

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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DO NOT SPEAK AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT:

EX 20:7, THESSALONIANS 5:19, EPHESIANS 4:30-31, ACTS 7:51

1. DON'T TAKE HIS NAME IN VAIN

2. DON'T QUENCH

3. DON'T GRIEVE

4. DON'T RESIST THE HOLY SPIRIT - ACTS 7 ISRAEL RESISTED THE HOLY SPIRIT AND GOD CALLED THEM STIFF NECKED AND UNCIRCUMCISED IN HEART BECAUSE THEY RESISTED THE HOLY SPIRIT.

1. TWO WORLDS "EARTH & HEAVEN" "FLESH & SPIRIT"

CHRISTIANS LIVE IN TWO WORLDS / NON-CHRISTIANS LIVE IN ONE

1. CONSIDER A MAN WHO HAS HAD AN ACCIDENT AND LOST THE USE OF HIS BODY? IS HE STILL A MAN?

2. A BABY IN A CRIB, CAN YOU BE SATISFIED TO THINK THERE'S NOTHING MORE THERE?

2. WHO CAST A SPELL ON YOU?

A. GALATIANS 3 - PAUL ASK A FEW IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

3 OH, FOOLISH GALATIANS! WHO HAS CAST AN EVIL SPELL ON YOU? FOR THE MEANING OF JESUS CHRIST'S DEATH WAS MADE AS CLEAR TO YOU AS IF YOU HAD SEEN A PICTURE OF HIS DEATH ON THE CROSS. 2 LET ME ASK YOU THIS ONE QUESTION: DID YOU RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT BY OBEYING THE LAW OF MOSES? OF COURSE NOT! YOU RECEIVED THE SPIRIT BECAUSE YOU BELIEVED THE MESSAGE YOU HEARD ABOUT CHRIST. 3 HOW FOOLISH CAN YOU BE? AFTER STARTING YOUR NEW LIVES IN THE SPIRIT, WHY ARE YOU NOW TRYING TO BECOME PERFECT BY YOUR OWN HUMAN EFFORT? 4 HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED SO MUCH FOR NOTHING? SURELY IT WAS NOT IN VAIN, WAS IT? 5 I ASK YOU AGAIN, DOES GOD GIVE YOU THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WORK MIRACLES AMONG YOU BECAUSE YOU OBEY THE LAW? OF COURSE NOT! IT IS BECAUSE YOU BELIEVE THE MESSAGE YOU HEARD ABOUT CHRIST.

B. GALATIANS 5 PAUL ADDRESSES ANOTHER QUESTION

CHRIST HAS SET US FREE. STAND FIRM, THEN, AND DO NOT LET YOURSELVES BE BURDENED AGAIN BY A YOKE OF SLAVERY.

7 YOU WERE RUNNING A GOOD RACE. WHO CUT IN ON YOU TO KEEP YOU FROM OBEYING THE TRUTH? 8 THAT KIND OF PERSUASION DOES NOT COME FROM THE ONE WHO CALLS YOU.

3. CAN YOU ALLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT TO GUIDE YOU?

GUIDE MEANS “WALK”

