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Preface

My booklet explains how the Lord Jesus Christ, by His spirit (the Holy Ghost), deals with believers as they are born again of water and spirit, baptized in Jesus' name for the remission of sins, and endued with power by the baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire with the evidence of speaking in tongues (Acts 1:4–8; Acts 2:38). It sets forth an Apostolic Pentecostal understanding that the Holy Ghost is the Lord Jesus Christ working to regenerate, refine, empower, and conform believers to His likeness.

Part 1 — Basic Apostolic Apostle's Doctrinal Outline

- The new birth: Born of water and spirit (John 3:5); repentance and water baptism in Jesus' name for remission of sins (Acts 2:38) and the Baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire with the evidence of speaking in tongues.
- The Holy Ghost is (the spirit of The Lord Jesus Christ): The spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ indwells within the believer with the evidence of speaking in tongues regenerates, empowers, convicts, teaches, and sanctifies (John 14:16–17; Romans 8; 1 Corinthians 12–14).
- Baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire: enduement for

power and fire that brings speaking in tongues as the initial physical evidence (Acts 1:4–8; Acts 2).

- Progressive dealings: After the initial infilling, the Spirit of Christ with the evidence of speaking in tongues ministers daily regeneration, renewal, inward healing, and empowerment for ministry.

Part 2 — Old Testament Men and Women Whom Jehovah Had Dealings With

(Spirit activity in the Old Testament is seen as the Lord's Spirit preparing God's people for the fuller work revealed in Christ.)

- Noah — God's preservation and covenant (Genesis 6–9).
- Abraham — Covenant walk and tested faith (Genesis 12–22).
- Moses — Called and commissioned; Spirit-given authority (Exodus 3; Numbers 11:25).
- Bezalel and artisans — Filled with the Spirit for craftsmanship (Exodus 31:1–6).
- The judges (Othniel, Gideon, Jephthah, Samson) — The Lord's Spirit came upon them for deliverance (Judges).
- Samuel, Saul, David — Prophetic anointing and Spirit-led leadership (1 Samuel).
- Elijah and Elisha — Prophetic power and

succession (1 & 2 Kings).

- The prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel) — Vessels of Spirit-breathed revelation.

Part 3 — New Testament Men and Women in Whom the Holy Ghost with the Evidence of Speaking in Tongues (the Spirit of Christ) Dwelt or Worked

After Pentecost the Spirit of the Lord indwells believers with the evidence of speaking in tongues fills for Salvation service. Notable biblical examples:

- Mary, mother of Jesus — Conceived by the Spirit (Luke 1:34–35).
- Elizabeth and Zechariah — Filled with the Spirit and moved to prophecy (Luke 1).
- Anna — A prophetess empowered for witness (Luke 2:36–38).
- John the Baptist — Filled from the womb; a forerunner (Luke 1:15).
- Jesus Christ — Full of the Spirit; led by the Spirit (Luke 4:1, 14; Matthew 3:16–17).
- The Twelve Apostles — Empowered at Pentecost for witness (Acts 2 onward).
- Stephen — Full of faith and the Spirit; spoke with boldness and saw visions (Acts 6–7).
- Philip the Evangelist — Led by the Spirit in evangelism (Acts 8).

- Paul (Saul) — Anointed for apostolic ministry by the Spirit of Christ (Acts 9; Acts 13).
- Barnabas — Encourager and Spirit-filled minister (Acts 11:24).
- Lydia, the Philippian jailer, Priscilla and Aquila — Examples of Spirit-touched converts and workers (Acts 16–18).
- The church as temple — believers corporately are described as the dwelling place of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:16; Romans 8).

Part 4 — Levels in the Dealings of the Lord (practical framework)

These are helpful markers, not legalistic steps:

1. Conviction and call — The Spirit convicts of sin and calls to repentance (John 16:8).
2. Repentance and water baptism — New birth of water and spirit; baptism in Jesus' name (Acts 2:38; John 3:5).
3. Baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire — Enduement with power; initial evidence of tongues (Acts 1:4–8; Acts 2).
4. Daily regeneration and prayer in tongues — Spiritual washing, renewal, and intercession (Romans 8:26; Jude 20).
5. Purging by fire — Refinement of character; removal

of dross (Malachi 3:2–3; 1 Peter 1:6–7).

6. Gift development and fivefold commissioning — Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers given for the church’s growth (Ephesians 4:11–13).

