

Oxford Baptist Church – Sunday September 17, 2017

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Series: Daily Power – Living the Spirit-filled life.

Message #2 – The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

Scripture: 2Corinthians 3

Four Primary areas of the Holy Spirit's Activity – Max Anders – The Holy Spirit – Knowing our Comforter

1. In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit helped in Creation, revealed truth to people and empowered people to do God's will.
2. In the New Testament, the Holy Spirit empowered the ministry of Jesus and His Church.
3. Today, the Holy Spirit helps Christians know, be and do what God wants.
4. In the future, the Holy Spirit will help bring history to an end and usher in eternity.

Redemption > Righteousness > Worship.

2 Corinthians 3:1-18

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit:

- Results in Changed _____. v. 3-6
 - 2Cor 5:17 – Life Change. Romans 6:4
 - Has Jesus Changed your life?
 - Are you living the change yielded to the Spirit of God?
 - Have you seen Jesus change your life?
- Brings _____ to People. v. 7-11
 - John 16:8
 - Matt 6:33; 1Thess 5:16-22

- Removes the _____ giving _____. v. 12-16
 - 2Cor 4:4-8
 - The Tallith was worn in the synagogue by every worshipper, and to this veil hanging over the breast there may be an indirect allusion here (see on 1Co 11:4): the apostle making it symbolize the spiritual veil on their heart.
- Gives _____ transforming us into the _____ of Jesus Christ. v. 17-18
 - Are we Reflecting the Lord's Glory in our life? Acts 4:12-13; 2Cor 4:6

IGNATIUS (35- 107 A.D) "Give unbelievers the chance of believing through you. Consider yourselves employed by God; your lives the form of language in which He addresses them. Be mild when they are angry, humble when they are haughty; to their blasphemy oppose prayer without ceasing; to their inconsistency, a steadfast adherence to your faith."

Life Group Questions

1. Take time to reread 2Cor 3. What is the difference between the Old Covenant (the Law) and the New Covenant in Jesus Christ?
2. What is the purpose of the law? See article <https://bible.org/article/mosaic-law-its-function-and-purpose-new-testament>
3. How does the Holy Spirit change hearts or lives? Titus 2:11-12
4. Why is righteousness an outcome of the Holy Spirit's ministry?
5. Why is there a veil over people's lives? How does this impact our praying, ministry to the unsaved and our attitudes?
6. The ministry of the Holy Spirit brings freedom. How is this freedom in Christ so different from the freedom offered by the world? Take time to read Gal 5:13 and 1Peter 2:16 to get clarity about the answer.
7. What are some practical ways we reflect the "likeness" of Jesus?
8. What truth from this message impacted you the most?