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“Holiness & Transformation“

A resurrected life reveals God’s ongoing work of the Holy Spirit to restore and transform us from the inside out.

Who is the Holy Spirit?

- He is a divine person within the trinity, co-equal with the Father and the Son, He is God. (Genesis 1:1-2, Psalm 51:10-12, Acts 1:8, 5:3-4, 1 Corinthians 2:12, Galatians 5:25, 2 Peter 1:19-21)
- He has emotions. He speaks. He teaches. He convicts. (John 16:8) He can be grieved (Ephesians 4:30). He comforts, He indwells (Romans 8:9-11), He intercedes (Romans 8:26-27)
- He inspired and led the authorship of the Bible.

2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV) All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

1. All scripture was given through the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:20-21 (NIV) Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

- The Holy Spirit revealed God’s divine messages to the prophets and apostles.

John 14:26 (NIV) But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

- This text is first to be applied to the Apostles. He taught and reminded them of all Jesus said.
- What was handed down from the Apostles to us is the truth without error.
- The Holy Spirit points us back to what has already been written in scripture.
- The Holy Spirit cannot contradict the Word of God because He inspired it.

The Holy Spirit’s role in our Justification

John 16:8-11 (NLT) And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God’s righteousness, and of the coming judgment. 9 The world’s sin is that it refuses to believe in me. 10 Righteousness is available because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more. 11 Judgment will come because the ruler of this world has already been judged.

- He is present in the world to make all people aware of their sin and their need for Jesus Christ.
- Through His Spirit, God is drawing us to Himself and calling us to repentance. (John 6:44)

Titus 3:4-5 (NIV) But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

- The Holy Spirit cleanses us from sin and makes us new. (John 3:5-8, Gal 2:20)
- He indwells believers at the moment of salvation.

Ephesians 1:13-14 (NIV) And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

The Holy Spirit’s role in our sanctification

1 Peter 1:2 (NIV) who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood:

- He transforms us into the image of Christ

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 (NIV) Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

- A resurrected life yields to the Spirit as He reveals what He wants to change in us.

Colossians 3:9-10 (NIV) Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

- He changes the desires of our hearts

Galatians 5:16-17 (NIV) So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

- A resurrected life says 'NO' to our fleshly desires and says 'YES' to the Spirit of God.

- He teaches and reminds us of what Jesus has said and commanded

John 14:15-17 (NIV) "If you love me, keep my commands. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

- The Holy Spirit works in us to teach, convict, remind and guide what the word already says. Through wisdom, He helps us understand and apply truth to our lives.
- Spirit's work helps us to recognize the significance and authority of the written Word of God.
- A resurrected life trusts what God has said and commanded.

- He produces His fruit in our lives

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

- The Spirit produces fruit that reflects the character of Christ.
- The resurrected life is not self-effort. It is Spirit-led obedience. We cannot make our own fruit. (Romans 8:5-8)

- He intercedes on behalf of believers

Romans 8:26-27 (NIV) In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

- A resurrected life trusts that God knows what we are going through.

Small Group: Discuss Questions:

Galatians 5:16-18 - Discuss what this battle between flesh and Spirit looks like.

1. What areas of your flesh can still take control in your life? What is a desire?
2. How will you surrender these strongholds to the Holy Spirit? What will you need so you don't do what you want?
3. Who will help you stay disciplined to the Lord's will in this battle?
4. How will you help others in your life overcome their struggles?



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Group Questions

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