

Spirit of Man

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Corinthians 3:18

Purpose: Child of God, Eternal Life

The trinity of God is for man's purpose; likewise, the trinity of man is for God's plan. When we accept the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, the soul is our free will to choose the Father, and the spirit is the eternal life of man for a relationship, then man is complete for a life for God. If we concentrate only on the body and the soul, we miss the spirit; the most important aspect of our existence. *God is a spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.* John 4:24 Christ prepared man to be an heir in Him for the Father, and all things in the Kingdom became attainable that we may be equipped to live a productive life in servitude to God.

Let's look at it from a different perspective. Christ purchased a home (body) for the Holy Spirit to live in while on planet earth. God personally furnishes it (vessel) with all the treasures in heaven (gifts) to make the home pleasant and comfortable (spirit). There is no limitation in equipping this new home with all the daily necessities. Just as God made a paradise in the garden for Adam and Eve; today, we are His earthen residency and he has supplied the dwelling place abundantly. There will be no future requirements or additions, for nothing is missing. The treasures of blessings, gifts, and power we know to be in the Kingdom are also in earth nestled within every born-again faithful child of the Father. How do we know this? God places Himself as Christ and the Holy Spirit within each person who chooses a life for Him. That is, two parts of the trinity of God dwell on the inside of each believer. Where there is the presence of God also would be His blessings and power.

In unison, God, Christ, and the Holy Ghost have prepared the believer to live in spirit for the Father's plan. *Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.* 1 Corinthians 2:12 When we understand the dynamics of the trinities both of God, and of man, it becomes clear for the role of each believer reborn in spirit. We become the beneficiaries of all the treasures in the storehouse. *But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.* 2 Corinthians 4:7

Because man is so removed to understand the operation of the trinities, we miss what is right in front of us, or more accurately speaking, inside of us. These wonderful gifts are to benefit our

life, and more so, available in serving God. So how do we bring forth what we seek knowing it is within reach, and yet, seemingly so unattainable? We have to think differently, renew our mind to God's Word, and know His ways. See the things of the Kingdom to be more real than what our eyes tell us in the natural. Believe in Him, solely, as it should be and as God expects of us.

We are a student of His Word as our tutor brings all things in heaven to our awareness. Jesus spent time with His disciples and the multitudes who gathered to listen to Him teach, so now are we to do the same. *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.* Romans 12:2 We should focus on the important matters of God rather than the temporary things of the world. As we study the scriptures, the Holy Spirit will give us knowledge and understanding of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Man has a propensity to do the opposite and seek the natural with little regard to God. When we pray and don't see evidence of an answer, we have a tantrum with illegitimate accusations towards the Father. We do this because we don't understand. We aren't connected to Him. God set His Kingdom with rules and unwavering faithful obedience to these laws is the key that releases His supernatural power. A prayer spoken in wisdom and allegiance to God will cause the Holy Spirit to unlock the storehouse.

As the physical body needs food, water, and oxygen to sustain life, so does the spirit of man require a special diet found in the Word. In the Scriptures, we learn of everything we need. *Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.* 1 Corinthians 2:13 Like an infant, we are without wisdom but as we mature, we learn what is required to live in the spirit realm. Once we do, we will know how to rely on the Holy Spirit with the authority Christ has given in appropriation to the laws of the Kingdom.

There are three reasons to be without blessings. First, we are not living in the spirit with faithful obedience; second, we mix carnal thinking with supernatural expectations; and third, we are not focusing on the Kingdom. If our faith is tainted with unbelief, we have disqualified ourselves to receive. As mentioned previously, we can have belief and unbelief at the same time, and anything not solidly committed in faith falls into the second category. *If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.* Galatians 5:25 We must train our thoughts from the natural, or what our senses confirm. It requires diligence that our reliance is strictly on God.

We need to troubleshoot our knowledge of the functionality of the Kingdom. Do we live in the spirit, are we in truth to His Word, and are our prayers petitioned accurately to release His power? *For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the spirit of God.* 1 Corinthians 2:11 If you are not releasing His abundant heavenly treasures, then seek to understand why and identify what needs to be addressed, so that you may live with the riches the Father has furnished. *Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy.* Timothy 6:17 Trust not in the world, but in God.

An analogy is likened to an egg. There is the white and yellow parts of an egg. The whole egg may be used in recipes, but the nutritional value is in the small yellow center and not in the white of the egg. In this analogy, man is similarly no different. The carnal thinking, flesh, is the white and the spirit person within is the yolk; thus, it is the spirit that holds the value of man's life. We struggle in making this distinction.

Remember the divine trinity; God is Spirit, Christ is Spirit, the Holy Ghost is Spirit, the Kingdom of Heaven operates in the spirit, and man is made spirit. We were created to be a part of the Kingdom. Children of the Father are well-equipped with everything in Christ and the Holy Spirit. God's gifts are given that we use them for His Kingdom purpose, and in doing so, we reap the rewards.

Faithfulness is the key to unlock the storehouse of treasures in the Kingdom of Heaven, prominent to the obedient child. *By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name.* Romans 1:5 This is where the life of man begins, in the spirit, and lives on with the Father and His Son, eternally.

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