

## The Holy Spirit in the World Today

I cannot communicate this startling revelation that the Holy Spirit is in the world today. If a person believed this statement, he may ask, "Where? Where is He, that I may go and worship Him, and that I may surrender my life and soul to Him?"

If the Holy Spirit were in the world today, where would you go to start looking for Him? For if someone really believed this marvelous phenomenon, one would be under the powerful persuasion to go where He is (or shrink back, according to Jn 3:19, and remain under the judgment of unbelief, hating the light). But where would one start looking for Him?

Would you go to the denominational churches, hoping to find Him in the midst of disunity and divisions (Mt 12:25,28)? Or where Satan is cast out by His power and authority?

But where would you first look? How could you tell if you were near to where He was, in the world? What signs would you look for? What would the people be like, in whom He dwelled?

I realize that I wrote these words, but it is just dawning upon me what this means! **THE HOLY SPIRIT IS IN THE WORLD TODAY.**

If one found out where He was and came in anticipation or skepticism, and very reluctantly, but in hope, he would be **SURPRISED** by joy to find Him in the midst of a people who dwell together in unity and peace among themselves. And the Holy Spirit Himself would be communicated to him in the gospel they proclaim and minister in word and deed.

But what are the proofs given by YAHSHUA and Paul, that one can tell for sure if the Holy Spirit is among a people and they are truly His disciples? (Jn 17:21; Gal 5:22; Eph 5:19; 4:16; Rom 12:1).

Also, YAHSHUA mentioned that the Holy Spirit would be doing these things when He came into the world (Jn 16:8), convicting the world of the sin of unbelief (the sins that they commit that prove that they do not believe), righteousness of YAHSHUA, and the judgment of Satan. (The judgment) 1 Jn 3:8; Mt 12:28; Rev 20:2.

We know that the Holy Spirit is not "in the world today" independent from a distinct people who radiate the character that He came to manifest is a people. We know He doesn't live in isolated, independent individuals who are like those who are under the judgment of Jn 3:19-21, and are nowhere near Jn 17:21-23; Eph 4:16; 2:12; Acts 2:41-47; Mk 10:29; Lk 14:33, and are **NOT FULFILLING** Lev 1-5, law of the offerings (Rom 8:4).

The Holy Spirit is sent to Earth to Father a people for His own possession, to live in a **PEOPLE**, together, who have all things in common, meaning, greed is not an issue, because they have given up their lives (1 Jn 3:17).

Would He be found dwelling in a people who are accepted by the world around them and are fitting into it? (Rom 12:1). Or would He be found dwelling in a people who are persecuted as their Sovereign said they would be, for righteousness' sake? (Jn 15:18). Would Mt 5:1-16 be a description of a people in the midst of whom the Holy Spirit would be found?

Would you start looking for Him in a monastery, in Palestine, the Vatican in Rome, a Billy Graham Crusade? Where would you go to find His permanent habitation? Would you go to a Baptist church or a Methodist church? There cannot be two churches in one town, surely! The Spirit is one and not divided up in different groups who have nothing to do with each other, let alone share all things in common with one another.

Would you find Him among the all-white, smug churches? The all-black? (Gal 3:29). Among the wealthy and the stained-glass windows and padded pews? Among the inhospitable? (Rom 12; 1 Pet 4:9). Where there is no love in accordance with the gospel? (Jn 13:34; 15:12). Has the Spirit changed His mind and no longer requires one to give up His life? Has YAHSHUA changed His Word?

The Holy Spirit is not independently moving today (outside His habitation, the Body), trying to dwell in individuals who have no interest in giving up their lives and forming a community that is the Body of Messiah (1 Cor 12:12-13).

**The Holy Spirit forms the Body. He does not live in independent Christians who call themselves by the Name of the Saviour. He is the SAME yesterday, today, and forever. His Word endures to all generations, forever, ever. When the Holy Spirit was sent, He was sent to the people, to form them into a Body. He did not go somewhere when the gospel or apostles were not sent. He ACCOMPANIED the apostles and evangelists who were SENT, not isolated prophets and evangelists who go when they get enough money and pledges to go (Jn 16:8). He is not independent from the church. He was sent to and for her. If we were to say Jesus Christ is in the world today, how would that be more exciting than to say “the Holy Spirit is in the world today”?**

**Wherever the Holy Spirit is today, you will find a people who fit the description of the very first Church, who are living in and by the life and power that is sufficient for their every need. And you will find a people who have a reason to live, enough to deny themselves as YAHSHUA commanded in order for His purpose to be achieved on earth as in heaven. When YAHSHUA said, “If anyone wants to walk after me, be my disciple, he must deny himself,” He did not mean just to deny himself of things or doing certain acts, but He meant to “Deny himself.” What He said is what He meant. One must deny or forfeit his own life. That’s clear, and wherever you seek and find the Holy Spirit today, you will find Him there, in the very center of this kind of a people, and nowhere else under the sun, and wherever these people are sent (Jn 7:18; Mt 16:24-26). So the saying is true, “It would not be so hard, were it not for self regard.” Self-regard is the crux of the sin that is crouching at the door, but we must master it. By the power of the Holy Spirit. Then we will really live (Gal 5:25).**