

THE "HOW DO WE GET FROM HERE TO HEAVEN" SERIES

ROMANS 12:1-2

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK IN YOU – PART 3

*A SERIES ON CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP, HOLINESS
AND SPIRITUAL MATURITY IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER.*

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HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT THAT
"HOW DO WE GET FROM HERE TO HEAVEN?"

It is the ministry of the Holy Spirit, it's His job to get us there !

Jude 24

Now to Him (H.S.) who is able to keep you from stumbling, (His present work) And to present *you* faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

Romans 12:1-7

I **beseech** (urge, personally challenge, plead) you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, **that you present** your **bodies** a living sacrifice, **holy, acceptable** to God, *which is your reasonable service* :2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. :3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. :4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, :5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. :6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith :7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; :8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

The Reason for the Gifts; Within the Church, Unity & Growth !

Ephesians 4:11-13

And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, :12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, :13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Outside the Church, Jesus Christ to the World !

Acts 1:8

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

John 14:16-18

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever - - :17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. :18 I will not leave you orphaned; I will come to you.

The Church Today is in a Great Position;
Here's the reason why I think so - -

For years too much "**church-i-anity**" has taken place in Jesus' name - - church being done by human effort and ingenuity.

We've seen the "**social gospel**" of the church
with the 12 step, self-improvement approach to God.

We've seen the "**get-rich gospel**" of the church
with the prosperity gospel movement – God wants you rich.

We've seen the "**word faith gospel**" of the church
You can create your own reality by the words you use.

All of these half-truth doctrines have led to the
"dumbing down" of the church today.

That's Being In a Great Position?

Romans 13:11-12

“...knowing the **time**, that now it is **high time** to awake out of sleep; for **now** our salvation is nearer than **when** we first believed. :12 The **night** is far spent, the **day** is at hand.

What the church needs today isn't another program or seminar the church needs **more of the Holy Spirit** and that happens when the Holy Spirit has **more of the church** !

WHO IS THE SPIRIT OF GOD ?

1k.) He is God the **Omnipotent Spirit**

and the church needs His **power** today !

the church seems to “exist” between revivals, that is - the church of believers is either in a state of acceleration or its coasting – one or the other !

when the church is being accelerated,
it's in a state of revival. The church being aware of its weakness and frailty which causes it to have a keen dependence upon the Lord and His abilities. The church becomes **usable** to God. The church becomes **moldable** and **pliable** to what He wants to do...

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The Church is Powerless Today Because of a Poor Diet.
The church is eating spiritual junk food. – **its big, but weak !**

Do I need His power in my life?

Yes, to defeat **temptation** / Yes, to become **mature** / Yes, to **influence** others

How do we get His power?

Recognize the need / **stand up** to receive / **ask** from Him / **Go** expectantly

What's going to happen when I get His power?

Isaiah 6:1-9

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His *robe* filled the temple. :2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. :3 And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hosts; The whole earth *is* full of His glory!" :4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. :5 So I said: "Woe *is* me, for I am undone! Because I *am* a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts." :6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal *which* he had taken with the tongs from the altar. :7 And he touched my mouth *with it*, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged." :8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" ¶ Then I said, "Here *am* I! Send me." :9 And He said, "Go, and tell this people...."

we need a balance in the body of Christ.

We love His Word – but do we love His Spirit

We can become so "Word Focused" that we become academic
And spiritually dead

Or

We can become so "Spirit Focused" that we become
biblically ignorant as to the will of the Spirit

The Power of the Holy Spirit is not
To give us goose bumps or tingles – It's to mature us
and to develop us into "**Christ followers**".

Micah 3:8

I am full of power **by the Spirit** of the LORD,

How do we get His power?

Recognize the need / **stand up** to receive / **ask** from Him / **Go** expectantly

**Because He's Here with Us Now & Because He is There
with You right Now**

All we have to do is ask Him for Him

Luke 11:9-13

“So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. :10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. :11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if *he asks* for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? :12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? :13 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!**”

WHO IS THE SPIRIT OF GOD ?

11.) He is God the **Omnipresent Spirit**

In the teaching of the Bible, the Holy Spirit is said to be “everywhere” at “the same time” – the omnipresence of God

and the church needs His **presence** today !

how can you tell if the Holy Spirit is at work
in a local church today?

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He will be at work in the lives of His people
(they are the church)

Is there **holy living** among the believers?

Is there **love** for the believers?

Is there **fellowship** among the believers?

Is there **vision** among the believers?

Is there **maturity** among the believers?

“On the evening of September 13th 1992, we landed in Moscow Russia and the first thing that hit me was –

“the Lord’s here” – “He was waiting for us to land”

Regarding The Holy Spirit, You and Everywhere....

Know this, you cannot escape Him. He will not allow you to drift off His GPS

Psalm 139:1-10

O LORD, You have searched me and known *me*. :2 You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thoughts afar off. :3 You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. :4 For *there is* not a word on my tongue, *But* behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. :5 You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. :6 *Such* knowledge *is* too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot *attain* it. :7 Where can I go from Your **Spirit**? Or where can I flee from Your presence? :8 If I ascend into heaven, You *are* there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You *are there*. :9 *If* I take the wings of the morning, *And* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, :10 Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.

WHO IS THE SPIRIT OF GOD ?

1m.) He is God the **Omniscient** Spirit

and the church needs His **knowledge** today !

The Holy Spirit helps us in our prayers;

The Holy Spirit Knows What We Need of...

As a **group** of believers – a **church** gathering

1 Corinthians 12:1,4-13

Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: :4 There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. :5 There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. :6 And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. :7 *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:* :8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, :9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, :10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to

another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. :11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills. :12 For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. :13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

The Holy Spirit Knows What We Need

As an **individual** believer – a **Christian**

Romans 8:26-27

Likewise the **Spirit** also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the **Spirit Himself** makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. :27 Now **He** who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the **Spirit is**, because **He** makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

The Holy Spirit Knows What We Need...

As a **church** of believers – in a hostile world

Acts 9:31

Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the **comfort** of the **Holy Spirit**, they were multiplied.

comfort - παρακλησις *paraklesis*, *par-ak'-lay-sis*;
the **soothing**, **exhortation**. The **calming**, **correcting**

The Evidence of The Holy Spirit's Control over our Lives

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the **Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, :23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Your growth and spiritual development will be in direct correlation to your willingness to let Him be God in your life.

The "Acts Chapter One" Correction.

Its not the **acts of the apostles**, but rather - it's the **acts of the Holy Spirit at work inside** of the Apostle's – inside of you.

End of Study