imparts with justification for the beginning of total

⁹Pache, p.53.

¹⁰Ellen G. White, *Gospel Workers*, (Washington, DC: Review and Herald, 1915), p.285.

¹¹A.J. Gordon, *The Ministry of the Spirit*, (Takoma Park, WA: Review & Herald, 1950), p. 188.

¹²Ibid, p.189.

¹³Billy Graham, *The Holy Spirit: Activating God's Power in Your life*, (Nashville: Word Publishing, 1988), p.90-91.

¹⁴Howard M. Ervin, *Conversion-Initiation and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit*, (Massachusetts: Hendrickson, 1984), p. 73.

renewal.¹⁵ God is glorified when a life story is told in terms of God's work of conviction and regeneration.¹⁶

Calling to Repent

The invitation for the Kingdom of God is belongs to every single person in this fallen world. The calling for salvation is in the same standard, because all people are sinned. It is essential works of the Holy Spirit's ministry of convicting the sinner of guilt and personal need in terms of sin.¹⁷ God's call directed toward sinful humans¹⁸ as Paul wrote, "Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence" (Rom 3:23). God is calling the sinners to repent for wonderful the experience of His works, and Peter wrote very clear, "Called you out of darkness into his own marvelous light" (1 Pet 2:9, KJV).

Through the Holy Spirit's call comes through the proclamation of the gospel. As God's heralds declare the message, the Holy Spirit speaks. He energizes and calling those who hear to repentance.¹⁹ Only when the truth is accompanied to the heart by the Spirit, will it quicken the conscience or transform the life.²⁰ The work of Holy Spirit is upon the human conscience reaches the moral of the Person, Character, and Sacrifice of Jesus Christ. In mysteriously individual personality is awakened from the sleep of sin and born of the Spirit.²¹ As Jesus said, "anyman have ears to hear, let him hear" (Mk 4:2)

¹⁵Bernard Holm, "The Work of the Spirit: The Reformation to the Present," in *The Holy Spirit in the Life of the Church: From Biblical Times to the Present*, ed. Paul D. Opsahl, (Minneapolis: Augsburg, 1978), p.102.

¹⁶Donald T. Williams, *The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit*, (Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1994), p.339.

¹⁷Ibid, p.54.

¹⁸Grenz, p.413.

¹⁹Grenz, p.413.

²⁰White, *Gospel Workers*, p.284.

²¹Handley C.G.Moule, *Person and Work of the Holy Spirit*, (Grand Rapids: KREGEL, 1977), p.86-87.

Capability

The Holy Spirit will enlighten the truth of the Word of God in the hearth of the sinners. Jesus Christ promised the Helper is the Holy Spirit. The sinners are struggling to face for the decision in Baptism for the new beginning in Christ life. Many of the receivers of the Gospel have long and short time responding the calling of repentance.

The Holy Spirit also enables an individual to respond to the Good News. He is empowering and making repentance and faith possible.²² The Spirit is the inward principle of the divine uniting with his/her own autonomous intellect and will to remake he/she into knower and doers of the truth.²³

The work of the Holy Spirit in salvation is to apply and to make real in the sinner live what Jesus has done on the cross.²⁴ Jesus was completely defeat the sin and He promise to His followers will won in the great tribulation as He was. Jesus was depending on the power of the Heavenly Father and the Holy Spirit in the sinful human body as every single person.

The Voice of the Believers

The testimonies of the believers have the role in relay the Good News about the salvation through Jesus Christ as it is written in the Word of God. The circle of the Christian community has a life of witnessing for the truth, when they are proclaiming the messages by their voices. Through the working of the Holy Spirit leads the ministers and the members as a great blessing in the church for the honor of Christ.²⁵

The Holy Spirit uses the witnessing of believers in conviction and calling. There is a connection between the Holy Spirit beginning His ministry and the witness of

²²Grenz, p.414.

²³Landon Gilkey, *"The Spirit and the Discovery of Truth through Dialogue,"* in *Experience of the Spirit* ed. Peter Huizing and William Bassett, (New York: The Seabury Press, 1974), p.58.

²⁴Williams, p.50.

²⁵White, *Gospel Workers*, p.14.

believers in calling people to faith in Christ.²⁶ It has mentioned, “So then, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message comes through preaching Christ” (Rome 10:17, TEV)²⁷. The individual response to the gospel as facilitated by the working of the Spirit occurs within a specific context through the community of faith.²⁸

The church’s proclamation forms the context for conversion in that the proclaimed, enacted, or lived word forms the vehicle through which the Spirit works to bring an individual to repentance and faith.²⁹ The role of every single believer in the church has important function in preaches³⁰ about the Kingdom of God for developing the formation of faith of the listeners.

