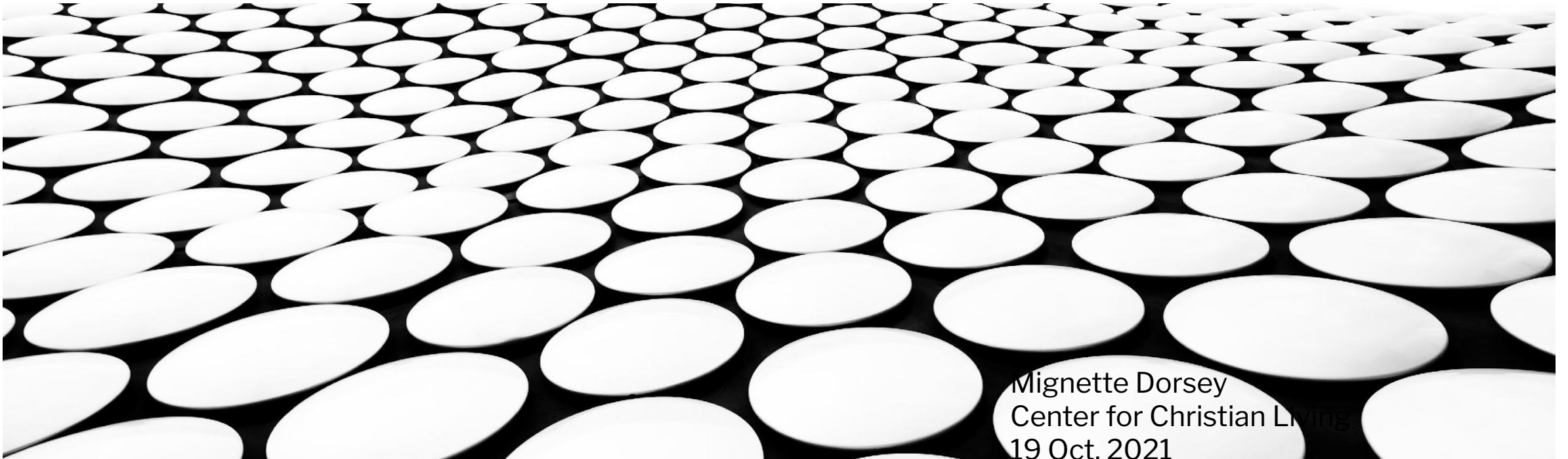




THE HOLY SPIRIT, OUR HELPER

UNDERSTANDING THE POWER WITHIN US



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POWER

- When you think of the word, “power,” what comes to mind?

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S POWER

- If I were to tell you the Holy Spirit is more powerful than lightning, would you believe it?



THE HOLY SPIRIT'S POWER

- If I were to tell you the power of the Holy Spirit is inside of each Christian, would you believe it?
- Question is: Are we abiding in His power? Do we want to?



WHY THIS POWER?

- It is true that all who have accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and believed on His name have the Holy Spirit now living inside them.
- But He lives in us for a purpose, and if we walk in His power, He will keep that purpose at the forefront of our minds.
- But first, back to the basics ...

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- The Holy Spirit is God. He is the third person of the Trinity and has the same attributes as God: love, omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience, justice, righteousness, veracity, immutability, etc.
- Genesis 1:2: “And the earth was a formless and desolate emptiness, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.”

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

- The Holy Spirit (Spirit of the Lord) empowered certain people for chosen tasks. Enduement could be lost. (David, Samson).
- Exodus 35:30-31; 36:1 “Look, the Lord has appointed ... Bezalel ...He has filled him with God’s Spirit, with wisdom, understanding, and ability in every kind of craft to design artistic works in gold, silver, and bronze, to cut gemstones for mounting, and to carve wood for work in every kind of artistic craft. ... to do all the work of constructing the sanctuary” (**the place where the glory of the Lord would reside**).

BACK TO THE PURPOSE FOR HIS POWER

- Jesus Promised the Holy Spirit to the those who would believe in Him.
- Read John 14:16-17, 26 “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth
- Also read: John15:26-27; John 16:7-14; Acts 1:8
- From those scriptures, let’s write down what the Holy Spirit does.

WHAT DID JESUS SAY THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES FOR US?

