

“By My Spirit!”
Life In The Spirit!

Introduction:

1. To Deepen Our Understanding Of “Life In The Spirit” – We Need To Look At The Relationship Between The Holy Spirit And Our Lord Jesus Christ While He Was On Earth!
 - 1 Peter 2:21 - “For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps!”
 - Jesus Christ Is Always The Greatest Example For The Life Of A Believer!
 - So, When It Comes To Our Relationship To The Holy Spirit:
 - “Walk In The Spirit!” (Galatians 5:16)
 - “Live In The Spirit!” (Galatians 5:35)
 - “Led By The Spirit!” (Galatians 5:18)
 - “Be Filled With The Spirit!” (Ephesians 5:18)
 - God Did Not Leave Us To Figure It Out On Our Own!
 - He Gave Us The Perfect Example!
 - Our Savior, Jesus Christ!
 - ***Jesus Christ Demonstrates – In The Most Perfect & Elevated Way – The Holy Spirit’s Work On, In And Through A Believer!***
 - If You Want To See What Life In The Spirit Is Like?
 - Look To Jesus!
 - If You Want To Learn How To Live In The Spirit?
 - Learn From Jesus!
 - This Is Why It Is Important To Look At The Special Relationship Between These Two Persons Of The Trinity – God The Son & God The Holy Spirit!
 - Shows Us What God Is Doing In Our Lives Through The Spirit!
2. This Can Be A Difficult Topic To Study!
 - This Is Why There Are Some Important Key Truths To Consider & Remember Throughout!
 - There Is Only One God!
 - Deuteronomy 6:4 - “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD!” - The Great Shema! First Thing A Jewish Child Learns From The Scripture!
 - Very Important – There Is An Absolute Unity To God’s Being & Nature! The Nature & Substance Of God Cannot Be Divided! Thus, God Has One Mind, One Purpose, One Plan!
 - But The Scripture Further Teaches:
 - There Are Three Persons, Consisting Of The Same Nature, Each Being God!
 - Not Discerned Naturally, But Scripturally!
 - A Father Is Called God, Has Characteristics As God, & Carries Things Out As God!
 - A Son Is Called God, Has Characteristics As God, & Carries Things Out As God!
 - A Spirit Is Called God, Has Characteristics As God, & Carries Things Out As God!
 - These Three Persons Are “Coequal In Power And Glory!”
 - Colossians 2:9 - “For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily!”
 - These Three Persons Work Together, In Total Harmony, When It Comes To The Outward Working Of God And His Will!
 - Creation / Baptism / Atonement
 - A Cooperation With One Another With A Common Purpose!
 - These Three Persons Have Decided Upon Mutually Agreed Differences!
 - In Order And In Functions!
 - The “Everlasting Covenant” - A Conference Held Before This World Ever Began Between The Three Persons Of The Trinity - To Determine Their Order & Functions In God’s Dealings With Mankind!
 - Ephesians 1:4 - “According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love!”
 - 1 Peter 1:19-20 - “But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you!”

- Revelation 13:8 - “And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world!”
 - The Work Of God Was Not / Is Not A Reactionary After-Thought!
 - The Work Of God Is Typically Done In This Fashion:
 - From The Father!
 - Through The Son!
 - By The Holy Spirit!
 - “As To The Divine Works, The Father Is The Source From Which Every Operation Emanates, The Son Is The Medium Through Which It Is Performed, And The Holy Spirit Is The Executive By Which It Is Carried Into Effect!” (George Smeaton)
 - These Three Persons Are Infinitely Humble!
 - They Defer Their Own Deserved Glory To The Other Members Of The Trinity!
 - God The Father Promotes The Glory Of His Son!
 - Matthew 17:5 - “While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him!”
 - God The Son Promotes The Glory Of His Father!
 - Luke 22:42 - “Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done!”
 - God The Spirit Promoted The Glory Of The Son!
 - He Brings Christ To The Forefront!
 - John 16:13-14 - “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you!”
 - So, How Do We Learn About Life In The Spirit Through Christ?
 - “In Seeking To Be Filled And Empowered By The Spirit, We Must Pursue Him Indirectly – We Must Look To The Wonder Of Christ!” (John Piper)
 - “The Spirit Does Not Reveal Himself. The Spirit Reveals Christ. The Fulness Of The Spirit Is The Fulness That He Gives As We Gaze On Christ! The Power Of The Spirit Is The Power We Feel In The Presence Of Christ! The Joy Of The Spirit Is The Joy We Feel From The Promises Of Christ!” (John Piper)
 - The Relationship Between God The Son & God The Holy Spirit Is Truly Unique!
 - It Is The Most Perfect & Elevated Relationship!
 - Therefore, It Is The Ideal Example – The Perfect Prototype!
 - Psalm 45:6-7 - “Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows!”
 - John 3:34 - “For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him!”
3. Our Lesson: If You Want To Live Your Christian Life In The Spirit!
- Look To Christ! Live Like Christ! Live For Christ!
 - Specifically, How Did The Holy Spirit Relate To Christ’s Life On Earth?
 - Consider This Next Week.

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