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# Mountain Stream Ministries

*THERE IS A RIVER  
WHOSE STREAMS  
SHALL MAKE GLAD  
THE CITY OF GOD.,  
(PSALM 46:4)*



## THE STREAM

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by the Spirit,...*

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### PURPOSE

The purpose of Mountain Stream Ministries is to speak prophetically to the Body of Christ and to impart and teach Kingdom Principles and Spiritual Order.

Mountain Stream Ministries accomplishes this purpose by providing resource materials, and by teaching through various venues.

Thank you for your commitment in praying for and supporting God's Calling upon *Rick Fultz*. He and his staff at *Mountain Stream Ministries* endeavor to minister Godly encouragement and direction to the hearts of God's people. *We minister to those whom God has placed in our lives. (John 17:9) I am praying for them. I am not praying (requesting) for the world, but for those You have given Me, for they belong to You. (Amplified Bible)*

*May the Lord bless you and minister to you as you read this Newsletter.*

*“Let us make  
known the name of  
Jesus, to everyone  
God sends our  
way.”*

***“For as many that are led by the Spirit,  
they are the sons of God.”***

*As I was praying and seeking God about the subject of this Newsletter, Holy Spirit began to speak to me about the importance of being led by the “Spirit of God.” He spoke to me about a “Famine of Discernment” which is causing many of His people to walk through life, “Blindly” and without “Knowledge.” (Having no spiritual site and no spiritual*

*knowledge, revelation or Rhema). This famine of a “lack of discernment” has caused a disinterest in God’s people, and some have digressed to believing it is no longer necessary to seek by praying in the Spirit on a daily basis. They only seek God occasionally through counsel from others and/or by their feelings alone, and only then when they are desperate for help. “This method of seeking God and the lack of discernment, has produced chaos in the lives of many of His people.”*

*I was stirred deeply within my spirit as Holy Spirit impressed me to teach and encourage the Church (you being the Church) on the subject of “How To Be Led By The Spirit of God.”*

*Holy Spirit spoke these words to me, “Before anyone can be led by the Spirit of God the person seeking to be led by My Spirit must first discover (Three Important Discoveries).” This article was birthed by the Spirit as He gave me the words to write. I pray that these words will encourage you in your walk with God, and may Holy Spirit impart the importance of being led by the Spirit of God to you. I pray that you will be stirred and encouraged to seek God more earnestly and be more sensitive to Holy Spirit as He leads you through your life and the destiny He has prepared for you.*

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### **Part 1 of 3**

*Our walk with God begins at the foot of the Cross.*

*Being led by The Spirit of God begins when we take up our cross and follow Him. There is no other way!*

Mark 8:34 (New American Standard Bible)

<sup>34</sup>And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.

**Memorize  
Romans 8:14**

*For as many  
that are led by  
the Spirit...*

### ***Being Led By The Spirit of God***

Romans 8:14 (New King James Version)

<sup>14</sup> For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

*How many times have you heard me quote this scripture?*

**“For as many that are led by the Spirit, these are the sons of God.” Romans 8:14 (New King James Version)**

*Over and over I have repeated this to you with anticipation that you would someday grab hold of this truth. You’ve heard me say it, but do you hear? (smile)*

*... these are the  
sons of God.*

*Take hold of these basic principles of how to be led by the Spirit of God, and He will teach you how you can mature in knowing Him, as you live a blessed life in Christ our Lord!*

*For as many that are led by The Spirit,...*  
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***\*\*Let's take a closer look at what this scripture means and how Christians can benefit by being led by The Spirit of God.***

***\*\*We will also discover the dangers and pitfalls of not being led by The Spirit of God.***

Romans 8:14 (Amplified Bible)

<sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

Romans 8:14 (New King James Version)

<sup>14</sup> For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

### **Three Important Discoveries:**

**These three discoveries must become reality to you personally before, you can pursue being led by the Spirit of God. You must make these three discoveries or there will be no spiritual insight, revelation, knowledge or anything pertaining to being led by the Spirit of God. Being led by the Spirit of God, cannot happen without Jesus, you knowing who you are in the Kingdom of God and you receiving the Holy Spirit.**

