

The Holy and Unholy Spirit

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Every false teacher and apostate church will tell you they are led by the Spirit. But, the question is which one? We have seen there is a false Jesus and a false Gospel and according to 2 Corinthians 11:4 there is also a false Spirit. The men who preach the false Jesus and false Gospel are the same ones led by the false spirit. They are the ministers of Satan according to verses 13-15.

In 1 John 4:1 he says: ***Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.***

There are many false spirits in the world today, but only one Holy Spirit. How can we separate the true Spirit from the false ones? If we are to judge men and churches by the spirit that leads them, how can we tell which spirit they are following? The answer is; by comparing what the Bible says about the true Spirit of God with the spirits men say they are being led by. Once you know who and what the true Spirit of God is like, it's easy to spot the false lying spirits.

Many Christians, including preachers, are so carnal or blind that they can't tell the difference between the two. Many times the spirit that leads them or influences them is in fact a satanic spirit. I have had Christians and preachers tell me that the Holy Spirit was leading them and influencing them to do and say certain things, when in fact I knew it was a lying seducing spirit masquerading as the true Spirit of God. They didn't know the difference between the two. Do you know the difference?

The difference between the Holy Spirit and the unholy spirits

*The Holy Spirit leads believers to honor and glorify Christ, especially his death on the cross.

The unholy spirit leads believers to glorify him (the false spirit) first and foremost.

*The Holy Spirit maintains self control of the flesh and the emotions of believers in the assembly.

The unholy spirit places no control or restrictions on the flesh or the emotions of people. Any religious act no matter how bizarre is OK with him.

*The Holy Spirit always draws men's attention to Christ.

The unholy spirit causes men to draw attention to him or to themselves.

*The Holy Spirit directs us to prove all things by the word of God.
The unholy spirit leads men to follow their heart, their impulses, theories, ideas or the impressions of their carnal minds.

*The Holy Spirit speaks to men through the word of God.
The unholy spirit speaks to men through impulses, dreams, so called visions, or imaginations or fake revelations he places in their carnal minds.

*The Holy Spirit leads men to Christ with their sins and problems and needs.
The unholy spirit leads men to objects, men, relics, and images with their sins, problems and needs.

*The Holy Spirit gives men and women a quiet and peaceable spirit.
The unholy spirit gives them a loud, boisterous and restless spirit.

*The Holy Spirit never distracts men's attention from the word of God when it is being preached in truth.
The unholy spirit draws men's attention away from the word of God. He leads them to stay away from it when it is preached and taught.

*The Holy Spirit never glories and revels in the accomplishments of men.
The unholy spirit glories in the accomplishments of men.

*The Holy Spirit leads men to worship God in spirit, not the flesh.
The unholy spirit leads men to worship God in the flesh while they think they are worshipping him in spirit.

*The Holy Spirit does not limit the worship of God to a certain building on a certain day.
The unholy spirit leads men to believe that God dwells in buildings and must be worshipped in that building on a certain day of the week.

*The Holy Spirit defines the worship of God as honoring, praising, and serving God in your body and spirit 7 days a week.
The unholy spirit defines worship as shouting, running, rolling, foaming, jerking, howling, babbling, grunting, laughing, clapping and being "slain in the spirit".

*The Holy Spirit leads men to interpret their feelings and experiences by the word of God.
The unholy spirit leads men to interpret the word of God by their feelings and experiences.

*The Holy Spirit constrains men to serve the Lord with a pure motive out of love. The unholy spirit constrains men to serve with a selfish motive, personal gain and recognition.

*The Holy Spirit leads believers to use their minds and understanding when serving God.

The unholy spirit leads men to park their brains outside the church and become passive and submissive to any suggestion they hear in the church without question.

*The unity the Holy Spirit produces is never at the expense of the truth.

The unity that the unholy spirit produces is union of the flesh at the expense of truth and sound doctrine.

*The Holy Spirit does not condone sin, false doctrine or unbelief for the sake of unity.

The unholy spirit leads people to condone sin, excuse it and compromise with evil and false doctrine for the sake of unity.

*The Holy Spirit edifies the saints with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs that exalt Christ, edify the Church and humble the flesh.

The unholy spirit entertains the saints with carnal rock, rap, country and "contemporary" music that appeals to the flesh and dishonors God. (7-11 music)

*The zeal the Holy Spirit produces causes believers to renounce sin, live godly, witness, pray and abstain from all appearance of evil.

The unholy spirit provokes zeal that causes people to act in a foolish manner that dishonors God and is a stumbling block to men.

