



THE FOURFOLD MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST

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The teaching on the following pages amplifies Christ’s four great ministries as our Savior, our Baptizer in the Holy Spirit, our Healer and our Soon Coming King.

Suggested Reading

- “The Vine and the Branches: A History of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel” by Nathaniel M. Van Cleave
- “This Is That: Personal Experiences, Sermons and Writings of Aimee Semple McPherson”

1. JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR John 3:16-17

We believe Jesus our Savior is co-existent and co-eternal with God. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He took upon Himself the form of man and bore our sins on the cross. There He provided forgiveness for sin, He rose from the grave the third day and ascended back to Heaven where He is seated at the right hand of God. Today Christ serves as Mediator between God and man and makes intercession for us. — The International Church of the Foursquare Gospel.

MAN’S NEED FOR A SAVIOR

Romans 5:12 *Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned...*

1. The result of man’s fall

- Man’s sinful condition is directly attributed to the sin of Adam in Genesis 3 (Romans 5:12).
- Everyone is born into sin. We are a prisoner of sin and condemned because of sin. (John 3:18; Romans 3:19, 23, 7:23).
- We are separated from God and dead in our sins (Ephesians 2:1; Colossians 2:13).

2. The result of sin

- Because the righteous judgment of God upon sin is death, man, in his sinful condition, has but one inevitable end, eternal separation. But God's revelation does not stop at the realization of guilt. He tells us that there is a way out from under this condemnation! (Romans 6:23)

GOD'S PROVISION FOR SIN THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

John 3:16-17 *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

2 Corinthians 5: 21 *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

1. Jesus Christ, the Person

- He is the Son of God (Matthew 17:5; Luke 1:32; Romans 1:3-4).
- He was conceived by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35) and born of a virgin whose name was Mary (Isaiah 9:6; Luke 1:27).
- He lived a sinless life as a man (Galatians 4:4; Philippians 2:5-8).

2. Jesus Christ, the Savior

- A. He gave His life (Titus 2:14; John 3:16-17; Ephesians 2:13). In giving His life, Jesus became our "mediator," one who comes in to help settle a dispute, to act in order to bring about an agreement between persons or sides. (1 Timothy 2:5-6)
- B. He rose from the grave (Acts 1:3). As a glorified, resurrected man, He arose the third day from the dead as He said He would, was seen of men, and by many infallible proofs showed Himself not only to be the Son of Man, but also the Son of God.
- C. He ascended into Heaven (Acts 1:11). As a glorified man, He ascended into Heaven from the Mount of Olives (Acts 1:9-11). Today Christ rules and sits at the right hand of God (Mark 16:19), and intercedes for those who believe (Hebrews 7:25-27; 1 John 2:1-2; 1 Timothy 2:5)

3. Because of Christ's gift of salvation...

- We have the certainty of eternal life! (John 14:2-3; 1 Peter 1:3-5; 2 Timothy 4:18; 1 John 5:13)
- We are a new creation! (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- We are a heavenly being! (1 Corinthians 15:45-48)
- We have everything we need! (2 Peter 1:3-4)
- We have passed from death into life! (John 5:24)
- We can experience constant renewal! (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)
- We can be baptized with the power of the Holy Spirit! (Luke 9:1-2; Acts 1:8; Romans 6:8,12,14)
- We have been given Kingdom Authority! (Mark 16:15-20)
- We can worship the Great I AM in Spirit and in Truth! (John 4:23-24)

HOW TO BE BORN AGAIN

John 3:3 *...unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

Romans 10:9-14 *...if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation... For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."*

The following prayer can be prayed when someone is ready to make the life changing decision to follow Christ. It is not the prayer that saves but the sincerity of their decision. Then, after they have asked the Lord to come into their life, rejoice with them! (Luke 15:10)

Heavenly Father, I am a sinner and I've broken God's Law. I confess and turn from my sins and I ask Your forgiveness. Jesus, I believe you died on the cross and took my place in judgment. I believe that You rose from the grave and that You sit at God's right hand in Heaven. Come into my heart, fill me with Your Holy Spirit's power and change me into the person that You want me to be. I accept You as my Lord and my Savior. And thank You for giving me eternal life!

2. JESUS CHRIST, OUR BAPTIZER IN THE HOLY SPIRIT Acts 1:8

We believe the Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Godhead, is Omnipotent and Omnipresent. The Holy Spirit convicts of sin and righteousness, draws sinners to the Savior, rebukes, pleads and searches out the hearts of mankind. He comforts, guides, teaches, baptizes and endues with power. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is a promise from Jesus to endue believers with power, to glorify and exalt the Lord Jesus, to give inspired utterance in witnessing of Him, to foster the spirit of prayer and to equip the individual and the church for soul-winning. — The International Church of the Foursquare Gospel

The Holy Spirit never becomes visible. Because of this He can only be spiritually discerned. Natural wisdom cannot comprehend Him. Much that we know in relation to the Holy Spirit has to do with our personal experiences, and experiences are never safe guides from which to arrive at doctrine. Because of that, we must keep close to the Word of God in our thinking concerning the work of the Spirit. Our reaction to the power of the Spirit may differ, but the revealed Truth of the Word never changes.