- 1. First, we must discover and believe in Jesus and accept Him as our Lord and Savior of our life*
- 2. Second, we must discover who we are in the Kingdom of God.*
- 3. Thirdly, we must discover who the Holy Spirit is and receive Him into our life .*

### **Discovery #1**

**Believe in Jesus and accept him as Lord and Savior of your life.**

#### ***1. How do we become a believer?***

- a. Confess your sins and asked Jesus to be Lord of your life,**

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**and He will forgive you of your sins.**

**b. If you are not a believer please read:**

Romans 10:9-10 (Amplified Bible)

<sup>9</sup>Because if you acknowledge and confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and in your heart believe (adhere to, trust in, and rely on the truth) that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

<sup>10</sup>For with the heart a person believes (adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Christ) and so is justified (declared righteous, acceptable to God), and with the mouth he confesses (declares openly and speaks out freely his faith) and confirms [his] salvation

Also read:

Ephesians 3:16-19 (Amplified Bible)

<sup>16</sup>May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the [Holy] Spirit [Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality].

<sup>17</sup>May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love, (emphasis mine)

<sup>18</sup>That you may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp with all the saints [God's devoted people, the experience of that love] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it];

<sup>19</sup>[That you may really come] to know [practically, <sup>1a</sup>through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses <sup>1b</sup>mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] <sup>1c</sup>unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and <sup>1d</sup>become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!

**Choose to live a life of being led by Holy Spirit.**

*God will make Himself known to you, if you allow Him to. Trust, and live by faith. Faith is what moves God, not works or religiosity. Trusting Him is accomplished and completed by faith.*

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*Now assuming you have made the first discovery of the three mentioned earlier and you are a Christian, let's move on the second discovery of knowing who you are in the Kingdom of God.*

## **Discovery #2**

### ***Knowing who you are in the Kingdom of God.***

#### **1. Who are we as Christians?**

- a. We are the sons of God! Read: Romans 8:14, & 2 Corinthians 6:18**

**Romans 8:14** (New King James Version)

<sup>14</sup> For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

**2 Corinthians 6:18** (Amplified Bible)

<sup>18</sup>And I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.

You see the word says, “sons” and “daughters!”

We all have the opportunity to be His sons/daughters. (smile)

**So, if we believe in Jesus, then we are to profess** (to declare openly; announce or affirm; avow or acknowledge), **that we are the sons of God!**

*Get this settled in your spirit. You are a son of God! This is the foundation of living an abundant life. You are in Christ. You are His son. Your spirit was reborn when you accepted Jesus as your Savior. You became a citizen of the Kingdom of God! You are now His son! The principles of the word Kingdom have nothing to do with democracy.*

*People did not vote and position Jesus as King, He was “born” a King!*

*So, you see you were “born” into this Kingdom. The principles of the Kingdom of God are what you*

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*should live by. This knowledge will explain and show the way in which you are to approach life. As a son of God you have the opportunity to be led by the Spirit of God! What are you waiting for?*

*There are many more references as to who we are in Christ, but for the sake of this study our focus will be on the knowledge of us being “sons of God.”*

• Let's move on to Discovery #3

### Discovery #3

**Knowing who Holy Spirit is and Receiving Him into your life.**

#### **1. Who is Holy Spirit?**

##### **a. He is the third part of the triune Godhead. Father, Son, Holy Spirit**

I was informed very clearly one certain day as to who Holy Spirit is. Let me explain.

I will never forget in one of my study classes where we were studying on the topic of “Holy Spirit.” I had previously received the baptism of the Holy Spirit years before, but in trying to gain a deeper understanding of the baptism of the Spirit I asked this question..

