

The Light - Junior Series
Lesson 8

*The Holy Spirit sets up to do Battle Against the
Indwelling Old Sin Nature
The Believer - Armed by the Holy Spirit just like Jesus*



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*Gal 5:16 "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the
desires of the flesh."*

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



Since you live in the present Church Age, you need to know that God the Holy Spirit has several active ministries to you, the believer. And one important ministry of God the Holy Spirit to the believer at the moment of salvation is the very special spiritual gift He has for each of us. Because He's perfect, He gives you super weaponry for your battle here on earth in the Angelic Conflict and one piece of that super weaponry is your spiritual gift. God the Father planned everything, Christ provided the fantastic victory over death and Satan on the cross, and God the Holy Spirit powers you up with a new nature and the human spirit to use your weapon...your spiritual gift. The entire Trinity is involved because they all love you. This is a big deal!!!! YOU ARE PRIVILEGED!



Your spiritual gift was designed to be used in and outside your local church. For us, our church is Lighthouse Bible Church. Our gifts were designed to build up the members (believers) in our church. Remember Jesus told us before He left earth "to love one another as He has loved us." Part of loving one another is to use your spiritual gift in the local church. We are a team and when you add up all of our gifts you can see how they (the gifts) keep the church running smoothly in all areas that God has designed it to be. That's the big picture.

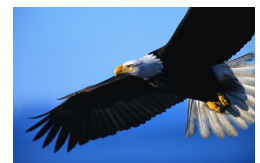


Now before we get into the details of your spiritual gifts themselves, we have to go deeper into some points of study about the Holy Spirit and what He actually does in our lives as believers. We are called to walk in the Spirit and we do it the same way we were saved...by believing what God is telling us in His Word...AND that it is all true. God's Word is Truth.



Jesus is the Word. The Bible is the Word of God. The Bible is the mind of Christ. We are placed in union with Christ by the Holy Spirit when we believe in Him (that's the Baptism of the Holy Spirit) and the key to all of this is knowing that we are in Christ and we have eternal life through Him. If we have eternal life (and we do), God has a plan for us on earth and in Heaven. God gave us the Holy Spirit and EVERYTHING through grace that we need to complete the plan while we are alive on earth. Remember the key is knowing you have eternal life in heaven with God and Jesus forever! This gives you a secure personal sense of destiny (our 6th problem solving device) and the motivation to walk by means of the Holy Spirit everyday of your lives like Jesus did while He was here on earth.

Satan knew he wasn't going to ever have eternal life in heaven and he thought he had made sure that God's special creature...man...would lose it too when he got Adam and the woman to sin in the Garden. He wanted mankind to go down with him!!! When Satan lied and said "you surely won't die," he was lying through his serpent fangs!!! He knew they would immediately die spiritually but they didn't



know what spiritual death was yet! The woman thought he meant physical death. Satan knew they wouldn't die physically right away so when he used sneaky wording to convince her, IT DID and he tricked her into sinning. Isn't that amazing and ironic? Because Adam and the woman died spiritually and all they had left was physical life. They immediately lost their human spirit, which was their connection to God!!! It was their relationship with Jesus...gone in a bite!!!! Satan thought their spiritual death after they sinned would be permanent!!! Boy was he ever wrong!!! He didn't know God very well, did he? He was pretty big-headed and pig-headed!!! God had other plans for His special creatures...mankind. God had the CROSS waiting in the wings. God had CHRIST waiting in the wings. And now by believing in Him we soar in life on eagle's wings because we have God's eternal life and the POWER of the Holy Spirit in us!!! You almost have to feel sorry for Satan at this point.

Spiritual death happens the moment we are born physically because we inherited spiritual death from Adam. Eternal life happens the moment we are born again (regenerated into eternal life by the Holy Spirit) when we believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior! **Rom 6:23 "For the wages of sin is (spiritual) death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."** This is fantastic news and something you kids should be so happy about and thankful for. Don't forget to tell God the Father in your daily prayers how thankful you are, okay?

Rom 5:17-21 "For if by the transgression of the one (Adam), (spiritual) death reigned through Adam, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness (+R) will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. So then as through one sin (Adam's) there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness (the Cross) there resulted justification of life (+R at salvation) to all men. For as through the one man's (Adam's) disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience (the Cross) of the One (Jesus Christ) the many will be made righteous (+R). The Law (10 Commandments) came in so that the sin would increase (mankind would recognize they are sinners through the Law); but where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, as sin ruled in (spiritual) death, even so grace would rule through righteousness (+R) to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Kids, you have God's righteousness (+R) and His ETERNAL LIFE!! This combined with the Holy Spirit in you is HUGE!!!