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

1. The Person - The Holy Spirit is a Member of the Godhead, or Trinity.
 - A. The three members of the Godhead include: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. All three persons of the Trinity are clearly seen in the following passage.
Matthew 3:16-17 *As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."* (See also Genesis 1:26; 3:22; Isaiah 6:3)
 - B. The Holy Spirit was sent to the world to remain with us forever after Jesus returned to Heaven.

John 14:16-17 *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever--the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.*

- C. The Holy Spirit possess knowledge (Romans 8:27), feelings and emotions (Romans 15:30), a will (1 Corinthians 12:4-11), and power (Ephesians 1:18-20).
2. The Comforter or Counselor - This word comes from the Greek word "parakletos," which means one called alongside to help." John 14:16 *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever...*
 3. The Teacher - The Holy Spirit is also referred to as One who teaches. John 14:26 *...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.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. The Holy Spirit convicts people of sin.
 - John 16:8-10 *When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father,...*
2. The believer is born again by the Holy Spirit.
 - Titus 3:5-6 *He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,...*
3. The Holy Spirit bears witness to the believer's sonship.
 - Galatians 4:6 *The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.* Romans 8:16 *Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."*
4. The Holy Spirit baptizes believers into the Body of Christ.
 - 1 Corinthians 12:13 *For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body...*
5. The Holy Spirit places the seal of ownership upon the believer.
 - Ephesians 1:13-14 *And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession - to the praise of his glory.*
6. The Holy Spirit sanctifies (sets apart) the believer.
 - 2 Thessalonians 2:13 *...because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.* (1 Peter 1:2)
7. The Holy Spirit transforms the believer.
 - 2 Corinthians 3:18 *And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being*

transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

8. The Holy Spirit bears fruit of God's Character in the believer's life.
 - Galatians 5:22-23 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control...*
9. The Holy Spirit strengthens the believer for greater revelations of Christ.
 - Ephesians 3:16-19 *I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,... to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge...*
10. The Holy Spirit leads us as sons of God.
 - Romans 8:14 *...because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.* (John 16:13; Galatians 5:18; Ephesians 3:20)
11. The Holy Spirit gives power for service and to be a witness.
 - Acts 1:8 *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.*
12. The Holy Spirit reveals and gives understanding of the Word of God.
 - John 16:13-14 *But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth....* (1 Corinthians 2:11-14; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21)
13. The Holy Spirit helps the believer to pray and intercede.
 - Romans 8:26-27 *We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express...* (Ephesians 6:18; Jude 20)
14. The Holy Spirit gives power for preaching.
 - 1 Corinthians 2:4-5 *My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.* (1 Thessalonians 1:5)
15. The Holy Spirit gives gifts to believers.
 - 1 Corinthians 12:8-11 *...All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.*

THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. The baptism is the promise of the Father.
 - Luke 24:49 *I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.*" (John 14:16, 15:26; Acts 2:38, 5:32)
2. The baptism with the Holy Spirit gives the believer power...
 - For witness (Acts 1:8).
 - In personal life (John 16:13-15; Galatians 5:16-17).
 - For service (Luke 4:18-19; John 14:12; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11).
 - For spiritual warfare (2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Ephesians 6:12; 1 John 4:4).

- For God-given ability to accomplish God-given tasks.
3. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a gift and a command of the Lord (Acts 1:4; Ephesians 5:18).
 4. The Baptism of and in the Holy Spirit is for today as it was for the believers in Bible times. It is received by faith, just as salvation. Ask the Lord Jesus Christ to baptize you today and begin a life filled with miraculous power.
 5. The evidences of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit include speaking in tongues (Acts 2:4, 10:44-46, 19:6). This is a gift to EVERY believer. We do not seek tongues, we seek the Giver of gifts: Jesus.
 - Other evidences include: a greater passion for souls, a new power to pray, a greater power to witness of Christ, a love for the Word of God, functioning in our spiritual gifts, and Christ revealed as never before!
 - One of the purposes of the gift of tongues is personal strengthening (1 Corinthians 14:4)
 6. We are to be continually filled with the Holy Spirit as stated in Ephesians 5:18 *Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be (Greek, continually) filled with the Spirit.*

3. JESUS CHRIST OUR HEALER Psalm 103:3

We believe that Divine Healing is the power of Jesus Christ to heal the sick and the afflicted in answer to believing prayer; that He who is the same yesterday, and today and forever has never changed but is still an all-sufficient help in the time of trouble, able to meet the needs of, and quicken into newness of life, the body, as well as the soul and spirit, in answer to the faith of them who ever pray with submission to His divine and sovereign will. — The International Church of the Foursquare Gospel

1. Divine healing is the third of the great aspects of Christ's ministry. It is the duty of the church to be active and to take the initiative in prayer for the sick (James 5:14-16). We can expect the Lord to heal because...
 - Man was created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27).
 - The human body is included in Christ's redemption (Romans 8:23).
 - Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit to glorify God in our bodies (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).
 - We are to present our physical bodies as living sacrifices to do God's will (Romans 12:1).
2. The origin of sickness.
 - Even death is the result of this sin (Romans 5:12), sickness is the result of sin coming into the world. If there had been no sin in the world there would have been no sickness and death.
 - Sickness and death may also be traced to the influence and power of Satan. (Job 2:7, 42:10). Those whom Jesus healed were oppressed of the devil... Luke 4:18 *"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed..."* (Luke 13:16; Acts 10:38)
3. Conditions for Divine healing: There are two conditions necessary for the reception of healing...