“How do people know that they have *it*?” Oops! I knew I was in trouble when **Dr. Fuchsia Pickett our teacher for that class, who had earned three Doctorate Degrees, now looking through her Doctor of Theology eyes,** gazed straight into my eyes with a holy anger. (smile) I obviously knew the answer to that question, (so I thought) but I had no idea who Holy Spirit was. I had accepted the religious idea that Holy Spirit was an experience, (a thing or an it) instead of understanding who He is.

Well, Dr. Fuchsia Pickett **stopped in her tracks and made it known to me and the rest of the class who Holy Spirit is.**

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*She said, “When you speak of “Holy Spirit” you will address Him as Holy Spirit! He is not an it! He is the third part of the triune Godhead! He is Spirit! God referred to Him as HE. When “He” comes “He” will guide you into truth! He has a name! He is not an it, no more than God is an it! How would you like to be introduced as an it? No you would not. You have a name and so does Holy Spirit, and you will address Him in the proper way!” Ouch! That was a good ouch for me. Ever since that moment I have had a better understanding of who He, Holy Spirit is.*

Dr. Pickett had a deep revelation of who Holy Spirit is. She could talk about Him and His characteristics for hours.

God called Dr. Pickett home some years ago. Many will miss her and her knack for teaching. She made a positive impact on my life and many others as well.

*Holy Spirit is the third person of the triune Godhead..*

**It is important that you know Holy Spirit.** Being He is going to be the one speaking to you and leading you through life it is imperative that you know Him!

**b. He is our Comforter, Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, and Standby.**

John 16:7 (KJV) Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

John 14:26 (KJV) But the Comforter, [which is] the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Romans 8:26-27 (Amplified Bible)

<sup>26</sup>So too the [Holy] Spirit comes to our aid and bears us up in our weakness; for we do not know what prayer to offer nor how to offer it worthily as we ought, but the Spirit Himself goes to meet our supplication and

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pleads in our behalf with unspeakable yearnings and groanings too deep for utterance.

<sup>27</sup>And He Who searches the hearts of men knows what is in the mind of the [Holy] Spirit [what His intent is], because the Spirit intercedes and pleads [before God] in behalf of the saints according to and in harmony with God's will.

*The Bible tells us we have been given The Holy Spirit and when He comes to us He will guide us. Read: John 14:16, John 16:13 & Galatians 5:25*

John 14:16 (Amplified Bible)

<sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever—

John 16:13 (Amplified Bible)

<sup>13</sup>But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future].

*If we as Christians live by the Spirit and also walk by the Spirit then our conduct should be controlled by the Spirit.*

**Galatians 5:25** (Amplified Bible)

<sup>25</sup>If we live by the [Holy] Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. [If by the Holy Spirit <sup>[a]</sup>we have our life in God, let us go forward <sup>[b]</sup>walking in line, our conduct controlled by the Spirit.]

## **2. How do we receive the Holy Spirit?**

### **a. By the laying on of hands.**

Acts 19:1-6 (NASB)

Paul at Ephesus

<sup>1</sup>It happened that while Apollos was at <sup>(B)</sup>Corinth, Paul passed

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through the upper country and came to Ephesus, and found some disciples.

<sup>2</sup>He said to them, " Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said to him, No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

<sup>3</sup>And he said, " Into what then were you baptized?" And they said, " Into John's baptism."

<sup>4</sup>Paul said, " John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus."

<sup>5</sup>When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

<sup>6</sup>And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying.

**Paul laid hands on the new believers and they received the baptism of the Holy Spirit with evidence of speaking in tongues.**

**I don't know why so many are divided on this issue? It only seems if we as Christians can believe Jesus was raised from the dead and ascended back to the Father, then it should not be such a far fetched idea of Christians being baptized with Holy Spirit filling us with "power", and that power (unlocking all 9 spiritual gifts within us) and the "evidence" that we have received that power is revealed by the gifts operating in our lives!**

**This is what happened in (Acts 19:6). Paul is speaking to certain disciples at Ephesus who have been baptized with the baptism of John the Baptist, but have not yet received the Holy Ghost.**

