

# The Church's Greatest TREASURE

**IF WE ARE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT:**

## 1. HE TURNS DIFFICULTIES INTO OPPORTUNITIES

<sup>1</sup> Now Saul approved of putting Stephen to death. And on that day a great persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except for the apostles. <sup>2</sup> Some devout men buried Stephen, and mourned loudly for him. <sup>3</sup> But Saul began ravaging the church, entering house after house; and he would drag away men and women and put them in prison. <sup>4</sup> Therefore, those who had been scattered went through places preaching the word. <sup>5</sup> Philip went down to the city of Samaria and began proclaiming the Christ to them. <sup>6</sup> The crowds were paying attention with one mind to what was being said by Philip, as they heard and saw the signs which he was performing. <sup>7</sup> For in the case of many who had unclean spirits, they were coming out of them shouting with a loud voice; and many who had been paralyzed or limped on crutches were healed. <sup>8</sup> So there was much rejoicing in that city.

**ACTS 8:1-8 NASB**

“There is a sense of unity between the Spirit of God and our spirit.”

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## 2. WE REVEAL THE TRUE POWER OF GOD

<sup>9</sup> Now a man named Simon had previously been practicing magic in the city and astonishing the people of Samaria, claiming to be someone great; <sup>10</sup> and all the people, from small to great, were paying attention to him, saying, “This man is the Power of God that is called Great.” <sup>11</sup> And they were paying attention to him because for a long time he had astounded them with his magic arts. <sup>12</sup> But when they believed Philip as he was preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were being baptized. <sup>13</sup> Now even Simon himself believed; and after being baptized, he continued on with Philip, and as he observed signs and great miracles taking place, he was repeatedly amazed.

**ACTS 8:9-13 NASB**

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## 3. WE DESIRE THAT EVERY CHRISTIAN WOULD EXPERIENCE HIM

<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, <sup>15</sup> who came down and prayed for them that they would receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>16</sup> (For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) <sup>17</sup> Then they began laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit.

**ACTS 8:14-17 NASB**

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.

**JUDE 1:20 NASB**

Pursue love, yet earnestly desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. <sup>2</sup> For the one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people, but to God; for no one understands, but in his spirit he speaks mysteries. <sup>3</sup> But the one who prophesies speaks to people for edification, exhortation, and consolation. <sup>4</sup> The one who speaks in a tongue edifies himself; but the one who prophesies edifies the church. <sup>5</sup> Now I wish that you all spoke in tongues, but rather that you would prophesy; and greater is the one who prophesies than the one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may receive edification.

**1 CORINTHIANS 14:1-5 NASB**

<sup>26</sup> Now in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; <sup>27</sup> and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

**ROMANS 8:26-27 NASB**

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## 4. WE GUARD HIS PRESENCE AS OUR GREATEST TREASURE

<sup>18</sup> Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, <sup>19</sup> saying, “Give this authority to me as well, so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.” <sup>20</sup> But Peter said to him, “May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could acquire the gift of God with money! <sup>21</sup> You have no part or share in this matter, for your heart is not right before God. <sup>22</sup> Therefore, repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart will be forgiven you. <sup>23</sup> For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bondage of unrighteousness.” <sup>24</sup> But Simon answered and said, “Pray to the Lord for me yourselves, so that nothing of what you have said may come upon me.” <sup>25</sup> So, when they had solemnly testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they started back to Jerusalem, and were preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

**ACTS 8:18-25 NASB**