

The Kingdom of God
Holy Spirit – Delegate of The Lord and Christ

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Why do we not have power today—as believers? We watch, in these troubled times as believers run back and forth being scared, being easily turned to one point of view or another. Why do we not have power? Why are Christians running around scared today as the world changes? The answer is that we have only the power of our churches, and that's not sufficient for the day in which we live. The day in which we live requires divine power and mighty strength working through us. The only way you can remain calm today, and at peace, is to know the Lord in a way that goes beyond how the typical church member knows the Lord.

We have been “enticed” to become church members on the promise that if we do that, we will have a good time, we'll be good citizens, God will bless us and take care of us and when we die we'll go to heaven. No suffering is part of any of this and no encounter with the demonic—with the schemes of the enemy—figures into this. It's all about reason and logic and things you could do, and reading and quoting Scripture as how you figure out all of what you need to do. But that theology is breaking down before our eyes in light of present realities. Soon enough, the churches that have built their power base on appealing to people with these messages are going to be discredited, if for no other reason than this exodus of people leaving will continue.

Now when you talk like this, you know, people are inclined to think, “Well, this fellow is just against the church.” No. I know that Jesus intended to build His church. But the word “church” is the word “ekklesia”. The English translation doesn't do justice to it. Jesus has never left you, nor has He forsaken you because “ekklesia” is “the called out”, those who've been called out to be His body, His people. In previous broadcasts we've talked about how that power by which they're to be established, which is a sufficient power to overcome the attacks of our enemy against us—“spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms”—that power is sufficient because it is a total

power, plenary power, complete grant of authority in heaven and on earth. But that clearly is *not the same power* by which the majority of churches, indeed I would say, churches in general, are constituted today.

The power is the power of the good will of the community and/or the power of a nation if you are talking about a state church as is common in European nations—both East and Western Europe—or the membership’s resources and influence. But that’s not the power of Jesus Christ.

The power of Jesus Christ comes to us, and vests in us, via His delegate, the Holy Spirit. Look, come with me. This is from the **Gospel of John, chapter 14**. Here, Jesus says, **“If you love me, you will obey what I command.”** Verse 16, **“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world,”** you see, **“cannot accept him [the Spirit of truth] because it neither sees him nor knows him.”** I mean, you cannot see the Holy Spirit and you cannot know the ways of the Spirit. **“But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.”** (“He lives with you and he will be in you.”) Jesus said, **“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”** And then He goes on to say, **“Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.”** Fabulous. **“Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.”** (Inserted – **John 14: 15-21**)

Now in the **16th** chapter, Jesus goes on to tell us about the Holy Spirit and He says, **“‘Now I am going to him who sent me,’—this is verse 5 of John 16—‘yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.’** Verse 8 says, **“When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.’** Verse 12, **‘I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.’”** – **John 16: 5-15**)

Now here is my question: What is it that the Holy Spirit takes that belongs to Jesus, that Jesus got from the Father, which now is given to us by the Spirit? What is it? What did the Father have that He gave to Jesus, that Jesus now gives to the Spirit and the Spirit gives to us? The answer? All power... all authority in heaven and on earth. Jesus said, "All authority, in heaven and on earth has been given to me." Who had all power in heaven and on earth? The Father. That's why the Father could give it to the Son and that's how Jesus got it. The Father gave authority and power to the Son. (Inserted – actual verse—**"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.'**" – **Matthew 28:18**) Now the Son is seated on the throne; we are on the earth. He is in the third heavens; we are in the first heavens—the third heavens being the highest. If you reverse it, He is in the highest of the heavens, the first heavens, and we are in the third—the lowest. We were made a little lower than the angels. (Inserted – actual verse—**"What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor."** – **Psalm 8: 4,5**)

How does His power—his authority against His enemy, empowering us, His body, of which He is the head—how does it [His power] come to us? The answer is: He told us that He would send us the Holy Spirit. Now, He gave us a secret about the work of the Spirit by saying—and we read it earlier in the **14th chapter**—He said, **"I will not leave you as orphans."** That's **chapter 14, of John, verse 18, "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."** Now how will He come to us? He is in heaven. **"Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me."** Well, how are we going to see Him? Was He coming back? He still hasn't been gone. How would this be fulfilled? **"Because I live, you also will live."** What does that mean? He says, **"On that day** (when I've gone, but you will see me) **"you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you."**

What does that have to do with the power of Jesus coming to us by the Holy Spirit? We are said to be "in Him" and He is said to be "in us".

