



Sermon Title: Release – He Is the Spirit of Life

Main Text: John 20:21-22 (NKJV)

“So Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.’ And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’”

Sermon Outline

I. Context: The Sending and the Breathing

- Jesus appears to the disciples post-resurrection and speaks peace.
 - As the Father sent Him, He now sends us.
 - **Key moment:** Jesus breathes on them—parallel to Genesis 2:7, where God breathed life into Adam.
 - This breath is **Ruach** – the impartation of **spiritual life**, marking the beginning of the **indwelling work of the Holy Spirit**.
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II. Understanding the Person Before the Power

- The church often pursues power over the person of the Holy Spirit.
 - **Indwelling work** brings life, character, and identity.
 - **Power without the person = dysfunction** (gifts without fruit).
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III. The Overall Story: Creation → Fall → Restoration

1. **Genesis 1:26-28** – Man created with identity (image) and purpose (dominion).
2. **Genesis 2:17** – Sin introduces the power of death.



3. **Romans 5:12-14** – Sin opens the door to death’s dominion.

4. **Jesus as the Second Adam:**

- 1 Corinthians 15:45 – First Adam = living soul, Last Adam = quickening spirit.
 - Jesus breathes new life into disciples—**restoring what was lost**.
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IV. The Role of the Holy Spirit

- The Spirit is the continuation of Christ’s presence.
 - Jesus had to go so the **Holy Spirit could come** (John 7:37-39).
 - The **Spirit indwells and empowers** believers to:
 - Reflect Christ
 - Walk in righteousness
 - Fulfill their kingdom assignment
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V. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

- Acts 10:38 – Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and power.
 - Baptism isn’t just for tongues or signs—it’s for **function and assignment**.
 - Matthew 3:13-17 – Jesus’ baptism by John was necessary to “fulfill all righteousness” and model the pattern for us.
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VI. Identity and Assignment

- “Christ” means “Anointed One” – **we are Christians = anointed ones**.



- The anointing isn't for **status**, but for **function** (Acts 10:38).
 - Every believer is empowered to:
 - Destroy works of the devil (1 John 3:8)
 - Heal the oppressed
 - Release others into new life
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VII. Living Water Flows Out

- John 7:37-39 – Those who believe become sources of **living water**.
 - Not just for us—but **to refresh, heal, and restore others**.
 - The woman at the well becomes a **witness** because of her encounter with Jesus.
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VIII. You Were Written into the Story

- Ephesians 2:10 – You are God's workmanship, created for good works.
 - Acts doesn't end in chapter 28—you are **Acts 29**.
 - Your life is a living epistle (2 Cor. 3:2-3).
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Call to Action

1. **Return** – Come back to the truth of your identity and purpose in Christ.
2. **Restore** – Allow the Holy Spirit to renew your heart, mind, and walk.
3. **Release** – Yield to the Spirit, be filled, and walk out your assignment in power and love.

