The Religious Spirit and The Holy Spirit



The Religious Spirit

Mathew 21:28-32

"But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went. And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not. Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and

ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

1 And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.
But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God. (John 5:16-18)

2. John 7: 1,7, 13, 20
After these
things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he
would not walk in Jewry, because the
Jews sought to kill him.
The world cannot hate you; but me it
hateth, because I testify of it, that the
works thereof are evil.
Howbeit no man spake openly of him for fear of
the Jews.Did not Moses give you the
law, and yet none of you keepeth the
law? Why go ye about to kill me?

3. John 7: 28-30

Then cried Jesus in the temple as he taught, saying, Ye both know me, and ye know whence lam; and lam not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not. But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me.

Then they sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come.

4. John 7:45,52, 43

Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him? They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet. So there was a division among the people because of him.

5. John 8:3,5,6

And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,

Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou? This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him.

6. John 8: 37,40, 59

I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you. But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of

7. John 12: 10, 37, 43

them, and so passed by.

But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death; But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him.

For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

8. Acts 9: 1,2

And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest.

And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem

9. John 15:19, 20 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the

world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

10. Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof.

And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: but unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect.

And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. And the Lord said, I thou doest well, 'your sacrifice' will be accepted, but if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door.

11. The Spirit of Cain was self righteousness and he was jealous, envious of Abel. This is the same spirit the religious jews had of Jesus for Jesus was taking their power away as so many people believed and followed Him.

Cain gave to the Lord the result of his own work, the work of his own hands, but Abel gave of the flocks.

12. This is difficult to understand but it was exactly what the religious people do... they think it is by their goodness that they gain God's favor and eternal life instead of just trusting and believing

and obeying Him. This same war of the flesh against the spirit, Satan against God, the world against the believers has been played out in every generation and will climax in the final battle of the end... where we will be hated of all generations because we are free.

John 7:34

The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners!

John 6:41,42The

Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.

And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?

Mark 5:10

For he (Pilate)

knew that the chief priests had delivered Him out of envy.

Mathew 9:1013

And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples. And when the

Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, <u>Why</u> eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what this means, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Mathew 11:18,19

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil. The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.

Luke 15:1-10

Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him. And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them. And he spake this parable unto them, saying, What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over

one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

Mark 2:23-28

One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. 24 And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?"

25 And he said to

them, "Have you never read wwhat David did, whe n he was in need and was hungry, he and those wh o were with him: 26 how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and a te the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" 27 And he said to them, 2"The Sabbath was made for man, Anot man for the Sabbath. 28 So bethe Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

The Holy Spirit

Titus 3:5:

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by

the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.

John 14 26

But the <u>Comforter</u>, which <u>is the Holy Ghost</u>, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Romans 5:5

And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Luke 11:13

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the <u>Holy Spirit</u> to them that ask him?

Acts 4:31

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Acts1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me.

Mathew 28:19,20

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

Jude 1:20-

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life

Acts 5:32

And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

John 15:26

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me.

2Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

Acts 19:5,6

And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

2Peter1:21

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Acts 13:2

As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

John 16:7

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you

2 Corinthians 3:17

Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

John 14:16,17

And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another comforter that he may abide with you for

ever. Even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because they see him not neither know him; but you know him for he dwells with you and shall be IN YOU.



Romans 15:13

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Comment

The religious spirit is NOT the Holy Ghost of God. The Holy Spirit is given to those who follow, love and obey Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit empowers us with boldness to preach the gospel, is a comforter of the heart, fills us with love, joy, peace, temperance.

The Holy Spirit will convict our hearts and speak the truth.

The Holy Spirit is not the judgmental, critical spirit of the religious people that condemn those who are sinners, but will convict us and empower us to love the lost with truth to save them.

You cannot have the Holy Spirit unless you first ask for it, then obey Jesus and the Word of God, fill your hearts with the Word, and give the truth to others, for that is what the Holy Spirit is for.

The religious spirit is not the Holy Spirit and in fact are opposites. The Holy Spirit will encourage, bless, strengthen the Ekklesia of Jesus, and have mercy on those who are lost, where as the religious pushes the so called sinners, away, condemning them.

Have you been filled with the Holy Ghost? Do you replenish the Holy Spirit every day by absorbing the Word, praying and asking for the Holy Spirit? Then you have Him.

Mathew 7:1-5

Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own

eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you. (I Cor. 3:16)

