

Lakeview Christian Center  
Series - "Freedom"

Saturday & Sunday Celebrations [9-16,17-06]      **Freedom Series [Pt. 11]**  
***The Spirit of Freedom***

**Introduction:** what we have learned:

our freedom from the enslavement of sin.

We all have been slaves to sin;  
God's will is that we **live free** of sin's slavery;  
we must be **aware of** and **wage war** against our sin;  
God's grace has provided all that is necessary for our **victory**

**God's grace:**

our freedom is the result of the activity of God's grace in us; *therefore*, we need to know how to live in the power of God's grace .

**1 Cor. 15:10** *...by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with [union] me*

***What undergirded and empowered Paul to live free from sin's bondage?***

Paul's freedom was the result of two activities:

his works **with** God's grace.== *I labored...but the grace of God with me.*

<**Who** is grace>

when we hear the word *grace*, what do we think of? == **something** rather than **Someone**

**something** and **Someone**;

*Something=what **God does***

**Someone=Who God is**

***Before the resurrection*** the grace of God came to us in **Jesus Himself**

***After the resurrection*** the grace of God comes to us in the **Holy Spirit: Heb. 10:29**

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Godhead:

**Matt. 28:19; 1 Cor. 12:4-7; 2 Cor. 13:14; 1 Peter 1:2**

## The necessity of the Spirit:

The Holy Spirit *is the Person of God Who **now** brings **all** of God's grace to us:*

*©Everything that God **has for us**, and **wants to do for us** is absolutely **contingent** upon the **Holy Spirit**.*

*Consider the following:*

1. *Without God's Spirit we cannot be saved: **John 3:5***
2. *Without God's Spirit we cannot experience God's love: **Rom. 5:5***
3. *Without God's Spirit we cannot grow in respect to God's character: **Gal. 5:22***
4. *Without God's Spirit we cannot understand God: **Isaiah 11:2***
5. *Without God's Spirit we have no spiritual gifting: **1 Cor. 12***
6. *Without God's Spirit we have no power to live righteously: **Acts 1:8***
7. *Without God's Spirit we cannot witness for Christ: **John 15:26***
8. *Without God's Spirit we do not have Christ: **Romans 8:9***

In **John 14:16-31; 16:5-15**, Jesus enumerates the Spirit's activity

The Holy Spirit is our **Helper** [14:16];  
 The Holy Spirit is the **Truth** Who **abides** with us [14:17];  
 The Holy Spirit is our **Teacher** [14:26];  
 The Holy Spirit is God's **Peace** in us [14:27];  
 The Holy Spirit **convicts** of sin, righteousness and judgment [16:8];  
 The Holy Spirit is the **Revealer** of God's truth and the future [16:13];  
 The Holy Spirit **glorifies** Jesus [16:14];  
 The Holy Spirit **discloses** Jesus to us [16:15].

All that Jesus said and did was by and in the Holy Spirit

Jesus was conceived by the Spirit  
 Jesus was instructed by the Spirit  
 Jesus was led by the Spirit  
 Jesus was commissioned by the Spirit  
 Jesus was empowered by the Spirit  
 Jesus called His disciples by the Spirit  
 Jesus' knowledge came from the Spirit  
 Jesus healed by the Spirit  
 Jesus cast out demons by the Spirit  
 Jesus raised the dead by the Spirit  
 Jesus submitted to the Father by the Spirit  
 Jesus went to the Cross by the Spirit  
 Jesus rose from the dead by the Spirit

Conclusion: All that we have learned through this series about freedom will amount to NOTHING if applied apart from the ministry of the Spirit.

## The heart of the matter:

**how** can we experience **genuine** and **lasting** freedom from sin's control?

consciously ASK God **by His Spirit** to apply what we have learned to our sin issues

The Holy Spirit will **reveal** our sin [**John 16:8**].

The Holy Spirit will **deal** with our sin **with us**  
**Ours is to acknowledge** our need for the Holy Spirit;

**actively seek** His help and **yield** to His work in us.

### Isaiah 55:6-7

**Our part**==*Seek the LORD while He may be found;  
 Call upon Him while He is near.  
 Let the wicked forsake his way  
 And the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
 And let him return to the LORD,*

**God's part**==*And He will have compassion on him,  
 And to our God,  
 For He will abundantly pardon*

### Phil 2:12

**Our part**== *work out your salvation with fear and trembling;*

**The Spirit's part**== *for it is <sup>1</sup>God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for  
 His good pleasure*

### Gal. 5:16

**Our part**=== *But I say, [you] walk*

**God's part**===*by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh*

The realm of the Spirit's activity is the **heart: Ezekiel 36:26-27**

As the Holy Spirit changes our hearts, purifies them, instructs them, we will experience more and more freedom from sin and more and more the joy of the Lord.

In **John 13**, Jesus spoke about our need to be kept spiritually clean by the washing of our feet.

V. 10 *...he who has bathed needs only to wash his feet.*

**NOTICE:** *He did not force them; they willingly yielded to His washing.*

**Eph. 5:25-26** *Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, 26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the **washing of water with the word***

It is the work of the Holy Spirit to wash our minds, our thoughts, our desires, our attitudes, our motives with the water of the Word of God

***but we must present ourselves to Him in faith.***

**Romans 12:1-2** *Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your **spiritual service** of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the <sup>c</sup>renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect*

The Holy Spirit will wash us on the inside **as we** give ourselves to Him as His fellow workers.

**1 Cor. 3:9** *For we are God's fellow workers*

### **Being filled with the Spirit:**

After the resurrection, Jesus imparted the Spirit of God to His disciples:

**John 20:22** *He breathed on them saying to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit..."*

Then Jesus told them that they needed to be filled with the Spirit for power:

**Acts 1:5,8** ***you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."**  
8 **but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."***

The term "filled" refers to being under the **influence** or **control** of something or someone:

**Luke 4:28**-*filled with rage*

**John 12:3**-*the house was filled with the fragrance...*

**Acts 5:3**-*Satan has filled your heart...*

**Therefore**, being "filled with the Holy Spirit" is the Bible's terminology for the empowerment of the Spirit living and ministering.

If we want to be free from sin's power at work in us: then we know that

We need to be empowered by the Spirit of God to battle our sin more effectively.