

## THE TRULY PERSONAL BENEFITS OF THE SPIRIT 29/7/12

*When you have the Holy Spirit you also have some very powerful tools to help you through every aspect of life... in every period of time... no matter what. The only thing that will get in the way is unbelief. This presentation will highlight the Lord's ability to manage every one of these issues... in a very personal way.*

***Guilt, unworthiness and disappointment can cause us to doubt and fear... God says... No condemnation.***

**ROM 7:21** I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

**22** For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

**23** But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. *Paul outlines his frustrations and fears of the natural mind.*

**24** O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

**25** I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin. *He also outlines the solution by quoting God's personal promises to us.*

**8:1** There is therefore now **no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus**, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. *For Spirit filled people... making a sincere effort in the Spirit is all God requires.*

**2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

**&6** For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. *The choice is ours.*

**&9** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God **dwell** in you (*If you are willing to be led by the indwelling Spirit... v14* For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God). Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. *Those who have the Spirit need to be led by it.*

***Paul writes of having confident Expectation, based on God's personal and tangible confirmation to us.***

**ROM 8:16** The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: *proof is offered.*

**17** And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together. *Paul uses logical argument to establish spiritual truths for us.*

**18** For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.* *Much of the suffering relates to the battle between the flesh and the spirit... not just persecution. That is why many of these qualifying verses are presented to us... God know your frailty.*

**19** For the earnest **expectation** of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. *If we expect to meet the Lord, then we also need to expect and seek quality results in this life as well.*

***John reveals why we can have absolute Confidence towards God.***

**1JOH 5:12** He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

**13** These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that **ye may know that ye have eternal life** (*to be assured*), and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

**14** And this is the **confidence** that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: *Be confident... eternal life is assured by the Spirit. Also, the ongoing needs of life are fully catered for.*

**15** And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, **we know** that we have the petitions that we desired of him. *Simple logic based on the salvation message and its miraculous consequences.*

***Faith and Motivation***

**PSA 37:23** The steps of a *good* man are **ordered** (*The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives*) by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. *God is always interested in us.*

**24** Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth *him* with his hand.

**PRO 3:5** Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

**6** In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. *Put the Lord first and blessing is yours.*

***We all have different abilities... let's use them according to the Lord's will rather than our own.***

**1PET 4:10** As every man hath received the gift, *even so* minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. *God has given us differing abilities, awarnesses, circles of friends, contacts, etc.*

**11** If any man speak, *let him speak* as the oracles of God; if any man minister, *let him do it* as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified. *All God wants is a sincere and lasting effort and not to be put off by our shortcomings or disappointments.*

*The full benefit of the Holy Spirit is wide open, if you make a reasonable effort to serve the Lord.*