So when Adam sinned man of course became spiritually dead, physically decaying, subject to death, blind, with sinful desires from the old sin nature, and confused. Fallen man's true condition now is powerfully revealed by the miracles of our Lord during His 3 year ministry on earth. Jesus came to earth, and He visited the people, and what does He find? A big mess of sick, spiritually dead, prisoners, captives, the brokenhearted and the afflicted...even possessed people who were blind to things of God thanks to Satan! This is proof that Satan lied to mankind. Jesus brought Lazarus back to life from the dead. Satan said we would **"...surely not die!!!"** All lies from Satan. Every man dies unless you live in the Rapture generation.

Satan also said, **"...you will be like God, knowing good and evil."** The world did not recognize Christ when He came and the rejection of the Perfect One, the Savior...Messiah by this world is proof enough that fallen man could not recognize good and is instead full of evil.

Jesus spent 3 years undoing the damage caused by Satan in the Garden. The result of sin is spiritual death. Many people...most of them...were spiritually dead when Jesus met them on earth. The people Jesus cured and raised from the dead were that way so Jesus could prove through these miracles that He is the Messiah...the promised ONE...the ONE God promised in the Garden to undo the damage Satan caused for mankind. Jesus was armed with the POWER of the HOLY SPIRIT when He performed those miracles. By the way, that is the SAME POWER you have!!!! You are ARMED by the Holy Spirit to do battle!!!

Jesus made the blind see...the blind whose eyes were closed physically and not opened spiritually!! He freed unbelievers from demon possession...the opposite of being like God. He was a miracle worker to show the people HE WAS GOD IN THE FLESH!!!! But did they see...many did NOT! **John 1:10 "He was in the world, and the world was made through**

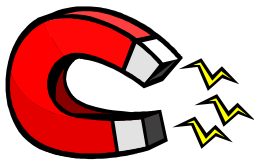


Him, and the world did not know Him.” The graveyards, nursing homes, insane asylums, and prisons of the world all offer their witness that Satan surely lied. You know what? This world and most of the people in it prefer to remain deceived. Fallen man is still trying to cash in on Satan’s false promises and they don’t even know they are being fooled by Satan! All because they cannot be bothered to learn the Truth. The prophet Isaiah describes our true condition, kids, and he describes the true nature of our world in **Isaiah Chapter 59**. Let’s open our Bibles and read about it.

Now we’re going to look at some of Jesus’ miracles today. Let’s first look at Jairus’ daughter and read about this miracle of Jesus’ in our Bibles in **Luke 8:40-56**.

Jesus also performed a miracle for a widow whose only son had died. **Luke 7:11-17** “Soon afterward He went to a town called Nain, and His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, ‘Do not weep.’ Then He came up and touched the (funeral) bier, and the bearers stood still. And He said, ‘Young man, I say to you, arise.’ And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, ‘A great Prophet has arisen among us!’ and ‘God has visited His people (on earth)!’ And this report about Him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.” So here it is...man dies, right? The Bible teaches us the truth about death. Death is a reality. Everybody has to die BUT for the believer it is a VICTORY!!! Death for the believer is our DOOR TO ETERNITY with Jesus and God the Father FOREVER. It’s just a door we go through...a phase of our life that is eternal in Christ!! This is such good news!!! So be happy and NEVER fear death...that’s Satan’s lie for the believer, too.

Satan in his clever trickiness does his best to get us to stray away from God. Think of the world as an electromagnet and think of the kingdom of darkness...the world forces of this darkness...as the power source that holds the electromagnet. It is designed to pull you away from God and the plan of God. Your old sin nature is iron.



BUT God the Holy Spirit has a way MORE POWERFUL generator than the kingdom of darkness. His magnetic force is in the opposite direction. It will force you forward into the plan of God and away from the cosmic system. The cross of Jesus Christ separated you from the electromagnet of the cosmic system. Jesus unplugged the satanic generator on the Cross. The Holy Spirit teaches us where the plug is!

So now you know, “**Little, children, you are from God and have overcome them (dark forces of evil) for HE (the Trinity) who is in you is greater than he (Satan) who is in the world.**” (1 John 4:4)

Close in Prayer

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