- We must ask! It does not appear that Jesus ever healed anyone without being asked to do so. (John 14:13-14, John 16:24; Luke 11:9-10; James 4:2)
 - When we ask we must ask in faith, believing that He will answer our prayer! (James 1:6-8)
4. How to pray for Divine healing from James 5:13-18.
- We are to lay our hands on the sick. (Mark 16:18)
 - We are to call for the elders (whose prayer life is marked with answers from God) and be anointed with oil in the Name of the Lord.
 - We are to pray for one another, confessing sins to each other so that we may be healed.
 - The Lord has promised that if we, personally, ask anything according to His Name, He will do it. Are we sick? Pray!

4. JESUS CHRIST, OUR SOON COMING KING 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

We believe Jesus, our King, will come again. This Second Coming of Christ is a promise given by Jesus Himself for believers who are prepared for His coming it includes the rapture, the revelation and ascension into Heaven his coming will bring together both the "dead in Christ" and those who are alive and will be followed by the Great Tribulation and Millennium. — The International Church of the Foursquare Gospel

THE PROMISE OF HIS COMING

The Second Coming of Christ is the Blessed Hope of the Church. The early believers were looking for that blessed hope, "glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ." (Titus 2:13) We are to encourage ourselves with the hope that Jesus is coming back and that we will be with Him forever! (1 Thessalonians 4:18).

1. His coming was predicted by the prophets.
 - Jesus is the promised Redeemer as told by the prophets (Isaiah 9:6; 53:1-12). When He came to earth as a baby, He literally fulfilled Old Testament prophecy. Now, if the prophecies concerning His first coming had literal fulfillment, why should not the prophecies concerning His Second Coming in the Old and New Testaments have an equally literal fulfillment?
2. His coming was promised by Jesus Himself.
 - Jesus promised He would come again. He told His disciples before He was crucified, "*I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.*" (John 14:3)
3. His coming was proclaimed by the Angels
 - As Jesus ascended into Heaven, the angel told the men standing there, "*...why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.*" (Acts 1:11)
4. His coming was promised by the Apostles.
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 *For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.*

HIS COMING WILL BE...

1. Personal - Jesus will personally come back as seen in 1 Thessalonians 4:16 *For the Lord himself will come down from heaven,...*
2. Physical - It will be a very real return, Acts 1:11, *"This same Jesus..."*
3. Visible - His Coming will not be in secret according to Revelation 1:7 *Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him;...*
4. Sudden - No man knows the day or time Christ will return (Matthew 24:36-39; 25:1-13; 1 Thessalonians 5:2-3 and Revelation 3:3).
5. Triumphant - The Lord came the first time in humiliation, but He will return again in glory and exaltation! (Matthew 24:30-31). 1 Thessalonians 4:16 says that He will come with a loud command or shout, the voice of the Archangel, and the trumpet of God. The entrance of a King!

ESCHATOLOGY The study of end times

1. Eschatology includes topics such as:
 - The Rapture of the Church (Daniel 7:13-14; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18)
 - The Great Tribulation (Daniel 12:1-3; Matthew 24:15-28)
 - The antichrist (2 Thessalonians 2:5-12; 1 John 2:18)
 - The restoration of national Israel (Romans 11)
 - The Millennial Reign of Christ on the earth (Revelation 20:1-6)
 - The final fiery judgment of Satan and the wicked (Revelation 20:7-15)
 - The New Heaven and a New Earth (Revelation 21)
2. A brief explanation of the Pre-Tribulational point of view:
 - All believers are caught up (raptured) to meet the Lord in the air before the Great 7-Year Tribulation. The Rapture and the Second Coming are separate events and separated by a literal 7-year tribulation. Christ then comes to set up His Millennial Kingdom (1,000 year reign of Christ on earth) when Satan is bound, followed by his release and the lake of fire, Eternity and a New Heaven and a New Earth.
 - For a brief outline of all the various end time points of view and different interpretations of the Book of Revelation, consult the Spirit Filled Life Bible (Pages 1948-1953).
3. The Bible specifically states that these things WILL occur. However, it is not clear as to the timing, the sequence or the way in which these things will occur. Our mandate is to be ready.

2 Peter 3:10-14 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

Other Scriptures include Matthew 24:42-44, 25:1-46, 26:41; 1 Corinthians 16:13; 1 John 2:28; Titus 2:13...