

Mystical



Life in the Spirit

Lost and Found Part 2 Part 1

Recap

2 Main Roles of the Holy Spirit

Convicts (Lost)-Salvation

But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will **convict the world of its sin**, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment. **John 16:7-8**

Recap

2 Main Roles of the Holy Spirit Teacher (Found)-Christ Transformation

“All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and **will remind you of everything I have said to you.**” **John 14:25-26**

“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.**” **John 15:26**

Recap

Journey of Faith

devout-they knew God, understood the requirements of religion, but not what Jesus and the Holy Spirit had in store

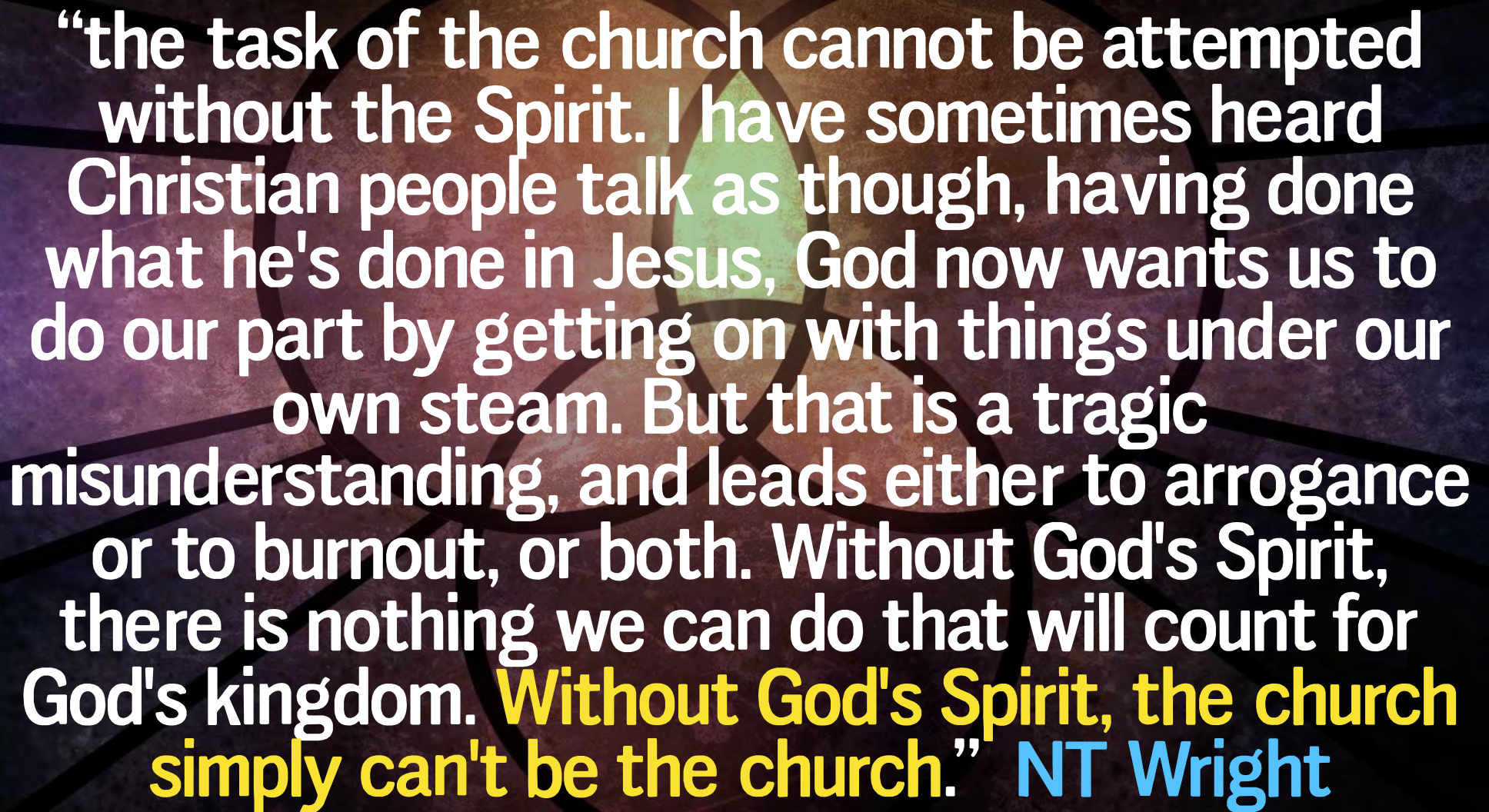
curious-know that there is more, but don't know the way to God

idols everywhere-surrounded by spirituality, religion as debate

A Venn diagram consisting of two overlapping circles. The top circle is labeled 'Theology' and the bottom circle is labeled 'Methodology'. The intersection of the two circles is highlighted in a bright green color. The background is dark with a radial pattern of lines emanating from the center, and a textured, mottled appearance in shades of purple and blue.

Theology

Methodology

The background of the image is a dark, textured surface with a pattern of overlapping circles and lines, resembling a stained glass window. A prominent feature is a large, light green cross shape in the center, which is slightly offset and appears to be part of the window's design. The overall color palette is dark, with shades of brown, purple, and black, contrasted by the bright green of the cross and the white and yellow text.

“the task of the church cannot be attempted without the Spirit. I have sometimes heard Christian people talk as though, having done what he's done in Jesus, God now wants us to do our part by getting on with things under our own steam. But that is a tragic misunderstanding, and leads either to arrogance or to burnout, or both. Without God's Spirit, there is nothing we can do that will count for God's kingdom. **Without God's Spirit, the church simply can't be the church.**” **NT Wright**

Three Questions

What is a Christian?

