

**The Holy Spirit in the Life of a Kingdom Citizen
(Holy Spirit Series No. 3)**

(A message to help us understand that we must have intimate fellowship with the Holy Spirit in order to grow as a Kingdom citizen or else we are just playing religion).

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Main Scripture:

2 Corinthians 13:14 (NIV)

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Introduction:

Well good morning to you all and to all those viewers on YouTube and those that are listening on iTunes or podcast. It is such an honour and privilege to have you connecting and sharing this time with us.

I would encourage all of you that were not here last week Sunday to go and listen to last weeks sermons, which was the beginning of this series on the Holy Spirit.

We came to learn that the most important person of planet earth today is That is correct the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the person Jesus sent to complete the job of God on earth through you and me as His church.

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He is more important than any organization in the world. He is wiser than every person on the planet and in fact wiser than every person put together, yet He is sadly seldom consulted even by Christians.

Who of you here would love to be able to sit down with Jesus right now and begin to talk with Him?

Well you can by speaking to the Holy Spirit.

When you remove the Holy Spirit from the church then all you have is a religious club and we certainly never ever want to be a religious group, but rather a people that have a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit and are known as a godly group of people that put God first in all things.

The Holy Spirit is probably the most ignored person in the universal Church and that is why the church is in such a mess, but God wants this to change.

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Many of you, if you came from a mainline congregation or have been to one of their services, you know this as the benediction and that is where it stops. However, that should not be the case. Here we see the 3 roles of the God Head in our lives.

We are saved by grace and thus not to ride on the grace of God which most people in the world do today.

God the Father loves us so much that He was willing to give up His Son for us.

I want to hone in on the last part, which is the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

1. We all need fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

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2 Corinthians 13:14 (WUESTNT)

¹⁴The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the partnership of the Holy Spirit be with you all.¹

The Holy Spirit was poured out without measure when Jesus departed to heaven and now every believer has the privilege to have intimate fellowship, communion and relationship with Him.

Some translations use communion instead of fellowship, but it means the same thing. We are to be in constant, intimate fellowship with the Holy Spirit. This should be the life of every person that calls themselves a Kingdom citizen.

Companions share things with one another and we need to be companions that follow the Holy Spirit's lead in our lives.

2. We all have the privilege of secret information.

Luke 2:26 (NIV)

²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord Christ.

Simeon was told that by the Holy Spirit, because he was a devout man of God.

Are you a devout man of God, so that the Holy Spirit can entrust you with the secret things of God?

¹ Wuest, K. S. (1961). *The New Testament: an expanded translation* (2 Co 13:14). Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.

Acts 16:6 (NIV)

⁶ Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia.

Can you see that the Holy Spirit stopped them from going and ministering in the province of Asia? Sometimes we think, but we must hear and so we are going, but the Holy Spirit has not instructed us to go.

Acts 20:23 (NIV)

²³ I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me.

Can you see that the Holy Spirit is talking to Paul, because he has a relationship with Him?

We need to learn to know when the Holy Spirit speaks to us because we are in fellowship with Him.

EG. When I took my wife out for our first date before we got married she told me that her granny was going to die.

3. We all need to be in tune with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 15:28 (NIV)

²⁸ It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements:

Can you represent the Holy Spirit without Him even speaking on the issue because you know Him so well?

You have to seek Him to understand His personality.

Have you learnt to differentiate between the voice of the Holy Spirit and other voices? If your wife speaks do you know that it is her speaking or don't you know when she speaks?

No, you know because you have a relationship. The voice of the Holy Spirit must become common to us.

EG. I remember asking God to help me get to Cape Town the next day for my studies after I had preached on the Sunday morning. I was exhausted and got to the other side of JHB in the afternoon. I asked God to give me a lift all the way down to Cape Town, but I would please like a bed that I could lie down and sleep. Suddenly a big truck stops with a horse in the back and between the driver and the horse a section that had a bed. The next morning I got to Cape Town fresh and ready to work on my Masters.

4. We all need to realize that life is meaningless without the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 51:11 (NIV)

¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Do you have the attitude that everything in life can be taken from you, but not the Holy Spirit because that would destroy you?

You see our lives are meaningless and empty without relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Re-Cap:

- 1. We all need fellowship with the Holy Spirit.**
- 2. We all have the privilege of secret information.**
- 3. We all need to be in tune with the Holy Spirit.**
- 4. We all need to realize that life is meaningless without the Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

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