The question is: How are we to be "in Him" and how is He to be "in us" and what does this have to do with the power of Jesus Christ coming to us via the Holy Spirit because, in this context, He tells us that He "will not leave us as orphans, but He will send us the Counselor, who is the Holy Spirit." How does all of this tie together? How does this relate to having the power of Jesus Christ, by the Holy Spirit? Well then the question is: How is He "in you"? He is in us by His Spirit. He sent the Holy Spirit—who has all of His power, who has all of His authority—to live in us.

Where, in us, does the Holy Spirit live? **Romans 8:11** gives us the answer. **Romans 8:11** says, "If the Spirit of

him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you (so the Spirit dwells in us) then He who gave Christ life from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies.” (Inserted – actual verse—“**And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.**” – **Romans 8:11**) So the Spirit lives in these mortal bodies. Where in these mortal bodies does He live? Well we have a spirit and we have a soul within these mortal bodies. That’s from **I Thessalonians, chapter 5, verses 23.**

There it says, “May you be sanctified, through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be presented blameless at the coming of our Lord.” (Inserted – actual verse—“**May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**” – **I Thessalonians 5:23**) So you have a spirit and you have a soul that lives within this body and the intent of God is to sanctify you. Where, in us, does the Holy Spirit dwell? Is it in our spirits or in our souls? What do you think? The Scriptures give us the answer in **Romans 8:16**, which says, “For the Spirit himself testifies with our spirits... with our *spirits* that we are the sons of God.” (Inserted – actual verse—“**The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.**” – **Romans 8:16**)

The point of communion between the Holy Spirit and the human being is the spirit: Spirit to spirit—the Holy Spirit to the human spirit. You see, this is necessary because it is the spirit of man that is able to respond to the work of the Holy Spirit within us—to the Spirit of God. For example, we worship God, spirit to Spirit, “For the Spirit himself testifies with our spirits.” (Inserted – **Romans 8:16a**) And, “God is a Spirit, those who worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth.” (Inserted – actual verse—“**‘God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.’**” – **John 4:24**) So we worship in spirit and we receive revelation from God by the Holy Spirit to the human spirit. “**Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.**” (Inserted – **Philippians 2:5 KJV**)

You see, the spirit of man—like the soul of man—has a mind and has emotions. There is a mind to the soul and there is a mind to the spirit. This concept of mind and emotion is called “the heart”, so there is a heart that is wicked and there is a heart that is righteous. When the heart that is wicked rules, it is the soul that is ruling because it is cut adrift from the person of God. See, when the Scripture speaks of “the heart”, it speaks of the core of being, not just the organ that pumps the blood—that would be the relevance to the human body. And it’s saying basically that as the core of the human body is described by the heart, so the core of the human being, the human spiritual being, is described by the heart, as well. And there is a heart to the soul, meaning the emotions, the will and the intellect of the soul are one thing and the emotions, the will and the intellect of the spirit are

another.

So we are told, “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.” But we are also told, “The carnal mind is enmity with God.” (Inserted – actual verse—**“Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.” – Romans 8:7 KJV**) So there has to be a renewing of the mind. It means that the mind of the spirit must “rule” and make the mind of the soul, subject to it [the mind of the spirit]. The emotions of the spirit must rule. The emotions of the spirit, by the way, are worship, and they must rule the desires of the flesh—which are the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life. (Inserted – actual verse—**“For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world.” – I John 2:16**)

And the mind of the spirit must rule and renew the thinking, the premises, the assumptions of the soul. It’s one... and the other.

The soul has the same divisions as the spirit, and when the soul rules, the human being is lost. When the soul rules, the human being is without hope, the human being is without understanding and he’s afraid. When the *spirit* rules, the human being has the comfort that comes from the Almighty God and the assurance of power, working on your behalf and the understanding of the mind of God. One overthrows the other. The church today is full of people whose souls are ruling. The carnality of the present church is the reason why it’s afraid, it’s the reason why it has no hope and it’s the reason why it is in distress over the events of the present time. That’s why.

There has to be a renewing of the mind, not just some more “jazzed-up” services, not just some more appeals to the soul. The soul, in its condition, is afraid and scared and the time will come when, as is happening right now in other countries in the world... in Iraq, for example, Christians are being slaughtered in the churches. The churches are being bombed. Christians are being killed in Chad where a Muslim majority, with the support of the government, is running rampant. They are doing the same thing in various other places such as the Philippines and in Pakistan. Christians are being under physical attack. If that were to happen in America, for any reason at all, the churches would be emptied out of people because the present church has little or nothing to say that would secure people against such things.