7. Maturity and conformity to Christ — Growth of the fruit of the Spirit and likeness to Jesus (Galatians 5:22–23; Romans 8:29).

8. Greater works and commissioning — Empowerment for witness and supernatural works as the Lord wills (John 14:12; Acts 1:8).

Part 5 — Five Illustrative Tales of the Lord’s Dealings with Fivefold Ministers

(Allegorical vignettes to teach principles; these are illustrative, not Scripture.)

1. The Apostle’s Fire

Apostle Caleb was baptized in Jesus’ name and received the Holy Ghost with tongues. Through testing and prayer in the Spirit he was empowered to plant churches and withstand persecution. The lesson: apostles are formed by fire and sustained by Spirit-prayer.

2. The Prophet’s Lantern

Miriam cultivated intimacy in the Spirit and was given timely words that steered churches away from error.

The lesson: prophets hear and speak the Lord's mind after dependence in Spirit-prayer.

3. The Evangelist's Road

Jonah the evangelist traveled, preaching repentance and seeing healings follow as he remained flooded with the Spirit. The lesson: evangelists are fueled by the Spirit's power and compassion.

4. The Pastor's Well

Rebekah's nights of Spirit-led intercession brought healing to her character and stability to her flock. The lesson: pastoral care grows out of the Spirit's sanctifying work.

5. The Teacher's Lamp

Titus, fervent in Scripture and in prayer in the Spirit, taught with clarity and helped others grow in doctrine. The lesson: teachers need Spirit illumination to instruct aright.

Part 6 — Practical Steps to Grow in the Lord's Dealings

1. Repent and be baptized in Jesus' name for remission of sins (Acts 2:38).

2. Seek the baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire (Acts 1:4–8).

3. Pray daily in tongues for renewal, intercession, and cleansing (Romans 8:26; Jude 20).
4. Walk in obedience and holiness; allow the refining fire to purge dross (1 Peter 1:6–7).
5. Study Scripture under Spirit illumination (John 14:26).
6. Fast and pray for deeper consecration when needed (Luke 4:1–2).
7. Serve under godly fivefold ministry and remain accountable (Ephesians 4:11–16).
8. Expect the Spirit’s work to include gifts, healing, and prophetic ministry as the Lord wills (1 Corinthians 12–14).

Part 7 — Warnings and Balances

- Seek the Spirit’s power in humility and obedience. Signs without holiness invite error.
- Speaking in tongues is the initial evidence in Apostolic Pentecostal practice, but it must be accompanied by love and godly living (1 Corinthians 13; Galatians 5:22–23).
- Test prophecies and practices by Scripture and godly leadership (1 Thessalonians 5:20–21; 1 John 4:1).

Part 8 — Short Prayers and Declarations

- Prayer for new birth: “Lord Jesus, I repent and am baptized in Your name. Wash me and give me the new birth of water and spirit.”
- Prayer for the Holy Ghost: “Lord Jesus, baptize me now in the Holy Ghost and fire. Fill me and give me the evidence of tongues for prayer, power, and witness.”
- Prayer for sanctification: “Lord Jesus, purge my heart. Burn out the dross. Renew my mind and make me like You.”

Conclusion

The dealings of the Lord Jesus Christ are mighty and merciful. By the Spirit of Christ, from conviction to new birth, from baptism in Jesus’ name to the infilling of the Holy Ghost and refining fire with the evidence of speaking in tongues — the Lord fashions believers into His image, equips them for service, and sends them out with power. Pursue the Spirit of Christ with humility, seek the evidence of speaking in tongues as taught in Apostolic Pentecostal practice, and remain steadfast in obedience and love.

Suggested Scriptures for Further Study

- John 3:1–8; John 14–16
- Acts 1–4; Acts 8; Acts 9; Acts 10–11; Acts 19
- Romans 8; 1 Corinthians 12–14; Ephesians 4
- Galatians 5; 1 Peter 1

— PART II —

Below is an expanded booklet-style treatment that develops the theme of “the deep dealings of the Holy Ghost” (presented as the Spirit of Christ / Spirit of the Lord Jesus), with a focus on moving into “deeper waters” in the life of the believer. It retains Apostolic Pentecostal emphases (new birth of water and spirit, baptism in Jesus’ name, baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire with the evidence of speaking in tongues) while giving practical routes for growth, inner healing, sanctification, and ministry fruitfulness.

