

**TEXT:** **1 Corinthians 2:9-12** However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" —**10** but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. **11** For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. **12** We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

**TITLE:** **Life in the Spirit**

**INTRO:**

1. I want to talk to you this morning about one of the things that happens when we as believers become full of the Holy Spirit of God and offer ourselves in submission to the Holy Spirit to be used for God's glory.
2. Being filled with the Spirit stirs in us a boldness that is like no other boldness we have ever known.
3. Acts 4:31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.
4. This is a description of the early church and how they operated and how they went about ministry as a result of the power of the Holy Spirit.
5. It says that after they had prayed the place where they were meeting was shaken. I believe this was a literal shaking. A violent agitation. The meaning here intends for us to understand that the place was probably shaken by an earthquake.
6. They pray. God shakes the place. The Holy Spirit moves and some of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God boldly.
7. Some of them. No, it doesn't say some of them, it says all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God boldly.
8. I say again, this work of seeing the world changed for the glory of God is not just for preachers and pastors and evangelists, it is for all believers. God wants to use all believers to boldly proclaim the message of Jesus Christ.
9. Oh, how I pray that the Lord would overwhelm us with a Holy Spirit boldness that snatches away our fears and frees us to be alive in Christ Jesus.
10. I pray for bold believers who can say to that demon flee from here, that cay say to that mountain be moved from here, who can say to that disease, we got no time for you here.
11. As Pentecostal believers there is a supernatural boldness that we should come to expect and operate in.
12. I'm going to discuss in just a moment some of the things about a life in the Spirit that make us bold.

13. But first I want us to come into agreement about what and who this Holy Spirit is.
14. The Holy Spirit is not an it, or a thing or just a power. The Holy Spirit is a person. When we are talking about being filled with the Holy Spirit, we are talking about being filled by the third person of the trinity whose name is the Holy Spirit.
15. In John chapter 16, Jesus refers to the coming of the Holy Spirit twelve times by using the personal pronoun he. He didn't say it he said he, indicating that the spirit is a person.
16. The Holy Spirit is also a person because he has a name. **John 14:16-17** **And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—17 the Spirit of truth.**
17. Notice that the word counselor is capitalized. I didn't do that the bible does that. That's because the word counselor in this instance is a name, the name of the Spirit of truth.
18. We also know that the Holy Spirit is a person because he has all the essential elements of a personality.
19. He has intellect. **1 Corinthians 2:11** **In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.**
20. Only a person can know your thoughts. Your pew can't know your thoughts, your car can't, your refrigerator can't only a person can.
21. The Holy Spirit has feelings. **Ephesians 4:30** **And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,**
22. The Holy Spirit has a will. 1 Corinthians 12:11 the Holy Spirit gives gifts to people as he wills.
23. And finally, the Holy Spirit is a person because he acts.
24. He speaks, he testifies, he convicts, he teaches, he intercedes for us, he guides us into all truth, he reveals God's word to us, he can be tested and lied to, he can be resisted and he can be insulted.
25. The Holy Spirit is not just some mysterious it out there or some feeling that we conjure up. The Holy Spirit is real and powerful and alive, and that Holy Spirit wants to live inside of and fill you to overflowing so that not only will you have a victorious life but so that others can experience life.
26. A life full of the spirit. A life full of boldness. A life full of strength and power. And what does this life in the Spirit look like?

## A life of hope.

1. 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"—10 but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.
2. The most common and accepted translations of this passage indicate that the writer is speaking of heaven. The place that is reserved for all those who have accepted Jesus as savior.
3. But there is a problem. Heaven is like nothing we have ever seen, heard about or been able to conceive in our mind.
4. Heaven is a place so wonderful that we are not physically able to fully comprehend what it is like or will be like or what it will feel like.
5. God tries to give us a glimpse of what heaven will be like in the book of Revelation, but to be quite honest, I have difficulty comprehending what a city that is 1,400 miles long and 1,400 miles wide and 1,400 mile high will look like.
6. I have difficulty digesting that it will have twelve gates made out of single gemstones. That the streets will be of gold so pure that it will be transparent.
7. I struggle with understanding how that city will not need the power of the sun because the light of Jesus Christ will be enough to sustain it.
8. I marvel at the idea of every believer having their own mansion. I've never lived in a mansion. Will I have servants to keep it clean?
9. I encourage you to read Revelation again and see if you don't get a little bit confused as to how, when, why and what heaven will exactly be like.
10. But here's one thing I do know. Despite our limited understanding of what heaven is like and how we will experience it, all I have to do is mention the word heaven around believers and instantaneously there is an excitement, an energy, a power and a hope that wells up inside of us.
11. You can even mention heaven to unbelievers and realize that a high percentage of the world's population believes in a place like that and want to go there someday.
12. There is something about heaven that brings us such supernatural hope.
13. What is that hope and where does it come from? It comes from the Holy Spirit.
14. 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"—10 but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.
15. The person of the Holy Spirit makes heaven seem real to us even though it is beyond what our minds can comprehend.

16. Life in the spirit is lived out, here on earth but it is never far away from the reality that this is not all there is.
17. Life in the spirit is lived with the revelation that we may live on this earth, but this earth is not our home. It is lived with the insight that whatever struggles or trials or hardships I am going through right at the moment will not travel through with us to eternity.
18. Life in the spirit is lived with the understanding that though tears may dim our eyes on a regular basis in this life, heaven will be a place where our heavenly father wipes away the tears from every eye and there will be joy and gladness on every face.
19. Life in the spirit brings us hope. Secondly, the spirit of God gives us...

