

## LIFE GIVING SPIRITS

I'd like to share some scriptures with you, and give the Holy Spirit the opportunity to give us a revelation of the truth.

Jesus said, you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.

Jesus also said, I am the truth.

The original Greek word for truth in this scripture is alethia. It's the opposite of something that's false or fake and it actually means reality.

So Jesus didn't say my teachings will make you free, he said that the reality of who I AM is what makes you free.

I've known many Christians, myself included, that knew the teachings of Jesus, but we're still plagued, hindered, and bound by the old nature inherited from Adam that Christ has already set us free from.

These days the modern Christian experience could be summarized as

- \* Pray the sinner's prayer
- \* Join a local church
- \* Do the best you can to walk in the teachings of Jesus
- \* Do chronic repentance for the rest of your life, of a sin nature that you cannot seem to get free from
- \* Go to heaven when you die

In between all these steps, there's a lot of church meetings, conferences, Bible studies, Christian books and praying for God's help. This scenario is pretty typical, but it's just not at all scriptural.

Religion is done by men and for men, even Christian religion.

The gospel is supernatural, it's done by God and for God. He's the only one who can do it.

We need to trust the scriptures, which are statements of reality from God, as the proof of our new life in Christ, and not the modern Christian experience that is so common today.

A careful reading of the scriptures, shows us that our life in Christ is vastly different than the modern religious experience.

According to the scriptures, we don't affiliate with, join, pray a prayer or go through some sort of catechism, to become members of God's family.

## WE ACTUALLY RECEIVE HIM.

John 1.13 amp

But to as many as did receive and welcome Him, (speaking of Jesus) He gave the authority, the power, the privilege and right to become the children of God, that is, to those who believe in, who adhere to, trust in, and rely on his name.

Who owe their birth neither to blood, nor the will of the flesh, that of physical impulse, nor to the will of man, that of a natural father, but to God. They are born of God.

Our birth into the family of God is supernatural.

1 Peter 1:23 states that

We have been born of imperishable seed. The only one whose seed is imperishable is God.

In other words the very thing that makes God, God, is the very thing that makes us his children. His nature, and His very being are responsible for our birth into God's family.

According to 1 Corinthians 1.30,  
God put us in Christ, by His own doing, and Christ became our wisdom, our righteousness, our sanctification, and our Redemption. Again it's supernatural. The only one who can put us in Christ is God himself.

According to Romans chapter 6, because we're in Christ, everything that happened to Christ, happened to us.

We were crucified with him, buried with him, risen from the dead with him, and we're given his eternal life.

Because of this, we can consider our old life as dead, and ourselves alive to God in unbroken Fellowship in Christ.

According to 1st John chapter 5.11,

This is God's witness, that he has given us eternal life. There is only one life in the universe that's Eternal. It's God's life, and this life is in his son. He who has the son has the life.....

Colossians 3.3 states that,

We have died, and our life is hidden with Christ in God, and when Christ who is our life, is revealed, we will be revealed with him in glory.

1 Corinthians 6.17

whoever is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

John 14 declares that

The Holy Spirit will dwell in us, and as we keep his word, the Father and Jesus will come and make their permanent Dwelling Place in us.

Ephesians chapter 1.11+14

by virtue of being God's children, we have received an inheritance, and the Holy Spirit has been given as the guarantee of that inheritance.

John 17. 22

Jesus says, the glory which you have given me, I have given to them, that they may be one, just as we are one, I in them, you in me, that they may be perfected in unity, that the world may know that you did love me and did love them, even as You love me.

These are only a few of the statements of reality that God makes about our new life in Christ. As you can see it's vastly different than the modern Christian experience.

Here are some more scriptures.

Romans 8.16 says that

The Holy Spirit himself, bears witness with our spirit, that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.....

Then in verses 28 through 30

it states that God's plan from the beginning, was to conform all of us to the image and likeness of Christ himself. He did everything necessary to make that happen. He predestined us, called us, justified us, and glorified us in Christ. These are things that only He can do.

Jesus said, in John chapter 16,

everything that the father has, is mine and I've sent the Holy Spirit to give it to you.

Acts chapter 1 verse 8 says,

that you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my Witnesses both in Jerusalem and in Judea and Samaria even to the remotest parts of the Earth.

The word used for power in this scripture is dunamis. It is defined as God's miraculous power and ability.

For believers, it's the ability to perform God's works with God's ability.

Please note that the nature, power, and equipping of God was not given indiscriminately to us. It's been imparted to us to fulfill God's desire and his purpose in the Earth.

2 Corinthians 5:17

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old things have passed away, behold new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely that God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and he has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore we are his ambassadors for Christ, as though God were in treating through us, we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

In the Great Commission, in Matthew 28, Jesus said, All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. You go therefore and make disciples of all the nations baptizing them in the name of the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I command you, and lo I am with you always even to the end of the age.

His instructions to His disciples, in Matthew 10.7, when He sent them out were, as you go, preach, saying, the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons, freely you received, freely give.

And in Mark 16.20 it states that They went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord work with them, and confirmed the word by the signs that followed.

As you can see, this is a drastic contrast from the modern, every day, Christian experience.

Let me me ask a question.

Do you know how many times the kingdom of God or Kingdom of Heaven is mentioned in the New Testament? I went through my New American Standard Bible, and I counted about 118 of them.

Do you know how many times being born again is mentioned in the New Testament? Only once. In John chapter 3. It was a private conversation with Nicodemus, probably in the middle of the night.

The text of that conversation was, unless you're born again, you cannot see the kingdom. And unless you're born of the spirit you cannot enter the kingdom.

