

The Abundant Life Series Session 7 – The Holy Spirit Advantage

John 10:10 (KJV) – *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly*

I. Introduction/Review

A. This passage reveals the nature of the enemy in contrast to the nature of God

B. Abundant – something more than – superabundant in quality and quantity – exceeding above – to the fullest measure – very highly beyond measure

C. Genesis 17:1 (KJV) – *And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, “**I am the almighty God**”; walk before me, and be thou perfect.*

D. The Abundance of Grace

E. The Abundance of Promises

F. The Blessing of Abraham

G. Living the abundant life in hostile territory

H. Christ Redeemed Us

II. The Holy Spirit Advantage

Galatians 3:13-14 (NKJV) – ¹³*Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”),* ¹⁴*that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*

A. There are advantages for us that the Old Testament saints did not have. *The Old Covenant was sent to lead us to Christ.*

Hebrews 8:7-9 (NKJV) – ⁷For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. ⁸Because finding fault with them, He says: “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah — ⁹not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the LORD.

Hebrews 8:9 (NIV) – Because they did not remain faithful to my covenant and I turned away from them.

Hebrews 8:10-13 (NKJV) – ¹⁰For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ¹¹None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. ¹²For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins^[a] and their lawless deeds I will remember no more. ¹³In that He says, “A new covenant,” He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away

1. There was an issue with the old – Vs 9
In the old system that was performance based, sin was continually standing between God and His people/He had to turn away/disregard them because of sin.
2. In the new covenant, Jesus has dealt with the sin issue making ONE necessary, sufficient sacrifice of himself on the cross. NO MORE ANIMAL sacrifices – NO MORE TEMPORARY remedies for sin.
I will be merciful to their lawless deeds and their sin I will remember no more.

Hebrews 9:26 (NKJV) – *He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared **to put away sin** by the sacrifice of Himself.*

3. I will do an INWARD WORK.

I will write my law within their mind and upon their heart.

God is going to do something within the life of the believer that he could not do with the Old Testament saints.

He is going to do an INWARD work/The NEW BIRTH.

*He is going to send the **Holy Spirit** to dwell inside of believers.*

The Old Testament saints did not have this advantage.

4. This supernatural divine power living on the inside of us is at work to enable us truly to live the abundant life!

B. The greatest advantage of all is our receiving the Holy Spirit and the work that He performs in our life!

1. Grace is expanded in the New Covenant.

2. Once for all time sacrifice – Jesus.

3. Redemption from the curse.

4. The work of the Holy Spirit is the greatest advantage.

C. What Does the Holy Spirit do for the Believer?

1. The New Birth – The Transformation of our Spirit

John 3:3 (NKJV) – *Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born ^[a]again, he cannot see the kingdom of God*

- a. The new birth gives us a new nature.
- b. We are born with the sin nature that is connected to the god of this world.
- c. When we are saved/ born again/ we are given the DNA of God.
- d. Our spirit is reborn – given a new nature.
- e. We have renewed our minds and deal with the soul and body, but we have the inward indwelling of the Holy Spirit to help us. *Once we are BORN AGAIN, we need the CONTINUED operation of the Holy Spirit in our lives.*
- f. The Holy Spirit enables us to RENEW our minds so that we experience transformation not only spirit but our mind and body.
- g. The NEW BIRTH gives us the greatest advantage of all. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit who will enable us to do what the Old Testament saints could not do.

2. The Continued Work of the Holy Spirit – Fruit

The fruit of the Spirit is: *Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control.*

ARE THESE CONNECTED TO LIVING THE ABUNDANT LIFE?

3. Guidance and Direction

John 14:26 (NKJV) – *But the ^[a]Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.*

- a. **KJV Comforter – Helper – You have help!**
- b. **He will teach you and bring all things to your remembrance that I have said unto you.**
*The Holy Spirit reminds us of the promises/word of God!
The Word of God is our Covenant!
The Word of God is our weapon against Satan!*
- c. **We can be assured of victory as the Holy Spirit reminds us of the Covenant Words that God has given us to stand upon.**
- d. **Luke 12:12 (NKJV)** – *For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”*
- e. **He guided the early church in their decisions.**

- f. **Isaiah 30:21 (NKJV)** – *Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This is the way, walk in it,” Whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.*
- g. **Would the Abundant Life be connected to knowing what to do, where to go, when to speak, what to say?**
- h. **Would the Abundant Life be connected to hearing the Holy Spirit speak a biblical promise to us?**
- i. **He is our helper who is always speaking. We must develop our ability to hear by practicing hearing.**

4. The Holy Spirit helps us through prayer!

Romans 8:26 (NKJV) – *Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession ^[a]for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*

- a. **There are times that we do not know how to pray.**
- b. **The Holy Spirit help us in prayer by praying the perfect will of God.**
- c. **He prays with groaning that cannot be uttered.**
Words or sounds that cannot be uttered in our natural tongue.
- d. **Jude 1:20 (NKJV)** – *But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit*

Most Holy Faith – Every time I pray I will pray in faith, but when I pray in the Holy Spirit, I am praying with MOST HOLY FAITH. The Holy Spirit praying through me leaves no lack of faith to receive.

- e. **1 Corinthians 14:14-15 (NKJV)** – ¹⁴*For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. ¹⁵What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.*

5. The Holy Spirit is our Helper!

John 14:16 (KJV) – *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;*

Other versions – *Helper – Advocate – Counsellor*

The Holy Spirit will always be with you to be the super-natural help that you need.

- a. Counselor
- b. Supernatural strength – not by might, nor by power but by my spirit. *I can do all things*
- c. Supernatural comfort
- d. Peace – when trouble comes
- e. Guidance – when I do not know what to do or where to turn.
- f. Enabler – Enables me to do what God calls me to do.

You are not without help!

D. Conclusion

1. **Every born again person has the Holy Spirit dwelling on the inside.**
2. **We need to move forward to receive the working of the Holy Spirit in our life – *The baptism of the Holy Spirit.***
3. **We need to practice dependence upon the Holy Spirit in all things.**
4. **He is with us to assure the abundant life!**