

# Podcast Episode #82 Notes

Holy Ghost in us

VS

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[Moroni 7:14](#)

For behold the **Spirit** of **Christ** is **given** to every man, that they may know good from evil.

Wherefore, I show unto you the way to judge:

For everything which inviteth to do good

and to persuade to believe in **Christ**

is sent forth by the power and gift of **Christ**;

# The 'Spirit of Christ'-is the Spirit of God.

## **Moroni 7:15**

Wherefore, ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of God; But whatsoever thing persuadeth men to do evil and believe not in Christ and deny Him and serve not God, Then ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of the devil;

For after this manner doth the devil work, For he persuadeth no man to do good-No! Not one! neither doth his angels, neither doth they which subject themselves unto him.

Genesis—God’s Spirit is in all living creatures, it is WHY we have life.

[Genesis 2:8](#) And I, the Lord God, formed man from the dust of the ground, and **breathed** into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul; the first flesh upon the earth, the first man also;

[Genesis 2:26](#) And they were also living souls; for I, God, **breathed** into them the breath of life, and commanded that whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that should be the name thereof.

# Genesis and Moroni? Same or Different?

God's 'Breath' and The Spirit of Christ speak of the same life-giving presence of God within all living souls

# Why is Spirit of Christ in every person?

Besides being the essence of life, also So there is a basis for judgement.

Moroni teaches that this will be so we know how to choose good from evil—the presence of the Spirit of Christ in us makes it possible.

Inherent to being human, of ‘normal’ capabilities, is inborn a certain sense of right and wrong.

Many ‘inborn’ senses. Fairness is one (for example.)

Without being about to read or write the word ‘fairness’ if you have two 3 year olds, and show them both a piece of candy, then give to one of the two but not the other, the one who didn’t get candy will cry. Why? Because a Sense of fairness exists within us all, regardless of language or education.

# God Gave All Humanity a portion of His Spirit

THAT IS WHY LIFE EXISTS.

BECAUSE GOD'S SPIRIT LIVES IN AND THROUGH ALL LIVING THINGS.

But the book of Mormon specifically includes judgement in the conversation regarding all having the Spirit of Christ, as in our ability to Judge.

That is so that we can righteously be judged someday. God can say you had the ability to choose right and wrong in the midst of opposition in all things.



But so then what is the Holy Ghost?

Power to overcome sin.

# It seems

The Spirit of God given to all to sustain life but also to help us know right from wrong.

Now our will can resist that spirit, and reject it.

But the Gift of The Holy Ghost is more—to make us able to Grow in Christ, inspiration, power to overcome sin, testimony of truth, growing in the countenance of Christ.

This is only by the GIFT of the Holy Ghost.

A Friend who asked about a person who felt her earlier baptism was enough.

That is not really the whole point.

The missing component is 'have you received the Holy Ghost.'

# New Testament Story: Some found who had been baptized but didn't have the holy ghost

## Acts 19:1-7

1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus; and finding certain disciples,

2 He said unto them, have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

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4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying to the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

7 And all the men were about twelve.

# The Time of Old Covenant to New— Rebaptisms? Why????

Jesus said: All things have become new.

**3 Nephi 5:92 Old things are done away and all things have become new,**

**3 Nephi 7:3 And it came to pass that when Jesus had said these words, He perceived that there were some among them which marveled and wondered what He would concerning the law of Moses, For they understood not the saying that old things had passed away and that all things had become new;**

**3 Nephi 7:4 And He saith unto them: "Marvel not that I said unto you that old things had passed away and that all things had become new-**

# What Happened In America?

Book of Mormon, people who had been baptized prior to Jesus death were baptized again.

Notice what was happening BEFORE Jesus death in America. Same in Israel.

**3 Nephi 3:69** Therefore, **there were ordained of Nephi men unto this ministry, that all such as should come unto them should be baptized with water,** And this as a witness and a testimony before God and unto the people that they had repented and received a remission of their sins; (This is before resurrected Jesus arrives)

But when Jesus arrives, does this...

**3 Nephi 5:44** And it came to pass that **when Jesus had spake these words unto Nephi and to those which had been called- now the number of them which had been called and received power and authority to baptize were twelve-**

**3 Nephi 5:46** And unto them **I have given power that they may baptize you with water; And after that ye are baptized with water, Behold, I will baptize you with fire and with the Holy Ghost.**



The baptism of the world does not bestow the holy ghost, but not saying people can't receive it upon repentance.

Baptism of a child meaningless for this purpose if baptism is 'because of repentance.'

As if we are unsure of why, so we have to baptize our children to otherwise appease an angry God....all demonstrates a lack of understanding.

# But What about the Holy Ghost?

Jesus bestows upon priesthood power to give, but church can't forget that it is God's gift to give, and he can give it without the hands of man as well.

What happened to the Lamanites also happened in Jerusalem.

# Helaman 2

**Helaman 2:106** And it came to pass that the Lamanites said unto him: "What shall we do that this cloud of darkness may be removed from overshadowing us?"

**2:107** And Aminadab saith unto them: "You must repent and cry unto the voice, even until ye shall have faith in Christ, which was taught unto you by Alma and Amulek and by Zeezrom; And when ye shall do this, the cloud of darkness shall be removed from overshadowing you."

**2:108** And it came to pass that they all did begin to cry unto the voice of Him which had shook the earth; Yea, they did cry even until the cloud of darkness was dispersed.

**2:109** And it came to pass that when they cast their eyes about and saw that the cloud of darkness was dispersed from overshadowing them, And behold, they saw that they were encircled about, yea, every soul, by a pillar of fire;

# Helaman 2

**2:110** And Nephi and Lehi were in the midst of them - Yea, they were encircled about, Yea, they were as if in the midst of a flaming fire, yet it did harm them not, Neither did it take hold upon the walls of the prison - And they were filled with that joy which is unspeakable and full of glory;

**2:111** And behold, the Holy Spirit of God did come down from heaven and did enter into their hearts, And they were filled as if with fire; And they could speak forth marvelous words.

**2:112** And it came to pass that there came a voice unto them, yea, a pleasant voice, as if it were a whisper, saying: "Peace, peace be unto you because of your faith in My Well-Beloved which was from the foundation of the world."

These Lamanites were baptized by Holy Ghost BEFORE Water Baptism

What also happened in the Bible?

Peter encounters people who receive the Holy Ghost but hadn't been baptized in Water...

[Acts 10:47](#) Can any man forbid **water**, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

# Acts 10

44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

Personally, I wish I understood more of what Jesus said when he stated 'authority' to baptize.

I know what we have taken it to mean since 1830 (i.e. authority through the restoration), and I don't challenge that, but I wish that transfer of authority was explained how it worked.

Jesus gives authority, what causes that to be restricted? Again, I know that the church has stated since 1830, but still not sure that answers the question. When the disciples encounter another casting out demons, they are told, if he is not against us, he is for us. Had Jesus secretly commissioned him? Was this guy a Lamanite/Nephite in Jerusalem?