Preface

This booklet addresses how the Lord Jesus Christ—by His Spirit (the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Christ)—deals with believers. It seeks to guide those who have obeyed Acts 2:38 and received the baptism in the Holy Ghost with the initial evidence of speaking in tongues, into deeper intimacy, daily regeneration,

refinement, and commissioning for service. Many believers know the first touch; this writing aims to help you go deeper—into the “deeper waters” where the Spirit cleanses root issues, reforms character, and releases power.

Introduction: The Lord’s Dealings and the Call to Deeper Waters

- The Lord Jesus Christ is our Redeemer and Lord. He purifies, empowers, and sends by His Spirit (Acts 1:4–8; Acts 2:38).
- “Deeper waters” is a spiritual metaphor: moving from the surface experience of the new birth and initial infilling into sustained intimacy, inner purification, revelation, and transformative ministry.
- “Deep calls to deep” (Psalm 42:7, LXX sense) describes the Spirit’s work in exposing, lamenting, and then healing what is hidden in the heart, bringing the depths of our spirit into contact with the depths of Christ.

Theological Foundation (concise)

- New birth: Born of water and spirit (John 3:5). Water baptism in Jesus’ name is for remission of sins (Acts 2:38).

- Baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire: Enduement for power, with tongues as the initial physical evidence (Acts 1:4–8; Acts 2).
- The Spirit of Christ indwells believers, prays through them, purifies them, and empowers them for witness and holiness (Romans 8:26–27; 1 Corinthians 6:19; 1 Peter 1:6–7).

What “Deep Dealings” Look Like

Conviction and Exposure:

- The Spirit brings light to hidden sin, ungodly patterns, and repressed wounds (John 16:8).
- This is often experienced as a painful moral and emotional exposure before it becomes healing.

Groaning and Praying in the Spirit:

Praying in tongues is a principal means of daily regeneration; the Spirit prays through the believer (Romans 8:26). These groanings are not mere noise but the Spirit’s work renewing inner life, loosening strongholds, and transposing sorrow into worship.

Purging by Fire:

The refining fire burns away dross: selfishness, fear, bitterness, addictions, unhealthy attachments (Malachi 3:2–3; 1 Peter 1:6–7). This is often gradual and involves testing.

Deep Healing and Deliverance:

Childhood wounds, generational patterns, and deep-rooted personality flaws may require targeted ministry—inner healing, deliverance, repentance, renunciations, and counseling—combined with Spirit-led prayer in tongues and prophetic ministry.

Revelation and Formative Teaching:

The Spirit gives spiritual insight into Scripture and seasons of life; revelation ministers form character and directs ministry (Ephesians 1:17–18; John 16:13).

Commissioning and Empowered Fruit:

After refining, the Spirit equips the believer with gifts, boldness, and authority for evangelism, pastoral care, teaching, and prophetic ministry (Acts 2; Ephesians 4:11–13).

The Journey Into Deeper Waters — Stages and Practices

Stage 1 — Entry: The New Birth and Initial Infilling

- Repent, be baptized in Jesus' name, and seek the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:38; Acts 1:4–8).
- Evidence: speaking in tongues. Begin using tongues immediately to pray and praise.

Stage 2 — Wading: Consistency and Daily Regeneration

Practices:

- Daily prayer times that include speaking in tongues for 10–30 minutes.
- Scripture-saturated worship with openness to Spirit-prompted insights.
- Journaling what the Spirit brings: impressions, scriptures, convictions.

Stage 3 — Swimming: Intimacy, Revelation, and Purging

Practices:

- Extended times of consecration: overnight prayer watches, fasts, and retreats.
- Confession and repentance as specific sins and patterns are revealed.
- Seek godly counsel and pastoral accountability as character flaws come to light.
- Use tongues in intercession for inner healing and for situations you cannot articulate.

Stage 4 — Diving: Confronting Root Wounds and Deliverance

Practices:

- Receive inner-healing ministry (guided prayer,

renunciation of generational sin, forgiveness exercises).

- Spirit-led deliverance for strongholds, always under mature oversight.
- Repatterning the mind: replace lies with Scripture, practice new behaviors (Ephesians 4:22–24).

Stage 5 — Ocean: Abiding, Fruit, and Sending

Practices:

- Demonstrable fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22–23), stable character, and ongoing sensitivity to the Lord’s direction.
- Exercising gifts for edification of the church and outreach to the lost.
- Mentor others into deeper waters.

Practical Spiritual Disciplines for Deeper Dealings

- Daily tongues-prayer: guard time each morning and evening to pray in the Spirit.
- Worship and praise: use Spirit-led songs and Scripture-based praise for emotional and spiritual cleansing.
- Fasting: occasional fasts to humble the soul and intensify Spirit-sensitivity (Joel 2:12; Matthew 6:16–18).

