

“Walking Together By the Spirit”

Galatians 5:25

July 23, 2017

INTRO:

- A. Continuing the “Disciples Path” & journey w/ Jesus
- B. Last week: *“What do you want?”*
- C. This week: *“How do you get there?”*
- D. Review “Miraculous #24” – *“Knowing the Holy Spirit”*
 - a. **Empowers**
 - i. Life – John 6:63
 - ii. Living – Acts 1:8
 - b. **Purifies**
 - i. 1 Corinthians 6:11
 - ii. Romans 8:13
 - c. **Reveals**
 - i. God’s Word – 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - ii. God’s Ways (Philip, Cornelius, Ananias...)
 - iii. God’s Truth – John 16:13
 - iv. God’s Assurance – 1 John 3&4
 - d. **Unifies**
 - i. Philippians 2:1-2
 - ii. Ephesians 4:1-3
 - iii. John 17:20-23

e. Responds

- i. 1 Thess. 5:19 – “don’t quench the Spirit...”
- ii. Heb. 10:29 – “...outraged the Spirit...”

E. Have you noticed... **we’re building a blueprint:**

- a. *“Knowing the Holy Spirit”* (6 weeks ago)
- b. *“Knowing Christ’s Church”* (5 weeks ago)
- c. *“Discipleship Is Warfare”* (4 weeks ago)
- d. *“Immersed In God’s Word”* (3 weeks ago)
- e. *“People of Prayer”* (2 weeks ago)
- f. *“Blessed to BE Together”* (last week)

TEXT:

Galatians 5:17 & 25

*For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please... **If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit** – NASB*

BIG IDEA:

The Spirit’s Truth, Proof, & Love indwells, empowers, & transforms us together!

PREVIEW:

- Truth
- Proclamation
- Love
- Proof
- Submission
- Mission
- Prayer

1. TRUTH

[John 16:13](#)

“But when the Spirit of Truth comes, He will guide you...”

VIDEO: Voddie Baucham: *“Truth & Apologetics”*

T/S: [1 Corinthians 2:4-5](#) - *my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, **5**so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.*

2. PROCLAMATION

[John 6:63](#)

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

[Romans 10:17](#)

“...faith comes by hearing, hearing the Word of God.”

VIDEO: York: *“Role of the Spirit in preaching”*

3. LOVE & BLESSING

[1 John 4:8](#)

"...God is love"

[John 14:26](#)

"the Helper/Comforter"

VIDEO: Francis Chan: *"Forgotten God"*

4. PROOF (TRANSFORMATION)

[2 Corinthians 5:16-21](#)

16From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. **17**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. **18**All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; **19**that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. **20**Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. **21**For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

- See the **Beatitudes** in Matthew 5
- See the **“Fruit of the Spirit”** in Galatians 5
- See the **“full armor of God”** in Ephesians 6
- See the **100 “one another”** passages in the N.T.

VIDEO: Sproul & MacArthur: *“False Confidence”*

T/S: **Jonathan Edwards:** Illustration of his 2 sermons:

- “Sinners In the Hands of An Angry God”
- *“God in the Hands of an Angry People”*

5. SUBMISSION

James 4:7

“Submit yourselves therefore to God...”

Matthew 28:18-20!

VIDEO: Tim Keller: *“Our Only Hope”*

T/S: Romans 8:29... *“For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son...”*

6. MISSION

Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will BE My witnesses... (locally, regionally, & globally.)”

Acts 2:46

“hom-oth-oo-ma-don”

*We are living Spirit-filled & supernaturally unified “**together**,”
with a Christ-exalting, Spirit-empowered purpose & passion!
By His grace, we are bringing God glory, by finding and
growing more glorifiers – Amen & AMEN.*

VIDEO: David Platt: *“Power of the Spirit”*

T/S: *“Faith without works is dead-faith!” - James*
“You will know them by their fruits.” - Jesus

7. PRAYER

Ephesians 6:18

“At all times... praying in the Spirit”

VIDEO: Matt Chandler: *Pray for the Spirit’s impact*

*Remember... The Holy Spirit is... Creator-God...
our life-Provider; fruit-Producer; gift-Giver; witness-
Empowerer & war-Wager!*

He does **EVERY-thing** ... **except... our part!**

CLOSE: Read Romans 8:1-18 & **PRAY!**

17 Bible Verses about

The Witness Of The Holy Spirit

1 John 4:2-3: By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.

Acts 5:32: *"And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."*

1 Corinthians 12:3: Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed"; and **no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.**

John 1:32-34: John testified saying, "I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him. "I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.' "I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God."

Matthew 3:16: After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him,

Mark 1:10: Immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him;

Luke 3:22: and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."

John 15:26: *"When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me,*

John 14:26: "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

John 16:13-14: *"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.*

1 John 5:6: *This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.*

1 John 3:24: *The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.*

1 John 4:13: *By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.*

1 John 5:7-10: For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for the testimony of God is this, that He has testified concerning His Son...

Hebrews 10:14-17: For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us; for after saying, "THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS UPON THEIR HEART, AND ON THEIR MIND I WILL WRITE THEM," He then says...

Romans 8:15-16: *For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,*

Galatians 4:6: *Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"*

What the Holy Spirit Does in a Person's Life:

Acts 1:4-8 - Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; 8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Acts 2:1-13 - When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance. 5 Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. 6 And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language. 7 They were amazed and astonished, saying, "Why, are

not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we each hear them in our own language to which we were born? 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and [k]Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—we hear them in our own tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God.” 12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13 But others were mocking and saying, “They are full of sweet wine.”

Acts 4:31 - And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and *began* to speak the word of God with boldness.

Romans 8:1-17 - Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. 3 For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, 7 because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, 8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. 10 If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the

dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. 12 So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— 13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

Romans 8:26-27 - In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; 27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Romans 15:13 - Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:12-14 - Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, 13 which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words. 14 But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.

1 Corinthians 3:16 - Do you not know that you are a temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 - Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 - But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 - Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

Galatians 4:4-7 - But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, 5 so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. 6 Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

Galatians 5:16-25 - But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. 17 For the flesh sets its desire against the

Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. 19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13-14 - In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, **14** who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 3:14-16 - For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, 16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man,

1 John 4:13 - By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

NOTE: Reading "*The Experience That Matters*" by Jonathan Edwards would be an excellent, complementary addition to this message, as his writing was helpful in preparation of this sermon, and it was intended to bring clarity to those who wanted to know what a true, saving relationship with the Lord and His Church would require (and how to tell the authentic from the counterfeit).