

“The Gifts of the Spirit: Clothed with Power from On High”

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John 16:5-14

5 "Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' 6 Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. 7 But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; 10 in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11 and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. 12 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. 14 He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.

Perfect Example of a Life Lived in the Spirit: JESUS

- **Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit**
Luke 1:35
- **Jesus received the Holy Spirit at Baptism**
Luke 3:21-22 (The Trinity revealed)
- **Jesus' ministry was empowered and directed by the Spirit** Luke 4:1
- **Jesus was empowered on the cross by the Spirit** Hebrews 9:14
- **Jesus was resurrected by the power of the Spirit** Romans 8:11
- **Jesus ascended so we could receive the Spirit**
John 16:7

If you are in Christ, the Holy Spirit...

1. LIVES IN YOU JUST LIKE JESUS

John 14:17

The world cannot accept [the Spirit of truth], because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

1 Corinthians 3:16

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

If you are in Christ, the Holy Spirit is...

2. YOUR POWER SOURCE

Those in Christ are designed for a specific purpose, but we are rendered useless without power.

Luke 24:49

I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

2 Timothy 1:7

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

Acts 9:31

Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord.

For those in Christ, the Holy Spirit's...

3. MISSION IS TO BRING GLORY TO JESUS & BUILD UP THE CHURCH

John 16:14

[The Holy Spirit] will bring glory to me

1 Corinthians 14:12

... excel in gifts that build up the church.

Eph 4:11-12

11 It was [Christ] who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, 12 to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.