



The Work of The Holy Spirit

(Pt 1) Shaping the Stones
(Pt 2) Revealing God's Glory

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Bible Verses

And we all, with unveiled face, **BEHOLDING** the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. (2 Co 3:18)

Pt 1 - 'Shaping the Stones'

Ep 3:10, Gal 4:9, Col 1:13, Ro 8:29, Ro 6:19b, Col 3:10, 1 Pe 1:2, and 1 Thess 5:23-24

Pt 2 - 'Revealing God's Glory'

Jn 17:17, Heb 4:12, 1 Thess 2:13, and 2 Co 3:18



Key Takeaways

- The Holy Spirit builds God's House, with us His Living Stones (1 Pe 2:5).
- The Work of the Spirit is our 'sanctification' (1 Pe 1:2) – separating us from the world, and then separating the world from us.
- Importance of understanding how sanctification works to restore our whole being – our spirits are reborn as new creations (2 Co 5:17), but our souls and our bodies have to follow suit (Ro 12:1-2), demoted to the passenger seat!
- Jesus has delivered us from the **PENALTY** and **POWER** of sin, but the Spirit delivers us from the **POLLUTION** of sin
- The Spirit's primary tool in separating us from our sin, is His Word (Heb 4:12), which is able to show us what is from God (who we were made to be) and what is from sin's pollution.
- Our transformation comes through the Spirit's revelation of Christ to us (2 Co 3:18).
- We **REVEAL**, **REFLECT** and **REFRACT** His glory in our lives.
- The key to surrendering to the sanctifying work of the Spirit is **VALIDATION** and **VULNERABILITY** – drawing our value and worth from Him, and being willing to let the Holy Spirit strip away sin's influence on our personalities.



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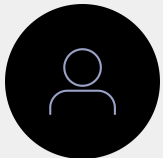


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Questions

- If you look back over the last twelve months, do you feel that you've changed?
- When was the last time you asked the Holy Spirit to show you what needs to change in your life?
- Which aspects of yourself (spirit, soul and body), do you think are in the driving seat of your life at different times, and when?
- What practical changes could you make to see God's created order (spirit then soul then body) outworked in your daily life?
- Which aspects of 'putting off' and 'putting on' (Col 3 & Ep 4) do you find challenging, and why do you think this is?



Individually...

- Consider the above questions, and take some time to pray, asking the Holy Spirit what adjustments you may need to make, to see some measurable change.
- Consider how far you're willing to let the Spirit use His Word to penetrate between your thoughts and intentions (Heb 4:12).
- Ask the Spirit for His help in trusting Him with every aspect of yourself, and being willing to let go of things He identifies, no matter how much they may feel a part of who you are.
- Consider sharing with someone you trust, some things which you know need to change, to whom you can make yourself accountable.



In a group...

- Spend some time sharing your personal takeaways from the message.
- Discuss how you got on with the above questions, making space for everyone to share.
- Share, as much as you feel comfortable, any personality traits (including your natural strengths), which have been impacted by sin, and how they may have also been enhanced by the Holy Spirit by removing its pollution!



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- Spend some time praying for each other, thanking God for His promise to change us from the inside out, and asking him to help us with measurable change that sanctification requires of all of us.