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The Importance of
the **Holy Spirit**

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

There is more to the Christian life than just getting your sins forgiven—much more.

The average person's focus when they first come to the Lord is to get their sins forgiven so they can go to heaven instead of hell. Although that is wonderful and more than any of us deserve, salvation isn't just about avoiding hell. Jesus told us to pray, *"Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven"* (Matt. 6:10). And Paul said that Jesus *"gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world"* (Gal. 1:4), not just the one to come.

We can experience a supernatural life now, one that will be amplified and completed when we get to heaven. But sadly, this kind of life is far above what most believers are living.

Most Christians know there must be more to their salvation than what they are experiencing. They believe God can do anything, and they pray for healing, prosperity, joy, peace, and many other things that seem to be lacking in their lives. Yet the vast majority of them seem to be powerless to obtain what Jesus provided.

Why?

Jesus said in Acts 1:8, *"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."*

The power to live the Christian life now, in this life, comes from the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. The Christian life isn't just difficult to live; it's impossible without the power of the Holy Spirit.

If you take what Jesus said there in context, it makes it even more powerful. He had just told His disciples not to leave Jerusalem until they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4–5). They possessed the greatest news the world had ever heard—Jesus' resurrection



and everything He had accomplished—but Jesus didn't want them to share it until they received the power of the Holy Spirit.

Wow! That is amazing!

The disciples had just witnessed the greatest miracle the world had ever seen. They had all the facts. What more could they need?

They needed the power of the Holy Spirit. And so do we.

Prior to the baptism of the Holy Spirit, these same disciples ran and hid during the crucifixion of Jesus. They also displayed an amazing ability to not understand what Jesus was saying at times. There's a reason they were called "duh-ciples."

But after the day of Pentecost and the infilling of the Holy Spirit, these same men were transformed. They stood boldly before the scribes and Pharisees who had once intimidated them, fearlessly declaring their guilt in crucifying the Son of God. They performed miraculous acts like Jesus did (John 14:12), including raising people from the dead. Moved by the Holy Spirit, they wrote books of the Bible. All but one of these apostles went on to suffer a martyr's death and held firm until the end.

Just as Jesus told them, the disciples received power when the Holy Spirit came upon them, and it changed these very average men into powerhouses who set in motion the new church age and established the kingdom of God here on earth.

The disciples didn't just tell people what happened to Jesus; they demonstrated that Jesus was still alive and living in and through them. As Paul said in

1 Corinthians 4:20, "For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power."

Today we have more people than ever proclaiming truths from God's Word, but few are doing it in the power of the Holy Spirit. Many who have received the Word have experienced the forgiveness of sins, but they lack the power of the Holy Spirit to live a victorious life. They talk about the power of God, but very few demonstrate it.

There needs to be an emphasis on how important the ministry of the Holy Spirit is in the life of the believer. Failure to do this has diminished our witness and produced a lot of impotent Christians. Actually, that's a misnomer. The word "Christian" means "little Christ," and these powerless believers aren't living anything like Christ. I'm not saying they aren't born again, but they aren't Christlike.

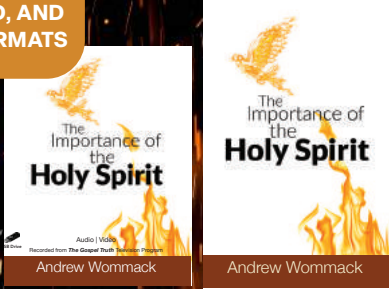
That's the reason the world has rejected Christianity. It's not because the things Christianity stands for are not true but because it's being presented in a powerless way. Jesus used miracles to draw people to Him and His message, much like we use a bell to attract attention. If Jesus needed miracles to draw and convince the multitudes, how arrogant is it for ministers today to think they can accomplish God's will on their own, without demonstrating the power of the Holy Spirit?

On an individual level, few Christians have accessed this power of the Holy Spirit in their personal lives. Believers suffer depression and discouragement, even though the Holy Spirit was given to comfort and encourage us (2 Cor. 1:4). Jude said that we build ourselves up on our most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit (Jude 20). That's talking about praying in tongues.

