

"He shall glorify me: for He shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you." John 16:14 KJV



Beware of that which elevates the Holy Spirit over Jesus Christ. The Word of God tells us implicitly that the Holy Spirit *"shall not speak of himself."* If the Spirit of God is at work you will only hear *"Jesus."* God has given that name preeminence in all of eternity and it is the name *"above every name."* The Holy Spirit only glorifies and speaks of the *"Word."* If anyone or anything else is being uplifted, rest assured, it is not God. The *"Word"* includes all the inspired written Word of God. Jesus is the *"Word made flesh."* He is the power and essence of the Godhead in bodily form. *"In Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead, bodily."* Just as your soul and spirit are invisible entities made manifest or visible by your flesh, your body, the Father and Spirit of God are the invisible and omnipresent persons of the Godhead made manifest in Jesus, *"the Word made flesh"* to all His children. Your body contains all of you that that can be contained in a human form and your glorified body will do the same. When you say *õI,ö* your soul and spirit are expressing themselves through your body. You don't go around saying, *õMy spirit did that,ö* you say, *õI did that.ö* Jesus is God, and the focus of believers' heartfelt devotion and adoration. Thoughts of God fill waking moments like a lover's thoughts are full of the object of their affection. To please God and sense His closeness, is the driving force of every true believer. His presence intensifies a love for God and invigorates life! If it is not so, some other force is at work. True believers are not attracted to music programs or human charisma. They are drawn to where Christ is preached and lifted up by not only the preacher, but those in attendance. Jesus warned, *"Many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many."* Satan thrives on reinterpreting and redirecting the focus of scripture. The world loves *"God is love,"* but they hate *"Thou shalt not."* If God is only Love, then all a banana is, is yellow. We are told, *"Try the spirits."* Test them. Hold them up to God's Word and look for discrepancies. Satan mimics God's power by manipulating the minds and flesh of men. If the world loves it, it's not of God. *"If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world...the world hateth you."* Vance Havner, gospel evangelist for more than 80 years, with brilliant insight said, *õPopularity has ruined more preachers than persecution ever could.ö* Has the *õpopular gospelö* parlayed your pursuit of God into a social event? Are you following Christ, God's Word, or some man's teachings? Does your Truth come from God's Word or some YouTube video? *"Many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many."* How do you know if you are deceived? When you use scripture to support your doctrine instead of your doctrine mirroring Scripture.

The Spirit's Voice will praise the Son,
He speaks of Jesus Christ alone,
He brings the Truth of God to light,
And shatters evil's darkest night. ~CGP

The Spirit-filled life glorifies Christ by exhibiting all the fruits of the Spirit. *"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."* Nowhere is it stated in Scripture that we must uplift the Holy Spirit. If we uplift Christ, we uplift the Spirit of Christ for *"THESE THREE ARE ONE!"* Who is getting the most glory and honor from your lips? Jesus or man?

"Howbeit when He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into ALL Truth: for HE SHALL NOT SPEAK OF HIMSELF; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come." John 16:13 KJV