

March 16th, 2024

Title: You are a Temple of the Holy Spirit

Theme: Walking with the Holy Spirit...2

Text: Romans 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20 and 3:16

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation that they, each and every believer, has been purchased by God and by divine declaration we, individually and collectively, are a/the temple of the Holy Spirit.

Introduction:

Last week's devotional was entitled "Walking With the Holy Spirit": ~ 1) Who Are You Listening To; ~ 2) Who Are You Yielding To; ~ 3) Who Are You Walking With

~ The Holy Spirit is always faithful to His ministry to each believer; the question is, "Am I conscious of His current work in my life?" Do I acknowledge that the Holy Spirit and the resurrected Christ Jesus inhabit me?

~ Romans 8:1 – 8. Read

~ Condemnation (G2631) used 3 times: damnatory sentence, condemnation; Romans 5:16, 18; 8:1

~ Hebrews 12:6, "*For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.*"

Disciplines (G3811): To train children; to be instructed or taught or learn, to cause one to learn

Chastises (G3146): To scourge (Luke 18:33; John 19:1)

~ Exodus 6:6, "*Say therefore to the people of Israel, 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment.'*"

Redeem, H1350: to redeem, act as kinsman-redeemer, avenge, ransom, do the part of a kinsman; to redeem by payment

~ 1 Corinthians 6:19 – 20, "*Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, (20) for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.*"

~ 1 Corinthians 3:16, "*Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?*" read context – 1 Corinthians 3:1 – 17

~ Colossians 1:27, "*To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*"

1. The Holy Spirit Speaks to Our Doubts:

~ Genesis 3:1, "*Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?''*"

~ 2 Corinthians 2:11, "*so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs (KJV, devices; NIV, schemes).*"

~ In addition to Satan causing us to doubt God's word our natural thinking can frequently do the same.

~ Luke 2:26 – 37, (34) "*And Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be since I am a virgin.'*" (37) "*For nothing is impossible with God.*" (38) "*And Mary said, 'Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.'*" And the angel departed from her."

~ John 14:16 – 17, "*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, (17) even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.*"

2. The Holy Spirit Speaks to Our Fears:

~ Genesis 3:1 – 13, Read

Notice the progression: vs. 1 Satan sows doubt; vs. 4 Satan lies; vs. 6 natural reason does not align with God's reason and rebellion follows; vs. 7 death results; vs. 10 FEAR!

~ Matthew 14:22 – 31 Read vs. 22, the disciples are sent off; vs. 23 Jesus goes alone to pray; vs. 24 the disciples are in a storm; vs. 25 Jesus came walking on the sea; vs. 26 the disciples were afraid; vs. 27 "Do not be afraid." To late!; vs. 28 command me to come on the water; vs. 30 Peter saw the wind

This is a storm and natural reason tells us we cannot walk on water! Never mind that Jesus had sent them out, or that Jesus called Peter out of the boat!

~ In the NATURAL fear is a protective device. To close to a rattle snake, to close to the edge of a cliff, etc. In the SPIRITUAL fear can cause us to shrink from the WORD of God.

~ Galatians 5:22 – 26, "*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, PEACE, patience, kindness, goodness faithfulness, (23) gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*"

3. The Holy Spirit Speaks to Our Feelings of Isolation:

~ 1 Kings 18 – 19 overview: 18:22, "I only, am left" compare 19:18; 19:1 – 3, Elijah, who had faced off 450 prophets of Baal, runs from Jezebel

~ Consider the life of Joseph in Genesis 37, 39, 40 and 41 39:2 – 3 and 39:20 – 23

~ Hebrews 10:24 – 25, "*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, (25) not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.*"

Conclusion:

Ephesians 5:17 – 21, "*Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. (18) And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, (19) addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs making melody to the Lord with your heart, (20) giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,*"