

“The SPIRIT of God”

Acts 2

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Today we are going to ASK & ANSWER one of the most important questions you will ever hear and/or contemplate...

How do you KNOW if you are a “saved” child of God?

1 John 3:24 = Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

The Spirit inspires God's Word: 2 Tim 3:16
= **16** (AH) All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,
17 that (AI) the man of God [b] may be complete, (AJ) equipped (AK) for every good work.

The S speaks & warns: Heb. 3:7-14 =

7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,
(**K**)“Today, if you hear his voice,
8 do not harden your hearts as in the
rebellion, on the day of testing in the
wilderness,**9** where your fathers put me to the
test and saw my works for (**L**)forty years.
10 Therefore I was provoked with that
generation,and said, ‘They always go astray in
their heart; they have not known my ways.’
11 As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter
my rest.’”**12** Take care, brothers, lest there be in
any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading
you to fall away from (**N**)the living God. **13** But
(**O**)exhort one another every day, as long as it is
called “today,” that none of you may be
hardened by (**P**)the deceitfulness of sin. **14** For
we have come to share in Christ, (**Q**)if indeed we
hold our original confidence firm to the end.

Qt: Francis Chan = *Do you feel desperate for the power of the Holy Spirit today? If not, you may have a misunderstanding of who you are or who the Holy Spirit is. Every aspect of our salvation is dependent on Him. Without the Spirit, we can't know God, understand Scripture, overcome sin, or transform the people around us. We are spiritually impotent without the Spirit, so it is vital that we have a right understanding of who He is and what He does.*

Acts 2 Outline:

Pre-text:

- *** Genesis 1:2
- *** Genesis 3:15
- *** Ezekiel 36
- *** Jesus: "...it is better 4 U..."
- *** Jesus: Acts 1:8

- I. vv.1-4 = Holy Spirit **COMES**

- II. vv.5-13 = The Spirit's Coming **CONTEXT**
 - A. vv.5-8 providential prep...
 - B. vv.9-10 (all the known world)
 - C. vv.11 *** mighty works of God
 - D. vv.12: sow, water, harvest
 - E. vv.13: devilish distracters

- III. vv.14-41 = Peter's sermon **CONFIRMS**
 - A. Peter corrects authoritatively
 - B. Peter points to prophecy...
 - *** Joel
 - *** David Psalm
 - *** Davis Psalm/Samuel

*** 1 Cor 2:1-5 the Spirit in preaching
Proclaiming Christ Crucified

2 And I, when I came to you, brothers,_[a] (A)did

not come proclaiming to you (B)the testimony[b] of God with lofty speech or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except (C)Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 And (D)I was with you (E)in weakness and in fear and much trembling, 4 and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of (F)the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men[c] but (G)in the power of God.

IV. vv.42-47 = Spiritual **Change/KONONIA**

We are all dead in our sins...

Romans 3:23; 6:23;

Ephesians 2:1-2 = you [a]were (A)dead [b]in your trespasses and sins, 2 in which you (B)formerly walked according to the [c]course of (C)this world, according to (D)the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in (E)the sons of disobedience.

The Spirit ENABLES our BELIEF: John 6:44-45 =

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me (BJ) draws him. And (BK) I will raise him up on the last day. 45 It is written in the Prophets, (BL) 'And they will all be (BM) taught by God.' (BN) Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—

John 3:3-5 = you MUST be born again...

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one (F) is born [b] again he cannot see (G) the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus *said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?" 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of (H) water and the Spirit he cannot enter into (I) the kingdom of God.

1 Cor. 3:16 ("...Spirit lives in you...") Solution = Saving Faith in Jesus Christ & Regeneration through the Spirit of God! = 16 (AA) Do you not know that (AB) you are a [f] temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?

