

Living After the Spirit

The Person of the Holy Spirit.

- *Who is the Holy Spirit?*

- The Holy Spirit is the 3rd Person of the God Head Trinity.

- Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning **God** created the heavens and the earth.”

- *The Hebrew word for, “God,” is Elohim, which is a plural form of God.*

- Deuteronomy 6:4 “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, **the LORD is one!**”

- *The Hebrew word for, “one,” here is echad, which means a compound unity. Like one cluster of grapes.*

- *In the Gospel of John chapters 14-16, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as, “He,” numerous times.*

- Isaiah 63:10 “But they rebelled and **grieved His Holy Spirit**; So He turned Himself against them as an enemy, And He fought against them.” **See also Ephesians 4:30.**

- *The Holy Spirit is not an essence, a force, or an, it.*

- The Apostle Peter refers to the Holy Spirit as God.

- Acts 5:3-4 ³ But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to **lie to the Holy Spirit** and keep back *part* of the price of the land for yourself? ⁴ While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? **You have not lied to men but to God.**”

- The Scriptures reveal that the Holy Spirit shares the same attributes with God.

- **Omniscience:** The Holy Spirit is all-knowing and searches the deep things of God (1 Corinthians 2:10).

- **Omnipresence:** The Holy Spirit is present everywhere at the same time (Psalm 139:7-8).

- **Omnipotence:** The Holy Spirit possesses supreme and divine power, active in creation and giving life (Job 33:4).

- **Eternality:** The Holy Spirit is eternal, existing outside of normal time alongside the Father and the Son (Hebrews 9:14).

- **Personality and Intellect:** The Holy Spirit possesses a will, intellect, and emotions.

The work of the Holy Spirit.

- The Lord Jesus Christ taught what the Holy Spirit would come to do in the Gospel of John.
 - **Be a Helper and Live in the Believer:** The Lord Jesus asked the Father to give another Helper who would remain with believers forever and live inside them. The Holy Spirit is called, "the Promise of the Father."
 - **Teach and Remind:** The Holy Spirit would teach all things and remind the disciples of everything Jesus had taught them.
 - **Guide into all Truth:** Jesus said that the Spirit of truth would guide them into all truth.
 - **Testify About Jesus:** The Holy Spirit would testify about Jesus.
 - **Convict the World:** The Holy Spirit would come to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment.
 - **Glorify Jesus:** Jesus explained that the Holy Spirit would bring Him glory by taking what belongs to Him and making it known to the disciples.
- Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.
 - See also Mark 13:11, Luke 12:12 and Luke 4:1.
- Ephesians 1:13-14 ¹³ 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.

Walking according to the Spirit.

- The new life is meant to be lived after the Holy Spirit, not living after our old sin nature with its lusts and idolatry.
- John 7:38-39 ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. ³⁹ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.
 - If I'm living, according to the Holy Spirit, his influence is going to be flowing from my life.
- 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 ¹⁶ Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

□ *Holiness marks the life that is following the Holy Spirit.*

- **Romans 8:1-9** ¹ 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**. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ **that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who** do not **walk** according to the flesh but **according to the Spirit**. 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**. ⁷ Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. ⁸ So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh but **in the Spirit**, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. **Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His**.
- **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**.

□ *Our identity is evident by Who we follow, the Holy Spirit.*

- **Galatians 5:16-23** 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. ¹⁸ But **if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law**. ¹⁹ Now **the works of the flesh are evident**, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that **those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God**. ²² But **the fruit of the Spirit is** love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

□ *Living in submission to the Holy Spirit's leading will help you not pursue fleshly desires.*

□ *Living under the Holy Spirit's influence is more powerful than trying to keep the law in our own will power.*

□ *Living after the flesh is evident or will eventually become evident.*

- *Living by the Holy Spirit's empowering will produce Christlike character in your life.*

Living out the gifts of the Holy Spirit

- God gave spiritual gifts to the His Church.

□ *The Bible discusses spiritual gifts in: 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Ephesians 4, and 1 Peter 4.*

□ *In 1 Corinthians 12, the spiritual gifts are given for the common good, to build up, unify, and help the entire Church family and not for prideful personal promotion or supposed superior status.*

- 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 ¹ Now concerning **spiritual gifts**, brethren, **I do not want you to be ignorant**: ² You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. ³ Therefore I make known to you **that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit**. ⁴ **There are diversities of gifts**, but the same Spirit. ⁵ **There are differences of ministries**, but the same Lord. ⁶ And **there are diversities of activities**, but it is the same God who works all in all. ⁷ But **the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all**: ⁸ for **to one** is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, **to another** the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ⁹ **to another** faith by the same Spirit, **to another** gifts of healings by the same Spirit, ¹⁰ **to another** the working of miracles, **to another** prophecy, **to another** discerning of spirits, **to another** different kinds of tongues, **to another** the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ But one and **the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills**.
- 1 Corinthians 12:27-31 ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. ²⁸ And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. ²⁹ **Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles?** ³⁰ **Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?** ³¹ But **earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way**.

Living in the midst of spiritual warfare.

- Spiritual warfare in the Christian life is the ongoing invisible struggle against the spiritual forces of evil, temptation, and deception that oppose God and try to pull believers away from Him. See the Book of Job.
- Ephesians 6:10-18 ¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might**. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, **that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil**. 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**. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, **that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand**. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded **your waist with truth**, having put

on the breastplate of righteousness,¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints

- Matthew 17:21 However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-5³ 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,⁵ casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,
- James 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
- 1 Peter 5:8-9 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.⁹ Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

Closing Exhortation:

- Acts 1:5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”
- Ephesians 5:18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,
- Romans 15:13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.