**When Paul laid his hands on them "two" of the "nine" Gifts of the Spirit began to operate in them immediately the "Gift of Tongues" and the "Gift of Prophecy" was released in them when they were baptized with the Holy Spirit.**

**This subject is lengthy and is not the topic of this Newsletter. *However let it be clear that Paul asked this question in verse two.*** <sup>2</sup>He said

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to them, " Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said to him, No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." *Please note that their answer (as believers) was "No."*

**This is evidence that believers do not receive "power" to operate in the 9 gifts of the Spirit when they are saved. Yes, they received Jesus as their Savior, and you cannot receive Jesus, without receiving God and Holy Spirit as well. They are three persons in one , Father, Son, Holy Spirit. So, yes, you received Holy Spirit when you were saved, but you did not receive the power to operate in all the gifts contained in Holy Spirit. This is what Paul was addressing when he asked them if they had received the Holy Spirit when they believed.**

**I have taken the time to point this out and make it clear, because if you are going to operate in the "9" Gifts of Holy Spirit you must be baptized in the Holy Spirit. You must have Discernment of spirits operating in you to be led by the Spirit of God.**

**Now I know some of you are thinking, " I am saved and have been following God for years and I have never received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I am really not sure if this is for us today. Anyway,**

#### **A NOTE FROM THE PUBLISHER:**

This Newsletter was birthed to water thirsty souls with the Word of God. The name in itself, "THE STREAM" is an indicator of God's intent with this ministry. *Water flows in the path of least resistance. To resist Him is to restrict His flowing river. The river of God brings refreshing hope when you allow it to flow in your life.* Open up your heart and receive refreshing water, in those dry areas of your life. We all have them at times, so don't feel condemned. (smile) Open up your heart, and let Him complete the good work, He has started in you. Amen!



In His Rest,  
Rick Fultz

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**I hear God and believe He speaks to me , so “why” would I need this second experience of being baptized in Holy Spirit?**

*Please note that speaking in tongues is not required for salvation. We are saved by grace through faith in Christ Jesus and not of works lest any man should boast. Anyone teaching tongues being required to be saved is a false teacher.*

**My intention is not to question your walk with God. That is between you and God. I believe many Christians today are followers of Christ and their following is based on the written scriptures and principles of Christianity. Every Christian should follow God with the scriptures being your roadmap. Your relationship with God and the way or process in which you follow Him has been built through *wisdom and knowledge of the scriptures*.**

**All I am doing here is asking you if you want more of God? And what I have shared with you concerning Holy Spirit is *knowledge from the scriptures*. It is not my interpretation of the scriptures, but facts that are in no need of interpretation. I have pointed out where Paul who wrote 13 Epistles (as he was moved upon by the Holy Spirit) of the New Testament known as the Pauline epistles. Epistle to the Romans, First Epistle to the Corinthians, Second Epistle to the Corinthians, Epistle to the Galatians, Epistle to the Ephesians, Epistle to the Philippians, and the Epistle to the Colossians. Scholars stand divided on the idea that Paul wrote the Epistle to Hebrews. **So who would question Paul?****

**If you want more of God, then pray and ask God if there is a need for this baptism of the Holy Spirit then ask Him to confirm it some way to you. Again, this is between you and God. No pressure from me or Holy Spirit. But in order to receive more from God you must be open to receive from Holy Spirit. Then let God take care of the rest.**

**The Holy Spirit is promised to those who ask. "If you then, being evil, 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!" (Luke 11:13)**

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**God promised this to every believer! All you have to do is ask.  
Amen!**

**3. How do we know we can be led by the Holy Spirit today?**

**a. By having the “mind “ of Christ.**

**It is through and by Holy Spirit that we are given the “mind” of Christ!**

**b. Because we have received “power” to hear what the Spirit is saying.**

**This is when and where we are given the ”power” to “hear” the Spirit! Christ is the head and we are the body. We receive instruction from Him through Holy Spirit.**

