7 Reasons Why We Need The Holy Spirit

1. Introduction – Romans 8:14

 ***“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.”(Rom. 8:14)***

* + 1. The Holy Spirit leads those who are the children of God. If we are children of God, then we can count on His guidance in our lives.
		2. He will show us the way for any circumstance in life. That fact should give us confidence in any situation that we face.

 B. ***“Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness”* (Luke 4:1)**

1. After His baptism in the Jordan, Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit and was led by the Spirit of God into the wilderness.
2. Jesus was always led by the Spirit and only did what His Father wanted Him to do. If Jesus needed the Holy Spirit in His life, how much more do we need the Holy Spirit?

II. 7 Reasons Why we need the holy spirit

* 1. **Because we are not as smart as God is (Guidance)** **– Romans 8:14, Acts 13:1-2.**

 ***“As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” (13:2)***

* + 1. All throughout the book of Acts, the work of the Holy Spirit is emphasized. He was constantly leading, guiding, and directing the early church.
		2. We too need the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We do not have access to all the information in a given situation, and we will draw the wrong conclusion and err in judgment if we rely on our own abilities and knowledge.
	1. **Because we are weak in times of crisis (Prayer) Romans 8:26-27**
		1. We need the Holy Spirit to pray through us and to intercede for others and for our own selves. He alone knows the mind of God and what is right and best for every situation.
		2. The Holy Spirit “takes hold” with us when He prays through us. He is our comforter and advocate and labors in the yoke alongside of us.
		3. The word ***helps*** “*sunantilambonamai”* means to lay hold along with, to strive to obtain with others, help in obtaining. To take hold with another.
	2. **Because Satan’s power is real (Warfare) Luke 4:1-13, Eph. 6:10-18**

 ***“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”***

 ***“Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.”***

 ***“And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God; Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all saints— Eph. 6:10-18***

* + 1. Satan’s power is very real, and we must know how to stand against it if we want to see victory in our lives.
		2. When Jesus was confronted by the devil in the wilderness (Luke 4:1-13), He used the Word as a powerful weapon against him. In the same way, we need to use our supernatural weapons (the Word of God) spoken with the authority of the Spirit in our battles against the evil one.
		3. We must learn to clothe ourselves with the armor of God as listed in Ephesians 6 and not rest in our own methods to win spiritual battles.
	1. **Because our attitudes and emotions fluctuate (Fruit of the Spirit) – Eph. 4:3,30-31; Gal. 5:22**

 ***“Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Eph. 4:3). “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.” (Eph. 4:30-31).***

 ***“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.” (Gal. 5:22).***

* + 1. Because we are human, our attitudes and emotions can change from day to day. Some people are like a roller coaster; they are “up” one day and “down” the next. Other people fluctuate even from hour to hour.
		2. We need the Holy Spirit to bring us stability in our emotions. As we grow in love, joy, peace, and all the other gifts of the Spirit, we will not be moved by changing circumstances in our lives.
	1. **Because we cannot operate in the supernatural (miracles, signs and wonders) without the gifts of the Spirit (1 Cor.12-14)**
		1. Without the Holy Spirit, we cannot hope to move in the supernatural.
		2. Only the Holy Spirit can heal, give discernment, impart words of knowledge or wisdom, or give any of the other gifts of the Spirit.
	2. **Because we cannot change ourselves (holiness/sanctification) – 2 Cor. 3:18, Ps. 51:10**

 ***“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”***

 ***2 Cor. 3:18.***

 ***“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.” (Psa. 51:10)***

* + 1. We need the Holy Spirit if we are to have real, lasting change in our lives. We cannot change ourselves or just make ourselves stop bad habits or behavior.
		2. The Holy Spirit is the One who transforms us into the image of Christ. The more we rely on the Holy Spirit, the more we will become like Jesus. It’s the beholding, becoming principle. The more you behold Him, the more He transforms you into His likeness.
	1. **Because we are in the last days and need supernatural discernment – (1 Tim. 4:1)**

 ***“Now the Spirit expressly says that in the latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.” (1 Tim. 4:1)***

* + 1. We need the Holy Spirit in these last days because there are many seducing, deceiving spirits that try to lead us astray.
		2. Anyone can be led astray. Only through discernment of the Holy Spirit can we be kept on the right path, judging rightly and keeping to wholesome biblical teaching.