When I was born again at eight years old, I became one of these powerless Christians that I'm speaking about. Faith comes by hearing the truth of God's Word (Rom. 10:17), and my denominational church didn't preach about the power of the Holy Spirit. But all that changed on March 23, 1968,

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when I came face to face with God's glory. I received this baptism of the Holy Spirit, and my life has never been the same.

Receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues isn't just a one-time experience. Those who have the Holy Spirit have God's power, but it has to be accessed. The Holy Spirit doesn't force Himself and His ability on anyone. You have to pursue God's power in order to get it to manifest in your life. Spirit-filled believers need to pursue and appropriate more of the Holy Spirit's power manifesting in and through them.

I have a lot of information about the importance of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer, and I've just completed a new series titled *The Importance of the Holy Spirit*. It's available in CD, DVD, and USB formats, and I believe it will really bless you. To order it, go to awme.net/SpiritPower, call our UK Helpline at **+44(0)1922 473 300**, or complete and return the enclosed form.

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We love you,

Andrew and Jamie



FORGIVEN AND HEALED AT THE CROSS

If you're forgiven, then you're healed, prosperous, and so much more!



If you are a child of God, then you're healed—period. While this may seem radical, it's the truth. If you're healed, you're forgiven. And if you're forgiven, you're healed. Praise God!

We can see this in the book of Luke, which records Jesus' forgiveness of the paralyzed man, lowered through a roof by his friends:

When He saw their faith, He said to [the paralyzed man], "Man, your sins are forgiven you."

Luke 5:20, New King James Version, brackets added

The Pharisees and scribes at the scene were secretly indignant at Jesus' declaration of forgiveness. Knowing what they were thinking, He posed a question to them:

Which is easier, to say, "Your sins are forgiven you," or to say, "Rise up and walk"?

Luke 5:22b–23, NKJV, emphasis added

Why did Jesus ask them that? Because in the eyes of God, healing and forgiveness are inseparable. They're intertwined within the salvation package. As a child of God, healing is already yours! There's no need to strive for it—it's a gift. Hallelujah!

The Bible assures us that though our sins were like scarlet, He washed them whiter than snow; they're forgotten and erased by Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Romans 8:1, emphasis added

This is what the Word of God says about you. You don't have to walk around like a condemned and defeated sinner anymore. You are the righteousness of God (2 Cor. 5:21)! Because you're a

new creation in Christ Jesus (2 Cor. 5:17), your born-again spirit cannot be sick; it's sealed with the Holy Spirit that keeps out all contamination (Eph. 1:13).

Sickness is an attack from the enemy. It isn't yours to claim. It's an illegal trespasser that has no right to be in you, so refuse to embrace it.

Remember, He is the God who sent fiery chariots down from heaven for Elijah, parted the Red Sea for Moses, and safeguarded Daniel in the lions' den. He walks on water, cleanses the lepers, raises the dead, and casts out demons. He is the resurrection and the life! Jesus has already borne away your sicknesses, weaknesses, depression, and addictions. Whatever burden you carry, He has already taken it upon Himself. Hear Him telling you today, "Give it all to Me, and I'll carry it for you so that you can be free" [1 Pet. 5:7 and Matt. 11:28–30].

If you were blessed by this teaching, join us **August 6–9** for the **2024 Healing Is Here** conference in Woodland Park Colorado Visit **HealingIsHere.org** to register today!



Johan Toet and his wife, Brenda, are the founders of the One in Him Foundation. Johan was radically delivered by Jesus Christ from a life of crime and drugs. He spreads the Gospel through mission trips, visiting slums and distributing food packages, and holding worldwide open-air crusades. The One in Him Foundation is committed to making disciples of Jesus and empowering individuals to walk in the fullness of God's grace.

STUDENT HOUSING WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR FALL 2024!



As the 2023–24 academic year approached, the scarcity of local housing left hundreds of aspiring students unable to seize the opportunity to attend Charis Bible College. This highlighted the urgent need for on-campus housing to accommodate our growing student body. In response, we've been constructing brand-new on-campus housing.

While Grace Hall (for females) is nearly complete, we need additional funding to finish Faith Hall in time for incoming fall students. But we serve a mighty God, and we have seen His faithfulness time and again.

Exciting news! Applications are now open for the brand-new Grace Hall dormitory (for females) for the 2024–25 school year!

