

Thursday Morning Group 2023 – Session Three

- Recap:**
1. The glory of God is paramount – reverential awe - security that the King oversees a perfect Kingdom!
 2. Our Union with Christ enables us to know the Father and His glory
- Today:**
3. The Holy Spirit draws people to know Christ; keeps them “In Christ”; transforms to Christ-likeness

2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Salvation, and ongoing relationship with God, is enabled by the Triune God:

- Purposed by the Father (in love)
- Accomplished by the Son (by grace) and
- Applied by the Holy Spirit (through fellowship)

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit work sovereignly and seamlessly

1. **Every good thing that a sinner wants and needs is in the Father.** “How can a sinner get to the Father? He is infinitely beyond us in all holiness and glory. We cannot approach Him
2. **God, in Christ, becomes human**, does not lay claim to the fulness of His glory; But in Him all the Fullness of God is to be found



Colossians 1:19-20 For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through Him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

” He is the conduit-pipe, conveying to us all of the blessings from the Father.”
Spurgeon

3. **“But how do I get to Christ.** I lie as one dead. I cannot see Christ, or tell where to find Him.” Spurgeon

(***Connection:** Jesus’ Healing miracles? Deaf, Blind, Lame, Resurrection)

The Holy Spirit, opens our eyes, ears, hearts and minds to show us our sin and lead us to Christ.

Jesus is the reconciler between us and the Father.

The Triune God saves sinners and keeps us in Covenant redemption.

The Father glorifies the Son, the Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus, both the Holy Spirit and the Lord Jesus glorify the Father!

The Spirit's work is to glorify Christ and draw people to Him, and without the Spirit's ongoing work in us it is impossible for us to grow in holiness.



Romans 8:1-17 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the **Spirit** of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in

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order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the **Spirit**. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the **Spirit** set their minds on the things of the **Spirit**. ⁶For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the **Spirit** is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the **Spirit**, if in fact the **Spirit of God** dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the **Spirit of Christ** does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if **Christ is in you**, although the body is dead because of sin, the **Spirit is life** because of righteousness. ¹¹If **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.

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if **by the Spirit** you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the **Spirit of God** are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the **Spirit of adoption** as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶The **Spirit** himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

V18-25 Our sufferings compared with future glory....

²⁶Likewise the **Spirit** helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the **Spirit himself intercedes for us** with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the **Spirit**, because the **Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God**. ²⁸And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.

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| 8:2. | 8:4-5. |
| 8:6 | 8:8-9 |
| 8:10 | 8:11 |
| 8:13 | 8:15 |
| 8:16-17 | 8:26-27 |

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There is not one dimension of the Christian life that is not enabled by the work of the Spirit. Quite simply, without the Spirit there is no spiritual life. It is the Spirit who convicts us of sin, awakens our dead hearts to hear and see spiritual

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truths, draws us to Jesus as Saviour and Lord, unites us to him, works ongoing faith in our hearts, assures us of our adoption, seals us, sanctifies us, revives us, renews us, enables us with gifts to serve Christ, leads us, assures us, teaches us, prays for us and displays to us the magnificence of the gospel of Christ. We must therefore “walk by the Spirit,” be “led by the Spirit,” and “keep in step with the Spirit” (Galatians 5:16, 18, 25).

We need to be aware of our utter dependence upon the Spirit; that apart from Him we are unable and disabled.

We are unable to see our sin and face it; we cannot see the redeeming grace of Jesus; we cannot love and serve authentically; we cannot understand the Triune God through His word.

1. A story of Dramatic Change - All of Grace



John 1:16 And from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

Acts 20:24 I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

2. A Story of Gradual Change – All of Grace



*2 Corinthians 3:18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed** into the same image from one degree of glory to another. **For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.***

The Spirit shows us Christ and how He is our Redeemer, the One who restores us to the Father – Set apart in Christ

The Spirit's work is ongoing changing us moment by moment. Causing us to be obedient to Christ



*1 Peter 1:1-2 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ: To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, according to the foreknowledge of God **the Father**, in the sanctification of **the Spirit**, for obedience to **Jesus Christ** and for sprinkling with His blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.*

The Spirit shines a spotlight on Christ showing us our redemption; and a spotlight on ourselves exposing our sin so that we might be cleansed

Left to ourselves we will interpret the Scriptures to suit our circumstances – rather than see our circumstances through the Scriptures.

If we're unaware of our dependence – we will lose our way; we will make important things unimportant and we will make unimportant things important. We will walk by sight (or feeling) and not by faith.

We may become despondent at lack of change in circumstances or other people or ourselves. Remember 2 Corinthians 3:18

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We will seek to replace grace with our efforts; we will judge ourselves and others legalistically

Dependence upon the Spirit pushes us to prayer.

The Spirit is with us forever! John 14:15-18



¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, **to be with you forever,** ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows him. You know him, for **He dwells with you and will be in you.** ¹⁸ “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

We need to remind ourselves that the Truth can only come “supernaturally”

John 16:7-11



I will send Him (**The Holy Spirit**) to you. ⁸ And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin; of the righteousness of a Holy God of Glory, of righteous judgement and the solution to be found in Christ

And then as believers He guides us in all truth:

John 16: 13-15



¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, **He will guide you into all the truth,** for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for He will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that He will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Only by the Spirit, through the actions of the Son can we call the God of all Glory Our Father Romans 8:15-17



“... you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ...”

We’re back to “trust and Obey” because that’s what the Spirit enables us to do. **All of Grace...**

The Spirit *applies* to God’s people what the Father intends for His people and what Christ has *accomplished* for God’s People. Not just once but every moment.