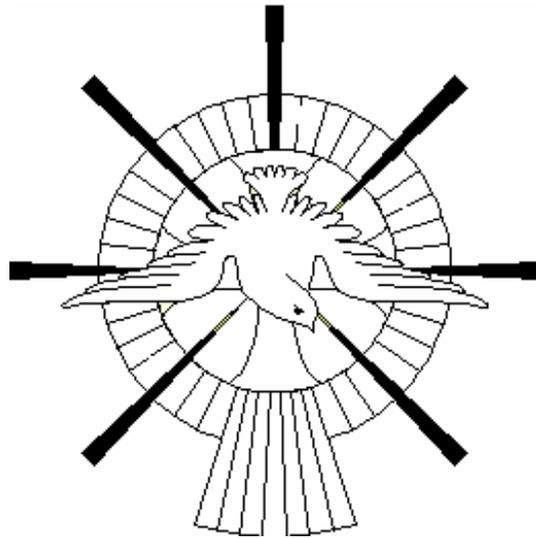


*-The Light - Junior Series
Lesson 54*

*The Giver of Spiritual Gifts...the Holy Spirit
The Baptism of God the Holy Spirit
Part 5
You Share ALL that Christ Has*



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*John 14:20 "In that day you will know that I am in My Father,
and you in Me, and I in you."*

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If YOU have never believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, you have the opportunity to do so right NOW. Simply tell God the Father that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that He came down from heaven and became a man to take our place and pay for the penalty for all the sin of all mankind. Jesus, the Savior died on the Cross for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Then Jesus was buried but He rose again and He is alive today seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. When you make the decision to believe in Jesus in simple faith based on His work on the Cross, you are now a believer and will always be a child of God. When you die, you will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. *(Acts 16:31) "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved."* *(John 3:16) "God loved the world so much that He gave is One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*



Lesson

We are still studying the doctrine of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Why so much on this subject you ask? Because it is SO VERY IMPORTANT for you to understand what you have in Christ.



Remember our definition: at the moment of salvation, the omnipotence or power of God the Holy Spirit places the Church Age believer into an eternal very important or vital union with Christ, identifying the believer positionally with Christ in His death, burial, resurrection, ascension and session. This results in making the believer a PERMANENT member of the Body of Christ...the Royal Family of God, a new spiritual species, and eternally secure (Mark 16:16; John 7:37-39; John 14:20; Acts 1:5; Acts 2:1-4; Rom 6:3-5; 1 Cor 12:13; Gal 3:26-28; Col 2:11-13; 1 Pet 3:21). Let's read these verses again.

By the Spirit's baptism into Christ, you, the believer are joined permanently in the Lord. You, the believer have put on Christ, and therefore, being "in Christ," you partake or share all that Christ is! This very important and vital union is the foundation of every position and possession into which you, the child of God has entered.

UNITED WE STAND IN CHRIST!!! The Baptism of the Holy Spirit, our union with Christ, is the ultimate and complete act of UNITY by God. God has produced a NEW creation in each believer consisting of the Resurrected Christ and the entire company of believers who are identified as the true Church, which is vitally UNITED in Christ.

So many errors and so much disunity are a result of the failure to understand and grasp the unique and breathtaking character of the true Church...us...believers IN CHRIST!!! By the baptism of the Spirit, each member is vitally joined to Christ in a union which is absolute and establishes identity between Christ and the believer and creates the foundation upon which all that Christ is may be imputed or credited to the believer who is in Him. Gal 3:27-28 "For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ (so imitate Him). (28) There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

One Lord!

You are in union with Christ. So, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit or positional sanctification produces a new spiritual person designed to replace the old person (old sin nature). The baptism of the Holy Spirit produces a new person by placing you in union with Christ. To be "in Christ" is to share in all that Christ has done, all that He is, and all that He will ever be!!!! Are you getting it? This is fantastic. We are part of EVERYTHING that is Christ's past, present and future!!

This means that to be in Christ is to have died in His death, to have been buried in His burial, to have been raised in His resurrection, to have ascended in His ascension, and to be seated now with Him in glory. Awesome!!! And not only you...but also each and every member of the body of Christ.

Crucifixion



Burial



Resurrection



Ascension



Session



Christ supplies all that a soul will ever need in time or eternity.

Do you need comfort? He is the comforter. 2 Cor 1:5 "For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ."

Do you need encouragement? He is the encourager. Philip 2:1 "Therefore seeing that there is encouragement in Christ..."

Do you need truth? He is the truth. John 14:6 "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.'"

Do you need hope? He is hope. 1 Tim 1:1 "Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the commandment of God our Savior, and of Christ Jesus, who is our hope..."

