

## It Doesn't Matter "Who's on First" Unless the Bases Are Loaded By the Holy Spirit

The day President Reagan was shot, March 30, 1981, Alexander Haig famously announced to the world, "*I'm in charge...*"

**But in order for it to positively matter *what human is "in charge"* —in any situation —it must be the Holy Spirit who is *in control*. Though the Holy Spirit is omnipotent (all powerful); is omniscient (all knowing); and is omnipresent (everywhere) —it is in within each man or woman's *personal will* —whether or not they submit to the control of the Spirit —both in the extent and to the degree of submission. Submission is what constitutes the fact and quality of one being filled by the Holy Spirit.<sup>1</sup> Men and women retain their will in this life —freely choosing to submit to Christ's leading through the work of the Spirit. Eternally however, "every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord" (Phil 2:10) —whether that soul enjoys heaven or abhors hell.**

- Ex 28:3 "You shall speak to all the skillful persons whom **I have endowed with the spirit of wisdom**, that they **make** Aaron's garments **to consecrate him**, that he may minister as priest to Me." [see footnote: In OT consecration was through physical]
- Psa 51:11 "Do not cast me away from Your presence and **do not take Your Holy Spirit** from Me." [In OT Spirit was not permanent; it was given and taken at God's will]
- Isa 44:3 "For I will pour out water on the thirsty *land* and streams on the dry ground; I will **pour out My Spirit** on your offspring and My blessing on your descendants..."
- Isa 59:21 "As for Me, **this is My covenant with them**," says the LORD: "**My Spirit** which is **upon you**, and My words which I have put in your mouth shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your offspring, nor from the mouth of your offspring's offspring," says the LORD, "from now and forever." [**This is the New Covenant**, made with Israel, not the church; it will be fully implemented during the Millennium; today the church is a partaker with partial benefits until Israel is restored.]
- Isa 63:10 "But they rebelled And **grieved His Holy Spirit...**" [Rebellion → grieving the Spirit]
- Zech 4:6 "Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, 'Not by might nor by power, **but by My Spirit**,' says the LORD of hosts.
- Ezek 11:19 "And I will give them one heart, and **put a new spirit within them**. And I will take the heart of stone out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh..." [Refers to **Jews**]

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<sup>1</sup> A pervasive error is the belief that filling by the Holy Spirit is caused by laying on of hands; anointing by oil; commissioning, installing, ordaining or consecrating by physical means; receiving gifts of tongues, healing, or prophecy. None of these are about the filling of the Spirit. Filling comes only by *allowing* the Spirit to be poured into one's life by *surrender to the truth of God's Word*. "If we love Him we will obey Him" is a good motto by which to live. This is the meaning of Eph 5:18, "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but **be filled with the Spirit...**"

- Ezek 18:31 "Cast away from you all your transgressions which you have committed and **make yourselves** a new heart and **a new spirit!** For why will you die, O house of Israel?
- Ezek 36:26 "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and **put a new spirit within you;** and I will remove the heart of stone... and give you a heart of flesh. [Refers to **Jews**, not church]
- Luke 11:13 "If you...know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your heavenly Father* **give the Holy Spirit** to those who ask Him?" [ **Jews and Gentiles** ]
- John 14:17 "...*that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you."
- John 15:26 "When the **Helper comes**, whom I will send to you from the Father, *that is* the **Spirit of truth** who proceeds from the Father, **He will testify about Me...**" [not about HS]
- John 16:13 "But when He, the **Spirit of truth, comes**, He will **guide you into all the truth;** for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come." [ This is the **foundational** text for **PPRS, Inc.** ]
- Eph 1:13 "In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation— having also believed, you were **sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit** of promise..." [ See "Baptismal Regeneration" at [www.pprsinc.com](http://www.pprsinc.com) for detail ]
- Eph 4:30 "**Do not grieve the Holy Spirit** of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."
- 1 Thess 4:8 "So, he who **rejects this** is not rejecting man [Paul] but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you. " [Paul speaks specifically here about sexual purity; to be immoral is to reject the leading and control by the Holy Spirit whom Christ places in us. ]