

“By My Spirit!”
Life In The Spirit!

Introduction:

1. To Deepen Our Understanding Of “Life In The Spirit” – We Need To Look At The Relationship Between The Holy Spirit And Our Lord Jesus Christ While He Was On Earth!
 - 1 Peter 2:21 - “For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps!”
 - Jesus Christ Is Always The Greatest Example For The Life Of A Believer!
 - So, When It Comes To Our Relationship To The Holy Spirit:
 - “Walk In The Spirit!” (Galatians 5:16)
 - “Live In The Spirit!” (Galatians 5:35)
 - “Led By The Spirit!” (Galatians 5:18)
 - “Be Filled With The Spirit!” (Ephesians 5:18)
 - God Did Not Leave Us To Figure It Out On Our Own!
 - He Gave Us The Perfect Example!
 - Our Savior, Jesus Christ!
 - ***Jesus Christ Demonstrates – In The Most Perfect & Elevated Way – The Holy Spirit’s Work On, In And Through A Believer!***
 - If You Want To See What Life In The Spirit Is Like?
 - Look To Jesus!
 - If You Want To Learn How To Live In The Spirit?
 - Learn From Jesus!
 - This Is Why It Is Important To Look At The Special Relationship Between These Two Persons Of The Trinity – God The Son & God The Holy Spirit!
 - Shows Us What God Is Doing In Our Lives Through The Spirit!
 2. There Are Some Important Key Truths To Consider & Remember Throughout!
 - There Is Only One God!
 - There Are Three Persons, Consisting Of The Same Nature, Each Being God!
 - These Three Persons Are “Coequal In Power And Glory!”
 - These Three Persons Work Together, In Total Harmony, When It Comes To The Outward Working Of God And His Will!
 - These Three Persons Have Decided Upon Mutually Agreed Differences!
 - The Work Of God Is Typically Done In This Fashion:
 - From The Father!
 - Through The Son!
 - By The Holy Spirit!
 - These Three Persons Are Infinitely Humble!
 3. The Relationship Between God The Son & God The Holy Spirit Is Truly Unique!
 - It Is The Most Perfect & Elevated Relationship!
 - John 3:34 - “For God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him!”
1. ***The Spirit In Christ’s Incarnation!***
 - All Life Begins By The Spirit!
 - Physical / Spiritual
 - Luke 1:26-35!
 - A Sovereign Work Of The Spirit!
 - A Secret Work Of The Spirit!
 - Jesus Christ Was Given A Physical Body Prepared By The Holy Spirit!
 - God Really Did Become Man!
 - A Real Humanity! A Mysterious Unity!
 - 1 Timothy 3:16 - “And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory!”
 - Purpose - Hebrews 2:17-18 - “Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his

brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted!”

- Our Physical Life Begins By The Spirit!

- Job 33:4 - “The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life!”

- Our Spiritual Life Begins By The Spirit!

- John 3:3-8 - “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit!”

- Our Life Comes From The Spirit!

2. ***The Spirit In Christ’s Sanctification!***

- All Sanctification Is Through The Spirit!

- Jesus Christ Was Truly Man But Truly Holy!

- Hebrews 7:26 - “For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens!”

- He Was Born Holy!

- “Scripture Teaches Us That Through The Overshadowing Of The Spirit, That Which Was Born Was Holy!” (Ferguson)

- Luke 1:35 - “And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God!”

- He Remained Holy!

- Our Sanctification Is Through The Spirit!

- Progressive - Equips Us Throughout Life!

- 1 Thessalonians 5:23 - “And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ!”

- Permanent - Fits Us For Eternal Life!

- 1 Corinthians 6:11 - “And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God!”

- Our Growth Comes From The Spirit!

3. ***The Spirit In Christ’s Temptation!***

- He Was Led By The Spirit!

- Matthew 4:1

- He Was Enabled By The Spirit!

- Matthew 3:16-17 - “And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!”

- Ephesians 6:17 - “And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God!” - Made Use!

- When We Are Tempted, We Have The Spirit With Us!

- Romans 8:2 - “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death!”

- Make Use Of What Christ Used! The Sword Of The Spirit, Which Is The Word Of God!

- Our Victory Comes Through The Spirit!

4. ***The Spirit In Christ's Ministry!***

- Isaiah 11:1-3 - "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: 2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; 3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears!"

- Everything Jesus Said & Did Was In The Wisdom & Power Of The Holy Spirit!

- Our Ministry Is Through The Spirit!

- "The Ministry Of The Spirit In The Ministry Of Christ Is The Paradigm For The Ministry Of The Spirit In The Ministry Of His Disciples!" (Sinclair Ferguson - Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Columbia, South Carolina)

- "What He Did In Jesus He Seeks To Do In Us!"

- Resting Upon Us!

- Providing Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Might, Knowledge, And The Fear Of The Lord!

- Not To The Same Degree, But To The Same End!

- Our Ministry Comes From The Spirit!

5. ***The Spirit In Christ's Purpose! (From Sinclair Ferguson)***

- The Source Of The Spirit's Ministry **To** Us Is Jesus Christ!

- He "Became The Bearer Of The Spirit, In Order To Be The Bestower Of The Spirit!"

- John 14:18 - "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you!" How? Through His Spirit!

- The Pattern Of The Spirit's Ministry **In** Us Is Jesus Christ!

- "The Spirit Was In Christ In Order To Create The Master Copy Of The Life-Style He Would Reproduce In All Those Who Belong To Christ!"

- 2 Corinthians 3:18 - "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord!"

- The Goal Of The Spirit's Ministry **For** Us Is Jesus Christ!

- Faith In Him! Glorifying Him!

- The Spirit Is Christ's Witness!

- So Are We!

- John 15:26-27 - "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning!"

- Our Purpose Comes From The Spirit!

Conclusion:

1. Our Lesson: If You Want To Live Your Christian Life In The Spirit!

- Look To Christ! Live Like Christ! Live For Christ!

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