*The Holy Spirit always leads men to pray according to the will of God found in the word of God.

The unholy spirit leads men to demand God to give them what he never promised or to demand him to do for them what he never said he would do.

*The Holy Spirit teaches sound doctrine to God's people.

The unholy spirit teaches the doctrines of devils to God's people.

*The Holy Spirit always leads believers to base what they believe on sound doctrine.

The unholy spirit treats sound doctrine as if it were a hindrance instead of a help. It's frowned upon.

*The fruits of the Holy Spirit are genuine and real.
The fruits of the unholy spirit are artificial, false, fake and staged.

*The Holy Spirit convicts men of sin before they get saved.
The unholy spirit "converts" men without conviction of sin.

*The Holy Spirit bases his prophecies of the future on the scriptures of the apostles and prophets and disregards what men may feel about them.
The unholy spirit bases his prophecies of the future on the predictions and prophecies of men that are the most appealing to the flesh of men.

*The Holy Spirit quickens and regenerates man's dead spirit to enter into the kingdom of God.
The unholy spirit reforms man's morals to make him think he will enter into the kingdom of God.

*The Holy Spirit sanctifies and makes believers holy and righteous when they believe the gospel.
The unholy spirit teaches men that they must strive, work, agonize to become sanctified, holy and righteous and only a select few gain it.

*The Holy Spirit takes up permanent residence in the believer the moment he believes the gospel.
The unholy spirit teaches men that receiving the Spirit is subsequent to salvation and that a man can be a believer and not possess the Holy Spirit.

*The Holy Spirit teaches men that all they need is Christ.
The unholy spirit teaches men that Christ is not enough, what they need is "power".

*The Holy Spirit is Omni present, He is everywhere. ***Psa.139 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.***
The unholy spirit must be prayed down, sought after, invited in. He comes and goes at the commands of men.

*The gifts of the Holy Spirit edify the church.
The gifts of the unholy spirit divide, deceive, disrupt and destroy the church.

*The Holy Spirit teaches us that wealth and riches drown men in destruction and perdition.
The unholy spirit teaches men that God's will is for them to be wealthy and rich.

*The Holy Spirit says that God's grace is sufficient for our infirmities and sickness.

The unholy spirit says that sickness is sin and God's will is for everyone to be healed and if you are sick you are out of the will of God and living in sin.

*The Holy Spirit creates in the believer a divine appetite and love to read the word of God, hear the word of God and study the word of God.

The unholy spirit quenches that appetite and makes the word of God dead, boring and uninteresting. He is more interested in entertaining the masses with lights, smoke, candles, dancers and "Christian rock music" than the word of God.

*The Holy Spirit makes edification and evangelism the number one priority of the local church.

The unholy spirit makes entertainment, fun, excitement, pizza parties, religious clowns, social contacts and "goose bumps" the number one priority of the church.

*The Holy Spirit makes men glad and happy to hear the gospel preached with power.

The unholy spirit makes people sad, mad, bored and gloomy when the true gospel is preached.

*The Holy Spirit teaches only one gospel and one way to get saved.

The unholy spirit teaches many gospels and many ways to get saved.

*The Holy Spirit preaches salvation by the blood atonement of Christ only.

The unholy spirit teaches salvation by self atonement and works.

*The Holy Spirit preaches Christ first and foremost.

The unholy spirit minimizes Christ and emphasizes the doctrines, theories, methods and traditions of men.

*The Holy Spirit never contradicts the word of God because there are no contradictions.

The unholy spirit leads men to believe there are contradictions in the word of God.

*The Holy Spirit comforts us in our tribulation.

The unholy spirit teaches us we are exempt from tribulation.

*The Holy Spirit guides us into all truth.

The unholy spirit guides men away from the truth.

*The Holy Spirit causes us to remember the word of God.
The unholy spirit causes us to forget it or ignore it.

*The Holy Spirit warns us about the consequences of our sins.
The unholy spirit says there are no consequences.

*The Holy Spirit leads us to cleanse ourselves from the sins of the flesh and spirit
by judging and confessing our sins to God.
The unholy spirit teaches men it is wrong and even sin to confess sin.

*The Holy Spirit dwells in all true believers forever.
The unholy spirit dwells in all unbelievers.

In many cases, what passes off as the work of the Holy Spirit today is nothing more than the work of seducing spirits counterfeiting the true Spirit of God. But if you know who and what the true Spirit of God is like, you will not be fooled by the false spirit that the ministers of Satan preach and promote.

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