- Solitude and scripture meditation: allow the Spirit to show personal application and conviction.
- Confession and reconciliation: regular confession (James 5:16), reconciliation with offended parties, and renouncing false oaths/bindings.
- Community and accountability: engage with a local assembly under godly fivefold ministry for oversight and impartation.

Dealing with Deep-Rooted Issues

(childhood wounds, personality traits, addictions)

- Recognize that the Spirit's dealing may surface trauma and pain. This is often necessary so healing can come.

Ministry tools:

- Spirit-led inner-healing sessions (guided by Scripture).
- Naming the wound, confessing, forgiving offenders, and renouncing ungodly agreements.
- Replacing lies with Scripture declarations and rehearsing new truth.
- Professional counseling where trauma is severe—spiritual ministry and clinical help can be complementary.
- Do not rush: true transformation is a process of grace, confession, discipline, and supernatural work.

“Deep Calls to Deep” — What It Looks Like in Experience

- Intense heart-crying in prayer, sometimes with tears, groans in tongues, and a sense of the Lord’s presence uncovering layers.
- Dreams, visions, or clear inner impressions that bring direction or healing.
- Sudden deliverances, but more often progressive freedom: old temptations lose power; relationships heal; patterns change.
- Increased boldness for ministry and a growing capacity to bear others’ burdens.

Safeguards and Pastoral Balance

- Always operate under biblical discernment and church oversight. Test prophetic impressions and experiences by Scripture and wise counsel (1 Thessalonians 5:20–21; 1 John 4:1).
- Beware of spiritual pride, sensationalism, or isolation. Deep experiences are to produce humility and service.
- Seek clinical help for mental illness or severe trauma; spiritual ministry is not a substitute for necessary professional care.

Expanded Illustrative Tales — Deeper Encounters of

Fivefold Ministers

1. The Apostle's Descent

Caleb's first power encounters led to churches planted. Later, the Spirit led him into a season of solitude where childhood abandonment rose up to be forgiven, renounced, and healed through long nights of tongues-prayer. After the dealing, his apostolic authority was steadier and gentler.

2. The Prophet's Wellspring

Miriam's prophetic words became sharper after she spent months in "deep waters" of fasting and intercessory tongues. The process stripped self-reliance and birthed pure dependence. Her words carried both warning and comfort that matched God's heart.

3. The Evangelist's Compassion

Jonah was full of signs but still held unresolved anger from an old betrayal. The Spirit led him through inner-healing sessions; his compassion deepened and multitudes were won without prideful zeal—now with pastoral tenderness.

4. The Pastor's Refinement

Rebekah learned through the Spirit to allow the fire to burn defensive insecurity. Honesty in confession and consistent tongues-prayer gave her calmness

under crisis and the ability to shepherd broken people with renewed patience.

5. The Teacher's Revelation

Titus gained fresh insight into Scripture after a season of quiet devotion and Spirit-led study. The Spirit exposed areas of academic arrogance; humility produced a more effective teacher whose lessons were vivified by life-change.

Prayers and Declarations for Deeper Waters

- Short consecration prayer: “Lord Jesus, I consecrate myself. Baptize me afresh in Your Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues . Search me, wash me, purge me. Take me into deeper waters. Use me, and make me like You.”
- For inner healing: “Spirit of the Lord, expose what I cannot see. Bring healing to my wounds. Teach me to forgive and to be free.”
- For power and sending: “Lord Jesus, baptize me with fire. Fill me for witness, with the evidence of speaking in tongues , send me in Your power.”

Conclusion: The Aim of Deeper Dealings

- The Spirit's deepest dealings always aim to make us like Jesus: holy, loving, courageous, and serviceable. Deeper waters are not an end in themselves, but the route by which the Lord forms character and unleashes ministry fruit.
- Walk in the Spirit daily. Expect purification, embrace the process, and serve in humility. The Spirit will take you from first touch to lifelong transformation.

Appendix — Suggested Scriptures and Further Steps

Key passages: Acts 1–2; Acts 8; Acts 9; Romans 8; John 3; John 14–16; 1 Corinthians 12–14; 1 Peter 1.

Next steps:

1. Schedule regular times of tongues-prayer and journaling.
2. Seek a trusted ministry leader for a season of deeper ministry.
3. Consider a short fast and a prayer retreat for concentrated seeking.