

Chapter 6: The Spirit of Sanctification

- 1) What does St. Clement mean by the words, 'The Instructor nurses man by the Spirit.'?
- 2) Which one of the early fathers of our Church wrote a beautiful speech in his letters concerning the sanctification of the believers' life by the Holy Spirit?
- 3) According to Origen, what do rational creatures receive from the 3 persons of the Holy Trinity?
- 4) How does Origen say that rational creatures receive Christ?
- 5) According to Origen, those who are sanctified by the Holy Spirit, what do they also surely receive? What is the work of the gift that they receive?
- 6) State some of Origen's sayings regarding the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Sanctification.
- 7) What does Origen say about the good tree and the bad tree?
- 8) How did St. Athanasius explain to us the fact that our Lord sanctified Himself as He told us in (John 17 : 19): "And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth."?
- 9) To what does St. Macarius the Great liken the sin?
- 10) In opposition to the fierce wind of sin, what does St. Macarius the Great tell us about the Holy Spirit?
- 11) According to St. Macarius the Great, what do we put on when we are in a state of error?
- 12) According to St. Macarius the Great, what happens to us when our Lord Jesus Christ strips us of the clothing of the kingdom of darkness?
- 13) According to St. Macarius the Great, what happens to us when our souls arrive at the perfection of the Spirit?
- 14) According to St. Macarius the Great, how can we attain the fullness of Christ? What verses speak of that fullness?
- 15) What did St. Macarius the Great say of what will happen to us when God sends His Spirit into our hearts?
- 16) What did St. Didymus the Blind say regarding the plentitude of gifts of the Holy Spirit?
- 17) To understand the role of the Holy Spirit in our spiritual life and in sanctifying our souls and bodies we have to study the letters of St. Anthony the Great as a spiritual father of the whole monastic family.

State the title of each of the points that St. Anthony wrote about to his disciples in his letters that declared our need to the unceasing work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

18) According to the letters of St. Anthony the Great, who are those whom the Holy Spirit most readily fill?

19) According to the letters of St. Anthony the Great, how does the Holy Spirit deal with us on the road to repentance from the beginning until complete conversion to God?

20) According to the letters of St. Anthony the Great, why does the Holy Spirit at a certain time during our spiritual life leave us?

21) Why does St. Anthony the Great in his letters to his disciples greet them in the Spirit of meekness?

22) According to the letters of St. Anthony the Great, how are our souls like trees?

23) According to the letters of St. Anthony the Great, give an account on the 'rest' that the Holy Spirit gives us when He dwells in us.

24) According to the letters of St. Anthony the Great, how does he liken the growth stages of a child to the growth of a human soul?

25) According to the letters of St. Anthony the Great, how does he compare acquiring the Holy Spirit with obtaining precious stones with great labor?

26) According to the letters of St. Anthony the Great, how does the Holy Spirit make us acknowledge ourselves and our new position in Christ?

27) According to the letters of St. Anthony the Great, how does the Holy Spirit illuminate the mind to acknowledge the true way of sanctification?

28) How does St. Anthony the Great explain to us in his letters the role of the Holy Spirit in purifying us from every carnal movement?

29) When St. Anthony the Great, in his letters, spoke of the warmth of the Holy Spirit granting victory over the devil, He likened man's soul to a bird. Explain.

30) Why does St. Anthony the Great call the saints who have separated their souls from the love of this world, 'clothed In the Spirit'?

31) What is the biblical support that St. Anthony the Great, St. Macarius and many of the pioneers of ascetic life used to explain to us how the Holy Spirit is the Divine Fire acting in the believers' lives

32) According to St. Anthony the Great, St. Macarius, and others ascetics, how do they liken the divine fire revealing Christ in our practical lives to what Aaron did?

33) According to St. Anthony the Great, St. Macarius, and others ascetics, how do they liken the divine fire of the Holy Spirit to the fire that Elijah prayed for?

34) How does St. Anthony the Great explain to us that the intelligent and immortal nature is hidden in our perishable bodies?

35) What did St. Anthony the Great say at the closure of one of his letters on the Divine Fire of the Holy Spirit?