What is a church?

How does the Holy Spirit work in both?

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**

This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. **1 John 4:13**

Definition of a Christian

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. 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. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. vs 14-16

Jesus as the direction (repentance), the Spirit as the progression (sanctification)=Christian

Definition of a Church

The church is the God-ordained local assembly of believers who have committed themselves to each other. They gather regularly, they teach the Word, celebrate communion and baptism, discipline their members, establish a biblical structure of leadership, they pray and give together. Certainly the church may do more, but it is not less than this. **Mack Stiles**

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

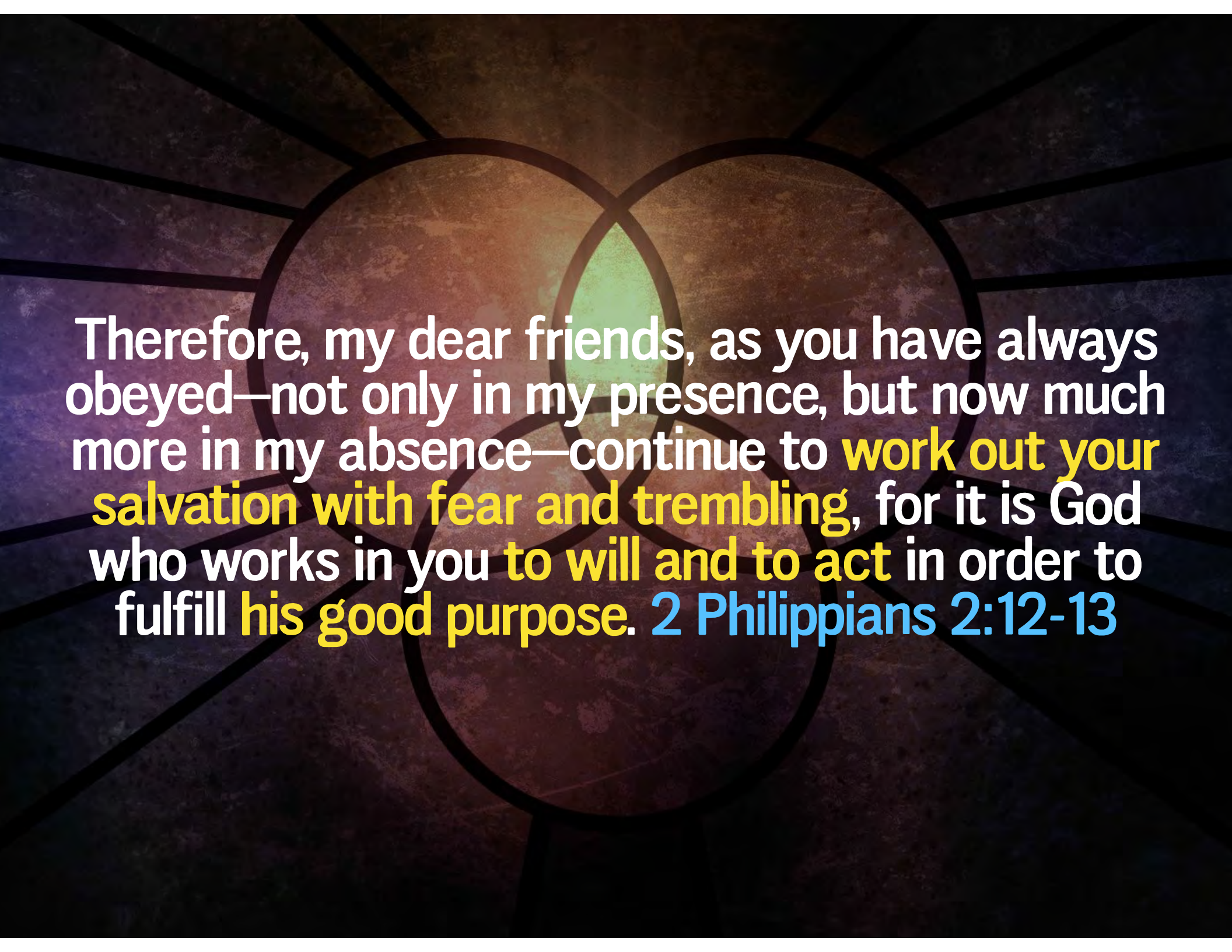
Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. **vs 7**



**If you believe Christianity is only decision
then you will choose once and never grow**

**If you believe church is a gathering that takes
place Sunday mornings, or a building that you
go to then your faith becomes situational**

**If you understand that Christianity is
immersed in the Holy Spirit then the
growth, failure and transformation of who
and what you are becomes normalized**



Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to **work out your salvation with fear and trembling**, for it is God who works in you **to will and to act** in order to fulfill **his good purpose**. **2 Philippians 2:12-13**

The Problem of Sin

As for you, you were **dead** in your transgressions and sins, **Ephesians 2:1**

Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to **death**. **James 1:15**

For the wages of sin is **death** **Romans 6:23**

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being **corrupted** by its deceitful desires; **Ephesians 4:23**

The Problem of Sin

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. **For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh.** They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. **Galatians 5:16-17**

For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. **For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.** Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. **Romans 7:18-20**

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**

The Power of the Spirit

Sanctify means to be made holy,
sanctification is the process of holiness

Holiness isn't perfection, instead it is the
process of being set aside by God for His
purpose and plan while on this earth

The Holy Spirit's work is to in small and large
ways set more of your life aside for God

If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another **advocate to help you** and be with you forever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives **with you** and will be **in you**. **John 14:15-17**

parakelte-the one who comes alongside to help, comfort, teach and strengthen