

Title: The Kingdom of God & Spirit of Holiness, Part 3

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We just love His presence. I want to encourage everyone to acknowledge the presence of the Lord in your life every day. When we gather, there is a real corporate anointing and a corporate presence of the Lord. He has promised to do that. So, acknowledge Him in your everyday life. The presence of God does not come and go. He is with us always, and He is so beautiful.

Today, I am going to continue on with part three of the Kingdom of God and Holiness. I just want to encourage everybody to not grow weary in doing good, okay? "Do not grow weary in doing good." The Kingdom of God has literally broken into this present age that we live in through our Lord Jesus Christ with salvation, reconciling power, healing, deliverance and restoration as Holy Spirit brings all under Jesus Christ's sovereign authority. We need to recognize and know the Kingdom of God has literally broken into this present age. That is why Jesus led His disciples to pray, "Father, Holy is your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven."

Mark 1:9-15 NKJV

This is power, and a very fast version of what took place with the Son of God. The Kingdom of God has broken into the present age and Jesus declared that the time is fulfilled. He declared it as we read His words written in red. "The Kingdom of God is at hand." The Kingdom of God has broken through. He said, "Repent and believe in the gospel." Do not ever be ashamed of the gospel of the Kingdom. Do not shrink back. We cannot grow weary in doing good.

This morning, the goodness of the Lord is really being manifested. The Scripture says that "God is good." It does not matter what anybody else thinks or says, or what happens in this life. We settled it in our heart once and for all. We believe in the Lord Jesus, that God is good, and He saved us from our sins. It is His goodness that led us to repent. We have talked about this. We only believe because the Spirit of Holiness has granted us the repentance to come out of darkness.

Colossians 1:13-23

These words of life are so full and rich. The glory of the Lord rests on these words that were breathed and inspired by Holy Spirit as to what God has really done through Jesus Christ. He has the preeminence here in holiness, because the Spirit of Holiness set Him apart. Through all of His works, the preeminence of Christ in creation, in individuals, and peoples in His church, all in all, and everything that has been created, past, present and future. Everything is in God in Christ. Jesus Christ has the headship and the lordship. We sang earlier, "We bow down and we cast our crowns before His throne." That is throne room worship. We confess and know that Jesus is Lord. The Scripture says that "every knee will bow." Right now, not every knee is bowing to Jesus's lordship, but every knee shall bow. What a privilege and honor that we would be called to Himself, and that we can bow our knee now. Better to bow our knee now, than in the judgment.

The Kingdom of God has broken into this age through the Lord Jesus. Holiness has come to the planet as Holy Ghost rested upon Jesus to bring the Kingdom. It is the Spirit of Holiness that has sanctified us and is preparing us for Him forever and ever. I encourage you stay here in these verses. Read them, soak in them, look at them, and let your eyes be opened to see the glory of God. There is nothing above Him. Amen. He is all in all. Holy Spirit is sanctifying us every day, and the Spirit of Holiness shall reign supreme in the last days.

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We have been talking about this. God's children shine as stars in the sky and as lights in the darkness. Why do we shine? How can we overcome? How can we have the preeminence, if not for the Spirit of Holiness? The Spirit of Holiness shall reign supreme. The Spirit of Holiness shall reign supreme in these last days. The darkness cannot overtake the light. Nothing can overtake Holy Spirit. No one can defeat "Christ in you, the hope of glory." God's children shall shine as stars in the sky and as lights in the darkness.

The dead form of religion, which denies the power of God, cannot hold the glory of God. That is why every form of godliness will fall. Say, "I was fashioned and formed into the image of Christ." That's it. It is a person, hallelujah!

II Timothy 3:1-5

That is amazing. We have read similar words through these scriptures through these three messages. He is speaking the same thing over and over again. Helping the saints understand that in this current age, this is what the enemies of God look like. This is what the flesh looks like. This is representing the spirit of the world and what the god of this age looks like. Then, what's above that is the great Holy Ghost working in, with, and through the church. Hallelujah, because He is Lord in the church.

