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The Holy Spirit's ministry of growth in the believer's life

Walk, forward movement

It's one thing to have an opinion the word of God is valuable; but it's quite another to value the word of truth

The house built on the earth

House built on the rock

learning to walk by means of the Spirit

*1. The flashy mind / carnal thinking: In the forward thinking of the believer

Purifying our foundational knowledge

Isaiah 55:8-9 (ESV)

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.
9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Examination of our foundation

*1. Before salvation we only have 3 sources of knowledge available by which we can process information. Our own ability to reason, To take in external data, and: (Myself as our opinion & intuition.)

*2. Man's knowledge base

The development of our core beliefs

All the information we process is caught, due to the lack of God's system for mankind to perceive of knowledge, which is Faith

Through those resources available to us (information, impression & Myself) we receive all that we perceive about God, and Bible teaching is

The following are sources for information we take in throughout our lives before we get saved!

Family, family members, teachers, friends, Sunday school teachers, society of thinking, village, profession, the media such as TV, radio, movies



Romans 12:1-2 (NKJV)

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.
2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Paul's definition for forward momentum in the believer:

Paul begins to pull back those black fleshly blinders, so the power supply can be understood.

The word of truth, & the Holy Spirit

obeying the truth comes after justification

Galatians 2:1-6 (NKJV)

1 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you, that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?

2 This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by faith?

Did you receive the Spirit

the hearing of

Preliminary work of Christ

To appease or make peace

3 Are you so foolish?

Having begun in the Spirit,

are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

by means of the Spirit: Refers to the instrumental source of the divine cause of the noun Spirit

noun, dative, singular

dative — Refers to the case that is regularly used for indirect objects and the objects of some prepositions. The dative refers to the person or thing to which something is given or for whom something is done.

dative | GMSDT

singular — Refers to one person or thing, in grammar, the feature of a word that informs whether one (singular) or more (plural) persons or things are referred to or performing an action.

singular | GMSDT

The deception of the carnal mind's forward momentum

Parable of the two foundations:

Luke 6:46-49 (NKJV)

46 "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?"
47 Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like:

48 He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for he had built on the rock.

49 But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great."

4 Have you suffered so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain?

5 Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

6 Just as Abraham "believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."

Justification was accomplished at the cross, it's applied to us at the point of believing

So believing is not righteousness but imputation of the work already accomplished, because we believed

*2. Walking, by means of the Holy Spirit:

Galatians 5:16-25 (NKJV)

16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

A test case conditional: (let's agree it's true) the result (should occur)

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

walk by means of the Spirit

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*3. The power supply for the Christian walk:

The words of God were inscripturated by means of the Holy Spirit, and by means of the Holy Spirit, they become energy for the believer to walk by

The word of truth:

It is not our decisions, not our doctrine, but it is the Holy Spirit who produces growth. Not that volition and learning of doctrine is not important, it is the tool that the Holy Spirit uses.

1 Thessalonians 1:5 (NKJV)

5 For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.

Hebrews 1:3 (NKJV)

3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)

12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Holy Spirit:

Romans 15:13 (NKJV)

13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Energized by the Holy Spirit

Romans 15:14-20 (NKJV)

14 Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

15 Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on some points, as reminding you, because of the grace given to me by God,

16 that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit

17 Therefore I have reason to glory in Christ Jesus in the things which pertain to God.

18 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient—

19 in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyrium I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

20 And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation,

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (NKJV)

1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God.

2 For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

3 I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling.

4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

5 That your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

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Colossians 1:15-18 (NKJV)

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

16 For by Him all things were created: that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

All things, including the believer is not sustained by his own efforts but by the power of God which is in Christ Jesus