This state-of-the-art student housing represents a significant milestone in our campus expansion efforts, aimed at enriching the Charis experience and transforming it into a premier educational adventure. Alongside modern amenities, students can anticipate meal plans, engaging activities, fellowship opportunities, and much more.

Tailored for Charis Bible College Woodland Park day school students aged 18–28, our new housing fosters a vibrant faith community where lifelong friendships and personal growth thrive. At Charis, students receive unparalleled and life-changing discipleship in God's Word, as one student testifies:

The First-Year Program has really established my heart in the Word of God and helped me grow with the Holy Spirit. God has changed my life through Charis. It's truly incredible and unlike any place in the world.

— Brianna, Charis student

As we forge ahead with expanding the Woodland Park campus, we invite you to join us in prayer and support, knowing that God is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine (Eph. 3:20).

Do you feel called to be a part of this? Whether you're considering Charis in Woodland Park this fall or interested in supporting our vision, we welcome your participation in the work God is doing here! Visit awmi.net/CharisCampus for housing details and partnership opportunities.

Please note that acceptance to the main campus for day school is required before applying for Charis Woodland Park student housing.



CHARIS BIBLE COLLEGE WOODLAND PARK EMBRACES MEXICO



In the face of language barriers and cultural differences, a mission trip team from Charis Bible College Woodland Park travelled to Queretaro, Mexico, joining forces with Charis Mexico students to make a difference in the heart of Queretaro. Their mission was simple: to share the love of God with everyone they encountered.

Going beyond mere words, the Woodland Park (WP) students used personal stories and genuine acts of kindness to connect with the people they met. From performing heartfelt skits to offering warm hugs, they found creative ways to break down barriers and touch people's hearts.



The warmth and friendliness of the Mexican people made introductions effortless, but communicating the depth of the Gospel message through translators presented its own set of challenges. "You come to a point of almost frustration because you want to draw so much out of them and you want to put so much into them, and you feel limited," notes Velecia, a Charis WP student.

Despite the obstacles, the team from Colorado remained determined and discovered a timeless truth: *love is an unshakable force*. Extending free hugs became their universal language and most

powerful tool, proving that love knows no borders. As student Justin shares, "They're just so easy to love—I've never experienced that with Americans. It's been awesome."

The WP team's impact reverberated throughout the community as lives were changed and people experienced the power of God's love firsthand. The team witnessed fifteen salvations, four baptisms in the Holy Spirit, and sixteen healings, leaving a lasting impact on Queretaro, Mexico.

Sheldon, another Charis WP student, shares, "Praise God for Andrew Wommack's prayer ministry training. Because of my experience on the phones, I was equipped to lead a man to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit."

As it turns out, the impact of the Charis WP mission trip will extend beyond Mexico. Inspired by the passion and dedication of their fellow Charis students from Woodland Park, Charis Mexico students were stirred to begin spreading the love of God in other nations too, taking Matthew 28:19–20 to heart:

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Thanks to the gracious support of our partners and friends, this team from Charis Woodland Park extended God's healing love and power to many in Mexico! Explore our **FREE** Charis Testimonies at awmi.net/video/series for more inspiration.

Quotations edited for length and clarity.

GOOD REPORTS!

The Good News You Won't Likely Hear on the Evening News

In a time when negative headlines often steal the spotlight, it's important to remember that there's still plenty of hope and positivity surrounding us. With this month's edition of "Good Reports!" we're bringing you a fresh dose of good news to brighten your day.

MULTITUDES JOIN IRELAND MARCH FOR LIFE ABORTION PROTEST



Dublin witnessed an incredible gathering as thousands came together for the annual March for Life, raising their voices against the increase in abortion rates in Ireland. Speakers called on voters to support pro-life candidates in the upcoming local and European elections, urging everyone to "think pro-life" when casting votes.

Eilís Mulroy of the Pro Life Campaign announced an upcoming voter guide to help pro-life voters identify like-minded candidates. She emphasised promoting alternatives to abortion and ensuring women have access to information about these options.

Deputy Carol Nolan, an Irish Parliament member, criticised the "unchecked power" of heavily funded NGOs (nongovernmental organisations), such as the National Women's Council, accusing them of having too much influence on government policies surrounding issues like abortion. The crowd cheered as she called for these organisations to be reined in, arguing that their radical agendas do not fairly represent the public opinion of taxpayers forced to support them financially.

