

Sunday, October 8, 2023

**Doing Life with The Spirit;
The Spirit & The Word**

Jesus explains the nature of God's kingdom:

1. Spirit - God is spirit.

For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.
John 4: 24 (NLT)

2. Truth - God's word is truth.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. **John 17: 17 (ESV)**

The dangers of Imbalance

1. If we only want the Spirit.

Jesus replied, "Your mistake is that you don't know the Scriptures, and you don't know the power of God. **Matthew 22: 29 (NLT)**

2. If we only want the Word:

He has enabled us to be ministers of his new covenant. This is a covenant not of written laws, but of the Spirit. The old written covenant ends in death; but under the new covenant, the Spirit gives life.
2 Corinthians 3: 6 (NLT)

The Book of Acts without the Word.

**1. There would be no 12th disciple.
(Matthias – Acts 1: 12 – 26)**

Acts 1: 16 & 20 (NLT)

"Brothers," he said, "the Scriptures had to be fulfilled concerning Judas, who guided those who arrested Jesus. This was predicted long ago by the Holy Spirit, speaking through King David...

Peter continued, "This was written in the book of Psalms, where it says, 'Let his home become desolate, with no one living in it.' It also says, 'Let someone else take his position.

**2. Would 3000 people
have been saved on the Day of**

Pentecost? (Acts 2: 14 – 42)

Acts 6: 8 – 8: 1

3. Would Steven have been chosen?

Acts 6: 8 – 8: 1

4. Would Saul have been converted?

Acts 8: 26 - 40

5. Would the Ethiopian be saved?

Acts 8: 30 & 31 (NLT)

Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"³¹ The man replied, "How can I, unless someone instructs me?" And he urged Philip to come up into the carriage and sit with him.

The Book of Acts without the Spirit.

1. Would 3000 people have been saved on the Day of Pentecost? (Acts 2: 1 - 13)

Acts 2: 6 (NLT)

When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.

2. Would 5000 people have been saved when Peter preached in the temple? (Acts 3:1 - 4: 4)

Acts 3: 6 (NLT)

Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!"

Acts 4: 4 (NLT)

But many of the people who heard their message believed it, so the number of believers now totaled about 5,000 men, not counting women and children.

2. The Spirit's ministry was a witness to non-believers. (Acts 5)

Acts 5: 12 – 15 (NLT)

The apostles were performing many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers were meeting regularly at the Temple in the area

known as Solomon's Colonnade. ¹³ But no one else dared to join them, even though all the people had high regard for them. ¹⁴ Yet more and more people believed and were brought to the Lord — crowds of both men and women. ¹⁵ As a result of the apostles' work, sick people were brought out into the streets on beds and mats so that Peter's shadow might fall across some of them as he went by. ¹⁶ Crowds came from the villages around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those possessed by evil spirits, and they were all healed.

Sin

Romans 3: 23 (NLT)

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Death

Romans 6: 23 (ESV)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Love

Romans 5: 8 (ESV)

but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Faith

Ephesians 2: 8 & 9 (ESV)

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Life

Romans 10: 9 & 10 (ESV)

...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.