

Experiencing the Spirit

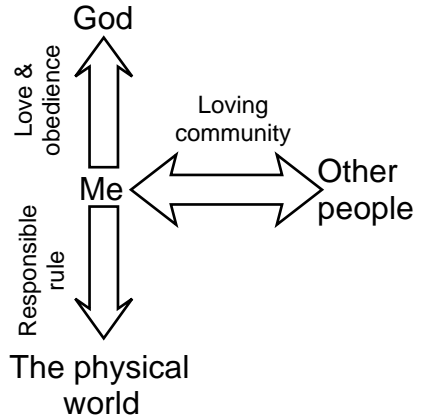
Wholeness, witness and prayer

Weekend Away
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Talk 1: The Holy Spirit and Wholeness

What is 'wholeness'?



What breaks wholeness?

1. The Spirit who re-creates

John 3

*I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean;
I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols.
I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you;
I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.
And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees
and be careful to keep my laws. Ezekiel 36:25-27*

*He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by
the Holy Spirit. Titus 3:5*

If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation. 2 Cor 5:17

2. The Spirit who renews

Colossians 3

Galatians 5

Walking by the Spirit

- not 'letting go'
- not 'trying harder'

3. The Spirit who heals

Talk 2: The Holy Spirit and Prayer

Lost Children...

Galatians 4

1. Knowing God as Father

Jesus is sent to:

- *redeem us*

- *make us God's children*

2. Praying to God as Father

The Spirit is sent to:

- *bring us to know God as Father*

'I see it is alleged as a very grave charge against me that I speak as if I were familiar with God. I know I am his child and with whom should a child be familiar but with his father?'
C.H. Spurgeon

Romans 8

- *help us pray to God as Father*

'There is one in heaven, the Son of God, who "intercedes on our behalf", defending us from all charges that might be brought against us, guaranteeing salvation in the day of judgement (8:34). But there is also, Paul asserts in these verses, an intercessor "in the heart", the Spirit of God, who effectively prays to the Father on our behalf throughout the difficulties and uncertainties of our lives here on earth.'
Douglas Moo

Talk 3: The Holy Spirit and Mission

How do you feel about evangelism?

1. The Holy Spirit – power to speak for Jesus

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. Luke 4:18

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. Acts 4:31

When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say. Luke 12:11-12

2. The Holy Spirit – director of missions

Guidance by the Spirit?

3. The Holy Spirit – power for signs and wonders?

Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. Acts 2:22

The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the people... people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by... and all of them were healed. Acts 5:12-15