The Spirit "CHANGES" us SUPERNATURALLY:

1. Ezekiel 36:26-27 = Moreover, I will give you a (AM) new heart and put a new

spirit within you; and I will remove the (AN)heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will (AO)put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

Titus 3:1-11 = Remind them (A)to be submissive to rulers and authorities, (B)to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, 2 (C)to speak evil of no one, (D)to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and (E)to show perfect courtesy toward all people. 3 For (F)we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. 4 But when (G)the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, (H)not because of works done by us in righteousness, but (I)according to his own mercy, by (J)the washing of regeneration and (K)renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he (L)poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that (M)being justified by his grace we might become (N)heirs (O)according to the hope of eternal life. 8 The saying is (P)trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful (Q)to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people. 9 But (R)avoid foolish (S)controversies,

(**T**)genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for (**U**)they are unprofitable and worthless. **10** As for a person who stirs up division, (**V**)after warning him once and then twice, (**W**)have nothing more to do with him, **11** knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.

Ephesians 5: **Walk in Love**

5:1-2; 5-14; 15-21 (**A**)Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. **2** And (**B**)walk in love, (**C**)as Christ loved us and (**D**)gave himself up for us, a (**E**)fragrant (**F**)offering and sacrifice to God.

5 For you may be sure of this, that (**L**)everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (**M**)that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. **6** (**N**)Let no one (**O**)deceive you with empty words, for because of these things (**P**)the wrath of God comes upon (**Q**)the sons of disobedience. **7** Therefore (**R**)do not become partners with them; **8** for (**S**)at one time you were (**T**)darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. (**U**)Walk as children of light **9** (for (**V**)the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), **10** and (**W**)try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. **11** (**X**)Take no part in the (**Y**)unfruitful (**Z**)works of darkness, but instead (**AA**)expose them. **12** For

(AB)it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. **13** But when (AC)anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, **14** for anything that becomes visible is light.

15 (AG)Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, **16** (AH)making the best use of the time, because (AI)the days are evil. **17** Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what (AJ)the will of the Lord is. **18** And (AK)do not get drunk with wine, for that is (AL)debauchery, but (AM)be filled with the Spirit, **19** addressing one another in (AN)psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, **20** (AO)giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father (AP)in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **21** (AQ)submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:18 = "...be filled with the Spirit..."

KEY:

1. Not us possessing more of the Spirit...
2. The Spirit possess more of us!
3. We yield to the Spirit's filling...
4. NOTE: an ongoing, active-tense.

Jn 14:26 = S is Counselor to teach the (AZ)Helper, the Holy Spirit, (BA)whom the Father will send in my name, (BB)he will teach you all things and (BC)bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

Acts 13:2 = S speaks as a Person **Barnabas and Saul Sent Off**

13:1-3 Now there were in the church at Antioch (A)prophets and (B)teachers... 2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul (G)for the work to which I have called them." 3 Then after fasting and (H)praying they laid their hands on them and (I)sent them off.

Romans 8:1-11 = **Life in the Spirit**

8 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.[a] 2 For the law of (A)the Spirit of life (B)has set you[b] free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. 3 For (C)God has done what the law, (D)weakened by the flesh, (E)could not do. (F)By sending his own Son (G)in the likeness of sinful flesh and (H)for sin,[c] he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that (I)the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, (J)who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For (K)those who live according to the flesh set their minds on (L)the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on (M)the things of the Spirit. 6 For to set (N)the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For the mind that is set

on the flesh is (o)hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; (p)indeed, it cannot.

8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact (q)the Spirit of God dwells in you.

(r)Anyone who does not have (s)the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. **10** But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 If the Spirit of (t)him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus^[d] from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies (u)through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Heirs with Christ

12 So then, brothers,^[e] we are debtors, (v)not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. **13** For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you (w)put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **14** For all who are (x)led by the Spirit of God are (y)sons^[f] of God. **15** For (z)you did not receive (aa)the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of (ab)adoption as sons, by whom we cry, (ac)“Abba! Father!” **16** (ad)The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, **17** and if children, then (ae)heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, (af)provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Future Glory

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time (AG) are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

The Spirit's presence proves we are saved!

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.*

Let's Pray