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Life in the Spirit

The Last Piece

Recap

Definition of a Christian

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**. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. **Romans 8:9-10**

Recap

Definition of a Church

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. **For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body**—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

1 Corinthians 12:12-14

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. **vs 7**

Recap

The Power of the Spirit

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved **through the sanctifying work of the Spirit** and through belief in the truth. **2 Thessalonians 2:13**



**How is it someone can be saved
and not look much like Jesus?**

**having a form of godliness but denying its
power. Have nothing to do with such people.
2 Timothy 3:5**

Reasons Why We Don't See the Holy Spirit Today

Dysfunctional relationship with the Body of Christ
serving, giving, growing

We don't want the inconvenience
The Holy Spirit doesn't work
within our comfort zones

It reveals our faith
We like the world the way it is

Gifts vs Fruit

The fruit of the Spirit is distinct from the gifts of the Spirit

They both serve separate functions in the life of a believer

Both are not meant to be exhaustive lists

All are inward and outward manifestations of love

Fruit of the Spirit

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.**
Galatians 5:22-25

It is one fruit with 9 flavours

Gifts of the Spirit

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. **1 Corinthians 12:1,8-10**

The Holy Spirit is triggered by need

There are different kinds of gifts, **but the same Spirit distributes them.** There are different kinds of service, **but the same Lord.** There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. **vs 4-6**

Whatever the Spirit accomplishes it is meant to make us like Jesus. This is the test of the work attributed to the Spirit, does it transform the person into Jesus?

External Working
(Christ-likeness)

Internal Change
(Christ-likeness)

Gifts of the Spirit



Fruit of the Spirit



The Spirit Filled Life, Three Traits Dependent

Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, **but what I do have I give you**. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. **Acts 3:6-7**

His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been **counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name**. **Acts 5:40-41**

The Spirit Filled Life, Three Traits

Generous

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but **they shared everything they had.**

Acts 4:32

Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means “son of encouragement”), **sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet. vs 36**

The Spirit Filled Life, Three Traits

Generous

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the **Macedonian churches**. In the midst of a very severe trial, **their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.** **2 Corinthians 8:1-2**

Now about the collection for the Lord's people: **Do what I told the Galatian churches to do.** On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. **1 Corinthians 16:1-2**

The Spirit Filled Life, Three Traits

Generous

“They love one another, esteem widows, and rescue orphans from any who ill-treat them. **Whoever has [wealth] gives to him who has not, without boasting. When they see a stranger, they take him into their homes and rejoice over him as a very brother.** Whenever one of their number who was poor passes from the world, each one of them according to his ability contributes to his burial. And if they hear that one of their number is imprisoned or afflicted on account of the name of their Messiah, all of them anxiously minister to his necessity, and if it is possible to redeem him they set him free. **If there is among them any that is poor and needy, and they have no spare food, they fast two or three days in order to have food which they can supply to the needy one.”**

Apology, Marcianus Aristides, 125

The Spirit Filled Life, Three Traits

Proclaimers

Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. “Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “**and tell the people all about this new life.**” Acts 5:17-20

Then someone came and said, “Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people.” vs 25

The Spirit Filled Life, Three Traits

Proclaimers

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: **Acts 2:14**

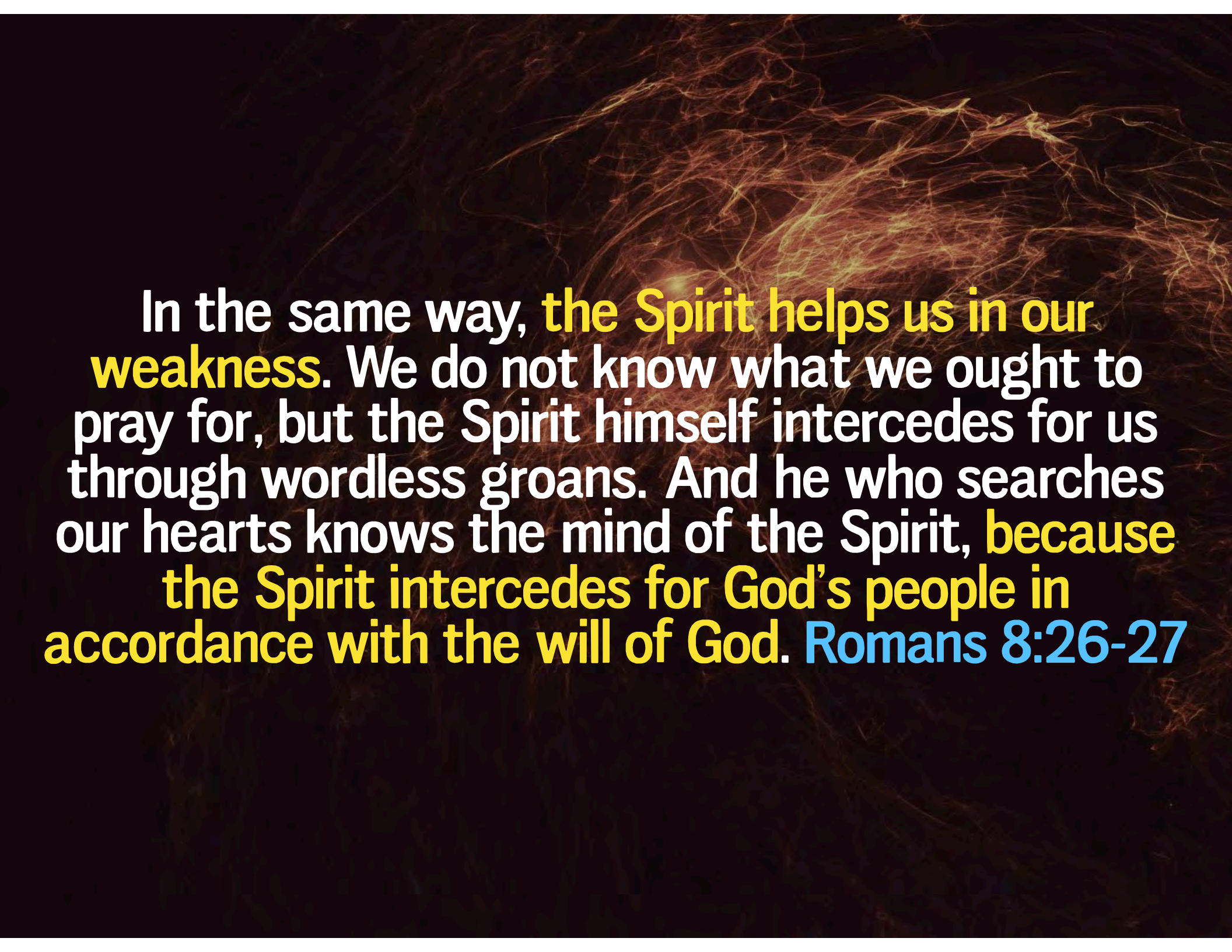
They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. **Acts 4:2**

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them **Acts 4:8**

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men **vs 13**

Then someone came and said, “Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people.” **Acts 5:25**

Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah. **vs 42**



In the same way, **the Spirit helps us in our weakness**. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, **because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.** **Romans 8:26-27**