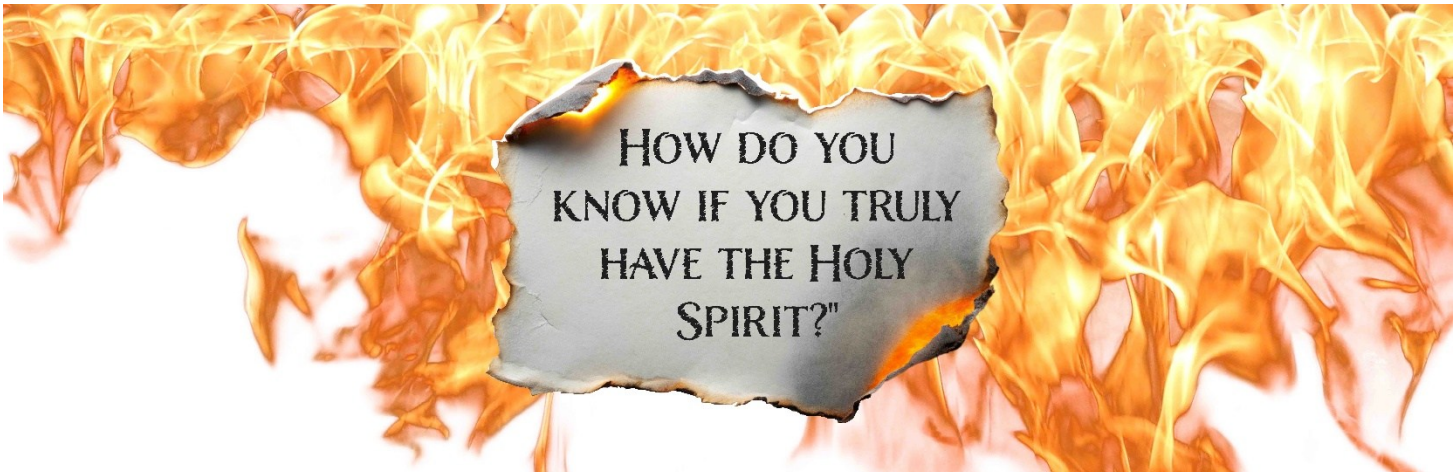

If you've seen these signs in your life it means the Holy Spirit himself has taken residence in your soul

==========| These are the spiritual markers, the fire trails in your soul |==========

- If the wind of the Holy Spirit has ever brushed your soul you will never forget it

- If the fire of God has ever burned in your heart you will never recover from it

- The Holy Spirit is the gift of God to the truly surrendered, the deeply broken and the wholly yielded
- If you have Him the devil knows it. If you have him the world will feel it. If you have him your life will never be the same again

- You don't need a degree on your wall to receive the Holy Spirit

- One of the first signs is this: you begin to hate sin. I didn't say you become perfect, I said you can no longer live comfortably in sin. You can't laugh at the filth others laugh at. You can't enjoy the corruption the world calls entertainment. Something inside you groans. Something inside you weeps. That's not guilt from man, that's the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

- When the Holy Spirit comes, He cleans house. He turns over the tables in the temple of your soul.

- You don't just avoid sin because you're afraid of judgment, but because it breaks the heart of God. That's how you know the Holy Spirit is alive in you: your conscience becomes sharp, your spirit becomes tender, and your ears become sensitive to the voice of the Lord. You start repenting not just for what the world calls evil, but even for the little things: those little thoughts, those secret motives, those quiet attitudes that don't please Him.

• You have a hunger for God's word that nothing else can satisfy. I'm not talking about casually reading the Bible like it's a newspaper; I'm talking about consuming it like your soul depends on it. When the Holy Spirit dwells in you the scriptures become alive, the words leap off the page, they speak straight to your situation, they pierce your heart, you read and you feel fed, you meditate and you feel washed, you hear His voice speaking through every verse.

• The world can offer a thousand distractions: TV, social media, entertainment, busy schedules, but when you have the Holy Spirit none of that satisfies you the way God's presence does.

• You begin to crave quiet time with Him. You long to be alone just to talk with Jesus not to impress anyone, not to post about it, but because you're in love with the Savior because He's your oxygen, because His voice is your anchor and because His word is your daily bread.

• When you have the Holy Spirit, you love people with a supernatural love. I'm not talking about liking people who like you. I'm not talking about tolerating people. I'm talking about loving your enemies, blessing those who curse you, praying for those who hate you. You don't do it in your own strength; you do it because the love of God has been poured into your heart by the Spirit of the living God.

• When you see someone hurting your heart aches. When you see injustice, your spirit rises. You feel compelled to serve, to give. to sacrifice. You're not seeking attention; you're moved by compassion - that's God himself stretching his arms through your life to touch a broken world.

• Another undeniable sign is the power to forgive. I know this world teaches you to hold grudges. I know they say get even. Don't let anyone walk over you, but the Holy Spirit whispers something different: He says, "let it go." He says, "mercy is greater than revenge." He says, "forgive them for they know not what they do." And suddenly you find yourself releasing bitterness. You find yourself praying for the very ones who betrayed you. That's not weakness, that's Holy Spirit power. It takes more strength to forgive than to fight. It takes more power to let go than to strike back and that kind of strength doesn't come from this world, it comes from another kingdom. It comes from the Spirit of Christ dwelling in you.

• When you begin to forgive freely. When you stop needing an apology to love again. When you stop rehearsing your pain and start releasing your enemy - that's the work of the Holy Spirit.

