

LIVING BY THE HOLY SPIRIT'S POWER

THREE FACTORS IN SPIRITUALITY

In 1Corinthians 2:6-3:3, Scripture identifies four categories of people in relation to understanding the Bible mysteries. Only “the spiritual man;” a man with spiritual life can access the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven.

SPIRITUALITY IS COMPOSED OF THREE FACTORS:

Regeneration - The Holy Spirit - Time

1. REGENERATION

The term “regeneration” means, “to be born again. It means to have salvation or that one has been saved.” An unbeliever cannot live the spiritual life. Only a believer can develop the spiritual life, therefore, the first factor in spirituality is salvation or regeneration.

2. THE HOLY SPIRIT

The second factor in our spirituality is the Holy Spirit. Spiritual life requires the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. He is involved in **five different ways** in our spiritual life.

First, the Holy Spirit teaches us spiritual truths

John 16:12-15 (KJV)

¹² I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. ¹³ Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. ¹⁴ He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. ¹⁵ All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

Secondly, the Holy Spirit is involved in guiding us

Romans 8:14 (KJV)

¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Thirdly, The Holy Spirit gives us assurance of our salvation

Romans 8:16 (KJV)

¹⁶ The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Fourthly, The Holy Spirit is praying for us

Romans 8:26-27 (KJV)

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷ And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Fifthly, The Holy Spirit gives us the spiritual gifts for the growth of the local Body

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (KJV)

⁴ Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. ⁶ And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. ⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

3. TIME

The third factor in spirituality is time; it takes time to attain the stage of “a spiritual man.” Just as physical development takes time, so also spiritual development takes time. No one is spiritual the day he is born again. Thus, it takes time to become spiritual.

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THE LAW WAS OUR SCHOOLMASTER TO BRING US UNTO CHRIST

Galatians 3:23-25 (KJV)

²³ But before faith (before Christ came) came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. ²⁴ Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

THE LAW IS FULFILLED IN ONE WORD: LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR AS THYSELF

Galatians 5:14-18 (KJV)

¹⁴ For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. ¹⁵ But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

LET’S LIVE AND WALK IN THE SPIRIT TO AVOID DEVOURING ONE ANOTHER

Galatians 5:25-26 (KJV)

²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

LIVING AND WALKING IN THE SPIRIT REQUIRES ONE TO SUBDUE THE FLESH

Philippians 3:3 (KJV)

³ For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

THERE IS A BATTLE BETWEEN THE FLESH AND THE SPIRIT

Galatians 5:16-18 (NLT)

¹⁶ So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won’t be doing what your sinful nature (the flesh) craves. ¹⁷ The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. ¹⁸ But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses.

Romans 6:13-14 (KJV)

¹⁴ *For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

**WHOMSOEVER DISPLAYS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING BEHAVIOR IS STILL UNDER THE LAW
AND WALK BY FLESH**

Galatians 5:19-21 (The Message)

¹⁹⁻²¹ *It is obvious what kind of life develops out of trying to get your own way all the time: repetitive, loveless, cheap sex (**sexual immorality**); a stinking accumulation of mental and emotional garbage (impurity); frenzied and joyless grabs for happiness (**lustful pleasures**); trinket gods (**idolatry**); magic-show religion (**sorcery**); paranoid loneliness (**hostility**); cutthroat competition (**quarreling**); all-consuming-yet-never-satisfied wants (**jealousy**); a brutal temper (**outbursts of anger**); an impotence to love or be loved (**selfish ambition**); divided homes and divided lives; small-minded and lopsided pursuits; the vicious habit of depersonalizing everyone into a rival (**envy**); uncontrolled and uncontrollable addictions; ugly parodies of community (**wild parties**). I could go on.*