

# The Uncreated gift of God

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I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth.

All things that we know have a beginning and an end. But the Holy Spirit existed always. He was not created. He is the Eternal Spirit and now, freely given to us as a gift, who reveals the Father and the Son to us.

The Holy Spirit is gentle. Those who receive Him will be gentle. The divine manifestation to Prophet Elijah on Mount Horeb (Sinai) is one of the finest examples of this (1 Kings 19:9-18). Through various phenomena, such as wind, storm, earthquake, fire (Ex 19:18f), the divine presence is announced: they do not bring the presence itself. "The whispering sound" is invisible and bespeaks the spirituality of God and the nature of His Spirit. **"A slave of the Lord should not quarrel, but should be gentle with everyone, able to teach, tolerant, correcting opponents with kindness"** (2 Tim 2:24).

## SPIRIT OF ORDER

The Holy Spirit is the spirit of order. In the beginning, it shows how God brought an orderly universe out of the primordial chaos (Gen 1:1-4a). A mighty wind; the Spirit of God brought this order! At the end of the great flood, at the time of Noah, it is the wind of God which swept over the earth and brought back order (Gen 8:1).

I remember a person who led a very disorderly life and came back to a most orderly life after praying to the Holy Spirit for three months. He brings order and peace in the chaotic situations of our life. **"Since he is not the God of disorder, but of peace"** (1 Cor 14:33), those who receive him will have order and peace in proclaiming and serving the kingdom of God.

## SPIRIT OF DISCERNMENT

The Holy Spirit is the spirit of discernment. Those who receive discernment move accordingly. After the Damascus experience of St. Paul, he waited on the

Lord for discernment. He says, **"I did not immediately consult flesh and blood"**, (Gal 1:16b) but waited for discernment.

Jesus was always attuned to the will of the Father in prayer by discernment. After the Pentecost experience the disciples always gathered together to discern what the Lord wanted from them. The Jerusalem Council gathered to discern on some important issues. **"The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter"** (Acts 15:6). **"For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to impose on you no further burden than these essentials"** (Acts 15:28). The Holy Spirit helped them in this matter. It is the Holy Spirit who is constantly helping us to identify the inspiration is from the Holy Spirit or our own spirit or the evil spirit in any situation. The more we use discernment, which makes us mature, we will be able to move in the light of the Lord.

Gentle + Order + Discernment is the power of God. (Gentle=G; Order=O; Discernment=D = GOD). When this power flows, you will do according to God's will. The Holy Spirit is there to help us to do God's will. **"Who has learned your counsel, unless you have given wisdom and sent your Holy Spirit from on high?"** (Wis 9:17). Though many chances to fall may approach, you will be protected in the safe hands.

**Holy Spirit = Gentle = Gifts**

**Holy Spirit = Order = Fruits**

**Holy Spirit = Discernment = Charisms**

The gifts are for you and then you must follow the Word of God. **"Without cost, you have received; without cost, you are to give"** (Mt 10:8b). Then you can produce the fruits. Asking is not enough, following is important; listening is not enough, following is important; eating (Word of God) is not enough, following is important. Reciting is not enough, following is important; teaching is not enough, following is important.

The gifts are there to help us to follow. Once the gifts are given, we need to allow the Holy Spirit to work with us, so that we may be perfected. The seed will grow and become a tree and produce the fruits, only by the working of the Holy Spirit within us. To produce the fruits, you need to be attached to the vine. **"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me, you can do nothing"** (Jn 15:5).

This good production of fruits brings charisms, which is given to you for evangelisation and proclamation of the kingdom of God. "As you go, make this proclamation: The kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Mt 10:7).

## HOW TO GET THE HOLY SPIRIT ?

There are three ways to get the Holy Spirit:

**Love** - keeping an intimacy with the Lord.

**Obedience** - getting up early in the morning,  
close your door and pray.

'Close your door' here refers to all the outlets  
of invitation from the enemy.

**Faith** - follow Jesus.

When love is filled, then one will be obedient, and this obedience will bring faith. All these three together help us to move together with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit will guide you into all the truths. This is what happened on the day of Pentecost. "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you" (Jn 14:16-17).

## IN THE LIFE OF MARY

This is what happened in the life of Mother Mary. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you" (Lk 1:35a). This has to happen in all of us. "For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather of power and love and self-control" (2- Tim 1:7).

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