

Vintage: Changing Times. Changeless God.

Week 7: We Love The Holy Spirit

Weekly Summary: What's up with the Holy Spirit? What is it? Or who is he? And what difference does that make for me today? Romans 8 introduces us to the unchanging Holy Spirit, the one who inspires and empowers us in these changing times.

- John 14:26 & 15:7 - 26 "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me...7 But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

- Romans 8:1-3 - Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering.

- ❖ What the law can't do, God **did** and still **does!**
 - ✓ The Father -

 - ✓ The Son -

 - ✓ The Spirit -

- Romans 8:14-15 - 14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. 15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.

- ❖ The Spirit's work is life **changing**.

- Romans 8:7-9 - The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8 Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. 9 You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.

- Romans 8:13 - For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

- ❖ The Spirit's work **changes** how we live.
 - Ephesians 6:13-17 - Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

- ❖ Vintage Challenge: Fill up on **The Word** so you can be full of **The Spirit**.

Points to Ponder

1. "The sword of the Spirit is the Word of God" aka - it is our offensive weapon in our battle with sin and our sinful flesh. Answer these questions to consider how the Holy Spirit through the Word can help you put to death the misdeeds of your body.
 - a. What sin/temptation is it that you are currently wrestling with?
 - b. What passage from God's Word can help you fight that battle and win?
 - c. How might knowing that it is the Spirit at work in the Word helping you fight sin impact your prayer life?
 - d. How many times do you think you will need to rely on that passage to overcome that specific sin/temptation? Why?

2. How often do you mention the Holy Spirit in your prayers? Why or why not? What might the blessing be if we are more intentional in considering the Holy Spirit's role and work in our prayer life?

3. "Those led by The Sprit of God are the children of God". When you hear those words - come up with 3-5 adjectives that describe what people led by the Spirit look like (If you are not sure read Galatians 5:22,23)? Think of 1 way you will apply those at home? at work? with your spouse?

Homework For Next Week: Romans 8:18-39

*"The Christian who neglects the Holy Spirit is like a lamp that is not plugged in."
~ Anonymous*

Worship Through Song at The CORE:

1. "Open Up The Heavens" - by Vertical Church Band
2. "Holy Spirit" - by Tommee Profitt & Brooke Griffith
3. "I Am Not Alone" - by Kari Jobe
4. "I Will Follow" - by Chris Tomlin