Ultimately, the Ireland March for Life united thousands, urging voters to prioritize pro-life stances in the upcoming elections. This call to action highlighted the gravity of abortion and advocated for informed alternatives that promote the sanctity of life.

ENGLAND REVERSES TRANSGENDER POLICIES AFTER LANDMARK CASS REVIEW



In response to the groundbreaking Cass Review, England is swiftly reversing transgender policies. The National Health Service (NHS) is moving to restore sex-specific terms, ban transgender-identifying men from female hospital wards, and grant patients the right to request and receive care from someone of the same biological sex.

The Cass Review uncovered alarming findings about the influence of transgender ideology, leading to an NHS ban on puberty blockers outside of clinical trials. An upcoming review of adult "gender clinics" will further address concerns raised by the Cass Review.

The government is taking a bold stance on the issue, with Kemi Badenoch, the minister for women and equalities, supporting a public inquiry into the impact of transgender ideology in the NHS. Changes to patient rights within the NHS are also underway, marking a significant shift in the country's approach to transgender policies.

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OVERCOMING DIFFICULTIES THROUGH UNDERSTANDING

Wisdom for Victorious Living



Life is filled with highs and lows, a reality the Bible doesn't sugarcoat. However, the Word equips us with the spiritual tools we need to conquer any adversity that comes our way.

In Ephesians 1:17, the apostle Paul prayed for the Ephesians to receive the spirit of wisdom and revelation. He wasn't just talking about having faith; he was talking about seeking knowledge and understanding of God, His Word, and His plan for our lives.

Paul's prayer continues in Ephesians 1:18:

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.

God has a unique purpose for each one of us.

If you're reading this, know that God has placed a calling on your life, and He wants you to lean on the hope of that calling. Hope means looking to the future with confidence. God wants us to confidently expect great things—in this life and in eternity! When you received salvation, it wasn't a surprise to

God. He knew you were coming, and He had a plan for you (Rom. 8:30). Part of that plan is to transform you into the image of Jesus. Believers are called to grow in the understanding of who they are in Christ and what they have in Him. Understanding how valuable you are to God empowers you to pursue His will for your life and walk in authority.

Jesus warned us that we would face difficulties in this world. There's no way to escape them. But here's the good news—we can overcome them! That ability comes through knowledge.

I want to encourage you to hold onto God's promises (2 Pet. 1:3–4) with all your heart, and keep speaking them over your life. God's Word is powerful, and you have the ability to use it to change any difficulty or obstacle you face.

Remember that the real battle is in the mind. As the Bible says, "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Prov. 23:7a). In 2 Corinthians 10:5, we're told to take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. Oftentimes we pay more attention to what's happening in the physical world than what's happening in the spiritual realm. But if we don't control our thoughts and renew our minds with God's truth, we'll be swayed by what we see around us instead of what God says in His Word. And His Word is the ultimate truth that can overcome anything. Controlling our thoughts isn't automatic—it takes effort. But we have the power to choose our thoughts, and our thoughts shape who we become.



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COUNTERACTING CULTURE AND NEGATIVE NEWS WITH ANDREW



Question: Can a child be born a homosexual?

Andrew's Answer: Nobody is born a homosexual. A man has an X and a Y chromosome in every cell of his body, and a woman has two X chromosomes in every cell of her body. So, every cell in your body is either male or female. A hundred years after a person dies, you could dig up their bones and examine them and tell whether that person was a male or a female. There is no such thing as a person being a homosexual by birth; it's a choice. A child could be influenced by their parents' lifestyles and beliefs as they grow up. But the answer is no—nobody is born a homosexual. It's a lie to say otherwise. There were studies from the fifties done by the American Psychiatric Association (APA) that diagnosed homosexuality as a mental disorder. But homosexuals have gained so much influence in society that in 1973, the APA changed their opinion because of the pressure they faced. But homosexuality isn't normal, and it's contrary to Scripture. The truth is, nobody is born a homosexual.

June 21, 2023, Truth & Liberty Live Call-In Show

Question: Why don't we see more signs and wonders following the preaching of the Gospel?

