

## ITS SUPERNATURAL

The Gospel today is often presented that everyone should, pray the sinner's prayer, join a church that you like, attend all of the meetings and bible studies, do your best to amend your most egregious sins, ask for forgiveness when you can't and wait for the rapture.

I've said many times that the Gospel is not a teaching. Many people today try to study the Bible and then try to walk in the Gospel, with their own natural understanding and their own effort. The Gospel is actually the supernatural work of God to restore His children back into His family and into His Kingdom. The Gospel is just like God, spiritual, perfect, and eternal. He's the only one Who can do it.

Jesus made it pretty simple and very clear in John 6.63, He said, It's the Spirit Who gives life. Your flesh profits absolutely nothing. The words that I have spoken to you are Spirit and they are Life.

It seems today, that in modern Christianity, there is a major misconception about the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives. He's often painted as a spirit that sneaks around trying to catch us in specific sins and hidden acts of unrighteousness.

Let's go to the scriptures to clarify His role.

Jesus explained in John 16.8 that, When He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment, concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me, concerning righteousness because I go to the Father, and you no longer behold me, and concerning judgment because the ruler of this world has been judged.

The Holy Spirit was not sent to convict us of specific sins. Those sinful acts are the fruit of the spiritually dead nature that we inherited from Adam and Eve.

The word translated as sin, means: the brand of sin that emphasizes its *self*-originated (*self*-empowered) nature – i.e. it is not originated or empowered by God (therefore, *not of faith*, His in-worked persuasion).

The Holy Spirit's conviction of the world is not of specific heinous sins. It's because of unbelief. God has made a perfect provision for every man to receive God's eternal life and many haven't believed and received it.

The main ingredient of spiritual discernment is the ability to determine what's of God and what is not of God. The origin of the thing is always the determining factor.

Jesus told Nicodemus and John 3.6, whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the spirit is Spirit.

The Holy Spirit has come to give us revelation about the difference between our own carnal nature and our new spiritual nature that was given to us by God.

Hebrew 4.12 amp states that, The Word that God speaks is alive and full of power, making it active, operative, energizing and effective. It is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life, the soul, and the immortal spirit, and of joints and marrow, of the deepest parts of our nature, exposing and sifting and analyzing, and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.

Romans 8:6 amp says, the mind of the flesh, which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit is death, death that comprises all the miseries arising from sin, both here and hereafter. But the mind of the Holy Spirit is life and soul peace, both now and forever.

Verse 5 says, those who are according to the flesh and are controlled by its unholy desires, set their minds on and pursue those things which gratify the flesh, but those who are according to the spirit and are controlled by the desires of the spirit, set their minds on and seek those things which gratify the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit's other function is to convict mankind of righteousness NOT UNRIGHTEOUSNESS. Although, some will continue to serve themselves instead of God, Christ's sacrifice made the eternal life of God available to all men. He has come to reveal to His children the reality of the new spiritual nature that is now ours because God put us in Christ. When God put us in Christ by His Own doing, whatever happened to Christ, happen to us also. 1 Corinthians 1.30

Romans chapter 6 explains that because we were in Christ, we shared His death, His burial, and His resurrection from the dead. We can now consider ourselves alive from the dead and have unbroken fellowship with God.

His other function is to reveal to us that Satan has been defeated in our lives. We can now walk in and exercise the victory of Christ over him.

Romans 6 declares that our old nature was crucified with Christ. God considers it dead.

So, the misconception that the Holy Spirit is constantly focused on exposing our flesh's weaknesses, sins, and character flaws would mean that He was focusing on something that God already considers dead.

The Holy Spirit's main focus in our lives is to renew our minds to the reality of Christ's perfect sacrifice for us and to transform us into the image of Christ.

This is confirmed by Romans 12:1+2 and 2 Corinthians 3:17.

1st John 5:11 declares God's testimony. He has given to us His eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has that life.

God has already paid in full the penalty of our sins and has sent the Holy Spirit as the guarantee of our inheritance. Colossians 1.12

Jesus explained another of the Holy Spirit's functions in John 16.13 saying, when He, the Spirit of truth comes, He will lead you into all the truth. The word translated as truth in the original Greek, meant reality. Jesus said in John 14.6 that, I AM the way, I AM the truth, and I AM the Life. His Holy Spirit will lead us into the reality of Christ's life.

He will also equip us to accomplish God's will in this earth and fulfill God's Great Commission.

Jesus also said, EVERYTHING that the Father has is Mine, and He will take of Mine and give it to you.

Finally, in Acts 1.8, Jesus said, you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you shall BE My witnesses in Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest parts of the earth.

Please note, that He didn't say read this book and then go do the best that you can to convince people that I'm risen from the dead. He didn't say, go and do witnessing for me. He said that you shall BE my witnesses.

When God's Holy Spirit is in us as Lord of our lives, we become God's testimony, His statement of authenticity, that He exists and that He dwells in His children in this realm. His Living Word becomes flesh again in this earth. His eternal life is received and manifested through His children and offered to the entire world.

Here is the account of what happened the first time this happened. Its Mark 16.20, and they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word with signs that followed.

Here are a few sobering final thoughts to consider.

We need to repent of our spiritually dead nature that we inherited from Adam and Eve and allow the Holy Spirit to be Lord in us. We need to surrender the authority of our senses and reason to the Living Word of God, and allow the Holy Spirit to renew our minds, supernaturally equip us, and transform us into the image and likeness of Christ.

There is nothing natural or ordinary about God and His redeeming work in our lives. He is the only one who can do this for us, in us, and through us. We need to let Him do this in our lives.

IF WE DON'T,

We are actually telling God, the Father, no thank you, I don't want your supernatural empowering to fulfill the calling and destiny that You have for me. I'll just do the best I can with this old dead one that I inherited from Adam and Eve.

God bless you.

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