

THE SPIRIT FOR OUR EXPERIENCE

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2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Message 1

THE CONVICTING SPIRIT

I. The Lord convicting man concerning sin and bringing them to repentance in His earthly ministry

A. The beginning of the Lord's Ministry

1. Coming as a great light to shine on the people in darkness

Matt. 4:16 The people sitting in darkness have seen a great light; and to those sitting in the region and shadow of death, to them light has risen."

2. Telling people to repent

Matt 4:17 From that time Jesus began to proclaim and to say, Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens has drawn near.

Matt. 3:2 And saying, Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens has drawn near. (see footnote 2¹)

Mark 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has drawn near. Repent and believe in the gospel. (see footnote 15²)

B. Seeking out the Samaritan woman and convicting her of a particular sin—John 4:4–26

C. Seeking out Zaccheus and convicting him of a particular sin—Luke 19:1–10

II. The Convicting Spirit

John 16:7–11 But I tell you the truth, It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Comforter will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and concerning righteousness and concerning judgment: Concerning sin, because they do not believe into Me; And concerning righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you no longer behold Me; And concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

A. The Lord's going into death and resurrection to come back as the Spirit (v. 7)

B. As a man the Lord is restricted by time and space, as the Spirit He transcends the limits of time, space, and can get into us

C. The first work the Lord does as the Spirit is the same as what He did as man in His earthly ministry, to convict the world (v. 8)

D. The Spirit convicts the world of three things:

1. Concerning sin that entered through Adam

Rom. 5:12 Therefore just as through one man sin entered into the world, and through sin, death; and thus death passed on to all men because all have sinned.

2. Concerning righteousness which is the resurrected Christ who frees us from sin, when we believe into Him by becoming righteous to us and justifying us in Him

1 Cor. 1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

Rom. 3:24 Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.

Rom. 4:25 Who was delivered for our offenses and was raised for our justification.

3. Concerning judgment for Satan the source of sin

John 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks it out of his own possessions; for he is a liar and the father of it.

4. If we do not repent of the sin that is in Adam and believe into Christ , we will remain in sin and share the judgment of Satan for eternity

Matt. 25:14 For the kingdom of the heavens is just like a man about to go abroad, who called his own slaves and delivered to them his possessions.

III. The woman in Luke 15 signifying the work of the convicting Spirit

Luke 15:8 Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one silver coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I lost. In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner repenting.

A. Seeking and sweeping inside the house signifying the work of the Spirit being inward and within

B. Convicting us through the word as the lamp (v.8)

Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalms 119:130 The opening of Your words gives light, imparting understanding to the simple.

Message Two

THE LIFE-GIVING SPIRIT

I. We need life-giving because we are dead

A. We are dead because of sin

Gen. 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, of it you shall not eat; for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.

Rom. 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Rom. 5:12 Therefore just as through one man sin entered into the world, and through sin, death; and thus death passed on to all men because all have sinned.

John 8:21 He said therefore again to them, I am going away, and you will seek Me and will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come.

B. As dead ones we go along with this age

Eph. 2:1-5 1 And you, though dead in your offenses and sins, 2 In which you once walked according to the age of this world, according to the ruler of the authority of the air, of the spirit which is now operating in the sons of disobedience; 3 Among whom we also all conducted ourselves once in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the thoughts, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest; 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in offenses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)

1. We walk according to the age of this world (v. 2)

2. According to the ruler of the authority of the air, referring to Satan the prince of the rulers and authorities over the air

3. Of the spirit which is now operating in the sons of disobedience (v. 3)

a. There is an order in this universe with God as the head

1 Cor. 11:3 But I want you to know that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of the woman, and God is the head of Christ.

b. As a man Christ was obedient to God

Heb. 5:7-8 This One, in the days of His flesh, having offered up both petitions and supplications with strong crying and tears to Him who was able to save Him out of death and having been heard because of His piety, Even though He was a Son, learned obedience from the things which He suffered.