A spiritual church would be one in the atmosphere of expectancy which encouraged seekers after God to expect and seek and be open to the conviction as the person encouraged to come to Christ.³¹ According to the NT the believers union with Christ, which the Spirit works in conversion, involving the commitment to embodying in the beliefs, attitudes, and actions the meaning and values that characterized Jesus’ own life.³²

The proclamation of the Good News, the believers have assurances from Jesus Christ, which is “And I will be with you always, to the end of the age” (Matt 28:20b).

²⁶Williams, p.57.

²⁷All references in this study are taken from TEV, unless otherwise identified.

²⁸Grenz, p.423. See also Susanne Johnson, *Christian Spiritual Formation in the Church and Classroom*, (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1989), p.74-75.

²⁹Ibid, p.424.

³⁰Michael Green, *I Believe in the Holy Spirit*, (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing, 1977), p.110-111. “The work of Spirit to convict a person of his/her need, and to make Christ attractive to him/her; this very often takes place in the course of preaching, particularly biblical preaching. Prayerful, believing, biblical preaching, delivered in the power of the Spirit and in dependence on God to use it. The Holy Spirit uses preaching in a quite special way. The congregation can meet the preacher by the way they respond, the way they support him/her in prayer, the way they assess what is said, and the way they worship.”

³¹Williams, p.55.

³²Grenz, p.426.

When the believers' faith is on fire to tell or preach about Christ to the others the Word of God will remain and the Spirit will continue working on them. It is God's promised,

“So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing where to I sent it” (Isa 55:11, KJV).

THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN POST-BAPTISM

The Holy Spirit has worked continually in every single person who has accepted Christ and in faith growing through the Holy Spirit living in the believers. The Christian is leading by the Holy Spirit tell the truth of the Word of God to the world. When human spirit is united with the spirit of God, becomes parts of divine creativity, divine harmony ensues. This divine harmony will restored through human response to the spirit of God, implies complete harmony in all change and creativity.³³

The Holy Spirit gives life, performs miracles, works in the heart of men, and using them as His instrument. The believers can do nothing and accomplished mission without Him, and all is brought to pass with His help.³⁴ It is not human power and might, but the Holy Spirit is made everything possible. The ministry of Holy Spirit works based on the work of Jesus Christ.³⁵

Jesus said everyone will worship God in the spirit and the truth, because they sanctify by the truth in God's law. When the believers are before the God's presence, through the Holy Spirit, He dwells in the hearts of all believers and put His law in them.³⁶

³³Lee, p.111.

³⁴Pache, p.37.

³⁵Ibid.

³⁶Pache, p.54.

Maturity

God is the one who given the seed of faith in the human and God is the one who growth through the waves of life every day. The Holy Spirit is like the raining ripens the plant in the season of the harvest. The raining will dropping in the season and the earth received for the plant. The Holy Spirit is ready for everyone those who opened and with the willingness to received it. The Spirit produces complete human beings and it can be seen in the labors of missionaries and evangelizers.³⁷

The spiritual maturity is depending on the growth in the truth of His Commandment, which is openly in His law. The God's law is perfect in the human life when the Holy Spirit imparted in the sinners for the transforming as the righteous. He is continued the mission of Christ to empowering the believers with the power of God's law. Apart from the Spirit, the truth of God seem foolish, but one who has the Spirit will judge all things in the light of the whole counsel of God (1 Cor 2:14-15; 1 Jn 2:27)³⁸

Spiritual growth is showing maturity in relationship to other believers as together to build up one another, which truly Christian stresses community and relationship.³⁹ Spiritual maturity involves how the person thinks and engages the mind and shapes the way people think.⁴⁰

Every single of believers in the church should continually abide to the work and the role of the Holy Spirit growing in spiritual maturity. The human heart is like the desert that is thirsty and hunger of the fulfillment of the spirituality. Only the truth and the leading of the Holy Spirit can accomplish in the every single time in the humans life. To be filled with the Spirit is to be filled with Christ, to know the Savior and His love, in

³⁷Jose Comblin, *The Holy Spirit and Liberation*, (Maryknoll, NY: Burns & Oates, 1989), p.70.

³⁸Edmund P. Clowney, *The Church*, (Leicester, UK: InterVarsity Press, 1995), p.58.

³⁹Perry G. Downs, *Teaching for Spiritual Growth*, (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1994), p.199.

