

Holy Spirit — the Where of the Kingdom

Holy Spirit & Kingdom Within 4

I. Spirit of Superabundance

A. Creation Involves the Holy Spirit

Gen 1:1 In the beginning, God created (**aleph-tav**) [sl. 1]
and **darkness** was over the face of the deep **2** the **Spirit of God** was
*hovering over the face of the **waters**. * vibrating, trembling
(musically).

B. Unlimited Possibilities — “New Creation”

Ezek 47:1 Then he brought me... to the door of the temple, and behold, **water was issuing** from below the threshold (point of entry) of the temple ...

... **5 Again he measured** (Over a mile) and it was a **river** that *I could not pass through*, for the water had risen. It was **deep enough to swim in**, a river that could not be passed through.

6 And he said to me, “Son of man, have you seen this?” Then he led me back to the bank of the river. **7** As I went back, **I saw** on the bank of the river **very many trees** on the **one side** and on **the other**. **8** And he said to me, “This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become **fresh**. (Heb. *Rapha* — *healed, made healthful, purified*).

9 And **wherever the river goes, ... everything will live where the river goes**.

The flow begins at the threshold (point of entry).

His divine invitation is based in mercy, covenant love,

C. The Invitation to Abundant Life... Thirsty, Broke,
Weary, Oppressed, Stressed Out, Anxious... **Come**

Is. 55:1a **“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;**

Does all this really fulfill you? Are you thirsty? Awareness of need, conviction of sin <falling short of God's best, frustration, rebellion, resentment, despair, "no hope, no exit."

Mt. 11:28 NIV "**Come** to me, all you who are **weary** and **burdened**, and I will **give you rest**. [sl. 2]

Awake. Arise. Count it all Joy. No Eye has seen... God's eyes are searching the earth for **Dauids willing to face Goliaths**.

II. Pursuit — Priorities — Provision

A. To be Human is to Pursue something... Appetites, Desires, Dreams, Projects, Fulfillment, ... Satisfaction?

B. Priority #1: the Kingdom of God

Mt 6:20 **Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

21 For **where your treasure is, there your heart will be** also.

24 "No one can **serve** two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You **cannot** serve God **and** money.

Matt 6:25 "Therefore I tell you, **DO NOT BE ANXIOUS** about your **life**, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your **body**, what you will put on. Is not life **more** than food, and the body **more** than clothing?

26 **Look at the birds** of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? [sl. 3]

27 And which of you **by being anxious** can add a single hour to his span of life?

28 And **why** are you anxious about clothing? **Consider the lilies** of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, **29** yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. [sl. 4]

- 30** But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? **31** Therefore **DO NOT BE ANXIOUS**, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’
- 32** For the Gentiles seek after ***all these things***, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.
- 33** But **seek FIRST the kingdom of God** and his righteousness, and ***all these things*** will be added to you. **[sl. 5]**
- 34** “Therefore **DO NOT BE ANXIOUS** about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. Make it your priority to find the Kingdom of God. And ALL THESE THINGS

C. Locating the Kingdom of God

Rom 14:17 For the **kingdom of God** is **not** a matter of eating and drinking **but** of righteousness and peace and joy **IN** the Holy Spirit.

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Mt 6:9 Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

10 Your **kingdom come**, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. **11** Give us this day our daily bread, **12** and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. **13** And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Righteousness of God — < righteousness is primarily a relational posture, secondarily a legal standing >

Rom 1:17 **[sl. 6]** gospel reveals; 3:21 “manifested apart from the law 22 through faith in Jesus Christ 23 all have sinned and

fall short of the glory of God **24** justified by his grace as a gift through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus **25** a propitiation by his blood, received by faith...

Peace of God beyond comprehension (SHALOM: completeness, abundance, love, joy, Confident expectation)

Phil 4:6 do not be anxious about anything, but with prayer... **7**
And the **peace of God**, which surpasses all understanding, will **guard** your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **[sl. 7]**

Isa 26:3 You **keep** him in **perfect peace** <shalom shalom> whose mind (attitude; mindset) is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. **[sl. 8]**

Joy of the Lord — glorious beyond human language;

1Pet 1:8 Though you have **not seen** him, you **love** him. Though you do **not now see** him, you **believe** in him and **REJOICE with joy** that is **inexpressible** and **filled with glory**, **[sl. 9]**

9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the **salvation** of your souls.

Absolute Freedom — Single Focus!

III. Journey into ALL the TRUTH

Jn 16:12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

Holy Spirit begins with us **where we are** in order to take us to **where we've never been**. He guides us beyond our present understanding.

13 When the ***Spirit of truth*** comes, he will guide you into ***all the truth***, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he ***will declare to you the things that are to come***. **14** He will glorify me, for he will take **what is mine** and declare it to you. **15 All that the Father has** is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and **declare it to you**.

ALL THE TRUTH — ALL that the Father has

Marcus Aurelius — “Everything we hear is an opinion, not a fact.
Everything we see is a perspective, not the truth.”

In 177 Blandina refused to deny Christ or accuse her brothers and sisters in the faith, saying, “I am a Christian. Among us no evil is done.”

IV. Truth

A. Focus Your Heart Fully on Increasing GRACE

1Pet 1:13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, *set your **hope fully on the **grace***** that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

B. Obedience to Truth — All the Truth

14 As **obedient** children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, 15 but **as he *who called* you is **holy****, you also **be **holy** in all your conduct**,... (super - natural; extra - ordinary; eternal, not temporal; imago Dei)

22 Having **purified your souls by your obedience to **THE truth**** for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,

C. Immortality in your DNA... Declare the Future

23 since you have **been born again**, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, **through the **living and abiding word (λόγος)**** of God; 24 for

“All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers, and the flower falls,

25 but the word (**ῥῆμα**) of the **Lord** remains forever.”

And this word (**ῥῆμα**) is the *good news that was preached* to you.

Jesus Christ is Lord!

BEHOLD,

DRINK, OVERFLOW — Joy Hope Love Power

The PROMISE of the Father is for YOU
Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit
You carry the Trinity wherever you go
NEW Heaven and NEW Earth
Are you thirsty?

ACTIVATING THE GIFTS

1 Pet 4:10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: