

"Supernatural ability for supernatural living"

Overcoming ignorance:

One of the primary reasons we live as **MERE MEN** is **IGNORANCE**--the lack of knowledge.

*For I do not want you to be **ignorant** 1 Cor 10:1*

*My people go into exile for their **lack of knowledge** [ignorance],
And their honorable men are famished,
And their multitude is parched with thirst. **Isa 5:13***

The **REMEDY** ===**DIVINE KNOWLEDGE**===**TRUTH**

*...you will **know** the truth, and the truth will set you free. **John 8:32***

which allows us to walk **by the Spirit** and not fulfill the lusts of the flesh as **MERE MEN**.

God's men pray for such knowledge.

*May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the **knowledge** of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has granted to us **EVERYTHING** that pertains to life and godliness, through the **knowledge** of him who called us to his own glory and excellence **2 Peter 1:2-3***

*I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the **knowledge** of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may **know** [1] what is the hope to which he has called you, [2] what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and [3] what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. [Eph. 1:]*

THIS KNOWLEDGE IS FOUND ONLY IN THE SCRIPTURES AS ILLUMINED AND APPLIED BY THE SPIRIT.

2 Tim 3:16-17 *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.*

THEREFORE let's dispel our **IGNORANCE** by allowing **God's Word** to explain our **NEW** life **IN** Christ so we can live as *supernatural men* rather than **MERE MEN**.

God's Supernatural Man:

To play basketball *supernaturally*, like MJ we must [1] know his abilities, [2] have his spirit and [3] obey his instructions.

Since the fall, God has done everything necessary to restore us as His *supernatural men* by sending ***His own*** *Supernatural Man* to save and restore us to our original *supernatural status* for *supernatural living*.

This *Supernatural Man* was conceived *supernaturally*, lived *supernaturally*, died *supernaturally*, rose *supernaturally* and then sent the *Supernatural Spirit* to live in us.

1. God's Supernatural Man:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. John 1:1-4

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities--all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell...Colossians 1:15-19

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Heb. 1:1-4

I am the bread of life. John 6:48-49 ==I am the light of the world John 8:12 ==I am the door John 10:9 ==I am the good shepherd John 10:11 ==I am the resurrection and the life John 11:25 ==I am the way, and the truth, and the life John 14:6 ==I am the true vine John 15:1

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Rev. 22:13

2. What the Supernatural Man has done:

What are His credentials? Can He play basketball?

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

the reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 1 John 3:8

He is the propitiation [atoning Sacrifice] for our sins 1 John 2:2

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Heb. 4:15

the blood of Jesus [God's] Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:7

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost Luke 19:10

God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. Col. 2:13-15

3. How the Supernatural Man has accomplished His mission:

He plays basket ball by depending upon and obeying the Spirit within.

though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Phil. 2:8

the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy--the Son of God. Luke 1:35

when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased. Luke 3:21-22

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness...And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. Luke 4:1; 14

The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me... Luke 4:18

But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. Matt. 12:28

Supernatural **result:**

IT IS FINISHED John 19:30

What is finished? EVERYTHING THAT STOOD IN THE WAY OF OUR NOT BEING ABLE TO LIVE AS GOD'S SUPERNATURAL MEN!!

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Phil. 2:9-11

THE DAWNING OF GOD'S supernatural DAY:

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." Luke 24:1-7

NOW GOD CAN GIVE US THE PROMISED HOLY SPIRIT.

*I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And **I will put my Spirit within you**, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. **Ezekiel 36:26-27***

*in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith. **Gal. 3:14***

*how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him **Luke 11:13***

*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever **John 14:16***

*And behold, I am sending the promise [of the Spirit] of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high. **Luke 24:49***

Living Supernaturally by the Spirit:

The primary task of the Spirit is to make the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus real in us.

*But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. **John 15:26***

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 had knowledge **by the Spirit**
Jesus healed **by the Spirit**
Jesus cast out demons **by the Spirit**
Jesus raised the dead **by the Spirit**
Jesus obeyed the Father **by the Spirit**
Jesus went to the cross **by the Spirit**
Jesus ROSE **by the Spirit**

Everything Jesus did and said was **by the Spirit**

NOW THE *SAME* SPIRIT DESIRES TO REPRODUCE THE *SAME* MINISTRY IN AND THROUGH US TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

- †The death of Jesus is our death **by the *SAME* Spirit**
- †The resurrection of Jesus is our resurrection **by the *SAME* Spirit**
- †The authority and power of Jesus are available to us **by the *SAME* Spirit**
- †The character of Jesus is being formed in us **by the *SAME* Spirit**
- †The works of Jesus are being performed by us **by the *SAME* Spirit**
- †God is being glorified in us **by the *SAME* Spirit**

AN OVERVIEW OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SPIRIT IN JESUS IN US:

[1] The *SAME* Spirit has been given to us:

...the Holy Spirit...has been given to you...Romans 5:5

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God Rom. 8:16

[2] The *SAME* Spirit baptizes [places] us into Christ:

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and all were made to drink of one Spirit. 1 Cor. 12:14

[3] The *SAME* Spirit makes us *NEW*:

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Cor. 5:17

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. Rom. 8:1-2

But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit. Rom. 7:6

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. Rom. 8:14

[4] The *SAME* Spirit gifts us for ministry:

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills. 1 Cor. 12:7-11

[5] The *SAME* Spirit makes us partakers of God's love:

God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father! Gal. 4:6

the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Gal. 5:22-23

[6] The *SAME* Spirit instructs us:

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth... John 16:13

[7] The *SAME* Spirit gives us the power for overcoming sin:

...He Who is in you [the Holy Spirit] is greater than he [Satan] who is in the world. 1 John 4:4

For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. Rom. 8:13

*Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus **[by the Spirit]** were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. **Rom. 6:3-14***

*For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power **[by the Spirit]** to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete. **2 Cor. 10:3-6***

Supernatural **wrestling**:

Knowing this, how are we to RELATE to the Spirit so that **He in us** and **we with Him** will live Supernaturally?

*Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord **[by the Spirit]**, so walk in him **[by the Spirit]**, rooted and built up in him **[by the Spirit]** and established in the faith **[by the Spirit]** **Col. 2:7***

We must learn to argue against the MERE MAN in us **by the Spirit**,

we must resist the MERE MAN in us **by the Spirit**,

we must overcome the MERE MAN in us **by the Spirit**,

we will win the victory over the MERE MAN in us **by the Spirit**

so that God will be glorified in us **by the Spirit**.

gird your minds for action [by the Spirit], keep sober in spirit [by the Spirit], fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ [by the Spirit]. 14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts [by the Spirit] which were yours in your ignorance, 15 but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior [by the Spirit]; 16 because it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." 1 Peter 1:13-16

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus [by the Spirit]. Phil. 4:7

NOW we have God's "Super Man" living and working in us so that we will be God's *supernatural men by the Spirit.*