### A life of wisdom.

1. 1 Corinthians 2:10-11 The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. **11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.**
1. What does that mean? Does that mean we will know and understand everything God allows to happen in our lives?
2. Absolutely not. It means that through the Holy Spirit we will have an assurance that God's wisdom can be trusted.
3. First of all, the Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. So, the Holy Spirit doesn't just know the shallow things about God. The Holy Spirit isn't just a minority partner with God, the Holy Spirit knows the deep things of God.
4. And in the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. But we have this wonderful knowledge that just as God doesn't keep the Holy Spirit in the dark, the Holy Spirit doesn't keep us in the dark.
5. The Holy Spirit who knows the deep things of God does four things for us.
6. ***He teaches us.* John 14:26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.**
7. Why can we be bold in the power of the Holy Spirit? Because the Spirit doesn't just leave us to figure things out in our own wisdom. The spirit of God teaches us all things and reminds us of the things Jesus said to us in his word.
8. When we allow the fullness of the spirit in our lives, we are allowing the teacher, the Holy Spirit to be there with us and teach us as we go along.
9. ***He convicts us.* John 16:8 When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:**

10. Here we find the spirit convicts us of three things. First of all, the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin. When we sin, we feel guilty. That is the Holy Spirit lovingly pointing out what is displeasing to the father.
11. But the Holy Spirit also points out righteousness. When something is good and holy and proper then the Holy Spirit is right there to say, this is the path you should take.
12. And the Holy Spirit convicts of judgment. He reminds us when our actions deserve God's punishment and the Holy Spirit allows a holy fear and reverence of God to grip our heart, so we know who is lord in our life.
13. So, the Holy Spirit teaches us, and he convicts us. But also...
14. *He guides us into all truth.* John 16:13 **But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.**
15. To guide indicates to lead us into what is ahead. The Holy Spirit gives us direction. But what kind of direction? He guides us into all truth. When the path before us is not clear, the Holy Spirit illuminates which is the right way for us to go. The true way.
16. Fourthly, the Holy Spirit gives us wisdom by the fact that...
17. *He reveals God's word to us.* 2 Peter 1:21 **For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.**
18. Since the word of God was breathed because of the Spirit of God then that same spirit can illuminate the word of God to us and make it clear and understandable.
19. The Spirit of God gives his people wisdom. And finally, this morning, the Spirit of God gives us...

### **A life of security.**

1. 1 Corinthians 2:12 **We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.**
2. I love that the Spirit helps us understand what God has freely given us.
3. First of all, it is freely given. What God has given us we didn't earn. We didn't receive because we deserved, the Lord Gave because it was his desire to freely give.
4. But what is it that we have been freely given by God. I love the thoughts of one commentator. He here refers to the blessings of redemption - the pardon of sin, justification, sanctification, the divine favor and protection, and the hope of eternal life - These things we know; they are not matters of speculation; but are surely and certainly confirmed to us by the Holy Spirit. It is possible for all Christians to know and be fully assured of the truth of those things, and of their interest in them.

5. In Christ we have received the blessings of redemption. We were lost and as a result were slaves to Satan and sin. But by His grace, Jesus Christ redeemed us and set us free.
6. Upon setting us free we received pardon for our sin. Our sins were washed away. As I wrote the word sins, I accidently put a 'w' in the place of the 's'. So instead of sins it said wins. Isn't that what the Lord does for us though? He turns our sins into wins.
7. Upon our salvation we also received justification. We were immediately made worthy to stand in the presence of a holy God.
8. We also received sanctification. We were set apart as holy to fulfill God's divine purposes.
9. When we accepted Jesus as savior, we also received divine favor and because of that favor we are entitled to protection from our loving father.
10. And last but not least, because Jesus is our savior, we have been given the gift of eternal life. Life everlasting. Not this fleeting life that is here today and gone tomorrow we have been given everlasting, eternal life in Jesus Christ and with Jesus Christ.
11. And each and every day the Spirit of God is available to not only remind us but help us to understand how truly blessed we are in Christ Jesus.

#### Conclusion:

1. The Holy Spirit gives us a life of hope. Heaven.
2. The Holy Spirit gives us a life of wisdom. He teaches, convicts, guides, and reveals God's word.
3. And the Holy Spirit gives us a life of security. In knowing we are the most blessed people that have ever lived.
4. If the Holy Spirit does all that, and I believe he does, then that doesn't make him optional; that makes him essential.
5. Please don't misunderstand this next statement to be shallow or flippant because it is made with great weight.
6. We need the Holy Spirit in these times we are living in.
7. We are living in a time in which we are being pulled apart at the seams.
8. There is a great divide going on in our world right now.
9. We are being pulled apart by Covid-19 and the affect it is having on our daily lives.
10. We are being pulled apart by racial divide where some people feel superior to others because of the color of their skin.

11. I am fully aware that I can't solve those issues just by talking about them.
  12. But I am also fully aware, that as believers, we aren't left by ourselves to fend for ourselves.
  13. We have been given the wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit.
  14. A Holy Spirit that offers us hope.
  15. A Holy Spirit that offers us wisdom.
  16. A Holy Spirit that offers us a security that we can't find anywhere else.
  17. I need the Holy Spirit to guide my life each and every day. You need the Holy Spirit to guide your life each and every day.
  18. **We need you Holy Spirit.**
  19. And the Spirit is available.
  20. So that should produce longing in our soul. Not for some power, not for some feeling, not for some experience, but for the person of the Holy Spirit.
  21. We used to sing a chorus, come Holy Spirit I need you. Come sweet spirit I pray. Come in your strength and your power, come in your own gentle way.
  22. Would you stand and cry out with me to the person of the Holy Spirit to come and fill us?
  23. Salvation call.
- I want to offer my life to the person of the Holy Spirit to fill me on a daily basis.