

Did You Know?

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1 Corinthians 3:16 (NIV)

16 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?

1 Corinthians 6:19 (NIV)

19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?

Twice Paul asks the Corinthians the same question and asks hm to consider its implications.

Do you know?

Based on these passages I too want to ask you a question. Three questions to be exact.

1. Did you know WHAT you are?

You are a TEMPLE and not just any Temple, you are God's Temple

Think about that for a moment and let it sink in.

Paul was referencing something they would have direct knowledge of. Something that would elicit an immediate and powerful word picture in their minds.

Moses built the tabernacle and saw the glory of God abide there

David desired to build a temple for God in Jerusalem

Solomon fulfilled his father's desire and built the most glorious of structures which God filled to overflowing with his presence.

1 Kings 9:1-3; 6-8 (NIV)

9 When Solomon had finished building the temple of the Lord and the royal palace, and had achieved all he had desired to do, **2** the Lord appeared to him a second time, as he had appeared to him at Gibeon. **3** The Lord said to him:

"I have heard the prayer and plea you have made before me; I have consecrated this temple, which you have built, by putting my Name there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

6 “But if you or your descendants turn away from me and do not observe the commands and decrees I have given you and go off to serve other gods and worship them, **7** then I will cut off Israel from the land I have given them and will reject this temple I have consecrated for my Name. Israel will then become a byword and an object of ridicule among all peoples. **8** This temple will become a heap of rubble.

And when God did fill this temple, the bible says...

2 Chronicles 5:14 (NIV)

14 and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the temple of God.

Interestingly, 2 Chronicles 7 says that they people saw fire coming down and the glory of the Lord above the temple. (Doesn't that remind you of Pentecost?)

2. Did you know WHO lives there?

Acts 19:1-6 New International Version (NIV)

Paul in Ephesus

19 While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples **2** and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?”

They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

3 So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?”

“John’s baptism,” they replied.

4 Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” **5** On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **6** When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

I believe that there is a certain aspect of introspection that Paul releases with his words one that calls us to search for the fullness of our relationship with the Holy Spirit

One might say. Have you received the truth of His work and presence in your life?

Are you allowing him to take control, to fill you, to consume you, to overflow you?

Or are you simply relegating him to a very small part of your life?

You see the construction of the Temple wasn't an end in itself, but it was the presence of God's Spirit that made it special.

The term Baptism speaks of being filled, immersed, completely engulfed and consumed by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

But there is another Word Picture of that Jesus gives us of this filling (or being filled) with the Holy Spirit

John 7:37-39 (NIV)

37 On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. **38** Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." **39** By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

Jesus seems to be saying that this filling of the Holy Spirit is an inward work, not an outward one. In other words, as a believer, the presence of the Holy Spirit is already in you but God wants him to completely fill and overflow you thus Baptizing you in His Spirit.

In the Old Testament, the Work of the Spirit appears to be more of a temporary coming upon from an outward perspective. But under the New Testament the Work of the Spirit is seen as coming from within and is meant to continuously fill us, sustain us and empower us with unending supply

Springs of living water will flow from within you but by knowledge and faith we must take the cap off the well

3. Did you know WHY He's There?

- He wants to fill you and produce His fruit in you

Galatians 5:22-23 New Living Translation (NLT)

22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

- He wants to comfort you

John 14:16 Jubilee Bible 2000 (JUB)

16 and I will ask the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever,

- He wants to lead you and guide you

John 16:13 (NIV)

13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

- He wants to control you

Why the tongue... because if He can control the tongue he can control the rest of you

James 3:1-12 (NIV)

Taming the Tongue

3 Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. **2** We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

3 When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. **4** Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. **5** Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. **6** The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

7 All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, **8** but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. **10** Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. **11** Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? **12** My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

- He wants to convict you and keep you from sin

John 16:8 (NIV)

8 When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment:

- He wants to teach you

John 14:26 (NIV)

26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

1 Corinthians 2:13 (NIV)

13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.

- He wants to encourage you

Acts 9:31 New Living Translation (NLT)

31 The church then had peace throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria, and it became stronger as the believers lived in the fear of the Lord. And with the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, it also grew in numbers.

- He wants to reveal spiritual things to you

1 Corinthians 2:10 (NIV)

10 these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

- He wants to empower you

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

John 14:12 (NIV)

12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

- He wants to help you pray

Romans 8:26 (NIV)

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

- He wants to set you on fire

Matthew 3:11 (NIV)

11 “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

1 Thessalonians 5:19 GOD’S WORD Translation (GW)

19 Don’t put out the Spirit’s fire.

BAPTISM QUESTIONS

Is it your testimony that Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life and that no one can come to the Father except through Him?

Is it your choice to believe on Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins and confess Him as Lord of your life trusting Him for your eternal salvation?

Is it your commitment to follow Him as His disciple all the days of your life submitting your life to him in humble and faithful obedience?