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Now that we are in Christ, we no longer belong to ourselves.

We now belong to Jesus Christ because He bought us through His sacrifice on the cross.

THEREFORE, IT SHOULD BE OUR DESIRE TO SERVE THE ONE TO WHOM WE BELONG.

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS US IN OUR SERVICE TO GOD.

We are not only redeemed by God; we are also called to relate with Him.

However, we have also been redeemed by God so that we can partner with Him in His mission to restore the world back to Himself.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-19 (VOICE)

...And He has given us the same mission, the ministry of reconciliation, to bring others back to Him. It is central to our good news that God was in the Anointed making things right between Himself and the world. This means He does not hold their sins against them. But it also means He charges us to proclaim the message that heals and restores our broken relationships with God and each other.

As representatives who have been reconciled to God, we are to serve God by sharing the message of the Gospel.

As we embrace this call, we are promised the gift of the Holy Spirit who will empower us for such service.

ACTS 1:8 (NLT)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

“Trying to do the Lord’s work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you.”

- Corrie Ten Boom



**WHEN WE ARE EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT,
THEN WE SERVE FROM A PLACE NOT OF OVERWORK BUT FROM OVERFLOW.**

Since this power comes not from ourselves, we have no reason to boast!

2 CORINTHIANS 4:7 (NLT)

We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.

Why does God put such a great treasure in weak vessels? So that the greatness of the power would point to God and not to us.

“Jesus gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit, yet when the Spirit comes, He is loaded with packages! He desires to release much more in us and through us than we could ever imagine. These packages are given for delivery, not for accumulation. We receive them to eventually pass them on to others!”

- Jack Hayford

THE HOLY SPIRIT DESIRES TO WORK IN US AND THROUGH US.

May our prayer be, *“God empty me of myself and show yourself more in my life. Strengthen me with power from the Holy Spirit.”*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. For what service does the Holy Spirit empower and equip us to fulfill?
2. What is the difference between serving God in your own strength and serving God in the Spirit? Share a time when you experienced this.