

Coming Home in the Spirit ***Ephesians 5:1-21***

John 14:23 (NLT) — All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them.

The Holy Spirit is within you to ...

- **Guarantee you belong to Jesus ...**
- **Guard you against the deceptive lies of Satan ...**
- **Guide you into all the Truth ...**
- **Gift you with the power of God's Kingdom ...**

The Holy Spirit within you wants to flow through you to transform the environment all around you!

1. You begin by CHOOSING to walk in the Spirit's POWER

Ephesians 4:17–18 (NLT) — With the Lord's authority I say this: Live no longer as the Gentiles[nations] do, for they are hopelessly confused. Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him.

Ephesians 4:22–24 (NLT) — Throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

2. You continue by IMITATING God through the Spirit's PURITY

Ephesians 5:1 (NLT) — Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children.

Ephesians 4:24 (NLT) — Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV) — Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Galatians 5:16–17 (NLT) — So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.

When you gave your life to Jesus, He saved you from your sins and began the daily process of saving you from yourself.

➤ ***The Spirit guides us to walk in God's Love***

Ephesians 5:2a (NLT) — Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ...

1 John 4:16 (NLT) — We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.

Intimacy Sufficiency

Intimacy Sufficiency is expressed through a life of purity

Ephesians 5:3–4 (NLT) — Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God.

Truth: It is not your spouse, nor your parents, but God alone who satisfies your need to be loved!

➤ ***The Spirit guides us to walk in God's Light***

Ephesians 5:8–9 (NLT) — For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true.

1 John 1:5 (NLT) — This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all.

Illumination Saturation

Illumination Saturation exposes and expels all areas of darkness in our lives

Ephesians 5:11 (NLT) — Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them.

Luke 11:36 (NLT) — If you are filled with light, with no dark corners, then your whole life will be radiant, as though a floodlight were filling you with light."

3. You live by the daily FILLING of the Spirit's PROVISION

Ephesians 5:18 (NLT) — Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit

➤ ***Fulfilling Your Purpose***

Ephesians 5:15–17 (NLT) — So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.

➤ ***Enjoying God's Peace***

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Crossgates

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Ephesians 5:19–21 (NLT) — Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.