Andrew's Answer: The Bible doesn't say those who *preach* the Gospel will have signs and wonders follow them. The Bible says those who *believe* will

have signs and wonders follow them. There's a difference. You can say the right words, but if it's only religious tradition, or if you're just parroting what somebody else said and it's not coming from a heart of faith, then there won't be signs and wonders.

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues. . . . And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Mark 16:17 and 20

Many people say, "God can do this," but they're afraid to step out. It's risky to say, "If I lay hands on you, you're going to recover." It's a lot easier to pray, "O God! We are nothing, we have nothing, and we can do nothing. But we know that You can heal. If it's Your will, stretch forth Your hand and heal!" That's a chicken prayer. It's always God's will to heal and He's already done it.

November 15, 2023, Truth & Liberty Live Call-In Show

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LIVING AS AN EXAMPLE:

Follow Me as I Follow Christ!

The enemy wants you to think that your life is just average and mundane. But as long as you see yourself as ordinary, average, broken, flawed, or dysfunctional, you'll never step into the realm of saying, "God, reflect Yourself through my life."

How do we come to a place of surrender and submission in this dynamic relationship with God, where we're able to reflect and glorify Him? Can we get to a place where we're boldly telling people, "Hey, follow me as I follow Christ"? Yes, that is the very life God has called you and me to live.

Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:1

In 1 Corinthians 11:1, Paul said, "Follow me as I follow Christ" (Modern English Version). Another translation says it this way: "Imitate me as I imitate Christ" (GOD'S WORD Translation). God used this verse to reveal to me how He had called me to live a life of humility and confidence. "Follow me"—that's the confidence—"as I follow Christ"—that's the humility of not doing our own thing.

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

Even born-again believers can remain stuck in the world if they're still catering to ungodliness and



worldly desires. But we can let the Word of God transform us in those areas to the point where we no longer live in the flesh.

Today is the time! It's time that we say, "Lord, I'm going to crucify the lust of the flesh with Your help." (See Titus 2:11–12.) Now we have an urgency, courageousness, and boldness inside of us to deny ungodliness. Why? We know how God sees us and that we're loved.

If somebody says that you are average, working an average job, or living an average life, but you *know* you have relationship with God and you're at the right place and time, doing the right thing—then you are not doing average. You're doing what God's called you to do today. And doing what God's called you to do today is key to what God has for you tomorrow.

I'm excited about this season of your life. God is wanting to restore, redeem, and teach you to be effective right now!

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Carrie Pickett spent sixteen years as a missionary in Russia, where she established and directed the Charis campus in St. Petersburg. In 2015, she returned to Colorado and is now serving as an executive vice president of AWM and Charis. She also leads the Charis Global Training School and is dedicated to spreading God's grace worldwide and raising up powerful ministers with a Great Commission vision.

THERE'S HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS!

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Romans 15:13

Believe that ye receive them

My Wife had been suffering from a blood disease and I from a spinal issue, which had made walking painful. I called the UK Helpline for prayer, and this was such a blessing to us both. I was pleased to call back to report that my wife's blood disease and the spinal issue has completely gone, and I can now walk with no pain.

— Gary.

Miraculous Healing

"I called your Helpline about my brother's wife, who had a massive stroke a week and a half ago. The doctors were not hopeful. A prayer minister prayed with me and we stood on 1 Peter 2:24. Today, my brother notified me that his wife was taken off the ventilator and is now responding and can move her left side. GOD is so awesome!"

— Jacqueline C.

There shall be no more pain

I had been experiencing intense stomach pain for 3 years. I called the UK Helpline for prayer as that day the pain had been "unbearable". The prayer minister shared the love of God with me and then prayed, to my delight I exclaimed! "Wow the pain has gone!" even before the Minister had finished praying.

— Emily.

...if two of you shall agree on earth...it shall be done for them

My mother-in-law had a blockage in her arteries and was told that she needed a procedure to see if surgery was required. I called the UK Helpline for agreement that no surgery would be required, and that no blockage would be found. Following my mother-in-law's procedure; there was no blockage, to be found, and the doctors were astounded.

— Gary.

Hope Behind Bars

"Your ministry has helped so many in prison. My son took one of your Bible courses while in prison. Your teachings even helped others there because he shared the course with them, and they signed up too. You have been a blessing to them. Thank you! God bless you all."

— Rosalind H.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1

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