

## Title: Spirit of Holiness

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I am so thankful for all that God is doing. I want to talk a little about gratitude and thankfulness. If you are a member of the Garden, you get emails from me on this. You hear about it constantly and in every class. The Spirit of the Lord rests upon hearts who are very grateful. I believe that as the Body of Christ, we should be thankful. We should have hearts of gratitude, even while we are going through the fire, or going through difficult times. We can all rise above it when we are thankful to God. Right? Religion has perverted that, but we actually rise above it. We call it throne room worship when you can worship God for who He is. No matter what is going on in your life. He calls us to overflow with gratitude.

### Colossians 2:6 NAS

This verse was one that went deep in my heart when I first became born again. It was one I probably memorized first. "As you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, so walk in Him." Walk in Him. Walk with Him. He is going to be in you forever. Don't walk without Him. We did that already when we were lost. Now that we have received Him, we are walking in Him.

### Colossians 2:7 NAS

"Having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude."

You can hear the call there. You are born again. You begin to walk with Him. He teaches you. You are rooted deeply in the Word of God and the foundation of the Christian faith, in who He is and what He has done for us. We become established as we are being built up. We equip the saints to do the work of the ministry. We read the Word. We abide in the Word and we learn. We let the Lord teach us. Yes, we walk through challenges in life. We overcome and all of it comes back together. We should be overflowing with gratitude. Listen, we should be so thankful every moment *of every day*.

Don't make it religious. You know how people can get into religious ruts. Saying, "Well, praise the Lord. Well, praise the Lord, again. Praise the Lord. Praise God. Praise God. Hallelujah. Praise God, brother. Hallelujah, praise God." You have said it fifteen times in five minutes. You can get in a rut. I don't want that. I want everything that comes out of my *mouth* to be sincere, genuine praise, and true thanksgiving, yes. I am not telling you not to say, "Praise God." I am telling you, everything should come as an overflow of a heart of gratitude for who and what He has done for us. Don't take it for granted. Honor God and be thankful.

Be thankful. "Well, it only rained four tenths of an inch." Right? You are wanting two inches, but it rained four tenths of an inch. So what do we do? We complain about the four tenths of an inch. If you live here in West Texas, you understand what I am talking about. *People say*, "Oh, it is just enough to just get the sidewalk wet." But, I want us to overflow with gratitude for the four tenths of an inch. He will give you more. When you have been faithful with little, He will give you more.

That is biblical. When you praise Him for a little, He will give you more. When He gives you more, we are abounding with joy and gladness when He floods the dry ground with water. Yes, my office is proof of it. We have a problem in our basement during the rain. In our 115 year old building we have done the best we can to repair a few walls, replace a few windows, and repair some cement. But when that rain comes, it seeps in and floods our offices in *the basement*.

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We have come far, but I could complain and gripe about it, or I can say, "Flood the church, Jesus, with the rain of your presence." I am going to turn things around, right? *Sometimes it smells a little musty* down there. But, you have to always have a heart of gratitude that is thankful and grateful. God will teach you through these things. So, please take that impartation and just be thankful, be grateful, and have gratitude in your heart toward God. Someone in your office cubicle next to you may hear you praising the Lord. He may hear you whispering, "thank you, Lord. Thank you, Jesus." They may need to hear that.

#### Philippians 4:9 NKJV

Most of us will have a plaque with this verse on it. This verse may be a memory verse or a screen saver, but it is supposed to be our lifestyle. This verse is popular, but I want to live it. I want to obey it. I want to do it when he says, "Be anxious for nothing." Can you sincerely say you have been anxious for nothing from the moment you woke up until you went back to sleep? You know what it feels like, right? When just a little "*twinge*," comes to your heart whether it is finances, the children, health, the future, a new job, family relationships or whatever it may be. This is a powerful command from a man who wrote it while he was imprisoned for the faith. Yes, written from prison.

