

## God's Theology of the Holy Spirit

### 4 Phases of the Holy Spirit - Romans 8

1. The Spirit Delivers from the Power of the Flesh COMING INTO REDEMPTION Romans 8:1-11

We use our faith on our flesh to overcome and do the will of God. The Holy Spirit works with us and in us to overcome resistance. Our natural man is self-centered and self-seeking. Self dominates! The flesh giants create conflict and have to be overcome. Our response is to yield. The fact that we are willing to fight that battle every day shows our heart is turning toward maturity.

2. The Spirit Gives Sonship COMING INTO MATURITY Romans 8:12-17

In phase 2 the Spirit reveals Sonship. God establishes us in Sonship and makes Sonship real. God is aligning us and transforming us in our new family, His Family! With the first Sonship gift chosen, God makes our belongingness to Him real. We choose Him because He first chose us to be His. This involves submitting to and learning to live a repentant lifestyle! The Holy Spirit is the pinnacle gift of adoption. He makes adoption real! We are cultivating maturity and actively growing in the nine Sonship Gifts: chosen, holy, without blame, adopted, accepted, redeemed, forgiven, heirs with an inheritance and sealed with the Spirit of promise. In this phase these gifts from the Father become integrated in our lives!

3. The Spirit Assures of Future Glory COMING INTO GLORY Romans 8:18-30

In phase 2 the Holy Spirit makes adoption real, but in phase 3 we stand up as a son or daughter by moving into our gifting and calling. We have a destiny as a son/daughter of the Most High that even the creation recognizes and is crying out as our ally for us to come into it! We are empowered to unite our faith with our destiny and walk it out! The same Holy Spirit Who was there when God created us is there to augment and make sure that we walk it out! In effect, we are being cheered on by the creation as we in concert with God grow into His glory. The creation itself has been travailing under the increasing weight of wickedness and sin. That has a limit, as eventually the fullness of iniquity becomes intolerable. There is only so much creation can stand until it vomits wickedness out. God's people, the agents of mercy and glory begin to move in His anointing and authority. The Spirit is with us to give us manifestations! He creates the 'topos moments' to come forth in authority and come into the fullness to accomplish what we were chosen for!

4. The Spirit Assures of Final Victory COMING INTO VICTORY Romans 8:31-39

Phase 4 is the state or place in which we live where nothing can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus! This is accompanied by increased intimacy, a hearing ear and the willingness and bravery to take action as a Son and Daughter leading to the fulfillment of our destiny. The more you yield to this process the quieter we become. There is a place of divine rest in Phase 4. It is the rest of unshakable faith and supernatural confidence in God. We are adding our faith mixed with God's Word that translates into obedience. There is a resting in God that produces assurance bringing forth glory unto victory! Isaiah 32:17 says, "The work of righteousness will be peace, And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever." Fully awake, fully aware and fully activated! Through Sonship the Holy Spirit will insulate us in preparation to endure the persecution of the last days.