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11 Holy Spirit HOW TO COOPERATE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Executive Branch - Believers has two advocates - Jesus pleads

Text: Acts 8:26-40 our cause in Heaven before the Father;
Holy Spirit pleads His case on earth in our

INTRO: When group of ministers were considering Moody for meetings in England. One young minister complained, "~~XXXX~~ Does Moody have a monopoly on the Holy Spirit?" "It's obvious to us who have watched his ministry that the HOLY SPIRIT HAS A MONOPOLY ON MOODY."

Greatest danger - trust in methods, etc - not Holy Spirit

The men of the New Testament were men of the ~~Sp~~ Spirit...the criterion of the Church was their relation to the Spirit...Take the Spirit out of the New Test. church would be like taking the colors out of the rainbow and still calling it a rainbow.

This is the age of the Spirit...the reins of spiritual government has been handed over to the Spirit. All God does He does through His Spirit. *He is the great Evangelist.*

Phillip is an excellent example of cooperating with the Spirit. The Holy Spirit had a monopoly on Phillip.

God uses us when we are:

Phillip left pulpit to win the man to

Important: one on one witness - personal sharing & public sharing.

1. SURRENDERED TO THE OPPORTUNITIES OF THE SPIRIT. V. 26, 39.

"He touched me & made me, go."

Not enough to hear and understand, must "arise and go." In v. 39, "Caught away" means seized as by a thief, snatched. If Spirit did that to most of us, would tear our arms off we're clinging so to the world, etc.,

Rapture, not Rapture

It is the Spirit which directs the work of the Gospel. We must be totally surrendered to Him without questioning reluctance...because these opportunities are:

1. Unknown* Phillip didn't know about the ~~XXXXXX~~ eunuch. Couldn't have known he was disturbed. The Spirit did. We don't know any prospects. The Spirit knows plenty.

Broken hearts we meet w/out knowing it.

Civil War - Farmer Brown: "The wheels are full g'lem!"

2. Unexplained = Spirit didn't say why or where, just go to the DESERT. He didn't promise him a soul, etc.

→ Like Abraham, he traveled under sealed orders. If we're not surrendered we will question, hesitate. We must be willing to go to the desert.

CONFIDENCE IN HIS LEADERSHIP.

New approaches in worship, etc.
3. Unusual = Phillip could have said, "Too irregular. Never done this before." If he had asked others their advice, probably never gone to the desert.

(The revival in Samaria was so great they sent people from Jerusalem to investigate.)

God can't use men bound by ~~tradition~~ tradition, precedent, etc. WESLEY, WHITEFIELD.

4. Unique = no one else
Sensitive Committed to
II. SECURES THE OBJECTIVE OF THE SPIRIT
Vs. 35: "...and preached unto him Jesus."

His objective is synonymous with that of the Spirit. HE WANTS WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WANTS. *How to be filled, used*

"When He is come, he shall TESTIFY OF ME."

~~Phillip~~ Phillip didn't say anything about the "two Isaiah" theory, he preached unto him Jesus.

THE SPIRIT WORKS ON TWO LEVELS:

1. He prepares the ~~sinner~~ ^{man} -- eunuch..

The sanctification of the sinner;
sanctification BEFORE salvation. I Peter 1:2;
II Thess. 2:13
EUNICH & CORNELIUS

2. He prepares the messenger ...Phillip & Peter. But there must be a messenger. We must be willing to go to the desert.

In a Garden or in a Wilderness, a Mansion or a Sheek, the temptation is the same.
Satan has
only 3 bullets.

I John 2 gives ingredients of the world..
The lust of the eyes, flesh and pride
of life. Eve in Garden, Jesus in Wilderness
Whether ~~whether~~ you are in a garden or a desert, temptation is the same.
The world is the TEMPTATION. This is what
the devil holds up to attract us away
from God.

A real enemy...not to be underestimated.
"Don't let the world around you squeeze
you into its mold." Real pressure
exerted on the Christian by the world.

THE TEMPTED

THE FLESH: Not the chemical components
of our body, but the unregenerated nature,
that propensity to evil, that part of man's
nature that takes to sin like a duck
takes to water. It is the lower nature,
the SELF, the big eye.

The flesh is THE TEMPTED. This is what
the devil appeals to in every temptation.
The world always appeals to our lower
nature, geared to the satisfying of the
flesh, the senses. *waitress in a bar dressed*
differently than at Shoney's

The flesh is what makes temptation
effective...The flesh is that part of
man that responds to sin, to temptation.

ILL (Match and gasoline tank. The devil
holds the match, the world is the match,
and the flesh is the gasoline in the
tank...and friends there is fuel in
the tank!!)

James 1 says sin is born when a man is
led away of his own lusts, desires...

World NOW: Notice, the devil and the world are
on the outside. The flesh is on the
inside. The only way the devil and the
flesh can get inside is through the
flesh...the flesh is the vulnerable
spot, that's where the devil makes his
beachhead in the Christian.

The flesh ~~must~~ must open the door and
let the devil and world in. SIN IS AN
INSIDE JOB!!!