You have to have an actual relationship with the Lord and that relationship is what I’m describing—where the Spirit of God lives in your spirit, has communion with your spirit and brings the knowledge of God into your spirit and replaces the scared, lost, frustrated, anxious conditions of the soul. How does God actually accomplish this? Well, He does it with “suffering”. Suffering is what causes you to see that you cannot trust the soul. Suffering is

what brings you into confrontation with the real power that works on your behalf—namely the power of the Spirit of God. So Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit, who has all of the authority and the power of Jesus Christ in the earth. The Spirit dwells within us, even as the Spirit assembles us into the person of Jesus Christ.

We are the body of Christ, so not only is He “in us”, by His Spirit, but we are “in Him”. In the book of **I Corinthians** the **12th chapter**, it tells us how we are placed into the body of Christ. **Verse 12** says that we are one body and **verse 13** says, “For by one Spirit are you baptized into one body—whether you be Jew or Greek, bond or free—and we are all made to drink of the one Spirit.” (Inserted – actual verse—“**The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.**” – **I Corinthians 12:12,13**)

Why is it that it requires the Holy Spirit then, to assemble us into the body of Christ? The answer is this: that no man knows what part of the body of Christ you are except the Spirit of God. The Spirit who searches the mind of the Lord, according to **I Corinthians, chapter 2**, “What man knows the things of man save the spirit of man within him and who knows the mind of the Lord except the Spirit of God. For the Spirit searches the deep things of God.” (Inserted – actual verse—“**For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man’s spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.**” – **I Corinthians 2: 11,12**)

The Spirit knows what part of the body of Christ you were meant to be. So when God saves you, the Spirit assembles you into the body of Christ as that part of the body that God designed you to be. Now in another broadcast we’ll talk about your destiny and calling, based upon who God knew you to be, before you were in your mother’s womb, but we’ll get to that. (Inserted – actual verse—“**‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart.’**” – **Jeremiah 1:5a**) We’re wanting to wrap up this piece that has to do with “how does the power and authority of Jesus Christ come to operate in you?” And we are showing that Jesus is sitting on the throne, but He has sent us the Holy Spirit to bring all of His power, all of His authority and to cause that to rest within us—by the Holy Spirit living in us.

Jesus said it would be this way: He [Jesus] would be “in us” and we would be “in Him”. He is in us by His Spirit and His Spirit lives within our spirits and changes the mind of the human being—from being governed by the soul to being governed by the Spirit. He is in us; we are in Him. We are in Him because He has a body and of that

body we are members. He has called us to be members of His body. When we are saved, the Spirit of God assembles us into the body of Christ and the Spirit knows precisely where we fit in the body because we are assembled according to the part that God made us to be. We are parts of the body of Christ and the Spirit fits us into the body as that part of the body that God foreknew us to be and designed us to be.

So your destiny then, is not just some generalized notion of how you may serve as a Christian. It is exactly how God intends to live in you and how He intends to live through you because you are a member of the body of Christ. He is the head, and the head directs the body according to the pleasure of the head and your ability to respond is by the Spirit who dwells within you, He tells you what the Head is saying to that part of the body that you are. Now you have the power of the Lord Jesus Christ resident within you because you have the Spirit—who is the delegate of Christ resident in you. And it is this Holy Spirit, who is called the Counselor, who has been legally charged with the authority of Jesus, to come and to dwell in you and to empower you.

Therefore, the power of Jesus Christ, gets from the throne where Jesus is sitting—where He has all power in heaven, over the demonic, and on earth, over man and the institutions of mankind—*that* power comes from heaven where Jesus is seated on the throne and it comes to you via the Holy Spirit who dwells within you. Jesus, therefore, sent us the Holy Spirit as His sole and exclusive delegate. There is no other way for you to have the power of Jesus Christ operating in you except by the Spirit. Now here is the critical factor about a delegate: a delegate does not do his own will; a delegate only does the will of the one who sent him. Therefore the power of Jesus Christ, working in you, can never be harnessed to support your ambitions. The power of Christ working in you has to be: to accomplish His purposes in you. The fact that we don't have power today is because we don't even know what Christ wants to do. We're doing what *we* want to do, and because that is so, we have all the power that we need to do what we want to do. But if we are ever going to do the purposes of Christ, we are going to have to operate exclusively by the restraints of the Holy Spirit. He is the delegate; you are subject to His absolute work. I'm Sam Soleyn; God bless you. I'll see you again as we talk about your destiny.

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