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**Boot Camp
Discipleship
A Path to Spiritual Maturity**

Part 2 - Holy Spirit and the Body of Christ



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Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your King is coming to you;

He is just and having salvation,

Lowly and riding on a donkey,

A colt, the foal of a donkey.



*James 4:10 **Humble** yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.*

*1 Peter 5:6-8 Therefore **humble** yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. Be [a]sober, be [b]vigilant; [c]because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

Philippians 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Revelation 22:17—“And the Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come!’...”

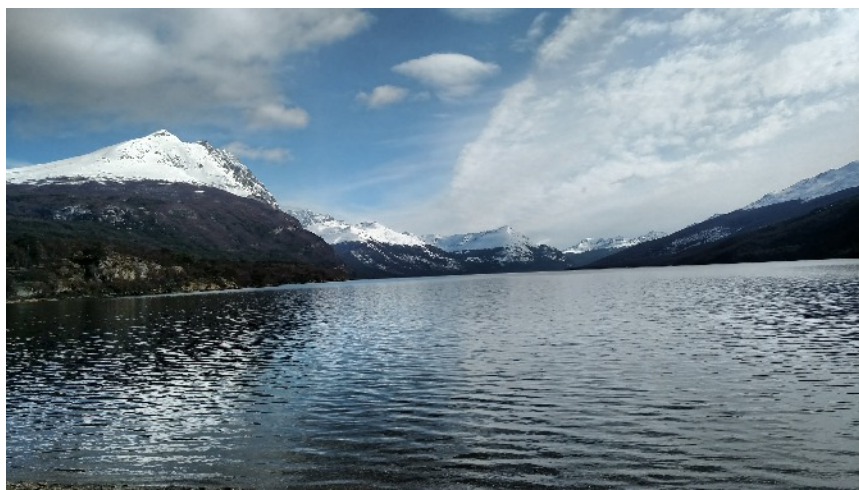
We must humble ourselves and go low. We serve to reign in life.

If our King comes lowly, we should come lowly. Jesus is beautiful! He is Holy! He is the Lord! Come to know Him! Spend time in His presence. He says “Shalom, peace.” We must behold Jesus in the scriptures until pride is burned out of us.

Seeing God rightly, as the creator of the universe, of space and time, keeps us aware of our position, relative to Him! Holy Spirit, show us Jesus in the Word. We want to know Him!

We are co-crucified, co-buried, co-resurrected, co-seated, co-heirs and co-workers. We are here to destroy the works of the devil.

Jesus rose with the keys to earth and we reign with Him. *1 John 4:4 “You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.”* God is holy. We must repent and be holy too.



Philippians 2:5-7 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

Humility is the place of entire dependence on God. Pride is the loss of this humility. Praying in the spirit and in tongues is one way of

placing God on the throne. It humbles ourselves. Praying in tongues, in the spirit, gives us an audience with the King. We say “yes” to the Father. It’s God who has all the power, all the force!



1 Corinthians 14:2

For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

1 Corinthians 14:4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself...

Praying in the spirit is our spirit directly communing with God. That is very good even though we are not always immediately privy to the content. As a humble child, we trust. It's a glorious truth that we have a direct line to God! God is not silent and will respond. Sometimes it's a small still voice, a 'thought', transforming our lives, our emotions, renewing our minds, refreshing our spirits. Praying in the spirit ALWAYS helps!





John 4:24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

John G. Lake, a missionary and revivalist who moved powerful in healing said that "tongues has been the making of my ministry."

God created us to have an intimate experience with Him. We were made for Communion with God. We need to engage with the Holy Spirit. Praying in the spirit puts us in direct communion with God. Greater revelation of Jesus! We want to walk with Holy Spirit!



Jude 20-21 Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

While our spirits are sanctified the instant we are born again, our souls often require a process. Spending time reading the Bible, meditating on the Word, and praying in the spirit, and following Jesus are keys to the sanctification of our soul (our mind, emotions and will) and body. When we pray in the spirit, our spirit man is strengthened which helps us control our soul and body. A strong

spirit builds our faith. God will also ‘grow’ us when we gather with other believers.

"The Holy Spirit is calling the Body of Christ individually and corporately to stand as priests and minister to God. You and I have been redeemed to live before God through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Jesus forever lives to make intercession, and He has raised us up from death for the purpose of joining with Him in His priestly ministry of intimacy and intercession before God." - Corey Russell



Matthew 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

Violence and humility, both? Praying in the spirit can help establish God's Kingdom on earth. Such praying is a huge part of intercession. Sometimes a friend or a situation may come to mind. God may be preparing you to deal with a situation you will encounter. You are releasing His will on earth. You may be led to declare things or, you may not know what you are praying about!

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:10b-12 For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

*Romans 14:17 for the **kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.***

Righteousness is the right standing that we now enjoy in the spirit, being born again and saints. Peace is the renewal of our soul, our minds, emotions and will. Joy is health of our bodies. It's complete salvation for our whole being - spirit, soul and body!



As we become whole, we are not to live only for ourselves, but for what Christ wants. We are here to preach the gospel of the Kingdom, heal the sick, cast out demons and raise the dead. We are indeed both priests and kings. This is not just an individual role we occupy. We are the Body of Christ on the earth. We growing in our walking out how to rightly be one body, just as Jesus prayed "Father, I pray they be one, just as we are one...." We each have a unique role to play. We are all unique and very valuable to each other in carrying out God's Will. As we abide in Christ, we also walk in love and truth with the rest of the body of Christ. We reign with Christ. The Spirit and the Bride say Come!

We are all called to preach the Kingdom, heal the sick, cast out demons and raise the dead, individually and **together** with other believers. We all are called to disciple nations, get involved with businesses and governments.

We are not victims as the world so wants us to believe. We are not slaves, but we have been set free! **We are kings and priests!** As



we pray, Our Father in Heaven, **YOUR Kingdom come, YOUR Will be done**, we are helping establishing God's Kingdom today, here, now.

This often involves warring in the spiritual realm through worship and prayer, as well as declaring God's Word and getting involved with businesses, schools, governments, hospitals, recreational areas, etc. - sharing the good news of the Kingdom and standing up for and speaking out for God's laws today. We are the light of the world.

We war as individuals and also as we gather together to minister to the Lord. **Group prayer and worship meetings are powerful** when we invite Holy Spirit to use us collectively. *Matthew 11:12 the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.*

It's time to pray, praise, worship, dance, declare and do - to preach the Kingdom, heal the sick, cast out demons and raise the dead! Dance like David danced!

God has given gifts to help us accomplish this commission. We cannot do this without gifts and without the Holy Spirit. Gifts to both prepare us to minister His Will as well as gifts for us to work together and do His Will. The next chapter will go into supernatural gifts. We need them!



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