

THE HOLY SPIRIT

I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO YOU TODAY ABOUT THE VALUE OF BEING BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT. BEFORE I DO THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ONE THING CLEAR. WHEN YOU ASK JESUS INTO YOUR HEART, TO BE LORD OF YOUR LIFE, YOU RECEIVE THE DEPOSIT OF YOUR INHERITENCE, THE HOLY SPIRIT. YOU ARE SEALED WITH A PROMISE THAT NO DEVIL IN HELL OR MAN ON EARTH CAN CHANGE.

THE BAPTISM OF THE SPIRIT IS A SUBSEQUENT EXPERIENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IMPARTING POWER INTO US. THIS CAUSES US TO OPERATE AT LEVELS BEYOND OUR OWN CAPABILITIES.

Ephesians 1:13-14 Amplified Bible (AMP)

¹³ In Him, you also, when you heard the word of truth, the good news of your salvation, and [as a result] believed in Him, were stamped with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit [the One promised by Christ] as owned *and* protected [by God]. ¹⁴ The Spirit is the ^[a] guarantee [the first installment], the pledge, a foretaste] of our inheritance until the redemption of *God's own* [purchased] possession [His believers], to the praise of His glory.

WHEN WE BELIEVE WE RECEIVE. WE ARE IMMEDIATELY STAMPED AND SEALED.....BUT THAT IS ONLY THE FIRST INSTALLMENT. TO MANY CHRISTIANS ARE LIVING IN POVERTY SPIRITUALLY BECAUSE THEY ARE "COOL" WITH THE FIRST INSTALLMENT OF THEIR INHERITENCE.

THERE IS SO MUCH MORE MY FRIENDS.

John 16:13-15 New International Version (NIV)

¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

WE DESPERATELY NEED TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. OUR WALK WITH JESUS HINGES ON HOW MUCH OF OUR LIVES IS DEDICATED TO SPENDING TIME WITH HIM.

Mark 14:38 New International Version (NIV)

³⁸ Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

THE STRUGGLE IS REAL, THE BATTLE BETWEEN FLESH AND SPIRIT. IT WILL ALWAYS COME DOWN TO **WHO YOU ARE FEEDING MORE, SPIRIT OR FLESH. YOU CANNOT SERVE BOTH MASTERS.** IN FACT, JESUS REMOVED HIMSELF FROM THE CHAOS AND SHUT OUT ALL THE NOISE, SPENT TIME IN SILENCE WITH THE LORD. WE NEED TO IMITATE THIS. YOU WANT TO HEAR FROM GOD? SHUT OUT THE WORLD.

Psalm 46:10 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁰ He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”

DID YOU KNOW THAT MANY CHRISTIANS, I BET SOME IN THIS ROOM HAVE NEVER HEARD THE VOICE OF GOD?

IT DOESN'T MAKE YOU A BAD PERSON OR EVEN A BAD CHRISTIAN. IT JUST MEANS YOUR MISSING OUT ON AN INCREDIBLE RELATIONSHIP WITH A GOD THAT WANTS TO TALK TO YOU, GUIDE YOU, AND BLESS YOU. JESUS TELLS HIS DISCIPLES THE "MORE" PART

Acts 1:3-5 New International Version (NIV)

³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with^[a] water, but in a few days you will be baptized with^[b] the Holy Spirit."

JESUS TOLD THEM TO WAIT FOR THE GIFT, HE HAD ALREADY BREATHED THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THEM AFTER HE RESURECTED. THERE WAS MORE TO COME...THE DISCIPLES, LIKE US, WERE LACKING THE POWER BEHIND THE MINISTRY

1 Corinthians 2:9-11 New International Version (NIV)

⁹ However, as it is written:

"What no eye has seen,
what no ear has heard,
and what no human mind has conceived"^[a]—
the things God has prepared for those who love him—
¹⁰ these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

LET'S LOOK AT THIS, NO EYE, NO EAR, NO HUMAN MIND HAS THOUGHT UP ANYTHING SPIRITUAL. WHY? BECAUSE

NOTHING IN THE NATURAL CAN COMPREHEND THE THINGS OF GOD. WE HAVE 5 SENSES: TASTE, SMELL, SIGHT, HEARING, AND TOUCH THAT HELP US GATHER INFORMATION IN THE NATURAL. NONE OF THESE CAN BRING FORTH UNDERSTANDING OF THE SPIRIT. IN FACT, THE THINGS OF GOD DON'T MAKE SENSE AT ALL TO OUR INTELLECT. IF YOU ARE WAITING UNTIL YOU CAN INTELLECTUALLY AND WRAP YOUR HEAD AROUND THE SPIRITUAL THINGS OF GOD, YOU WILL BE FRUSTRATED BECAUSE IT CANT BE DONE.

LISTEN CAREFULLY TO VERSE 10 & 11.

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WHO HERE WANTS SOME THING FROM GOD TODAY? THE HOLY SPIRIT SEARCHES THE DEEP THINGS OF GOD AND REVEALS THEM TO US UNDER THE INSTRUCTION OF JESUS WHO ONLY DOES WHAT THE FATHER TELLS HIM.
HALLEJUEAH !!!

PAUL TELLS THE CORINTHIAN CHURCH AND US WHAT GIFTS WE ARE TO EXPECT WHILE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

1 Corinthians 12:1 New International Version (NIV)

12 Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.

I, LIKE PAUL, I DO NOT WANT YOU TO BE UNINFORMED ABOUT THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT. BEING A CHRISTIAN, AN HEIR TO THE INHERITENCE OF JESUS CHRIST, AND NOT OPERATING IN THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT IS LIKE STARVING ON THE STREETS WHEN SOMEONE HAS LEFT YOU 10 BILLION DOLLARS AND ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GO GET IT!!

