

A SPIRITUAL CONNECTOR

Those of you who love putting Legos together know how crucial it is to find just the right piece, then snapping it into place with all the rest, finally finishing to create the perfect creation. It is the CONNECTOR that pulls it all together! As it is with a Lego connection, so it is with a Spiritual connection! Unfortunately, if we choose to use the “wrong connector” such as the prince of the power of the air (Satan), we will be led in the wrong direction, away from God. This is why we are told to test the spirits – if they be of God.

Eph 2: 1-3 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

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When Adam and Eve were created, they were perfect in God’s eyes until they sinned, creating a distance – a separation – unable to eat from the Tree of Life. Even though man is made in the image of God, we are incapable of living to achieve that perfect connection. Instead, we choose, often encourage, sin to enter our lives. The consequence of this choice? So it tragically follows, we remain no longer able to live forever with God in perfect union.

Gen 3:22-24 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: 23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. 24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Is 55:8-9 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

With a few notable exceptions, those living in Old Testament times did not have the benefit of a spiritual connection to God. But because God so loved His children, He needed a way to reestablish that connection: His solution, He created the Plan of Salvation! The high point of God’s Plan was His Son being born into a carnal world to pay the penalty for the sin we commit, a penalty we are unable to pay for ourselves. Yahshua came here not simply for our redemption, but also to both reveal His Father to us while promoting the development of a lasting relationship with Him. Thus the Holy Spirit was given to us as a down payment of our future

inheritance with Him! When Yahshua approached the time of His death, He told the disciples that additional help would come connecting us to Him as a mediator for us before God – the Holy Spirit! He gave us His Holy Spirit so that we may know God's truth. All truth is the revelation by which the Father has been made known to us through Yahshua. This revelation is the main theme throughout the Old Testament and the New Testament: Through the Holy Spirit Yahshua dwells in us.

John 16:12-15 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. 15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

John 14:16-18 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

2 Cor 1:21-22 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; 22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

Eph 1:13-14 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Without God's Spirit, we are carnally minded focusing on the things of this world. Being carnally minded satisfies the cravings of the unredeemed flesh, a mindset in complete opposition to God. When we are spiritually minded, we think on spiritual things being at peace with God. We are no longer in conflict with God, but instead are reconciled to Him, being led by His Spirit, scripture then having been opened, allowing us to understand and obey it.

Rom 8:5-11 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. 10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

1 Cor 2:4-16 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: 5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. 6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are

perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: 7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: 8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

The Holy Spirit was given to us to make intercession for us to God because, on our own, we don't have that needed connection required to understand His will. Only through His Spirit do we become able to know the mind of God. His word provides the capacity for the believer to discern truth, to know the thoughts of God through the Spirit. The function of the Holy Spirit parallels the High priestly role accomplished by Yahshua who now acts as intercessor to the Father on behalf of believers because the Holy Spirit is the spirit spanning both the Father and Son.

Rom 8:26-27 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Yahshua came to this earth as a human being to understand our human nature set in temptations; He then died paying the penalty of our collective sin. During His life on earth, Christ was subject to the same temptations as we are, yet did not sin. This perfect nature allowed Him to become a High Priest who was able to present humans before God. Christ demonstrated the reality of His human nature through His reliance upon God during His earthly existence. By dying, Christ was able to conquer death; His resurrection into eternal life immediately rendered Satan powerless against those who believed that only through faith in Yahshua are we saved.

Heb 2:14-18 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. 17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make

reconciliation for the sins of the people. 18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Heb 4:14-16 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

It is through the conduit of the Holy Spirit (our Connector) that we can come boldly before God's throne and obtain His mercy. Most ancient rulers were unapproachable by anyone except their highest advisers, but the Holy Spirit allows all believers to come confidently before God's throne to receive His mercy and grace through Yahshua.

The major evidences of genuine salvation involve a blend of believing, loving and obeying. We must not only understand the importance of God's love, but also the importance of our believing in God's truth by obeying divinely sourced doctrine. From the very beginning of Eve's temptation, Satan has sought to distort and deny God's Word, and therefore continues as the ultimate demonic source behind falsely taught doctrines. We are to maintain a robust skepticism as did the Bereans in their examining and searching Scripture to determine truth and error. We cannot rush to embrace any teaching regardless of how moral and credible it sounds without testing it to ascertain if and how its' doctrinal message meshes with our understanding of scripture. Thus by testing, we learn that the spirits provide a reliable measuring stick to determine if the message is demonic or from the Holy Spirit of truth.

1 John 3:24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

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Nobody can see God's love since His love is invisible within us: A love perfected in the heart of the believer because he has been given His Spirit. Although Yahshua physically is no longer in the world to manifest the love of God, God's love in this age is manifested through His church.

1 John 4:12-16 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. 13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. 15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God

dwelleth in him, and he in God. 16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Love originated in God, was manifested in His Son and demonstrated through His people through the Holy Spirit – our Connector!

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Scripture to ponder:

Ps 51:11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

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