*The Bible tells us we have been given The Holy Spirit and when He comes to us He will guide us. Read: John 14:16, John 16:13 & Galatians 5:25*

*We have been given a gift from God (The Holy Spirit) to be our (Comforter Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthened, and Standby) in our time fellowship with Him and in our time of need.*

***The Holy Spirit tells us how to Do God’s Will, God’s Way and In God’s Timing.***

**Read these verses if you don’t read anything else in this Newsletter!**

1 Corinthians 2:13-16 (Amplified Bible)

<sup>13</sup>And we are setting these truths forth in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the [Holy] Spirit, combining and interpreting spiritual truths with spiritual language [to those who possess the Holy Spirit].

<sup>14</sup>But the natural, nonspiritual man does not accept or welcome or admit into his heart the gifts and teachings and revelations of the Spirit of God, for they are folly (meaningless nonsense) to him; and he is incapable of knowing them [of progressively recognizing, understanding, and becoming better acquainted with them] because they are spiritually discerned

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and estimated and appreciated.

<sup>15</sup>But the spiritual man tries all things [he examines, investigates, inquires into, questions, and discerns all things], yet is himself to be put on trial and judged by no one [he can read the meaning of everything, but no one can properly discern or appraise or get an insight into him].

<sup>16</sup>For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide and instruct Him and give Him knowledge? But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart.

**This says it all! These verses in (1 Corinthians 2:13-16) makes it very clear as to how we are led by the Holy Spirit.**

***We are led by the Spirit of God and carnal man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, because they are foolishness to him, neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned***

That word “mind” means that we have Christ’s thoughts, Christ’s will, and the emotions of Christ living inside of us. We are not guided by our feelings or (thoughts from our physical mind or our will, or our emotions) when seeking His will for our lives. We listen and sense the “mind” of Christ which has the Thoughts, Will and the Emotions of God. Holy Spirit reveals His will to us Spirit to spirit.

At times Holy Spirit will cause us to sense something too deep for us to comprehend all at once in our earthly thoughts (our earthly language, mine being English) but causes a stirring deep in our spirit to sense and regard the emotions of God working and releasing His will for us. It is not our feelings but the emotions of the “mind” of Christ, the stirring of the Spirit of God that causes us to hear with a spiritual ear what the Spirit is saying!

*Note: It’s good to use our brain that God gave to us!*

*It makes for a good and profitable day at work! (smile) Although, there may be times in our busiest schedules of coping with everyday life and situations, when we are about to make a mistake on the spot so to speak. God will nudge us or stir us in an effort to help us. The key here*

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*is to be sensitive to the leading of the Spirit of God even in our busiest times. This comes with us yielding more of our life to Him. When we are seeking guidance from Holy Spirit the “mind” of Christ that lives in us, we need to stop our analytical wheels from turning and making so much noise that we cannot to hear what the Spirit is saying to us.*

***We will either live and walk by the flesh, or by the Spirit of God. It’s a matter of choosing how we want to live.***

***God gave us the liberty to choose. It should not be too hard to decide, since one way leads to death and the other leads to life!***

Romans 8:5-6 (New King James Version)

<sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

<sup>6</sup> For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.

Let me ask you a some questions, “Are you walking in the Spirit? Have you ever asked God (**without denominationalism speaking louder than you can pray**) ‘if the baptism is real and if having the baptism will help you live life better? Have you ever or recently asked God to help you receive the ‘Holy Spirit’ as they did when Paul laid hands on them in (Acts 19:6).? If you have the baptism are you hearing the Holy Spirit daily even when you are not seeking to hear Him , and He just suddenly speaks a revelation to you or shows you something He wants you to deal with in your life.? If you have already received the baptism of Holy Spirit, (Part 2 of 3) and (Part 3 of 3) of this Newsletter will help you walk with more discernment and exercise your gifts in a deeper capacity. I will send out the next Newsletter in a couple of weeks.

*Stop for a moment and give God time to speak to you, it will change your life to the good!*

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