He was testifying and overflowing with gratitude, because he was standing fast to do what the Lord Jesus had entrusted to him. He has gone through some fire. But, he speaks out of the Spirit of God, the Holy Ghost, who is the one that is bringing him this peace. That is the Spirit's job. Again, "Be anxious for nothing." As soon as you feel *anxious*, say, "No, in Jesus' name," and start thanking and praising the Lord. I promise you, the anxiety will *leave*. Just start thanking Him. Start praising Him, and quote scripture. That is awesome. Know that "God's got this." He knows everything you need. He is faithful to provide. "In everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving." That covers our whole life, yes. "Let your requests be made known to God, and the peace of God that passes all understanding," all comprehension, "will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Beloved, I want to encourage you in this, meditate on what is good, what is true, what is honorable, what is right, what is pure, what is lovely, what is of good repute, what is excellent, and anything worthy of praise. Dwell, think on, and meditate upon these things. Then your whole mind will shift, your mindset will shift, and Heaven will invade you. Amen. That was your introduction, praise God.

#### Romans 1

I am going to read the whole chapter, but I want to pause here at the very beginning as we honor the Spirit of Holiness. Holy Spirit is named "holy" for a reason. He is the Spirit of Holiness. He is the Spirit of Truth. Correct? Holy Spirit is God. He is not an "it." Holy Spirit is God. God the Father, Jesus Christ, the Son of God and God Holy Spirit.

#### Romans 1:1-6

That is his introduction. The Son of God, Jesus Christ, called out by the Spirit of Holiness. The Spirit of Holiness has known from the very beginning who Jesus Christ is, who He would become, and what He would do. He knew that Jesus Christ would come and would pay the price for sin once and for all. That He would take the curse, the wages of sin and death, upon Himself. He would destroy the curse of sin, the law of sin and death. He would make atonement for the idolatry of our hearts. He did this so that the Father could be glorified, and so that the Spirit of Holiness would rest upon God's family. The Spirit of Holiness is power, resurrection power. It is the Spirit of Holiness that raised Christ Jesus from the dead. Three days, crucified, dead and buried three days in the tomb. Yes, His body is flesh. You understand? When it was completed, the Spirit of Holiness raised Him from the dead.

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It is the Spirit of Holiness that is going to bring the resurrection from the dead. The resurrection from the dead, means every person from Adam on, to everyone at the end. The Spirit of Holiness is going to resurrect the dead. They are going to go to one of two places. You are going to be resurrected to eternal life in Christ Jesus. Or, resurrected to eternal death and be judged at the Great White Throne of Judgment for your deeds done in the flesh, because there was no blood covering you. Only the blood of Jesus can bring resurrection power. Only the Spirit of Holiness moves when He sees the atonement by the blood of Jesus. The name of Jesus seals it. He is the Name above every name. He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

Religion has perverted this. Taking the "holiness" movement and saying, "You don't need to wear gold or frilly little sandals. You have too much bling around your neck. Don't wear makeup. What are you doing playing tennis?" That *mindset* opposes the Spirit of Holiness and is just dead religion. Come on, I know what I am talking about. That spirit of religion came against us in our early walk. I have tasted of the bondage, but He did not give us the liberty to sin. Amen. The Spirit of Holiness, given by God, is what breathed life back into Christ Jesus. The Spirit of Holiness brings forth the resurrection from the dead. Right now, the Spirit of Holiness is moving on the Earth to save as many as will believe.

It is the Spirit of Holiness that came to us and softened our hearts, so that we would believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. When mommy's are reading the Bible to little children, as they are just doing life, all of a sudden the children's eyes are opened big as they can be. All of a sudden, children feel the fear of God, and know they need to be saved. Who does that? That is the Spirit of Truth. He is the one that brings a conviction in our soul when we knew better and say, "Oh, I should not have said that. I should not have looked into that. Why did I sin in my heart against you? God, why do I keep going back to the same old cesspool?" Deliverance comes. Jesus said, "If I cast out demons by the finger of God, the Kingdom of Heaven has come among you."

Power, the Spirit of Holiness, Holy Spirit, and He is honored and revered. He has many, many names. He has so much power. He is the glory of God manifested, and Jesus died so He could get in us. He died so He could live in us. He died so He would make us holy as He is holy. So, when you read those verses, "Be holy as I am holy." You say, "How am I ever going to attain to that?" By the Spirit of Holiness, that brings resurrection life to you. All of a sudden, "boom," something starts living in you again. Yes. The Spirit of Holiness has granted us repentance. There is power here.

