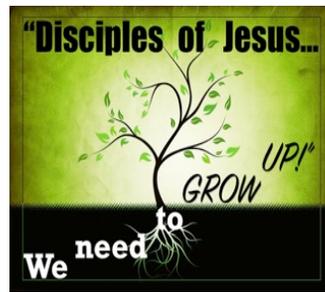


“Disciples of Jesus ... We need to GROW UP!”



Part 14: “Filled with the spirit ... the gift of God to His children!”

**John 14:15-18, 16:4-15; Acts 4:29-31;
Romans 8:1-11; Galatians 5:16-25;
Ephesians 5:18-20**

Introduction: If you are a born again follower of Jesus Christ you have everything you need to GROW UP in Christ!

Colossians 3:1-5: “Put to death whatever is earthly in you!”

God’s children are both called AND empowered to live in this world as disciples of Jesus Christ.

God’s children live by the power of the Holy Spirit, becoming like Christ as He works within us!

I. The Promise of the Spirit ...

John 14:1-5, 15-18: “And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth ...” (vss. 16-17).

John 16:7: “... it is to your advantage that I go away ...”

Jesus was promising that though He was leaving them physically, His Spirit would come to live WITHIN them.

II. The Presence of the Spirit ...

Colossians 1:25-27: “... the mystery ... now revealed to His saints ... this mystery, which is Christ IN you, the hope of glory!”

Galatians 5:16,18,25: “Walk by the Spirit, ... if you are led by the Spirit ... Live by the Spirit ...”

Your relationship with Jesus is not a long - distance relationship ... He is PRESENT !!

Peace of heart and mind come from the presence of the Spirit within you.

Psalm 139:7-18: “Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence?” (vs. 7).

III. The Purpose of the Spirit ...

Romans 8:28-30: “For those He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son ...” (vs. 29).

II Corinthians 3:17-18: “... and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all (believers) ... are being transformed into the same image ... For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit!”

Your marriage, family, job, relationships, priorities, emotions and every other part of your life is affected by your THINKING !!!

I Corinthians 2:14-16: “But we HAVE the mind of Christ !”

Hebrews 11:13-16: “... But as it is, they desire a better country ... a heavenly one” (vs. 16).

Ephesians 5:18-21: “... be filled with the Spirit ...”

IV. The Power of the Spirit ...

Romans 8:1-11: “For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace” (vs. 6).

“Holy Spirit POWER” is NOT the power to do what the flesh wants, but to follow the lead of the Spirit to become more like Christ.

II Timothy 3:1-5: “... having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power” (vs. 5).

Philippians 3:13-15: “... forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead ... I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (vss. 13-14).

Acts 4:29-31: “And when they had prayed ... they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the Word of God with boldness .”

II Timothy 1:7: “For God gave us a spirit NOT of fear, but of power and love and self control!”

It’s a NEW Year ... What is the SPIRIT’S goal for YOU??