Do you need peace? He is our peace. Eph 2:14 For He Himself is our peace..."

Do you need wisdom? He is wisdom, and redemption, holiness and righteousness. 1 Cor 1:30-31 "But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, (31) so that, just as it is written, 'LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD.'"

Live in the VINE that is CHRIST! "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. (2) Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes that it may bear more fruit. (3) Already you are clean (saved) because of the word (Gospel) that I have spoken to you. (4) Live in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it lives in the vine, neither can you, unless you live in me. (5) I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." Take all you need. His resources are unlimited. His springs will not go dry.



Eph 4:5 "...one Lord, one faith, one baptism..." This is UNITY IN CHRIST!

Union or unity with Christ means you share certain things that Christ has:

1. You share His life which is eternal life, 1 John 5:11-12 "And the witness is this that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. (12) He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life."
2. You share Christ's righteousness. So we have a double perfect righteousness: from the Father by imputation at salvation, and from the Son through the Baptism of the Holy Spirit who places you in union with Him. 2 Co 5:21 "He who knew no sin was made sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." In fact, possessing the perfect righteousness (+R) of Jesus Christ is how you get the delivery of your escrow blessings for time. God has all your blessings in a heavenly escrow or savings account for you so that when you reach spiritual maturity you will receive those

blessings in time and then more in eternity at the evaluation seat of Christ because of your position in Christ.

3. We share the election of Christ, an escrow election. Eph 1:3-4 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, (4) even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him."
4. We share the destiny of Christ, a pre-designed plan or predestination. Eph 1:5-6 "He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, (6) to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved."
5. We share the son-ship of Christ. Gal 3:26 "for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith." He is the Son of God and in John 1:12 it tells us that "We are sons of God by faith in Christ Jesus."
6. We are the heirs of God and joint-heirs with the Son of God. Rom 8:16-17. "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, (17) and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him." 1 Pet 1:4 "We are now heirs of God." This is extended into escrow blessings for time and eternity.
7. We share the priesthood of Christ, a royal priesthood. 1 Pet 2:5 "You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." 1 Pet 2:9 "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."
8. We are adopted into the royal family of God. Eph 1:5 "...He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will..."



So we share everything Christ is and has, for the Head and the body are united into one spiritual entity (unit or thing). And blessings await you when Christ returns at the rapture: a resurrection body and entrance into your heavenly citizenship. Phil 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; (21) who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself."

The union which is formed in Christ is deeper than any relationship the human mind as ever imagined.

In His priestly prayer for the church, our Lord spoke of three unities regarding believers:

- The unity within the Persons of the blessed Trinity Family.
- The unity between the Persons of the Trinity Family and church age believers.
- The unity between the believers themselves.

Jesus loves us so much. He takes our union seriously and pleads for us everyday praying to the Father. This is part of the wondrous union with Him. Jesus prayed for us in John 17:20-23. "I do not ask on behalf of these alone (the 11 Apostles), but for those also who believe in Me through their word; (21) that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. (22) The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; (23) I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me."

How can we even begin to understand this revelation that we are related to Christ on the SAME level as the oneness which exists between the Father and the Son? Believe it...learn it. The Holy Spirit will make it real for you.

So perfect is this unity between Christ and His Church, the Head and the members of His body, the Vine and the branches, that it is reasonable to think that Christ will never be seen in glory apart from His Body, and His Body will never be seen apart from Him!!!! **1 Cor 12:12** "For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ."

The unity between Christ and the believer has two sides: the believer is in Christ, and Christ is in the believer. And the believer is in Christ, and this rules his position, possessions, safekeeping, and association. Christ is in the believer giving life, character, and power for conduct...that is our spiritual gift and service to Him...our godliness or spiritual life. This means making good decisions EVERYDAY to honor Christ and stay in fellowship with Him. Obey Him...honor Him...know Him.

Our Lord Jesus Christ captured the entire grace relationship of this amazing unity with all believers in one simple phrase. This phrase is the key to the reality and relationships of the Church Age believer under God's grace plan of redemption (from our sin nature's hold on us) and reconciliation (peace with God). **John 14:20** "In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you." Hold onto that, kids. This is amazing.

And keep and guard these words He spoke to us. Show Jesus how much it means to you to understand and appreciate what HE has done for YOU. He is our Leader. Don't let go of HIM!

2 Cor 11:3 "But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ." **John 15:12-17** "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. (13) Greater love has no one than this that one lay down his life for his friends. (14) You are My friends if you do what I command you. (15) No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. (16) You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you. (17) This I command you, that you love one another." **AMEN!**

Close in prayer

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