



- I. **Review**
 - A. **Previous Sessions**
 1. **The necessity of the Holy Spirit**
 2. **The role of the Holy Spirit**
 - a. He leads and guides
 - b. He empowers and equips
 - c. He teaches and reveals
 - d. He confirms the Word with signs, wonders, and miracles
 - e. He helps and assists.
- II. **A different spirit**
 - A. **We are born of the Spirit**
 1. **John 3:3-6 NKJV** "Jesus answered and said to him, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.' Nicodemus said to Him, 'How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.'"
 2. **Our spirit is "Made New"**
 - a. The old self was disconnected from God, His will, and His purpose for our life.
 - b. When we are born again, we are given a new spirit that re-connects to God and His will for our lives.
 - c. When we are born again in the spirit, we become a brand-new species of being. Our spirit is totally new.
 3. **The Holy Spirit dwells/abides in the life of the believer**
 - a. Because my spirit is born-again, it now has the ability to be taught, receive revelation, be empowered and to be led by the Holy Spirit.
 - b. In my spirit, I can now receive the things of God.
 - **1 Cor 2:14-16 NKJV** "But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is *rightly* judged by no one. For 'who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?' But we have the mind of Christ."
 - **ERV** "People who do not have God's Spirit do not accept the things that come from his Spirit. They think these things are

foolish. They cannot understand them because they can only be understood with the Spirit's help. We who have the Spirit are able to make judgments about all these things. But anyone without the Spirit is not able to make proper judgments about us. As the Scriptures say, 'Who can know what is on the Lord's mind? Who is able to give him advice?' But we have been given Christ's way of thinking."

B. Since we are *Born-Again*, we have a different spirit than those who are of this world. *The #1 work the Holy Spirit does in our lives is the work of transformation.*

1. **Having a different spirit sets us apart.**
 - a. **We think, act, and speak differently.**
 - b. **We do not react to the issues of life like others who are not born-again.**
 - c. **Born-again people have a different spirit than those of this world.**
 - *Those of this world have a spirit – it reacts to things entirely through the flesh and natural senses. WE are not dominated by the FLESH, but by the SPIRIT.*

C. The example of Caleb:

- **Numbers 14:24 NKJV** "But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it."
- **Aramaic Bible in Plain English** "And my Servant Calab, for the sake of my Spirit Who has been with Him, and he has been fully after me, I shall bring him into the land that he entered there and his seed shall inherit it."
- **Contemporary English Version** "But my servant Caleb isn't like the others. So, because he has faith in me, I will allow him to cross into Canaan, and his descendants will settle there."

PASTOR'S NOTE: *We realize that the Spirit of God could move upon people in the Old Testament at various times, however, they did not have the indwelling of the Spirit, nor did they have the inward transformation of the Spirit as New Covenant people do.*

1. **Something made Caleb different.**
 - a. He did not respond to fear like the others did.
 - b. He was not moved by what he saw (giants) in the land
 - c. He was not moved by negative talk
 - d. He was grounded and settled in faith, that what God had said, He would surely do.

PASTOR'S NOTE: Although Caleb was not born-again and did not have a transformed spirit, his inward man (spirit) was impacted by the Lord – so that he kept an attitude of faith and obedience toward God.

If a man who did not have the new birth experience nor the inward dwelling of the Holy Spirit could have a different spirit just through the Word of God he heard and the supernatural things he saw, HOW MUCH MORE CAN WE POSSESS A DIFFERENT SPIRIT – if we have the new birth and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit?

D. We are to have a different spirit!

1. We do not conduct our lives out of the same flow of this world. *What does the flow of this world look like?*

- a. Fear, worry, anxiety.
- b. Sin, habits, addictions.
- c. Depression, sorrow, hopelessness.

2. We possess a different spirit – a different flow

- a. Love, peace, joy, hope, expectation, strength, provision, help, and much more.
- b. Holiness and righteousness
 - **Phil 1:9-11 NKJV** "And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which *are* by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God"

3. Why do so many believers exemplify the same spirit as the world?

a. Lack of knowledge

- **Hosea 4:6 NKJV** "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children"
- **Brenton Septuagint** "My people are like as if they had no knowledge"
- *How many Christians live their lives as if they have NO knowledge? No knowledge of victory, healing, provision, etc.*
- **Literal Standard Version** "My people have been cut off for lack of knowledge"

PASTOR'S NOTE: Knowledge of what belongs to you connects you to the covenant and positions you to receive. **Many have been CUT OFF from blessings that are provided for in the covenant simply because they did not have knowledge of what belonged to them.**

b. Failure to renew their mind

- *Being born again does not work to the fullest measure in our life until we "RENEW OUR MINDS," to God's way of thinking.*
- **Romans 12:1-2 NKJV** "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. **And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,** that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

PASTOR'S NOTE: *Through the renewing of the mind, we begin to experience "A different spirit." A born-again person that does not renew their mind, will still operate strongly in the spirit of the old man – or the spirit of this world. While their spirit may be prepared for heaven, they will struggle much along the journey because they are still allowing the flesh to dominate their lives vs walking in the spirit – or being dominated by a different spirit.*

c. Lack of a desire to be transformed.

- **1 Cor 3:1-3 NKJV** "And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual *people* but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it*, and even now you are still not able; for you are still carnal. For where *there are* envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like *mere men*"
- **NLT** "I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, because you weren't ready for anything stronger. And you still aren't ready, for you are still controlled by your sinful nature. You are jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn't that prove you are controlled by your sinful nature? Aren't you living like people of the world"
- **AMPC** "For you are still [unspiritual, having the nature] of the flesh [under the control of ordinary impulses]. For as long as [there are] envying and jealousy *and* wrangling and factions among you, are you not unspiritual *and* of the flesh, behaving yourselves after a human standard *and* like mere (unchanged) men?"

4. Having a different spirit is necessary for success.

- a. As long as we are no different than the unsaved people of this world, we will be open to the same harvest/reward of our behavior as they are.
 - If a Christian steals, he still goes to jail.
 - If a Christian lies, he still reaps the harvest of deception
 - If a Christian commits sexual sin, there is a harvest
 - If we live to close to the world's standard, we will reap the harvest of it.
 - **PASTOR'S NOTE:** *It's not always judgement, it is simply sin's harvest.*
- b. If we fail to allow the Holy Spirit to transform us into a different spirit, He is not able to take us forward into the greater works that He has been sent to do.
 - The Holy Spirit brings many wonderful gifts with Him into our life.
 - He is limited in distributing many of God's blessing to us because we fail to allow Him to do His #1 work – the work of transformation, *making us a different spirit.*
 - Be open to His change!

E. How do I become a different spirit? How does change take place?

1. Yielding to the leading of the Holy Spirit (See Romans 12)

- a. **"Yield" and "present" are often the same original Greek word.**
 - ***To bring near or bring into one's fellowship or intimacy. I am bringing my body – near to God – to closer fellowship and intimacy.***
 - ***As I draw nearer into fellowship with Him, I am being transformed and changed into His likeness.***

2. Yielding is following the inward witness of the Spirit to submit in obedience to His guidance.

- a. **The more we practice yielding, the easier it will become.**
- b. **The more we fail to yield, the stronger the flesh will become.**
 - **Romans 6:16 NKJV** "Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience *leading* to righteousness?"