SANCTIFICATION: ONE STEP AT A TIME / ASSUMING THERE’S GOING TO BE DIFFICULTY

WALK WITH GOD

ROMANS 6 - WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE

ROMANS 13 - WALK DECENTLY

EPH. 4 - WALK WORTHY

PHIL 3 - WALK IN UNITY

EPH. 4 - WALK IN HUMILITY

ROMANS 13 - WALK IN PURITY

1 COR 7 - WALK IN CONTENTMENT

2 COR 5 - WALK IN FAITH

EPH. 2 - WALK IN GOOD WORKS

2 THESS. 3 - WALK IN SEPARATION FROM SIN

EPH. 5 - WALK IN LOVE

2 JOHN 1:4-6 - WALK IN TRUTH

1 JOHN 1:6-7 - WALK IN THE LIGHT

EPH. 5:15-21 - WALK IN WISDOM

1 JOHN 2:6 - WALK LIKE JESUS WALKED

GALATIANS 5:16 - WALK IN THE SPIRIT

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16 SO I SAY, LET THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDE YOUR LIVES. THEN YOU WON'T BE DOING WHAT YOUR SINFUL NATURE CRAVES. 17 THE SINFUL NATURE WANTS TO DO EVIL, WHICH IS JUST THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT THE SPIRIT WANTS. AND THE SPIRIT GIVES US DESIRES THAT ARE THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT THE SINFUL NATURE DESIRES. THESE TWO FORCES ARE CONSTANTLY FIGHTING EACH OTHER, SO YOU ARE NOT FREE TO CARRY OUT YOUR GOOD INTENTIONS. 18 BUT WHEN YOU ARE DIRECTED BY THE SPIRIT, YOU ARE NOT UNDER OBLIGATION TO THE LAW OF MOSES. 19 WHEN YOU FOLLOW THE DESIRES OF YOUR SINFUL NATURE, THE RESULTS ARE VERY CLEAR: SEXUAL IMMORALITY, IMPURITY, LUSTFUL PLEASURES, 20 IDOLATRY, SORCERY, HOSTILITY, QUARRELING, JEALOUSY, OUTBURSTS OF ANGER, SELFISH AMBITION, DISSENSION, DIVISION, 21 ENVY, DRUNKENNESS, WILD PARTIES, AND OTHER SINS LIKE THESE. LET ME TELL YOU AGAIN, AS I HAVE BEFORE, THAT ANYONE LIVING THAT SORT OF LIFE WILL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

HERE'S THE FRUIT CHARACTERISTIC OF THE DIVINE NATURE

2 PETER 1: 2-8

THE DIVINE NATURE IS TO CONSTRAIN US TOWARD A LIFE IN WHICH THE TENDENCIES OF THE FLESH ARE BOTH UNDESIRABLE AND UNPRODUCTIVE.

GROWING IN OUR KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST - (KNOWLEDGE OF HIM - MORE THAN INTELLECTUAL PERCEPTION. IT IS EXPERIENCE OF GOD AND CHRIST THAT RESULTS IN MORAL TRANSFORMATION) PETER WAS A SLAVE TO CHRIST

2 PETER 1: 3-8

3 HIS DIVINE POWER HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING WE NEED FOR A GODLY LIFE THROUGH OUR KNOWLEDGE OF HIM WHO CALLED US BY HIS OWN GLORY AND GOODNESS. 4 THROUGH THESE HE HAS GIVEN US HIS VERY GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES, SO THAT THROUGH THEM YOU MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE DIVINE NATURE, HAVING ESCAPED THE CORRUPTION IN THE WORLD CAUSED BY EVIL DESIRES.

5 FOR THIS VERY REASON, MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ADD TO YOUR FAITH, GOODNESS; AND TO GOODNESS, KNOWLEDGE; 6 AND TO KNOWLEDGE, SELF-CONTROL; AND TO SELF-CONTROL, PERSEVERANCE; AND TO PERSEVERANCE, GODLINESS; 7 AND TO GODLINESS, MUTUAL AFFECTION; AND TO MUTUAL AFFECTION, LOVE. 8 FOR IF YOU POSSESS THESE QUALITIES IN INCREASING MEASURE, THEY WILL KEEP YOU FROM BEING INEFFECTIVE AND UNPRODUCTIVE IN YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

APPLICATION:

1. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS MISUNDERSTOOD, MISREPRESENTED, INSULTED, DISHONORED, NEGLECTED, REJECTED EVEN BLASPHEMED. OFTEN, HE IS LEFT OUT OF THE CHURCH AND LEFT OUT OF OUR LIVES.

WHAT IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AT THE PRESENT TIME? DESCRIBE.

2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BECOME A SLAVE TO CHRIST?

3. DESCRIBE NEW LIFE IN THE SPIRIT, WHY ARE YOU NOW TRYING TO BECOME PERFECT BY YOUR OWN HUMAN EFFORT?

4. DESCRIBING THE DIVINE NATURE OF CHRIST AND ESCAPING CORRUPTION THAT IS IN THIS WORLD, WHAT CHARACTERISTICS NEED A LITTLE WATERING IN YOUR LIFE? 2 PETER 1:2-8.