I am going to give you a quote taken from an author, Paul F. Evans, on holiness. He says, "The Kingdom of God in Christ Jesus, confronts and challenges the present age through the transformed lives of God's people." Well said, "The Kingdom of God in Christ Jesus, confronts and challenges the present age through the transformed lives of God's people, from generation to generation, who are empowered by the indwelling presence of God's spirit among them and in them." "The Kingdom of God in Christ Jesus confronts and challenges." We are not on the defense.

The Spirit of Holiness, when He raised Christ from the dead, was not on the defense. It was an offensive move from Heaven to raise the King of glory. Right? It was offensive, planned, and premeditated before the beginning of time, in God's heart, to allow His Holy Ghost to come and live in us and make us holy as He is holy. Amen. "The Kingdom of God in Christ Jesus confronts and challenges the present age through the transformed lives of God's people." We are empowered by the indwelling presence of God. Everywhere we go, 24/7, He is with us and in us.

There is nothing greater than the Spirit of Holiness in us. There is nothing greater than the Light of God, no matter how dark it gets. No matter what places your feet go in darkness, the Light is always greater. The Spirit of Holiness is a transforming power working within us. God's righteousness within us. God's Holy Ghost is working His righteousness in us. We have already been made right with God through the blood of Jesus. We are clothed in His righteousness. We have access to the throne of grace, because of His righteousness. We have access to the throne of grace, because of His blood. He has already made us right with God. Yes, that is truth, and because of this, we continue to be transformed into His image and likeness. He is changing our conduct, our attitudes, our hearts, and our lives. That is the ongoing work. So, don't kick against the goads. I say, "yield to Him and submit." Let Him do the work.

Holiness is the nature and the character of the Kingdom. It is on display in this current age. No doubt about it, holiness is the nature and character of the Kingdom. It is what sets us apart. That is what makes us different. There is a big difference between light and darkness. Holiness is the nature and character of the Kingdom on display in this present age. That is what we read in Mark, because the Righteous One came. The Spirit of God came from Heaven and rested upon Him. God Almighty said, "that is my Son." You see the Godhead working in unity, so that light can invade this age. No matter how you feel about it, you are an overcomer, a transformer,

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and the Light of God is in you, even if you have just been born again. He changes our conduct and the attitude of our hearts. That is the journey of love and Deliverance 101.

Holiness is the nature and the character of the Kingdom. It challenges sin and the evil that grips much of the world, and the world shakes. The spirit of the world is scared, threatened by, and on defense *before* the Light of God in you. You have heard me say this over the past two Sundays. It challenges sin and the evil that grips much of the world. The Spirit of Holiness challenges sin. It challenges sin in our lives, until we bow our knee, fall on our face, repent of our sin and are washed and cleansed from it. Then we become victorious over it. He offers relief and freedom through a risen Christ, to those who are dying in their sins. He gives real assurance that God will lift the penalty of His judgment from all who repent and turn to Him.

Oh, hallelujah! That is our hope. That the certificate of debt sealed against us, having to pay for our own sin, has been removed and nailed to the cross. That is why we need to be thankful every day for our great salvation. That is glorious. Let this sink in here. The Spirit of Holiness and His transforming power is working God's righteousness within us. He is changing everything about us. You know when He changes you. You know when your whole attitude changes. We all know. We know when we are rebuked, and when we are corrected.

When we are disciplined in love by the Father, He uses authorities to do this. He uses one another. We read about the "disobedient to parents," more than once. He uses parents to discipline children and to raise them up in the Lord. Yes, and we are His children. Therefore, we should submit fully to this. It is not a dead work. It is not an empty form. There is an invasion of the Earth that has taken place, and it is not aliens. "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." Jesus said. He said, Repent and believe in the gospel. That is what He said. That is our message to the end of time.

II Corinthians 6:3

We talked about the stumbling block of offense, right? Christ Himself is a stumbling block of offense, because He chose under the Spirit of Holiness to go to the cross and submit to the Father's will *in order* to save us, right? We could not be saved *through* our own works.

II Corinthians 6:4

Every saint needs to commend yourself, and know that you are ministers of God. Yes, there are ministers of fivefold offices, but every saint is a minister, remember Ephesians 4? "In all things," in the Spirit of Holiness, we need to know we are ministers of God and for God in this present age. Correct?