- He is our Helper (Consider what a helper does.)
- He is the Spirit of truth. (When we dwell on lies, is that Him?)
- He **guides us** into all truth.
- He will be with us forever. (Talk about eternal security!)
- He will teach us all things. (I Cor. 2:10-13)
- He will remind us of what Christ said (brings scriptures to mind).
- He will testify about Christ.

WHAT DID JESUS SAY THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES FOR US?

- He convicts the world (unbelievers) of sin, righteousness, judgement.
- He speaks what He hears from God.
- He will disclose things to come (prophecies to apostles).
(binoculars)
- He glorifies (magnifies) Jesus. (magnifying glass)
- He empowers us to be witnesses. (*Moved to share the Gospel lately?*)
- More about witnessing ...

WE WILL WANT TO SHARE THE GOSPEL!

- We will naturally begin to do Matthew 28:19-20: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to follow all that I commanded you ...”
- Acts 1:8 “...but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses,... as far as the remotest part of the earth.”

OTHER ACTIONS BY THE HOLY SPIRIT ON OUR BEHALF

- Regenerates us. Titus 3:5 “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,”
- Seals us! Eph 4:30 “Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”

OTHER ACTIONS BY THE HOLY SPIRIT ON OUR BEHALF

- Makes it possible for us to love. Romans 5:5 “and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”
- Places us into the Body of Christ (Baptism of the Holy Spirit).

I Cor 12:13 “For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”

WE NEED THE HOLY SPIRIT TO FULFILL GOD'S PRIMARY PURPOSE

- The Holy Spirit causes us to become more like Christ. See Romans 8:29 “For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to **become conformed to the image of His Son...**” (lamp and bulb)
- II Corin. 3:18 “But we all, with unveiled faces, looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.” (Evans’ commentary, page 1367)
- See I Cor 2:16b “... but we have the mind of Christ.”
- The fruit of the Holy Spirit is the character of Jesus Christ. See Gal. 5:22-25

WHY IS IT NECESSARY FOR US TO BECOME TRANSFORMED INTO THE IMAGE OF JESUS CHRIST?

- Part of the mystery of the Gospel, what Jesus did on the cross, involves Him bringing heaven to earth – THROUGH US! So, we must *become* children of light since we are children of the Kingdom of God.
- Mark 1:15 ““The time is fulfilled, and the **kingdom of God** is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”
- Mark 4:11 “And He was saying to them, “To you has been given the mystery of the **kingdom of God** ...”

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

- Romans 14:17 “... for the **kingdom of God** is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”
- I Thess. 2:12 “... so that you would walk in a manner worthy **of** the **God** who calls you into His own **kingdom** and glory.”
- Eph. 2:10 “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”

THE HOLY SPIRIT, OUR BODIES, AND THE TEMPLE OF GOD

- I Corin. 6:19-20 “Or do you not know that your body is a **temple** of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and *that* you are not your own? For you have been bought for a price: therefore glorify God in your body.”
- II Corin. 6:16 “... For we are the temple of the living God ...”
- The Shekinah glory now in us because the Holy Spirit lives in us!
(like carrying a cup of hot water)

WE ALSO NEED THE HOLY SPIRIT BECAUSE OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE!

- Jesus knew His followers would need supernatural divine power to take on the invisible powers in Satan's kingdom.
- The Word of God is the Sword of the Holy Spirit. See Eph 6:10-17 (Are we memorizing scripture?)
- The Holy Spirit prompts us to pray – and prayer is a weapon!
- See Eph. 6:18-20, Jude 20

THE HOLY SPIRIT RESTRAINS US FROM SINNING

- Romans 8:11: “But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”
- The Holy Spirit gives us power over temptations and thus restrains us from sinning. See Gal. 5:16-18 and Romans 7:21-25 and 8:1
- When Christians are raptured, the restraining power of the Holy Spirit on earth is removed and lawlessness will prevail after the Anti-Christ is revealed during the Tribulation. See II Thess. 2:5-8

MAIN POINT: UNDERSTANDING THE POWER WITHIN US

- Remember: who is constantly working in us ...
- Phil. 2:13: “for it is God who is at work in you, both to desire and to work for *His* good pleasure. (NASB)
- Phil. 2:13: “For God is at work within you, helping you want to obey him, and then helping you do what he wants.” (LB)

WALK (LIVE) IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

It is a daily choice. Will we choose to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit of God?



QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