In the world, we need the Spirit of Holiness to rest in us and to deliver us from evil. If you have been born on the Earth, you were born in sin. You cannot say, "Well, her sin was greater than my sin." You cannot say that. Sin is sin, and the wages of sin is death. If you do not have a savior, Jesus, "boom," it is over. Right?

We have to be redeemed. That is why we preach the word and teach the word, day and night, and night and day. The word bears witness and the word is truth. So, you see when you talk about these things, we start here with the Spirit of Holiness, and knowing what He can do. How the Spirit of Holiness can change us. This is glorious just being here with the worship and the praise. Heaven is here. The Spirit of Holiness is here abiding in us.

Last week Grant spoke, but I did not know what he was going to speak on. I kind of chuckled when he said to turn to Romans chapter one. Because during worship, I was seeing Him, the Spirit of Holiness. It is the Spirit of Holiness that brings the conviction, brings deliverance, hope, peace, and joy in Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit of Holiness that wakes us up from our slumber. It is the Spirit of Holiness that will turn us around from the bondages in life and heal us. It is the Spirit of Holiness who partners with us. Jesus said, "He is the Helper. He is going to

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live in you. He is going to be with you. He will never leave you, fail you, or forsake you. He will teach you everything. He will guide you. He will empower you. He will make you an overcomer.”

#### Revelation 2:7

That is why it says it revelations. “Those who have ears to hear, let them hear what the Spirit has to say.” Blessed are the overcomers. We are overcomers if we do what He says, you hear that? When you feel conviction, run to it. When I feel even the slightest conviction, I repent quickly. “Yes, Lord, I am so sorry. Please forgive me.” If you have to go to somebody, you do it right away when you feel just the slightest tug on your heart, because we are called to holiness. He said, “Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Be holy as I am holy.”

When some people deal with that, they say, “I don't know what to do with that feeling of conviction.” So, they make up a bunch of rules to go by to get holy. A bunch of do's and don'ts and don't touch and do this and do that. Jesus said, the Kingdom of Heaven is “righteousness and peace and joy in Holy Spirit.” Why? Because, He is Lord. Amen. He works submitted. Holy Spirit is submitted to the Father and the Son. Holy Spirit only does what He hears King Jesus say, amen. You see where you are putting your hope. Everything is going and stepping into the Spirit of Holiness. He is declared to be the Son of God with power. He is declared to be the Son of God, Jesus, the Son of God with power. That is not dead religion. We don't want dead religion. We want life and life abundantly.

This was the introduction. Sometimes it is separated in your Bible, but don't skip the introduction or the blessing at the end. It is all God's words. All are God breathed. If they were here writing this as we are alive, our name might be written in this. It might say, God bless, Danetta. God bless, Debra. God bless....whoever, for the work they are doing. We are in this word. Declared to be in the Son of God by power, according the Spirit of Holiness by the resurrection from the dead. There is some power there. Because listen, you can talk about it. You can study it. You can do research papers on it. But, you just have to admit, what a day it is going to be when the dead in Christ are raised! What a day when Jesus comes from heaven, with His saints. What a day! He looked forward to that day, yes. Today, He is saying, “I am the Spirit of Holiness. I am resting inside of you, right now.” So, while you are in the world, you are not of the world. Be encouraged. He tells us of things to come. He is with us, hallelujah!

This is a letter written to the church in Rome. This is the empire of Rome. To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints. Grace to you and peace from God, our Father, and the Lord, Jesus Christ.

#### Romans 1:7-11

What a heart of a father.

#### Romans 1:12

That is why we gather to encourage one another. Yes, we need each other.

#### Romans 1:13-17

You hear the cry. You can hear the truth. You hear the gospel in just a few sentences. It reeks from him. He cannot talk without presenting the gospel of truth. He has to always keep going back to God. I praise God, my father. He tells you the whole story again. You *think*, “yes, Paul, we heard it.” We know what Jesus did. We know how to get saved. We have heard this, Paul. But he starts every single letter out with praise to God and his glory for this gospel. So that the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of power, and glory and holiness can rest upon us. It's amazing.

