

The Holy Spirit – (Volume 5, Study IX)



The Spirit's "Differences of Administration" and "What the Holy Spirit Witnesses"

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- 1) Read Hebrews 12:5-8 and the answer these questions:
 - a. Why does God discipline us?
 - b. What are the basic methods that God has to use in disciplining us, depending on the cooperation and attitude of the Christian son? *Read 1 Cor. 1:11; Isa. 66:5; Ps. 32:8-9*
 - c. Are chastenings or disciplinings always proofs or a witness of faults we have to overcome? What else could they be—and for what purpose? Does Colossians 1:24 relate in any way?
 - d. How would “c” relate to Jesus’ experience in any way?”
- 2) How does the holy Spirit witness to us with God’s “prunings” in that we not only have the holy Spirit, but in developing more and more of the fruits of Christlikeness?
 - a. Give examples of cause and effect or how various trials have an impact on you in a positive way!
 - b. The world has trials also. How do our trials or prunings generally have a different effect on us than they do on the worldly?
- 3) Read 1 John 5:18. It says that if we are begotten (*Gr. – gennao*) of God we do not sin.
 - a. How can we harmonize this with the fact that we are all born in sin—and shapen in iniquity? *Rom. 3:10-12; 1 John 3:9 also*
 - b. So how then does our attitude and reaction to our sinful failings become a witness of the holy Spirit? In other words, does our reaction of spirit or mind agree with the Spirit of Truth and tell us in some way that we have been and still are God’s sons? How?
- 4) Read John 15:19, 2 Timothy 3:12, and Matthew 10:25.
 - a. In what way do these scriptures relate to our having a witness of the Spirit?

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- b. Where did all of Jesus' persecutions come from in his day? Why? What was Jesus doing that brought these persecutions and witness of the holy Spirit in him? *Luke 16:15*

- c. Read 1 Peter 4:12-14. Will all who are new creatures at some time in their lives identify with being reproached and does this identify us with Jesus and having a witness of the Spirit?