

**** (Note: All Bible Quotes Are Taken From The Original King James Version)**

Subject: When You Are Filled With The Holy Spirit You Will See Things Differently:

The Spirit of God opens up the eyes of your understanding enabling you to see life from a different perspective. No matter how intelligent and well educated you are, if you don't have the Holy Spirit, your ability to comprehend the knowledge of God's way will be limited. When you don't have the Holy Spirit, you are without the ability to discern the things that are right and wrong according to God's standard of right and wrong.

The absence of the Holy Spirit leaves you trying to exercise good judgment in life with only your natural ability to recognize spiritual things. The natural ability without the Spirit of God will leave you deficient in trying to apply the knowledge of God's word to your life. Under these conditions, you will find yourself unskillful in the word of righteousness, like a baby trying to eat meat without teeth. Hebrews 5:13-14 read as follows:

Verse 13 - For everyone that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

Verse 14 - But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

It takes the Spirit of God to help you to exercise your human senses to discern both good and evil. If you don't have the Spirit of God, you will be clumsy in using the word of God to give you good judgment in life.

Having the Holy Spirit is like a person walking through the forest with an experienced naturalist to pinpoint the dangers and advantages of the natural environment. A naturalist gives instructions about dangerous animals and insects that are harmful when proper precautions are not taken. The naturalist opens your eyes to the beauty of trees, streams, rocks and wildlife, of which you had no knowledge. The naturalist awakens you to the beauties and dangers around you. So is it also with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit teaches you the things that are harmful, and shows the things that God has prepared for you that are a blessing in life if you obey God. The Holy Spirit primarily pinpoints sin in your life, or sinful temptations that might be approaching you.

Subject: The Course Of Suffering Brings You Unto Subjection To The Word Of God That You Might Obey It:

You will not be able to understand, retain, nor completely receive the gospel unless the Holy Spirit leads you into a course of suffering that it might bring you unto subjection to the word of God. When you have acquired this spirit of humility through suffering, you will be able to obey the word of God. Without being placed on a course of suffering, you will not be able to continue your obedience. Jesus learned obedience through the things which he suffered. Hebrews 5:8 reads as follows:

Verse 8 - Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

Suffering gives you understanding of the fact that you can only be delivered from your hardships through obedience. Without suffering you will not be desperate enough to obey God, neither will you see clearly that this is an avenue of escape from your trials.

Through suffering, you will learn that obedience brings relief from your trials. You will come to the realization that the only way out of a hardship is through the channels of obedience made known to you after you get into a test. If you get into a trying situation and do not continue to obey God, your test will separate you from God, and eventually destroy you. Failure to continue obeying God in a test is to neglect your salvation or deliverance. Hebrews 2: 3 and 10 read as follows:

Verse 3 - How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

Your salvation is made complete, effective, and perfect through suffering. Suffering is the finality or ultimate segment of salvation. Suffering is the ingredient that makes all the other segments of salvation work. Verse 10 reads as follows:

Verse 10 - For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Many Christians have tried to follow Christ and avoid their tests and trials and as a result have been led of Satan to abort the plan of salvation. To draw back from a test is to draw back unto destruction. Hebrews 10:38-39 read as follows:

Verse 38 - Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

Verse 39 - But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition (destruction); but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

Subject: The Holy Spirit Is A Gift That The World Does Not Have:

When you have been blessed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, it is a spiritual gift and all, who do not have it, will not be able to understand the blessing that has come upon you. The unsaved Christian world knows nothing about the gift of the Holy Spirit. It has not been given to the Christian world, but to those who have been blessed with a spiritual blessing.

We may not have a pocket full of money, but in our hearts, we have joy that the world cannot take away. Therefore, we give praises to God who has blessed us with spiritual gifts in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.