#### Romans 1:18-25

That is the scheme, the tactic, the plan, and goal of the devil, yes?

Romans 1:26-30

Wow. How did they slip, “disobedient to parents,” in the middle of this horrible list?

Romans 1:31-32

Now, if you are a pastor and you are going to write to the flock that you are hoping to go see one day, is that is how you are going to start your letter out? I mean, he got into some serious business. “Pastor, you stepped on my toes. I don't want to hear this.”

This is the letter written to the church in Rome. But, it is what has happened to humanity. So, he has to call it out. Where he started out, the Holy Ghost says. There is the list. If not by the grace of God, where would we be? When Jesus said, “If you just have enmity and hate in your heart towards your brother, you committed murder. When you just lusted after some hotshot woman. You just committed adultery. These things are in the heart. Jesus called it as it is. Read the words in red in the gospels. Yes, it offends the flesh, because God is holy. You have to call it what it is.

How did he say Jesus Christ came? Who rested upon Him to bring us back to God? The Spirit of Holiness. We need the Spirit of Holiness. I need Him and to lean and submit to the Spirit of Holiness every day of my life. We need to be born again, so the Spirit of Holiness can live inside of us. When we turn from our filthy ways, we come out of darkness and into light. Yes, we can walk before God without condemnation, because we are clothed in Christ's righteousness. We have only been made right with God, because of His righteousness.

Yes, but He gives us a choice to the end. It's my choice to choose to serve the Lord with all my heart, my soul, my mind, my will, and my strength till the end. “Yes, I am crazy in love with Him!” We are called and commissioned to save, right! We hate the works of the flesh. We hate the works of the devil. But, the Spirit of Holiness is upon us. He wants a fresh outpouring. The Spirit of Holiness is upon His church, because He is purifying the House of God. It's called a Refiner's fire. Judgment begins with the House of God. You can pray and complain all day about your sinful neighbor, but God is looking at your heart. He is looking at my heart, right? He is looking at the attitude of my thought life and my mouth. It looks like that, doesn't it?

But, He is drawing attention to the Spirit of Holiness. That is what is going to bring resurrection power. The more we submit to the Spirit of Holiness and allow Him to have His dominion in our lives, the more power is going to be manifested. These sons and daughters, they are just dripping, ready, and waiting to be saved and to be caught in by the Spirit of Holiness, because religion is not going to save them. Dead works will not save them. A generation wants to know. That is enough talk. They have heard enough talk. They need to see the Kingdom and need to see the love of God. They need to see the truth, even though they are making war against you. They hate you. They are so mad at you, because you represent truth.

You just walk in the room, and it lights up, because the Spirit of Truth is there. The demons in them shake and tremble. They are terrified of you, because you hold the light. Light overcomes the darkness. You go in your office and woohoo they can feel it. You don't have to go in with your Jesus cards announcing “I am a Christian.” Right? Oh, no, I am promising you, in the atmosphere of the spiritual realm, trust me. The flesh knows who you are. The demons know who you are. Satan trembles. James says, “Submit to God, resist the devil, and he will flee from you, running away in terror.” It looks like that. Where would we be *without the Spirit of Holiness*? Today's exhortation is just the beginning in the Spirit of Holiness.

Let's stand up. He has imparted and revealed Himself so beautifully today. We get to baptize some beautiful ones who said, “That is it, I am going to make Jesus, Lord of my life. Amen.

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We are going to rejoice with them and their families, because this is the real deal. As you read this again, when you want to fast forward to the end of that verse, or that chapter, just stay awhile in the introduction. Pay attention to the Spirit of Holiness, so you will come out of the world and love Him more.

Father, we give you all the glory and honor and praise today. We honor you, Spirit of Holiness, that you have saved us and delivered us, and you are saving us and restoring us. I want to be like Jesus. I want to be like Jesus. We honor you. We thank you. Thank you for these baptisms today, for those who are committing their lives to you. Lord Jesus, we thank you for the power of the gospel that will prevail and for our households to know you. Jesus, we love you. Lord, keep us safe, healthy and strong. In Jesus name, amen. Hallelujah!