

Introduction:

- Last week we looked at who Holy Spirit is, we looked at the importance of proximity/ waiting on Him.
- We looked at how our devotion and identity of being alive isn't going to sustain us outside of relationship and communion with Him.
- You can't have my history with Holy Spirit and I can't have yours. Like working out, you can't have another person's fitness.
- We looked at what the Holy Spirit is—our Advantage, Helper, Teacher, Comforter, etc.
- In order to move forward with "What now?" we need to look back for a moment. Let's back track just a few steps back to the beginning and ask ourselves an important question.

I. Why do we exist?

- A. This is so simple, but yet so foundational to our hearts, and will keep us grounded through the highs and lows.
- B. We simply exist for Him. That's it. He doesn't exist for us—we exist for Him.
 1. Colossians 1:16, NKJV *"For by Him **all things** were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. **All things** were created through Him and for Him."*
 2. Psalm 24:1, NKJV *"The earth is the LORD's, and **all** its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein."*
- C. We exist to Glorify Him.
 1. Left to our own devices we will fail every time. Left to ourselves we will find a means to let God gratify us, instead of us glorifying Him. (God does satisfy us but that's not the point.) It takes the power of the Holy Spirit to fill us and renew our minds in Him to bring the glory He deserves to Him.
 2. Isaiah 29:16, NIV *"...as if the potter were thought to be like the clay! Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, "You did not make me "Can the pot say to the potter, "You know nothing"?"*
 3. We as clay need to understand rightly who the Potter is.
- D. The Holy Spirit does not exist for us, He exists and was given to us, so that we can be given fully to Him. We cannot do it on our own; we need Him, the helper, our advantage.
- E. It goes back to the beginning in the Garden. God desired for us to know Him fully and for Him to receive all of our affection and love.
- F. So then the only right question after that is—How?

II. How do we do this? It takes Holy Spirit!

- A. We renew our Mind

1. Luke 3:16-17, John's baptism reaches the surface, its an outward expression or cleansing, an outward example *"I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. **17** His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire."* (Luke 3:16-17, NKJV)
 2. But the Holy Spirit who baptizes with fire, cleanses the inside and its not seen. The Lord examines the Heart. This is critical when we look at the Holy Spirit and the importance of being filled.
- B. **1 Corinthians 2:9-12, NKJV** *"But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."**10** But **God** has revealed them to us through **His Spirit.** For the **Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.** **11** For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. **12** Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the **Spirit** who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God."*
1. Holy Spirit will reveal our intentions, our motives, or understanding,
 2. Holy Spirit is great at revealing the true colors behind what we even lie to ourselves about.
 3. It's not about the gifts, it's about the Giver. The anointing/fire and power is about being a witness to Him. The gifts testify to the Giver.
 4. God is simply not the only answer to the longing of the human heart. We all have longings. But to simply see Him as the answer is upside down. The longings of our hearts exist to lead us to long for Him so that we can glorify Him.
 5. Simply put, the Holy Spirit was given so that we could glorify Jesus in the same way the Father glorified Jesus and the Son glorified the Father.
 - a. *John 17: 4-5, NKJV "I have glorified You on the earth.... **5** And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was."*
 6. Having the third person of the Trinity inside of us is to our advantage because if we submit to Him then we can Glorify Him.
 - i. Romans 11:36, NKJV *"For of Him and through Him and to Him are **all things**, to whom be glory forever. Amen."*
 7. When we see Him as valuable and not just an answer to our deepest longings– then we can treasure Him.

III. We need to See the Treasure we have

- A. We find value in what we know, and only in seeing the value can we treasure something.
 - 1. Colossians 2:2-3, NKJV "... of the Father and of Christ, **3** in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."
- B. Another phrase we may be more familiar with is 'riches', "riches of His glory" Ephesians 3:16, NKJV "...that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,"
- C. Meditation or fellowship with the Holy Spirit. His favorite mode a transportation is the Word of God. Jesus said, "**My words are Spirit and they are life**" (John 6:63, KJV)
- D. 1 Peter 2:7 - To those who believe, He is Precious.
- E. Slow down and quit trying to finish our bible reading plans. Take the phrases we read and turn them back to God. (*Example: Pete and repeat*)
- F. As we do this by the Holy Spirit (who reveals all things), we will begin to see who we are in Christ, what we have received in Christ, and we will begin to see dimly at who He really is.
- G. We taste of it now dimly now through the Spirit, but ultimately at the day of the Lord.
 - 1. 1 Corinthians 13:12, NKJV "For now we see in a mirror **dimly**, but then face to face."

IV. Strengthen our Inner Man

- A. If you have spent any bit of time here at Freedom you have heard this phrase or know it by the famous analogy used during salvation calls by Pastor Tim, "*this word is to your spiritual man as food is to your natural man*". He is talking about the inner man
- B. 1 Peter 3:4, ESV "*but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.*hidden parts of our heart"
- C. In Ephesians 3:16-19, Paul uses the phrase—inner man.
- D. Psalm 106:12-15, KJV "*Then believed they his words; they sang his praise. They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel: But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert. And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.*"
- E. Psalm 119:32, NKJV "*I will run the course of Your commandments, For You shall enlarge my heart*".
- F. John 4 & John 7 says, he will fill us.
- G. This is critical, to many believers walk around weak on the inside

V. Continue To Be Filled By Holy Spirit

- A. Scripture is admittedly clear that it's not just a one and done. We need to continue to be filled, continually.

- B. Acts 2, the initial filling
- C. Acts 4, Two years later we see them filled again
- D. Acts 8, we see Philip preached Jesus and baptized; but Peter and John came with the Spirit
- E. Acts 10: 44 and Acts 11:15, Holy Spirit came upon those who heard his words Just like the beginning
- F. Acts 13:52, they were saved and filled with Holy Spirit
- G. Acts 19, a group who were saved, yet knew nothing about the Spirit and were filled.
- H. The Holy Spirit does not steal glory from the Father
- I. So if there is concern about too much focus on Holy Spirit, just know that He lives to give glory to Jesus and to the Father. He proceeds from the father in John 16:14, NKJV *"He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you"*

Conclusion:

- Why are we renewed and filled, and existing? Unto being a witness to Him, His Glory, Acts 1:8, NKJV *"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall **be witnesses** to Me"*
- We will only walk in the Spirit in accordance to how much we talk to the Holy Spirit.
- There is nothing more Jesus can do for us; He has done it all: He died for us, He rose for us, and He has given Himself to us freely. We must lay hold of the riches that dwell inside of us, and as we do this, we will see an explosion of His presence, His power, and His peace. And this will bleed over into every aspect of our lives.