

MESSAGE NOTES

"By my Spirit," says the Lord - Part II

Scripture Passages

(taken from the English Standard Version)

INTRODUCTION - No Right Turn
on Red between 5-8pm M-F...

SERMON SERIES

*"Certified Purveyors of the High
Life!"*

What is the aim? Matter and Man-
ner (John 5:39-40)

Text In Question of the Week:

12,000-60,000 thoughts/day

Last Three Weeks

1. It's not just a God-shaped hole, it's a God-SIZED hole. Do you want God for God?
2. There is One, and only One certified purveyor of the high life!
3. The Holy Spirit is personal.

This Week: The Holy Spirit is essential

We are NOT under law

- Galatians 3:10
- The law is weakened by the flesh - Romans 8:3
- "Love thy neighbor" from 2 different perspectives

Live in the Spirit

- "The righteous shall live by faith."
- This is not behavior modification

Application - *Will you respond to his loving Lordship through his Spirit over your life?*

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Galatians 5:16-18

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Romans 8:1-4

8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Hebrews 3:7-9

7Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, "Today, if you hear his voice, 8do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, 9where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years."



No Right Turn on Red between 5-8pm Monday through Friday during the vernal equinox excepted in times of flood or times officer could care less!



The Law

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I think that a lot of the laws are relevant, but some were relevant only to the Israelites at that time. ie: tattoos

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The Law

I tend to take the Old Testament lists of sins more seriously than others. However, maybe hypocritically, I have a hard time with what I term “silly” laws. Speed limits, (Safety & Health) regulations, J-walking, and underage drinking (when I was underage).

The Law

I spend the majority of my day most days thinking, writing and talking about the civil law. People and businesses view the civil law pragmatically. They most often want to know what the law says, what the law means, and what the consequences of the law are or will be for them. The law, in this sense, is about shaping behavior. Unfortunately, the law is meant to bring order (a good thing) and instead it leads to bitter conflict.

A neon sign with a red border and yellow text. The text is arranged in four lines, reading "CERTIFIED", "PURVEYORS", "OF THE", and "HIGH LIFE".

CERTIFIED
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What is the aim of this series?

The difference between believers and unbelievers as to knowledge is not so much in the matter of their knowledge as in the manner of their knowing.

~John Owen, *The Mortification of Sin*, in *Overcoming Sin and Temptation*, ed. Kelly Kopic and Justin Taylor, 117. Wheaton: Crossway Books, 2006.



Text In Question of the Week

A number of years ago the National Science Foundation estimated that our brains produce as many as 12,000 to 50,000 thoughts per day depending on how 'deep' a thinker you are (other estimates run as high as 60,000/day).

What means do you employ
to produce right thinking?

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WEEK #1: It's a God-SIZED hole.

How are you getting filled?

“Thou hast formed us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless till they find rest in thee.”

~Augustine of Hippo, 354-430



WEEK #2



Jesus and The Shark Tank



Last Week: The Holy Spirit

Why He is *personal*





The Forgotten God! WHY?

How do you relate to something the church largely doesn't talk about? How do you recognize God in the Spirit when our culture focuses on the tangibles. The Holy Spirit is sooo subjective. It's better just to not talk about the HS, not proclaim His work in my life. It's easier to focus on the Father and the Son. This is often the thinking I run into with other believers who are so quick to question whether or not you are hearing, sensing or being lead by the Holy Spirit. In this way, the Holy Spirit gets put on the back burner...referenced from time to time. Few are willing to peel back the layers of the third person of the Trinity.

Five Personal Pictures of the Holy Spirit

1. The Spirit speaks
2. The Spirit bears witness
3. The Spirit teaches/reminds
4. The Spirit hears
5. The Spirit helps/intercedes



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Our Mistake!

“The primary “learning” here is *not* about how to act...it is who we are in our thoughts, feelings, dispositions, and choices – in the inner life – that counts. Profound transformation there is the only thing that can definitely conquer outward evil. It is very hard to keep this straight. Love, we hear, is patient and kind (1 Corinthians 13:4). Then we mistakenly try to *be* loving by *acting* patiently and kindly – and quickly fail.”



Dallas Willard
Renovation of the Heart

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Jesus Christ – The Wisdom of God and the Power of God

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A day in the life of Cor



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“Live in the Spirit!”

Do we as Christians sometimes read the Bible and what it says is true in this sort of pragmatic, behavior-shaping way, and in a way that leads to bitter conflict? Or do we read and seek to know God's truth because it draws us into personal relationship with God and by knowing the truth, we actually know God better? I wish I could say I always read the Bible and get jazzed about theology to know Him, not just to know about Him.

Will you LIVE in ongoing relationship
with Jesus through his Spirit

allowing him to inform you specifically
and empower you continually?