

The Light - Junior Series
Lesson 3

What in the World is the Cosmic Believer?

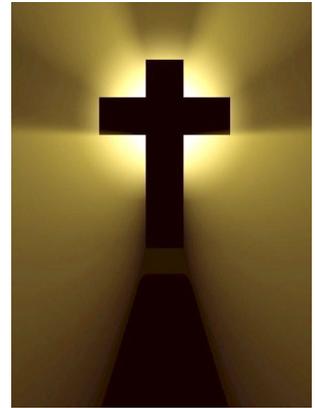


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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

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

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Just as the Plan of God is the divine factory for the manufacture of spiritual winners, so the cosmic system (the world) is Satan's factory for the manufacture of losers. The Holy Spirit is the Manager of the divine factory. Satan is the Manager of the cosmic factory! Therefore, it's VERY important to understand the relationship of the cosmic



believer to the Holy Spirit. Let me say this before we go on with our lesson. I know all of you want to be spiritual winners...invisible heroes for God...right? We know this glorifies God and our Savior Jesus and we all want to do this in gratitude for the gift of eternal life that Jesus gave us but even our best intentions go wrong, don't they? Not saying you're going to be losers but at times we all do act like losers when we don't let the Holy Spirit guide us and when we forget to confess our sins. We STOP the Spirit from doing His job in us. This power is supernatural, kids!!! This is power beyond ANYTHING in this world that Satan rules. Our power from the Holy Spirit is GREATER than Satan's power ever was!!!! Do you get it? I hope so. Let's look at what happens in the cosmic system to believers, okay?



Two things that are caused by the cosmic believer are:

1. First of all the believer can grieve the Holy Spirit. Eph 4:30 "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption." The Holy Spirit loves the believer and when we forget to confess and stay out of fellowship we make Him very sad because we have chosen to live in Satan's cosmic factory instead of God's divine factory (spiritual plan). That's what "grieve" means. The Holy Spirit wants to control us so we can obey God and complete the plan He has for our lives. So you can see when He can't help us it grieves or pains Him because you choose to live in the cosmic system and allow Satan's system to control your life instead of the Holy Spirit who loves you!
2. Then the believer can quench the Holy Spirit. 1 Thess 5:19 "Do not quench the Spirit..." Quenching the Spirit happens when you stay out of fellowship for a very long time and never confess, study, or apply the Word of God. This allows your old sin nature to completely take over your life resulting in instability...like a sinking ship in a storm...tossed here and there and everywhere and you get bruised and battered constantly. There is absolutely no way that your soul can put up with the Holy Spirit and the OSN at the same time. The Holy Spirit cannot function in a place where sin has taken hold. When you quench the Spirit you reduce His power to nothing...zero...so there is no help whatsoever!!! You are either filled with the Holy Spirit or you live in the carnal cosmic factory system. You can't have it both ways. You are always either 100% spiritual or you are 100% carnal or cosmic and there is no such thing as being part spiritual and part cosmic, where you are filled with the Holy Spirit up to a certain degree, but you are allowed to save a little room for some carnal fun. Those who try to straddle the fence (have it both ways) and willfully bounce back and forth between the two systems are only kidding themselves. God will not tolerate this for long. This is quenching the spirit.





On the other hand, the winner believer is said to be filled with the Spirit when he is living inside the plan of God. Eph 5:18 "...and walking in the Spirit." Gal 5:16 "So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature." This is where we want to be, kids! This is why we are constantly telling you and praying for you to stay filled with the Spirit by confessing your sins as soon as possible. That's when you allow the Holy Spirit to do His job leading, guiding, protecting and preserving you. He makes sure you are clear on what decisions to make in any situation you are in.

But once the believer sins and enters the cosmic system, he is grieving the Spirit until rebound occurs. Again quenching the Spirit is a prolonged stay in the cosmic system of Satan without rebound, resulting in instability in your soul. Don't be like that sinking ship! We are learning about cosmic believers so you can avoid this kind of behavior and thinking. Everyday we want to be more and more like our Lord, Jesus Christ, and to do that we must not stay in the cosmic system too long!

The believer living in the cosmic system grieving and quenching the Holy Spirit is classified under six Biblical categories. Let's look at them and these passages:

1. The believer in the cosmic system is an enemy of the cross. Philip 3:18 "For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ."
2. He is the enemy of God. James 4:4 "You traitorous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God."
3. He is a hater of God. John 15:23 "He who hates me hates my Father as well."
4. He is an anti-Christ (against Christ). 1 John 2:18 "Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour." 1 John 2:22 "...Who is the liar? It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a man is the antichrist...he denies the Father and the Son." 1 John 4:3 "...but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world."
5. He is a carnal believer. Rom 8:7 "...the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so." 1 Cor 3:3 "You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men?"
6. He is double-minded. James 4:8 "Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands (confess...rebound), you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded."



In 1 Cor 2:5 Paul instructs us "...so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power." The "wisdom of man" illustrates Satan's deception or tricks in the cosmic system through culture and religion. The U.S. today has a culture of self, self pleasure, gratification, and greed. It's very different from years ago when our country relied more on God and His grace. Today we are far away from that as all of you know. Look at the distractions you have everyday!! There are so many distractions to take you away from God. Satan is a genius and even you can see that with the Word of God in your soul. You're smart kids...so

don't be deceived by him...stay in the plan of God.

Paul is reaching out to believers in 1 Cor 2:4 to use the POWER of the HOLY SPIRIT. "And my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom (man's wisdom), but in the demonstration of the Spirit and of power..." This will keep you out of the cosmic system. Listen to what else he has to tell us in 1 Cor 2:6-8. "Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature (spiritually); a wisdom, however, not of this age (cosmic system, the world), nor of the rulers of this age (Satan and his demons), who are passing away; but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom, which God predestined before the ages to our glory (that's us!!! Church Age believers); the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age (world leaders...men) has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory..." Unbelievers (and believers out of fellowship) living in the cosmic system of Satan do VERY foolish things. They think

like Satan and look what they did to our Savior. They blindly crucified Him. They were blinded by Satan. What a horrible thing. They trusted their own smarts and strength and constantly messed things up for everyone. But you have the WISDOM and POWER from God...USE IT. Don't abandon it. Don't live in the Satan's factory...live in the divine factory of God's blessing and TRUE happiness.

Close in prayer

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