

Act 3: The Holy Spirit

*Lift the curtains ...as you prepare
yourself for the true meaning of
Revelation!*

*And the Spirit of God moved
upon the face of the waters.
[Genesis 1:2]*



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MESSAGE #2

God partnered with the Holy Spirit in Creating Us!

We saw in Message #1 how God appointed His Holy Spirit to go before Him in preparing creation for His voice: *light* came into being by responding to His voice. So did the waters, the lands, the animals. And then came time for the creation of God's Masterpiece ... you and me, made fully in His image:

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago (Ephesians 2:10 NLT).

Yes, human beings ... part of creation made in His full image and after His heart. He fearfully and wonderfully made creation. The wonderfully made that He loved and still loves in spite of who we are. What an honor! What a privilege! Oh, that we may ever be mindful of who we are in God and because of God:

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well (Psalm 139:14).

We see how God partnered with the Holy Spirit in creating His greatest gift – the part of His creation designed to walk this earth with, in, through and as Him. A people who would be His body - a body He does not have that He chose to give to us

*And God said, “Let **us** make man in our image, after **our** likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth” (Genesis 1:26).*

The mention of ‘us’ that speaks of the full Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit is seen again later in Genesis:

*And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of **us** ... (Genesis 3:22a)*

Also, we see that from the very beginning, we received life through the Holy Spirit. This explains why it is stated that we are dead without Him (James 2:26):

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. (Genesis 2:7).

Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth (Psalm 104:30).

Yes, the same Holy Spirit who God chose to bring His Son into being through Mary without human interception:

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore, also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God (Luke 1:35).

Is this not just beautiful and breathtaking?

This is the Spirit of God in man that helps us to **understand** all things. Without the Holy Spirit, we lack all understanding, all knowledge, all information we need to propel us forward into life eternal:

And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship (Exodus 35:31).

But it is the spirit in man, the breath of the Almighty, that makes him understand (Job 32:8).

And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD (Isaiah 11:2).

The fullness of the Godhead through His trinitarian being has been a part of us from the inception. Again, made in His image, He deprived us of no part of Him. What a God! I reiterate here that we easily accept there is a God and relate to Jesus who came to earth as a human being but we know less about or accept as much the Holy Spirit. Yet as we see here, He is very much one with God.

There is no separation. So, when we accept God in our lives, we also accept His Son and His Holy Spirit. Three in one.

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one (1 John 5:7).

Jesus beautifully invited us to be a part of them. He made the way for us to enjoy this oneness:

At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. (John 14:20).

So, we are created through the Holy Spirit. Our very being can only exist as a result of Him. Without Him, there is no life within us. Therefore, while believing there is a God is a good start and believing Jesus died for us is also good, we need to understand that the only way we are able to acknowledge that there is a God or that Jesus died for us is through the Holy Spirit quickening this within us.

I emphasize our dependency on the Holy Spirit here because there is no way around Him. We want to clearly understand His position, His presence and the fact that we are nonexistent without Him. Hence, I remind us of David's cry that I hope will become all of our cry too:

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me (Psalm 51:11).

I love the scripture below that talks about the dust returning to the earth as the spirit returns to God. Once the spirit is removed, the dust has no value, no use - it simply returns from where it came

*Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and **the spirit** shall return unto God who gave it (Ecclesiastes 12:7).*

Let us not forget from whence we came. We gained life through the Holy Spirit and it is only through Him, that we can enjoy the fullness of our inheritance, all that God designed for us. He made us in their image, purposed and equipped us to reign with them eternally. There is nothing in this world that can shine brighter than *they* who created us in their image. That amazing threesome who desires to walk in, with, through and as us on this earth today.

Through the Holy Spirit, our enabler, there is nothing that we cannot do. He makes intercession for us daily ...

For we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ... according to the will of God (Romans 8:26b, 27b).

Is it not heartwarming to know that God has put every last detail in place for our daily life for Him ... every last detail astutely handled?

So, you see when we read those words said at the Cross: It is finished, we know it means just that. It is finished. All battle is over. The most detailed blueprint has been designed for our lives and made possible through that Cross. We just have to learn it and to follow it. It seems so everlastingly difficult but it is all about just having a willing heart and allowing the Holy Spirit to do the rest within us. He is flawless.

The most powerful 3 words: It is finished!

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished": and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost (John 19:30).

We have all we will ever need through the Holy Spirit to enjoy love, peace, hope, togetherness, comfort and anything else that causes us to awake with a heart full of joy and completeness.

God bless you precious one.

Love, D



LIVING THIS MESSAGE TODAY

For me, it is so encouraging to feel wrapped daily by the full Trinity. It is unimaginable to feel anything but safety with them. I also know that I am never alone.

To know that I have been blessed with the breath of life in the beginning is a constant reminder today that I breathe because of them. Therefore, I cannot stop breathing for as long as they desire to have me with breath on this earth. It just puts things into better perspective and serves as a daily reminder who has the full power over our lives.

I am reminded daily that through the *Holy Spirit*, I have full understanding. Therefore, in all decisions I make, I lean not on my own understanding but trust Him who is within me (Proverbs 3:5-6). He knows all. He sees all.

I try to pattern my leadership after that of *Christ*. He made me one with Him in John 14:20 so I can draw from all that He is into my own life seamlessly. How many leaders today make us one with them as they rise to higher places in the trajectories of their own careers?

I am fully made in the image of *God* – lacking nothing. As I encounter challenges in my journey, I remind myself of my true DNA that holds no limitations. So, all in all, I cry like David did, “Oh take not thy Holy Spirit from me”. For with Him, I can enjoy the full Trinity daily.

~ **PERSONAL REFLECTION** ~

1. What does it mean to you that you have been made in the full image of God?
2. How do you feel that the very breath of God is what started your life here on earth?
3. How do you rely on your Godly DNA to deal with daily situations?
4. What are some of Jesus' leadership examples that caught your attention? How do you apply these to your own leadership?
5. Do you believe that you have all you need for daily joy? Why? Why not?
6. Can you make a list of the positives that come from knowing that the Holy Spirit is your daily guide?
7. How can each positive you listed above change your life's trajectory?
8. What is the impact on others as you allow the Holy Spirit to move across your territories of leadership – home, school work, other?



Dear Father,

You make our lives so complete. We wonder where we would have been if we had this knowledge long ago. But you reveal yourself to us at the pace at which we are able to understand, digest and apply to our daily lives.

Thank you for your Trinity that includes all that we could ever need for absolute joy on earth – in this world but not of this world as Jesus experienced.

We rest in you today knowing that all our cares are on you. We let go so that the Holy Spirit can do His work. We calm ourselves for He best moves gently and in a place of peace.

Today, we externalize all that could affect your sweet sleep within us. We are yours and you are ours. We are created to house you, our Trinity, and to work as you walk. We love you.

Amen

