



## Further in The Spirit

### Session 2: The Spirit of Life

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

##### A. The work of the Holy Spirit is emphasized throughout scripture from the beginning.

###### 1. Genesis 1:2

**NKJV** "The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters."

**AMPC** "The Spirit of God was moving (hovering, brooding) over the face of the waters."

###### 2. The next verse reveals why the Spirit was there:

###### a. Genesis 1:3

**AMPC** "And God said, let there be light; and there was light."

b. The Spirit was present, awaiting the word from God, prepared to move into action, bringing about exactly what God said.

##### B. We see the continued work of the Spirit throughout scripture:

###### 1. Examples:

- The Spirit moved upon people to do mighty things.
- The Spirit moved upon the prophets to write and speak the things of God.
- The Spirit revealed what the enemy had planned for Israel.
- The Spirit was responsible for the conception of Jesus in the womb of Mary.
- We are born of the Spirit.
- We are empowered by the Spirit.
- We are to be led by the Spirit.
- We are guided by the Spirit.
- We are taught by the Spirit
- We are to worship in the Spirit.
- Jesus commanded us to receive the Spirit.
- Paul taught us about the Gifts of the Spirit as well as the Fruit of the Spirit.



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2. **God's plan for the Church hasn't changed: we are a SPIRIT people!**
  - a. We are not just a gathering of people. We are a gathering of Spirit-empowered people.
  - b. Emphasis on the work of the Spirit is ESSENTIAL!
  - c. We should go FURTHER in the Spirit
  - d. The new birth isn't a stopping place. It is a beginning point to a new life **in the Spirit**.
  - e. Just as a newborn babe must grow into further activity, newborn people of the Spirit must grow into further insight, skill, and activity of the Spirit. That's us!

## II. THE SPIRIT OF LIFE - BORN OF THE SPIRIT

*Before we can go further in the Spirit, we must properly understand the first transforming work of the Spirit that occurs in our life at the new birth.*

### A. Ephesians 2:1-7 - We were born "dead".

NKJV "And you **He made alive, who were dead** in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, **the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience**, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."

#### 1. Verse 1 declares that we were "dead":

AMP "And you [He made alive when you] were [spiritually] dead, and separated from Him, because of your transgressions and sins."

#### 2. Verse 2 "The Sons of Disobedience"

AMP "...in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, **the spirit who now works in**

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**the sons of disobedience**, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.”

**CEV** “You followed the ways of this world and obeyed the devil. He rules the world, and his spirit has power over everyone who doesn't obey God.”

**Literal Translations:** “the sons of disobedience” = the disobedience of Adam produced SONS of disobedience.

- a. Adam's disobedience produced another spirit in God's created human race or opened the door / gave access to Satan's spirit.
  - **Romans 5:12**  
**NKJV** “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned...”

**NLT** “When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned...”

**PASTOR'S NOTE:** *The SPIRIT of death entered the world and SPREAD to everyone. This is not only limited to the act of physical death, but to everything associated with the spirit of death.*

- b. We were **ALL** born after the spirit of Adam.
  - We were born (naturally) into the human race with the spirit of death dominating over us in this fallen world.
- c. The spirit of DEATH associated with Adam is still very much at work in our world today:
  - The spirit of unrighteousness.
  - The spirit of failure and defeat.
  - The spirits of sickness, disease, and poverty.
  - The spirits of war, murder, theft, and adultery.
  - The spirit of perversion.



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- d. The spirit that works in the sons of disobedience is still active and energetically working in this world today, and it will continue to work until the Second Return of Christ.

#### **B. God's plan wasn't to leave us spiritually dead.**

- 1. The only answer was to offer mankind a **second birth**!
  - a. We were naturally born into Adam and his transgression.
  - b. The plan of God was to offer a re-birth through another One who would come (Jesus).

- **1 Corinthians 15:45**

**NKJV** "And so it is written, 'The first man Adam became a living being.' The last Adam *became* a life-giving spirit."

- **Romans 8:1**

**NKJV** "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. For the law of the **Spirit of life** in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death."

**AMPC** "For the law of the Spirit of life [which is] in Christ Jesus [**the law...**]"

**NET** "For the law of the **life-giving Spirit** in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death"

**PASTOR'S NOTE:** *If the Spirit of Life was in Jesus, then the spirit of death was in Adam.*

- 2. God's plan wasn't just to forgive our sins! His plan was to give us a **NEW BIRTH**.
  - a. In Adam, we were all born into sin and exposed to the flow of death.
  - b. In CHRIST, we were all born into righteousness and given the flow of life!
  - c. Sadly, too many in the Church are born into Christ but still live like they are in Adam.

- We live like Adam.
- Talk like Adam.
- Think like Adam.
- React like Adam.
- Expect the sickness of Adam.
- The hardships of Adam.
- The lack and poverty of Adam.
- The depression of Adam.

d. Adam represents the spirit of the fallen world.

e. Jesus represents the Spirit of Life in the Kingdom of God.

**C. We are people who have been made alive by the Spirit.**

1. The first act of the Holy Spirit is to give us NEW LIFE!
  - a. **John 20:22**

**NKJV** “And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’”
  - b. We must not think of ourselves as merely “forgiven”, but as “born again”.  
I am a **new creation** in Christ!
  - c. I am not “saved **from sin**.” I am “saved **unto life**.”
2. The flow of death in Adam has been disrupted.
  - a. **Numbers 16:41-48**

**NKJV** “On the next day all the congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, saying, ‘You have killed the people of the Lord.’ Now it happened, when the congregation had gathered against Moses and Aaron, that they turned toward the tabernacle of meeting; and suddenly the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord appeared. Then Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of meeting. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ‘Get away from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.’ And they fell on their faces. So Moses said to Aaron, ‘Take a censer and put fire in it from the altar, put incense *on it*, and take it quickly to the congregation and make **atonement for them**; for wrath has gone out from the Lord. The plague has begun.’ Then Aaron took *it* as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the assembly; and already the plague had begun among the people. **So he put in the incense and made atonement for the**



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**people. And he stood between the dead and the living; so the plague was stopped.”**

- b. Jesus (our high priest) stepped in.
  - The judgement associated with the sin of Adam was stopped.
  - The cross stands between the living and the dead.
  - We are on this side of the cross—the side of life.
  - The plague has been stopped!
- c. **1 John 3:8**

NKJV “For this reason the son of God was manifested to destroy the works of the devil.”
- 3. We must SHIFT our attention from the realm of Adam to the realm of Christ.
  - a. From the realm of death to the realm of life.
  - b. Live in the Spirit, by the Spirit.
- 4. Renewing my mind to the Word of God is to...
  - a. Renew my mind to the flow of Christ vs. the flow of Adam.
  - b. Renew my mind to think life and not death.
  - c. This is the Spirit Life!
- 5. We cannot go further in the Spirit as long as we think like ADAM.
  - a. The way to know where you stand:
    - What flow rules your life when trouble comes?
    - What voice determines your action: ADAM or CHRIST?
  - b. If the flow of Adam is still dominating, you must be strengthened and developed in your new spirit.
  - c. Put on the NEW MAN. Put off the OLD MAN.
  - d. Stop wearing “old garments”!