

I. THE ESSENCE OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS ALLOWING JESUS CHRIST TO LIVE HIS LIFE THROUGH US.

- A. Christianity is not about imitating Christ or trying to become like Him in ourselves. It's allowing Him to live His life through us. Most worldly religion is striving to become like someone. Christianity simply is allowing the Lord Jesus Christ to live their life through you.

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. (Gal 2:20)

- B. Jesus invites us to this life of daily abiding in Him. Abiding in Christ is a fundamental doctrine of the Christ life and is essential to living a fruitful life. It goes beyond asking "What would Jesus do?" and focuses on the fact that Jesus is IN you through His Holy Spirit. (John 15:4-5)

- C. At the new birth, Jesus comes to live in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit comes to live in our spirit as a real Person. The glory of the New Covenant is that at our new birth, the Spirit makes us one spirit with God. (John 3:5-8; 1 Cor. 6:17; John 14:17)

NASB 1 Cor. 6:17 But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

- D. We are called to live by the Spirit, not by the flesh.

NASB Galatians 5:25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

II. FIVE PRACTICAL WAYS TO FELLOWSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Principle: we walk in the Spirit by talking with the Spirit. The fundamental way to walk in the Spirit is by maintaining an active dialogue with the indwelling Spirit.

- A. **"THANK YOU"** We recognize the Spirit's presence in us simply by thanking Him for it. "Thank you HS, for Your bright presence in me, I am Yours, manifest Yourself to me." (2 Cor. 3:18; John 14:17)

- B. **"RELEASE REVELATION"** We are asking the Holy Spirit to release revelation of God's heart, word and purpose to you (Eph. 1:17-19)

- C. **"USE ME"** We thank the Holy Spirit for His power to minister to others. "Thank you, Holy Spirit, for Your gifts and for Your desire to release them in me. Lord, lead me; in my speech (Ps. 141:3), into divine appointments/opportunities (Rom. 8:14), and away from Satan's traps/temptations. Spirit, I love Your will and ways, therefore, manifest Your leadership in me."

1 Cor. 12:7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

1. Jesus healed blindness in 5 different ways (Matt 20:34; Matt 9:27-29; Mark 8:22-25; Mark 10; John 9:6-7). (Cf. John 5:19, 20, 30).

2. Your inheritance as sons of God is that you are led by the Holy Spirit!
Rom 8:14 because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

D. “STRENGTHEN ME”

“Holy Spirit, Living Flame of Love, thank you for Your indestructible love, peace, patience, and self-control.”

1. A common misunderstanding is to try to overcome the flesh by fighting it in the power of the flesh.
- a. We are not called to try to live in the power of our soul or flesh.
 - b. We are to consider ourselves dead to sin. We are alive to God in Christ Jesus. For me, to live is Christ (Phil. 1:21). If you have been fighting the flesh. You can stop now.
Rom 6:6, 11 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin.. ¹¹In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.
 - c. Our focus and fellowship needs to be on the HS, not on darkness. Prayer is not an exercise of meditating on our weakness or our problems. When the battle is on and the tensions mount, it’s easy to get caught up in the fight. Don’t fight that fight. Go in the Spirit.
2. The Holy Spirit empowers our emotions. The emotional resources of the Spirit or the power of God on our emotions has 9 different facets. It is the manifestation of the Holy Spirit’s presence in you as you live in the spirit.
NASB Galatians 5:16, 19, 22-23 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh... ¹⁹ Now the deeds of the flesh are evident... ²² But the fruit (result) of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law..
3. We need to focus on the presence of the indwelling Holy Spirit in our war against sin. Many put their primary focus on the necessity of denying sinful desires. We walk in the Spirit or walk in the light as the condition for overcoming lust. We remove darkness by turning on the light.
NASB Romans 8:6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace.

E. “TEACH ME”

“Consuming Fire, teach me Your ways. I love Your ways and Your thoughts.” (John 14:26; 1 John 2:27)