

“Walking With the Spirit”

John 14:16

The Holy Spirit is a PERSON not a POWER. The Holy Spirit is GOD.

A relationship with the Holy Spirit is a personal relationship. And, a relationship with the Holy Spirit is a relationship with God!

This relationship we have with God by the Holy Spirit is called a “walk”. We are walking together with the Holy Spirit

Genesis 6:9⁹ This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.

Genesis 5:22–24 ... Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters. 23 So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. 24 And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

Micah 6:8⁸ He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?

“Those who walk with God, always reach their destination.” — Henry Ford

1. WALKING WITH THE SPIRIT INTO SURRENDER – HE IS THE ONE IN CHARGE NOW

A. Surrendering to His will, His direction, and His leading

- i. *Romans 12:1(ESV)¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*
- ii. *Amos 3:3³ Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?*
- iii. “God is ready to assume full responsibility for the life wholly yielded to Him.” - Andrew Murray

2. WALKING WITH THE SPIRIT INTO ACCEPTANCE – FORGIVENESS, FRIENDSHIP, & FAMILY

A. Forgiveness

- i. *Romans 8:1¹ There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.*

B. Friendship

- i. *John 15:14–15¹⁴ You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.*

- ii. *James 2:23*²³ *And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God.*

C. Family

- i. *Romans 8:14–16*¹⁴ *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.* ¹⁵ *For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."* ¹⁶ *The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,*

3. WALKING WITH THE SPIRIT INTO BATTLE – WE ARE AT WAR WITH THE WORLD THE FLESH AND THE DEVIL

A. We are walking into a war with the devil

- i. "The enemy will not see you vanish into God's company without an effort to reclaim you." C.S. Lewis
- ii. *Matthew 4:1*¹ *Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.*
- iii. *Ephesians 6:12*¹² *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*
- iv. *2 Corinthians 10:3–4*³ *For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.* ⁴ *For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,*
- v. "Temptation is not his (Satan's) strongest weapon. Despair is." – Dennis Garvin

B. We are walking into a war with the flesh

- i. *Galatians 5:16–17*¹⁶ *I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.* ¹⁷ *For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.*
- ii. *Romans 8:5–6*⁵ *For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.* ⁶ *For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*

C. We are walking into a war with the world

- i. *1 Corinthians 2:12*¹² *Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.*
- ii. *1 John 2:15–17*¹⁵ *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.* ¹⁶ *For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.* ¹⁷ *And the world*

is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

4. WALKING WITH THE SPIRIT INTO BLESSING – PERSONAL BLESSING AND CHURCH BLESSING

A. Personal blessing

- i. *Ephesians 1:3³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, Ephesians 1:13–14¹³ In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.*

B. Church blessings

- i. *Acts 9:31³¹ 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.*

“Alright Lord, where are we going today?”