

OFF GRID SERIES

Self Reliant vs Spiritually Reliant

pray for Israel

I believe time is short and Jesus is coming

I believe Gabriel is licking his lips getting ready to blow the trumpet

today there are so many things we see and here through social media the news, gossip, false prophets twisting of the word

and then we must decide is this real, is this TRUTH elaborate

Being saved by grace may be easy to stomach when we're first converted. That first time God opens our eyes to the gospel, we're often already painfully aware of the brokenness inside of us, with varying levels of shame and regret over our past. The longer we're a "Christian" though, we can slowly begin to feel less needy. Self-reliance can creep in, corrupting our awareness of our own corruption and awakening fresh confidence in our selves.

Not long after embracing God's grace in the gospel, some Christians in Galatia began to build confidence in themselves and their own works, again. False teachers had slipped in and were imposing old laws on these new believers, pouring weed-killer on the precious seeds Paul had planted.

What was their deceptive message? That in addition to faith in Christ, these Gentiles needed to be circumcised and add observance to old-covenant laws ([Galatians 4:10](#); [6:12](#)). Faith in Jesus was truly not enough.

Now, we might think anyone who had tasted the real saved-by-grace gospel would spit this back out in seconds. But the Galatians obviously didn't. Why? Because however wrong the false teachers may have been, their message met a sinful need deep inside the human heart: we all secretly love a gospel that relies on us. We love being the hero, or at least a celebrated sidekick. Self-reliance feeds our self-esteem and self-worth.

[Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? \(Galatians 3:3\)](#)

How do you account for your personal growth? If you are a more patient person, where did that patience come from? If you have more self-control, where did you find the strength to wait or say no? If you have more joy in Christ today, what has made you happier? Anyone with enough self-awareness knows that we *participate* in the progress, "but God [gives] the growth" ([1 Corinthians 3:6](#)).

(Paul) says that the way the Spirit entered your life should be the very same way the Spirit *advances* in your life"

[We must not become self-reliant or self-righteous, but instead, depend on the Holy Spirit](#)

self reliance brings limitations - our limitations
elaborate
do demonstration

[1](#) [5](#) Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. [6](#) The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. [7](#) The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.

[how can we move from self reliance to spiritual reliance?](#)

[1. RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOUR LIFE.](#)

If you are going to let God be your guide directing you through the obstacle course of life, then your first step is to

[ACCEPT THE HOLY SPIRIT AS YOUR GUIDE"](#)

Jesus gives us the promise that the Holy Spirit will be our Counselor and Guide.

John 14:16-17

16 I will talk to the Father, and he'll provide you another Friend so that you will always have someone with you. **17** This Friend is the Spirit of Truth. The godless world can't take him in because it doesn't have eyes to see him, doesn't know what to look for. But you know him already because he has been staying with you, and will even be in you

[2. RELY DAILY UPON THE HOLY SPIRIT.](#)

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God is trustworthy! When we choose to rely upon the Holy Spirit we can have absolute confidence in the Holy Spirit for every step we take. No longer are we groping in the dark unable to see the path before us. We choose to trust, the Holy Spirit assured that He will safely lead us, step by step.

This will not fly in the face of our intolerant culture, but nevertheless truth is truth! Let me put it another way. Truth is not relative; truth is absolute. If something is true, then it is universally true for everyone. Furthermore, the truth is true regardless of whether you and I choose to believe it or not.

Therefore, when the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth comes to live within me, I will live differently because the Spirit leads me according to truth and not what may be popular or the latest fad.+

Galatians 5:16,-25 (NIV) 16So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the [flesh]. . . " Live according the Spirit of truth now living within you; live differently and not the way you used to live. How do we live apart from the Spirit? " 19The acts of the [flesh] are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

" Sin will show itself in a lot of different ways, but irregardless, sin separates us from God. If we live just to please ourselves, then the Bible tells us that we are excluded from Gods presence. Those who have received Gods Spirit will live differently. "

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22But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. 25Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. "

Gods Spirit within us will direct us to live our lives free from the entanglement of sin. When we are under pressure, or face the obstacles of life, the sweetness of the Holy Spirit flows out of our lives instead of the bitterness of our flesh.

2. Rely upon the Spirit to empower and energize your life.

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

You can't live your life differently in your own strength; you can't produce the fruit of the Spirit on your own. The Spirit and the flesh contradict each other at every turn. You need the Holy Spirit in you; only the power of Spirit can bring the character of Jesus out through how you live your life.

When the Holy Spirit is living within us, then everything changes.

The Holy Spirit will enable you to share the love of Jesus with an energized vocabulary to be an effective witness for Christ. However, the Spirit will do more than just give you words to say.

The Holy Spirit makes it possible for you to live a life that is consistent with your testimony. The words you speak for Christ will be validated by the life you live like Christ.

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3. Rely upon the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom and guidance.

When you trust God to help you live your life differently, you are depending upon the Holy Spirit to lead you in truth. In order to follow the leading of the Spirit, you need to believe that God will give you understanding and insight that you could not receive

apart from Him. You have to rely upon the Holy Spirit for wisdom and guidance everyday.

Flying in a plane gives you a larger picture of the land down below elaborate

Just as praying, listening, and relying on the Holy Spirit gives you a larger spiritual perspective of Gods kingdom and our role in it

closing

are you Spiritual reliant (relying on the Holy Spirit) or are you Self Reliant (relying on yourself).

for this to work as a church we must TAKE ACTION. This is where the proverbial rubber meets the road we need to move with the Spirit in order to walk in the Spirit.

Galatians 5:25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. (NIV)

The devil doesn't fear a big church; Satan fears a united church. As we link our arms together we are united together to fulfill God's purpose. We need to Praise together with the Holy Spirit leading us nothing will be impossible!