So, the only reference in the Bible, to being born again, declares that it is a pre-requisite for entering the kingdom of God.

If you ask the average Christian, tell me a little bit about the kingdom of God, they usually come up with things like streets of gold, big throne, angels and cherubim, and houses prepared for us. But it's pretty much a mystery.

Jesus said, to you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God.

It makes us wonder why, It is such a mystery today.

How could something that was prophesied by the angels, preached by John the Baptist, preached by Jesus everywhere, He instructed his disciples to preach the kingdom everywhere, He spoke about it after the resurrection, and Jesus instructed his disciples to go into all the world and continue preaching the gospel of the Kingdom after his resurrection. How could it remain such a mystery?

Jesus said, that the kingdom of God does not come with visible observation, but that it is within you.

The kingdom of God is not a place. It's the influence of the King on his subjects and his territory. According to John 1 and 1st Corinthians 6, we are his children and we are his Temple.

In Acts 7.48 it says that

God does not dwell in temples made with hands, he dwells in the hearts of men.

Jesus did not recruit us to be students of his teachings. He didn't tell us to straighten up our old lives, become better people, and attend as many Church meetings as we can.

The father actually put us in Christ, crucified us with Christ, buried us with Christ, raised us from the dead with him by the glory of God, so that we could walk in the newness of His life.

Ephesians 2, in the amplified version, says that we have been recreated in Christ, to walk in things that He has prepared for us before the foundation of the Earth.

God was never looking for us to do church work for him. He caused us to be born of his spirit, so that we could become members of his family, and citizens of his kingdom by his own doing.

God wanted children who love like him, speak like him, and actually live his life in front of the whole world, so that all of creation could become members of his family and every nation become citizens of his kingdom.

The scripture says in Ephesians chapter 1 verse 3,  
that God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the Heavenly places.

In John chapter 16 Jesus said,  
everything that the father has is mine and I've sent the Holy Spirit to transmit it to you.

2 Peter 1 says that,  
his divine power has granted us everything pertaining to life and godliness.....

1st Corinthians  
as many as be the promises they are all yes.....

These scriptures beg the question, if these things are true, where are they?

Let me back up a little bit as I try to answer this.

When we got saved, God didn't just forgive our sins, and tell us to go do the best we could to follow his teachings with our original life that we inherited from Adam.

He made us new creatures. He made all of us who were spiritually dead, alive by giving us, His eternal life. He made us one with Christ, and by being one with him we share Christ's life.

Christ's life doesn't dwell in our bodies, or in our souls, it dwells in our spirit. The Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we have been made alive as children of God, and sons, and heirs of God's life and everything that he has.

These four scriptures that I just read, are all true. They are true in Christ, and Christ dwells in us.

That's why Colossians 3:3 says,  
... when Christ who is your life is revealed.....

And

Paul said in Galatians 2  
the life that I live is no longer I, but Christ living in me.....

For many of us this has not been our experience because it hasn't been our revelation from the Holy Spirit. Without this revelation, we can still revert back to the conditioning of our old life, trying to live by our senses instead of the reality that God has made available to us in Christ.

Romans 8 declares that the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

God put all men in Christ by his doing and made provision for all men to be saved. According to Romans 5:18, Christ's perfect sacrifice made salvation and his eternal life available to all men.

According to Romans 1, some will choose to serve themselves rather than God.

Even though Christ has done this for all of us, if we persist in living by our senses, we will miss the benefit of God translating us out of the kingdom of this world and its authority, into the kingdom of his Son.

Jesus said whoever seeks to save his life will never find life.

When the scriptures talk about our life, they're speaking of our natural life, our soul life that we inherited from Adam. The scriptures use the word psuche, for our natural life, our life lived by our senses.

When the scriptures talk about God's life the word Zoe is used. It's definition is Life as God has it.

the scripture in Colossians 2.6 states

as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord so walk in him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in him and established in your faith.....

In order for us to walk in his life, we must lay down our life. The gospel is a complete and total take-over of our old, self-ruled, nature, inherited from Adam, by the eternal life of God Himself.

Jesus said, no one can serve two masters. He will love the one (God), and hate the other (our self), or he'll serve the one, (our own natural life) and despise the other (which is God.)

Galatians 5:24 says

now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the spirit, let us also walk by the spirit.

the opportunity for us to walk in this eternal life of God, is only made possible by our death and resurrection with Christ.

take a look at 1st Corinthians chapter 15. Paul in his explanation of resurrection life says, in verse 45,

the first man, Adam became a living soul. The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. However the spiritual is not first, but the natural, then the spiritual. The first man is from the earth, he's earthy, The second man is from heaven. As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy, as is the heavenly so also are those who are heavenly.

And just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

This is a tremendous promise for us. We were all born into this natural life as sons of Adam. but God says because of our resurrection with Christ, God has made it possible for us to bear the nature of God in this life.

As it says in 2nd Peter 1.4 that

He has granted to us his precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature.....

The natural application of Bible teaching will never produce the kingdom of God. It only produces religion, because that which is flesh, is flesh.

Only by submitting to the Holy Spirit that God has made to live in us will produce spiritual fruit.

Jesus said in John 6:63,

It is the spirit who gives life, the flesh profits nothing, The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

I've shared a lot of scriptures with you in these videos.

I ask that the Holy Spirit right now would give us revelation of this reality for our lives.

That we would see the incredible, unlimited eternal life that God has given to us.

And that we would lay down our natural lives, our carnal minds, our emotions, and our wills so that we would quit being living souls like Adam, and become those life-giving Spirits that God has made us in Christ.

I pray that we would manifest his eternal life to every person on this planet, so that they can all become members of his family and that every nation become citizens of his kingdom.

God bless you

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