II Corinthians 6:4-18

II Corinthians 7:1

We are co-laborers with Christ. We are co-laboring in this work, but it is the Spirit of Holiness that does the work. I cannot make myself clean. We are only made clean through the blood of Jesus and through the name of Jesus. But, our faith connects with Heaven, when we repent. The Kingdom of God *is* in this present age, beloved. Hear the depth of, "in this present age?" There is an age to come, yes. But, the work starts now where God Almighty chose to bring His Holiness to the planet and to save us to the uttermost. "Let the Spirit of Holiness have His work in us, in the fear of the Lord."

Please meditate on these verses. Because, they hit one thing after the next, just boom, boom, boom. Go through these verses and read them. Ask, "Lord, how does that apply to me? What have I walked through in this? Where have I stood?" Because, you have to stand. You cannot be ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Do not be ashamed of being holy. The world will persecute you and mock you and call you all kinds of evil things, because you walk with God.

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He says, "Come out from among them, be separate." There is no fellowship anymore between a believer and an unbeliever. *There are* two different kingdoms and two different gods. You understand that is a reality, but it is not that you are above all in pride. He says go save the lost. That is the mission of Jesus. As we were transported out of darkness, we are doing the same for others. Don't be ashamed. Don't be ashamed of the Spirit of Holiness when you have to say "no." When you have to say, "not mine." When you have to pull down strongholds, cast out demons, or when you have to deliver. When you have to be ostracized and persecuted for your faith, or when they say all kinds of evil against you. Do not be ashamed of the gospel. That is what Jesus said, right? How good is God?

1 Thessalonians 3:13 NLT

"May He, as a result, make your hearts strong, blameless and holy as you stand before God our Father when our Lord Jesus comes again with all of His holy people. Amen."
Wow. This is a blessing church. "May He, Jesus, as a result, make your heart strong."
He is making our heart strong. Say, "He is making my heart strong." We are not a dead work. We are a living being. We are the body of Christ. We are the temple of the Holy Ghost. Holy Ghost lives in us. He can overcome anything. He makes your heart strong, steadfast, immovable, blameless, blameless, blameless. That means, "without blame," and holy. "Holy, as you stand before God our Father."

As we "stand before God the Father," there is no way we could ever stand before God Almighty, other than through our Lord Jesus Christ and Great Holy Ghost who has made us His own. You stand before God Almighty. We stand blameless, and we stand holy. He is going to come again with all of His holy people. All of Heaven is full of holy people. It had nothing to do with them. It had everything to do with Christ, and the Spirit of Holiness. This is the message of what He is saying right now and laboring amongst us.

Our knees bow to the Spirit of Holiness, as He works in us. As the days go dark, there is nothing new under the sun. Don't act like something new is happening to you. Adam and Eve walked in that glory in the garden, and they had a choice. The same choice resides in us today. You can choose the Spirit of Holiness, which He promised to all. He will usher in the age to come in the glory of the Lord. Our eyes are fixed on His glory. Not on the spirit of this age, the god of this age, or the darkness of this age. You have to see that we have already overcome through the blood of the Lamb, the word of our testimony, and by loving not our own lives even to death. We have to give our lives to Christ daily. Amen.

Let's stand up and pray. Let's receive these words of encouragement. "Father, I thank you that you do above and beyond anything that we could even hope, think, or imagine. You are the God of the impossible. You make all things possible. We have faith in God, and we put our trust in God. We believe God and stand. Therefore, we stand as lights in the darkness and as overcomers. We honor you Spirit of Holiness. As we release these words, I know that you will minister to each and every person, from the oldest to the youngest. We renounce all ungodly forms of godliness that have no power and deny that power. But, we open our hearts to receive the power of God that has invaded the age through Jesus Christ. We tend to your words, Lord Jesus. You opened the heavens through your obedience. You opened up the heavens when you took your stand against Satan himself and all of his lies. You opened the heavens, and the angels ministered to you and your body through the same stand. We will stand. Seal your words in our heart and encourage the faint hearted. Bless us. Lord, bless us indeed. We thank you for it today. In Jesus's name, amen. Amen. God bless all of you.