*the Nazi W/ in
us - Communist Brown
This which sin
manifests itself
there*

Walking in the Spirit

I- Conquers the Vices of the Old Life

- 1- the fight is pitiful - who fights the flesh
- 2- New born baby
- 3- Concentration in Spirit, not sin

II- Creates the Virtues of the New Life

- 1- Complete
- 2- Consistent
- 3- X-like - True

So, if I can reenforce that harbor, if I can close that pass, if I can bar that door, the devil and the world can't get in. THE FLESH IS THE KEY, THE PROBLEM...

I am my biggest problem

If I can find victory over the flesh, I have the world and the devil beat...

TEXT: "Walk in the Spirit and you will not fulfil the lusts of the flesh."

FULFIL: Bring to fulfillment in action.. attainment of end or goal. The flesh will continue to assert itself but will be unable to dominate... ~~wixxxxx~~ it's desire will never reach fulfillment. And it's desire is to open the door and let the devil and the world in.

Doesn't mean no longer any temptation or struggle or conflict

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT -- letting the Holy Spirit regulate your life, letting Him set the boundaries...

BASIC PRECEPT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE: "My inability to do anything for myself in the spiritual realm."

Victory comes through the power of the indwelling Spirit. Sin is an inside job and so is victory!

THE LIFESTYLE OF THE SPIRIT....

I. A CERTAIN CONQUEST "Will not fulfil the lusts of the flesh."

That is a double negative... "will not by no means..." Bad grammar but great theology. The certainty of the conquest.

This passage indicates the Christian has

1. Co-existent natures: The Spirit and the flesh... Salvation does not eradicate the old nature. Paul: "When I would do good, evil present with me."

Christian is a TENSION-FILLED UNITY...A CIVIL WAR GOING ON INSIDE.

2. They are CONFLICTING NATURES...contrary one to the other. Always in conflict... When facing a decision or temptation always expect a conflict....BESETTING TEMPTATION.

3. They are COMPETING NATURES -- trying to control, fighting each other.

4. They ARE CONTROLLING NATURES....The will sides with the impulses of the flesh or the Spirit...

Will power or the will - a choice

WHO FIGHTS THE FLESH? ² Picture of two fighters in the ring...our trouble, there are three fighters...Christian...we try to fight the flesh. This passage shows that it is the Spirit that fights the flesh and keeps him in the place of death.

concentrate on sin or Spirit

Victory doesn't come by rules and resolutions, but by submission to the Spirit.

THE FIGHT IS FIXED! You decide who wins the fight. You allow yourself to be dominated by either one. The awful responsibility upon the Christian...The Spirit will not overcome the flesh without your consent.

When the Spirit is released, X is reproduced

II. A CHRIST-LIKE CHARACTER v. 22,23

Fruit is singular, not plural...God doesn't grade on the curve.

1. A complete Character -- nothing missing, what could you add to this?

2. A consistent character -- singular not plural...a person with nine characteristics, not nine people.

Doesn't grade on the curve

3. A Christ-like character -- fruit is outward expression of inward character...

Note contrast with works and fruit...

what the flesh produces and what the Spirit produces.

Two Things The Spirit Does:

1- He Conquers The Flesh

2- He Produces W/in us A
Christ-Like Life

ILL When we cut down trees on farm... that fall dead ~~xxxx~~ leaves on alive trees fell off, but dead leaves on dead trees still there... DEAD LEAVES DON'T FALL OFF TREES... They are pushed off... ~~xxxx~~ by the new life surging through them.

Notice the Spirit is a tree planted in the believer... God has arranged it so... you don't have to climb tree and pull off the leaves every year to make room for new ones. The new life pushes them off to make room for the new fruit...

THE SPIRIT IS A TREE GOD PLANTS IN THE BELIEVER and when He produces His fruit He naturally pushes off the dead leaves... The new fruit of love pushed off the dead leaf of hate, etc.

Just make certain the tree is healthy and the sap is flowing through the branches... Get out of the tree and stop trying to pull off all those dead leaves...

overcome one power by a greater power
by affection " affection

III. CONTINUING COOPERATION Vs. 24,25

Quench not 1. Reject the demands of the flesh... Let it stay crucified... "SAY, NO TO SELF"

Quench not 2. Respond to the Direction of the Spirit vs. 25. "walk" different from word in vs. 16. Here a military word meaning to keep in ~~xxxx~~ line, don't get out of step.

2-25-76 - Spring BC - Spring, Texas xxx
3-10-76 - FBC Cocoa, Fla
3-16-76 - Parkane BC - Titusville, Fla
6-22-76 - Immanuel BC - Wausau, Wis. xxx
9-22-76 - Southside BC - Pine Bluff, Ark
10-28-76 - FBC - Little Rock, Ark
2/77 - Oak Cliff BC - Ft. Smith, Ark
3-1-77 - Christdale BC - Dothan, Ala
3-11-77 - Immanuel BC - Wichita, Kan xxx
1-28-79 - Olivet BC, Wichita, Kan xx
9-19-79 - Filey Conference - Filey, Eng.
1-26-80 - BSW - U of OK - Norman, Ok
1-1980 - FBC - Enid, Okla
4-1980 - Eastside BC - Marietta, Ga
4-80 - Calvary BC - Knoxville, Tenn
6-80 - Calvary Hill BC - Mesquite, TX
7-80 - ICESWICK CONVENTION, England
4-81 - Valley View B.C. - Louisville, Ky
7-15-81 - Allendale B.C. - Austin, Texas
1-82 - FBC - Greenwood, Ark.