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 New International Version (NIV)

7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. **8** To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, **9** to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, **10** to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,^[a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues.^[b] **11** All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

LIVING A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT KEEPS YOU FREE FROM THE FEAR OF PEOPLE, PLACES, AND THINGS. WHY? BECAUSE EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THOSE GIFTS IS USED THROUGH THE POWER OF LOVE. THE GREATEST POWER IN THE UNIVERSE IS LOVE. YOU CAN'T FIGHT LOVE.

AGAIN, THESE GIFTS DON'T MAKE ANY SENSE TO OUR INTELECT, SO INSTEAD OF SPENDING ENERGY TRYING TO RATIONALIZE AND FIGURE OUT HOW THIS CAN BE REAL... SPEND THAT ENERGY GETTING AS CLOSE TO GOD AS YOU CAN. THROUGH HIS WORD, WORSHIP, PRAYER, PETTION, AND PRAISE. YOU'LL GET RESULTS IF YOU USE THE LATTER.

John 14:13-14 New International Version (NIV)

¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

SOMETIMES IT TAKES YEARS, BE FAITHFUL AND OBEDIENT

ALL OF US NEED TO BE FILLED ON THE DAILY. WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE IS OBVIOUSLY TIME SPENT WITH GOD, IN HIS WORD, IN WORSHIP, REVERENCE, AND PRAYER.

YOUR LIFE WILL BE FILLED WITH SOMETHING. FILL IT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. **YOU WILL FIND THAT THE SINS THAT WERE SO EASILY EXECUTED BEFORE, HAVE NO VALUE.** THE DEVIL WANTS US TO BE TOO BUSY TO CONNECT WITH GOD. HE IS THE AUTHOR OF CONFUSION. BUSYNESS IS A BLOCKER. **BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD.** WE HAVE TO BLOCK OUT THE WORLD. MAKE TIME FOR HIM. YOU WILL HEAR HIS VOICE. REMEMBER THAT VOICE.

WE WANT TO DO EXTRAORDINARY THINGS IN OUR LIVES, SAVE OUR MARRIAGES, BE GOOD PARENTS, BE GOOD CHRISTIANS, WE WANT GOD TO USE US IN MIGHTY WAYS BUT WHAT ARE WE DOING TO ACCESS THAT ?

EVEN JESUS, GOD IN THE FLESH, DID NOT BATTLE THE DEVIL WITHOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

Mark 1:10-13 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted^[a] by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

GOD IS WAY MORE INTERESTED IN OUR SANCTIFICATION
OVER OUR COMFORTABILITY

EXTRA ORDINARY, SUPERNATURAL, DEVIL STOMPING, HOLY
SPIRIT POWER !!!!

JESUS HIMSELF, WAITED ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

LISTEN, THE SAME MIND THAT GOT YOU TO WHERE YOU ARE
TODAY CAN NOT SAVE YOU, HELP YOU, OR TAKE YOU INTO A
SPIRITUAL BATTLE. WE DON'T LIKE PAIN. SOME OF OUR
GREATEST BATTLES ARE DIFFICULT TO TALK ABOUT WITH
OTHERS SO WHY WOULD WE THINK ABOUT TAKING THEM
ON IN THE FLESH? WE CAN'T....THE FLESH DOES NOT
UNDERSTAND THE SPIRITUAL RELM. REMEMBER? IT
DOESN'T MAKE SENSE

CLOSING

I SAID IT BEFORE AND I'L SAY IT AGAIN. IF WE ARE DOING
LIFE WITHOUT ACKNOWLEDGING HIM ON THE DAILY, WE
ARE CARRYING AROUND A FLAMETHROWER THAT IS STILL
IN THE BOX. WE ARE NOW DOING BATTLE WITH FLESH AND
BLOOD INSTEAD OF SPIRIT TO SPIRIT. **START BATTLING
SPIRIT TO SPIRIT AND WATCH WHAT GOD DOES!!!!**

WATCH WHAT HE DOES IN YOUR LIFE, WATCH WHAT HE
DOES IN YOUR RELATIONSHIPS, WATCH WHAT HE DOES IN
YOUR ADVERSITY ... WATCH WHAT HE DOES!!!! DON'T GIVE

UP BEFORE THE BLESSING AND THE BREAKTHROUGH COME TO HARVEST. SOME OF YOU ARE ABOUT TO GIVE UP. THE LORD SAYS HANG ON, THERE IS PROVISION ON IT'S WAY. YOUR HELPER WANTS TO SPEAK TO YOU THROUGH THIS. CAN YOU HEAR HIM?

SOMETIMES WE JUST NEED TO SHUT UP AND LISTEN !!!

BE STILL !!!!! SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND THEN WHAT?!!!! **EVERYTHING** WILL BE ADDED UNTO YOU.

EVERYTHING THAT YOU NEED TO BE A GOOD SPOUSE, A GOOD PARENT, AND A GOOD CHRISTIAN (WHICH MAY COME IN THE FORM OF A PROGRAM, CLASS, BOOK, OR PERSON WITH EXPERIENCE) GOD USES PEOPLE PLACES AND THINGS ALL THE TIME.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO LIVE IN VICTORY INSTEAD OF FEAR, TO HOLD ON TO YOUR PEACE IN THE MIDST OF CHAOS, AND TO LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO ACCEPT AND FORGIVE YOURSELF AND YOUR PAST SO YOU CAN LIVE IN THE FREEDOM OF CHRIST JESUS AND HIS UNCONDITIONAL GRACE AND MERCY

SOMEBODY SAY AMEN !!

PRAYER