⁴⁰Ibid.

the same time to know the love of God as the Spirit pours it out in one hearts (Rom 5:5; 8:15-16).⁴¹ To be filled with the Spirit means to allow Jesus to have fullest control in the believer lives.⁴²

Fruitful in the Spirit

The Mango tree should bear the Mango fruit and those who eaten taste the sweet. Fruit is the pregnant metaphor for life, and in the context is evidence of the new birth. The fruit of the Spirit are the attributes of the divine nature of which believers become partakers' through their new birth (2 Peter 1:4).⁴³ The Spirit is the one who leads the believers back to the witness of the Apostles.⁴⁴

The one exercises the gift of faith when one accepts the promises of God and attempt to do great things for Him. The person exhibit the grace of faith when she/he quiets the heart before the Lord and trust in Him who is able keep the believers forever.⁴⁵ The powerful, victorious Spirit which indwells believers, and can keep their sinful natures nailed upon the cross, is like a seed planted in the soil of the believer's life. This seed will grow into a lovely fruitful tree (Gal 5:22).⁴⁶

Personal fellowship with the Holy Spirit is built up in the human intrapersonal relationship. And the person will have abundant life among the believers which give impact and reflection through the gift of the Spirit. Sharing the life of the Spirit drew the person to share their living (Rom 15:26; 2 Cor 8:4; Heb 13:16).⁴⁷ In reality all saved people are a deposit of the gift of the Spirit, which baptized by the Spirit for Christ. They

⁴¹Clowney, p.70.

⁴²Green, p.155.

⁴³Howard M. Ervin, *Spirit-Baptism: A Biblical Investigation*, (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 1987), p.64.

⁴⁴Comblin, p.102.

⁴⁵Wallie A. Criswell, *The Baptism, Filling & Gifts of the Holy Spirit*, (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1973), p.144.

⁴⁶Green, p.88.

⁴⁷Clowney, p.60.

are recipients of the gifts of the varied gifts of the Spirit for service in the church as the body of Christ.⁴⁸

Interpersonal relationship can be created in the fellowship of the church. The Holy Spirit will work on the believer's heart, which is given to the church and poured out upon them to be united in Christ and the members to one another.⁴⁹ It is the life of Christ in the soul, it is the active principle of love imparted by the Holy Spirit will make the one words fruitful.⁵⁰ It is always the same Spirit who produces different fruits appropriate to each age.⁵¹

The disciples had gathered in the upper room encircled on prayer and worship humbly for the promise of the Holy Spirit. They continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, through unity of their heart and witnessing Christ had done (Acts 1:13, 14). The life-giving Spirit of Christ has brought the love of Christ into personal relations for countless modern Christians. The depth of the fellowship at local level is one of the most moving characteristics of the whole movement.⁵²

CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY

As whole, the role of the Holy Spirit convinces the world about the truth of Christ's works through the witness of the believers and any instruments related to the works of ministries. Even the witness of "the stones" (Luke 19:40; Hab 2:11, KJV) for the gospel can be used by the Holy Spirit to confirm the truth as it is written in the end of centuries.

⁴⁸Merril F. Unger, *The Baptism and Gifts of the Holy Spirit*, (Chicago: The Moody Bible Institute, 1974), p.135.

⁴⁹Paul D. Opsahl, *The Holy Spirit in the Life of the Church*, (Minneapolis: Augsburg, 1978), p.226. Further more, the church has depth relationship with the Lord, which is a genuinely human community in the Spirit works through human words and acts to the pattern of Christ.

⁵⁰White, *Gospel Workers*, p.288.

⁵¹Comblin, p.131.

⁵²Green, p.206.

Wherever the Gospel preaches the Holy Spirit will accompanied the preachers, the messages lead them to reach the person who willing to repent. The bearer never loses the power of the Spirit, because He is the power of heaven which is imparted in the believers. The relation of the willingness of the bearer and the receiver of the gospel come up and in the same time, the manifestation the role of the Holy Spirit filling them in special way.

As soon as the humans are born of the Spirit, these graces of the Spirit begin to appear. And under the daily infilling of the Spirit they increasingly multiply. Bearing the fruit of the Spirit also means witnessing effectively for your Savior (Acts 1:8). God gives the sinners the Holy Spirit as the only means to equip and to fill the special place He has assigned in His great plan.

The Holy Spirit always transforms those in whom He dwells; He provides a living testimony in you against which no skeptic can argue. The extent of the transformation is directly related to the degree of the one surrender in faith to the inworking of the Holy Spirit. This fruit constitutes victorious living provides the key to the believers effective witnessing.

The presence of the Holy Spirit in the community shows itself in outward movement: not designed to gain other member of other peoples, but to share the gifts of the Spirit with them. The Holy Spirit enabled the disciples to exalt the Lord alone. He recreates, refines, and sanctifies human beings, fitting them to become members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King.

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