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Message Series: Who We Are In Christ

Today's Message: The Holy Spirit's Transforming Presence

Three Disturbing Observations:

1. "38% of Christians strongly agree and 20% agree somewhat that the Holy Spirit is a _____ of God's power and presence but not a living entity" ~Barna
2. "When it comes to the Holy Spirit, churches are either cemeteries or _____ asylums." ~Jim Cymbala
3. "The Holy Spirit is God's _____ agent on earth, yet He is the least understood... member of the Trinity..." ~Cymbala

The Holy Spirit's Transforming Presence

1. The _____ Power Available

Ephesians 3:14, 16 "For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father... that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power thru His Spirit in the inner man."

2 Corinthians 4:16

Ephesians 2:22 "In Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit."

* Paul is praying for the Ephesians _____ the power that they possess in Christ

* Every true follower of Christ should see their _____ for the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit, without which we would never truly know the love of Christ.

Ephesians 3:17, 19 "... So that Christ may dwell in your hearts thru faith—that you being rooted and grounded in love... and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

* Spurgeon on way to preach... on each of 15 steps to pulpit... "I believe in the Holy Spirit" ... "I believe in the Holy Spirit" ...

2. Our _____ In Possessing Holy Spirit Power

1. Putting Personal Experience First

1 Corinthians 14:8 "And if the bugle gives an indistinct sound who will get ready for the battle?"

1 Corinthians 14:23-25

2. Putting the Letter of the Law Over the Spirit

2 Corinthians 3:5, 6 "... our sufficiency is from God, who has made us sufficient to be ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life."

3. Leaning On The "Wow Factor"

1 Corinthians 14:25 "... the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship

God and declare that God is really among you.”

3. God’s Power Thru His Spirit Available To ALL True Followers

Ephesians 3:20, 21 “Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or imagine, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.”

⇒ We need to stop trying and start relying!