

The Spirit's Work in the Church, from Today until the Day

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The Holy Spirit has regenerated you, illuminated His Word unto you, and is sanctifying you. You, now, are filled with His Spirit. What is our mission? *Why* have we been filled with His Spirit? **We are children of the New Age—though still walking in the old age—for the purposes of witness and preview**, 2 Corinthians 5:16-19.

We—through the work of the Spirit—are “new creations,” Isaiah 65:17-18, Isaiah 66:22-23. The New Creation is coming...Paul says we are *already* New Creation! Therefore, we now live as those *already made New Creations*.

What sort of life will we be living in the New Creation? 1 Corinthians 13:8-13. The New Creation will be a place of divine and perfected love, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.

So, as *new creations in Christ*—as members of the New Creation, now—we should LOVE!

- Zechariah 7:8-9
- John 13:34-35
- Romans 12:10
- 1 Thessalonians 3:12
- 1 Peter 1:22-23
- 1 John 3:23-24

We preview the New Creation of love by loving one another, NOW, by His Spirit! Love affects every other interaction with one another, too, Galatians 5:22-23.

How does the world know God is true, and true to His Word? How does the world know what the New Creation will be like? **His witnesses!** Ephesians 5:8-9. 1 Thess. 5:5-6. Although we still live in this old creation, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18.

The Holy Spirit in us is a *seal*, a *down-payment*, a *deposit* of all to come—first to us, then to the world, 2 Corinthians 1:22, 2 Corinthians 5:4-5, Ephesians 1:14.

So, when we as *new creations* live like we are still old creations, we are in deep identity crisis. **Now, this doesn't mean we don't struggle with sin, anymore.** In fact, it is the opposite. The very fact that we struggle with sin is *evidence* that we are children of eternity! 2 Corinthians 3:17-18. The power of heaven is breaking through! The Kingdom of God is near! We are witnesses of the Kingdom's nearness. We are witnesses of the Kingdom's glory.

Remember from last week—I am a “continuationist.” Not only do we live in accordance with the fruit of the Spirit (Kingdom living), but the power of the New Age is *breaking in, now!*

I believe that as we approach Jesus’s return, signs and wonders will increase, surpassing the apostolic age, Joel 2:28-32, Revelation 11:3-6, Daniel 11:32-33, Ephesians 4:13-14.

The body of Christ will reach a fullness of maturity, and all the gifts of the Spirit will be at the highest tenor in history. There will be supernatural healings, abounding. There will be prophetic preaching, dreams, and visions, abounding. Through the gift of tongues, the gospel will finally break through all the Babel-barriers, Matthew 24:14.

Now, let’s look up and out, to see the grander picture of our preview of the coming Day:

When Jesus comes:

- Jesus will be KING, Psalm 47
- The Spirit will descend in fullness with power and revelation, Isaiah 32:14-16
- The dead will be raised, Isaiah 26:19
- Knowledge of Him will COVER the earth, Isaiah 11:1-9
- There will be *shalom* and harmony between God and humanity—and between humanity and humanity, Zechariah 9:9-10

How do we preview this coming glorious reality? Our church is a *little cosmos*, in which:

- The Spirit has descended upon
- Jesus is KING, 1 Corinthians 8:6
- The dead have been raised, Ephesians 2:4-6
- Knowledge of the Lord abounds, Ephesians 1:17-19, Philippians 1:9, 2 Peter 3:17-18
- There is *shalom* with God and with one another, Romans 5:1-2, Ephesians 2:13-19

The fullness is being seen in first fruits on the earth, now. God is faithful! While we remain on the earth, we serve as witnesses; ministers; ambassadors, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21.

Our message: Taste and see that the LORD is good (Psalm 34:8). When people—outsiders—visit our church, it *should be* as if they just walked into the Garden of Eden. When *all of us* come to church, we step into an outpost; a model; an earthly copy of....

The New Creation. On that day, Revelation 21:3-5.

Let us abound in ABIDING and PROCLAIMING! Let us abound in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Let us be fruitful and multiply disciples of Jesus. Let our community, our nation, and nations taste and see that the LORD is good!