Phil. 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient even unto death, and that the death of a cross.

c. Through His obedience to God Christ is now our Savior and we must be obedient to Him in the gospel for our salvation

Rom. 10:16 But not all have obeyed the gospel, for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?"

2 Thes. 1:8 Rendering vengeance to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

d. The Bible tells us we must be obedient to parents

Rom. 1:30 Whisperers, slanderers, hateful to God, insolent, arrogant, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

- e. The Bible tells us we must obey authority (e.g. teachers, police, laws, government)

Titus 3:1 Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready unto every good work,

Rom. 13:1 Let every person be subject to the authorities over him, for there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are ordained by God.

- f. Satan is the source of disobedience

Isa. 14:12–14 How you have fallen from heaven, / O Daystar, son of the dawn! / How you have been hewn down to earth, / You who made nations fall prostrate! But you, you said in your heart: / I will ascend to heaven; / Above the stars of God / I will exalt my throne. / And I will sit upon the mount of assembly / In the uttermost parts of the north. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; / I will make myself like the Most High.

Ezek. 28:2 Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Because your heart is lifted up, and you have said, I am a god—I sit in the seat of God in the midst of the seas; yet you are a man and not a god, although you set your heart as if it were the heart of God.

- 4. Conduct ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the thoughts
- 5. Were by nature the children of wrath even as the rest

II. God makes us alive together with Christ (v. 4) because Christ is the life-giving Spirit

1 Cor. 15:45b . . . the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

- A. The Spirit of life frees us from the law of sin and of death by making our spirit life

Rom. 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.

Rom. 8:10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness.

- B. The Spirit gives life

2 Cor. 3:6b . . . the Spirit gives life.

John 6:63a It is the Spirit who gives life; . . .

- C. When we set our mind on the spirit our spirit is life

Rom. 8:5–6 For those who are according to the flesh mind the things of the flesh; but those who are according to the spirit, the things of the Spirit. For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

- 1. Because our spirit is life we don't have to go along with this age
- 2. Because our exercised spirit is life we are happy, joyful, leaping, rejoicing and joyful
- 3. Because our spirit is life we are the ones calling on the Lord

Acts 2:21 And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Rom. 10:12–13 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all and rich to all who call upon Him; For "whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

2 Tim. 2:22 But flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Message Three

THE SEPARATING SPIRIT

I. Our Holy God is different, distinct from all things

Lev. 11:44 For I am Jehovah your God. Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. And you shall not defile yourselves with any of the swarming things that move upon the earth.

1 Sam. 2:2 There is none holy like Jehovah, / For there is none besides You; / Nor is there a rock like our God.

II. Satan has organized and systematized God's creation, making it common and profane, in order to occupy and usurp man

1 John 2:15-17 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him; Because all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vainglory of life, is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and its lust, but he who does the will of God abides forever.

James 4:4 Adulteresses, do you not know that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever determines to be a friend of the world is constituted an enemy of God.

III. God chose us in eternity past to be holy

Eph. 1:4 Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to be holy and without blemish before Him in love,

IV. The separating Spirit reached us in time causing us to obey the gospel

1 Peter 1:2 Chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father in the sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

V. The separating Spirit is working to sanctify us, make us holy, after our regeneration

2 Thes. 2:13 But we ought to thank God always concerning you, brothers beloved of the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning unto salvation in sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth,

1 Thes. 5:23 And the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

VI. We cooperate with the separating Spirit by presenting ourselves to be made holy

Rom. 6:19 I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to uncleanness and lawlessness unto lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness unto sanctification.

Rom. 12:1-2 I exhort you therefore, brothers, through the compassions of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

Message 4

THE SATURATING SPIRIT

I. Our God wants to saturate our inward parts with His holy element

1 Thes. 5:23 And the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

II. The Spirit saturates us by washing away the old element and adding Himself as the new element

2 Cor. 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

Titus 3:5 Not out of works in righteousness which we did but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit,

III. The Spirit saturates us by our taking the Word as spirit and life

John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

Eph. 5:26 That He might sanctify her, cleansing her by the washing of the water in the word,

John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

Eph. 6:17-18 And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God, By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,