

Series Overview - The resurrection isn't just something to celebrate; it reveals God's ongoing work through the Holy Spirit to restore and transform His people from the inside out. His work impacts us on every level.

Week 1 – Regeneration & Indwelling: New creation is Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit

Titus 3:5 (ESV) — ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

John 14:16–17 (NLT) — ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. ¹⁷ He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.

Week 2 – Justification & Sanctification: Declared righteous and changed into the image of Christ

Romans 3:21–22 (NLT) — ²¹ But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. ²² We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

Galatians 5:16–17 (NLT) — ¹⁶ So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. ¹⁷ 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.

Week 3 – Empowered & Equipped: By the power of the Holy Spirit living in and through us.

Galatians 5:22–25 (NLT) — ²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. ²⁵ Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

1 Peter 4:10–11 (NLT) — ¹⁰ God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. ¹¹ Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.

This explains how a Disciple of Christ FOLLOWS(ABIDE) Christ and is CHANGED by Christ.

So let's explore how a Disciple of Christ lives and is committed to the MISSION of Christ...

THE RESURRECTED LIFE – SENT IN RESURRECTION POWER: ON MISSION

Acts 1:8 (NLT) — ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

THE MISSION: SHARE – CONNECT – MINISTER – DISCIPLE

Matthew 28:18-20 (NLT) — ¹⁸ Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

SHARE: sharing the gospel with the lost, and sharing our lives with others

CONNECT: connecting believers with God and other believers

MINISTER: shepherding and caring for people, and training others to do the same

DISCIPLE: disciple others by identifying, equipping, encouraging, and releasing them to make disciples that make disciples of Jesus

THE MISSION FIELD(SPHERES): SPIRITUAL REALM - CHURCH - HOME - WORLD

Ephesians 6:12-13a (NLT) — ¹² For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore, put on every piece of God’s armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.

Romans 12:4-6a (NLT) — ⁴ Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, ⁵ so it is with Christ’s body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. ⁶ In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.

1 Timothy 5:8 (NLT) — ⁸ But those who won’t care for their relatives, especially those in their own household, have denied the true faith. Such people are worse than unbelievers.

2 Corinthians 5:19-20 (NLT) — ¹⁹ For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. ²⁰ So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!”

Discussion Questions:

1. What are examples in the New Testament of the Holy Spirit empowering the Apostles with boldness as the Shared, Connected, Ministered, and Discipled others?
 2. What are moments that you have said or done something that has you saying “How did I do/say that?”
 3. What area of the “Mission’ or ‘Mission Field’ do struggle with as a Disciple of Christ?
 4. What does it mean for you to be called an ambassador for Christ? How should that look lived out in your life?
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