• If you have the Holy Spirit you begin to speak differently: your words are no longer weapons, they become tools for healing. You don't curse; you bless. You don't gossip; you pray. You don't slander; you uplift. Your tongue is no longer controlled by emotion or ego; it's under the authority of the Spirit of God.

• You become a fountain of life. You don't need a platform to preach. You don't need a pulpit to prophesy. When the Holy Spirit is inside you your everyday speech becomes supernatural. A simple text you send becomes a lifeline to someone in despair. A short prayer you whisper becomes a bridge between heaven and earth. That's what the spirit does: He anoints your words with eternal impact. Your prayers feel like javelins. You don't speak to impress you speak to impart.

• When the Holy Spirit lives in you He gives you peace that makes no sense to the natural mind. I'm not talking about peace that depends on your paycheck. I'm not talking about peace that depends on who likes you, who stays or who leaves. I mean peace in the storm. Peace in the fire. Peace when the doctor gives you bad news. Peace when your world is shaking, but your soul stands still - anchored in Christ Jesus. That's not ordinary peace; that's the peace that surpasses all understanding. That's the peace that held Daniel in the lion's den, that walked with Shadrach in the fire, that steadied Paul in prison. You don't get that peace from a book, a therapist, or a vacation - you get it from the Comforter Himself.

• The spirit whispers, "be still." He says, "I've got you." And though hell breaks loose around you, your spirit remains unshaken. That's the sign of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

• The Holy Spirit doesn't just comfort, he empowers. He turns cowards into warriors. He takes trembling fishermen and turns them into bold apostles. He takes ordinary people and fills them with extraordinary courage. You stop hiding. You stop apologizing for your faith. You stop shrinking back and you begin to stand tall even when you stand alone because the Spirit of the living God is roaring like a lion inside your chest.

• You can't be filled with the Holy Spirit and stay silent about Jesus. You can't have the fire of heaven inside you and live a lukewarm life. The Holy Spirit pushes you into your calling. He won't let you settle for average. He won't let you stay comfortable. He stretches you, sends you and speaks through you. And suddenly you find yourself doing what you never imagined: praying for the sick, casting out demons, preaching to the lost, loving the unlovable.

• When the Holy Spirit fills you: you develop spiritual discernment. I'm not talking about suspicion or paranoia. I'm talking about Holy Spirit insight. You begin to see beyond the surface. You can feel when something is off. You recognize spiritual warfare even when others call it coincidence. You discern people's spirits. You sense the presence of angels. You're not walking blindly; you're walking with divine awareness. You may not be able to explain it, but you know when the enemy is nearby. You know when a room is heavy with darkness even if everyone else is smiling at you. That's what the Holy Spirit does: He sharpens your spirit, aligns your senses and teaches you how to move in the unseen the world. You no longer walk by sight, but by faith.

• When the Holy Spirit is in you your prayers change. You stop praying shallow self-centered prayers. You stop begging God for things. Instead, your prayers become warfare, your words carry weight. You pray in power, you pray in the Spirit, you pray until chains break, until strongholds fall, until heaven responds and demons flee. Your prayer closet becomes your battlefield. Your words become your weapon.

• The Holy Spirit teaches you how to pray according to God's Will, not your emotions. He shows you when to intercede, when to declare, when to wait and when to war. And sometimes when you don't even have the words: He groans through you, He prays through you, He speaks mysteries in the language of Heaven.

• It's not hype, it's holy power flowing through a vessel surrendered to God.

• When the Holy Spirit dwells in you, you start producing fruit - real undeniable fruit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These aren't personality traits, they are divine evidence. They are the fingerprints of God's Spirit in your soul.

• The world may not understand your theology, but they'll see your fruit, they'll know something different, something is flowing through your life.

• Let me tell you: fruit doesn't grow overnight. It doesn't grow in comfort, it grows through pruning, it grows through storms, it grows in the soil of surrender. The Holy Spirit is the divine gardener who cultivates your character until your life reflects Jesus. When people encounter you they should walk away saying "I saw Christ in them."

Cf. inspired by the teachings of Bishop Robert Barron & other preachers…

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Why the church does not presume any of the above is present in a persons life simply because he/she has been Baptized and Confirmed…

- ☐ Many "only have the capacity to believe placed within them by Baptism and the presence of the Holy Spirit" – JPII, CT 19

- ☐ "The Church uses remarkably strong language in this regard, calling it superstition to treat the sacraments as though they were magic and change us without our active cooperation: "To attribute the efficacy of prayers or of sacramental signs to their mere external performance, apart from the interior dispositions that they demand, is to fall into superstition" (CCC 2111, emphasis added)."

One's Intention Matters:

- ☐ Passively receiving a sacrament is not enough. ***The grace we receive is directly related to the personal faith, spiritual expectancy, and hunger with which we approach the sacrament***. St. Thomas describes how adults who have been validly baptized can receive very different effects of grace — or even none at all […]

- ☐ The Catholic Encyclopedia speaks of the same possibility: The character imparted by these sacraments is something distinct from the grace imparted by them. … It may even happen, in the reception of these sacraments, that the character is imparted and the grace withheld; the lack of proper dispositions which is sufficient to prevent the reception of the grace may not prevent the reception of the character. Thus, an adult who receives Baptism without right faith and repentance but with a real intention of receiving the sacrament, obtains the character without the grace.

  Cf. Weddell , Sherry A.. Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus, Revised and Expanded (p. 100). Our Sunday Visitor. Kindle Edition.