**Holy Spirit**

**Let God Breathe – Part 1**

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# INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

When Jesus stated, “It is better for you that I go”, He was referring to many things that Holy Spirit would accomplish within the life of the believer. However, first and foremost, Holy Spirit is absolutely essential to our walk of faith in Christ, much like air, water, and fire. In fact, the Christian life cannot be lived without the power, anointing, presence, and leading of Holy Spirit Himself.

It is the Spirit of God that resurrects us from death to life, saves our souls, and reveals the nature and characteristics of God to the believer. In the words of Jesus, “He will be just like me, but He will abide in you, and you will be the temple of God”.

One of the greatest things that Holy Spirit does is that He brings order to the chaos within our lives. Much like we see in the book of Genesis, during the process of creation, or in the early church, it is Holy Spirit that leads, guides, and provides wisdom, it is He who brings the believer into all truth and ultimate freedom. Let God breathe!

# THE OBJECTIVES OF THE SERMON SERIES

* How the spirit of truth brings liberty, otherwise chaos will rule
* What applications can we make from the order of creation into our personal lives, and walk with Christ?
* How is Holy Spirit a leader and a guide?
* What is the difference between order and freedom?
* How did Holy Spirit lead Israel, certain characters, and even the early church from chaotic scenarios into blessed order and liberty?

# SERMON DESCRIPTION

There are many descriptions and pictures that both the New Testament and the Old Testament provide us with that help us to understand who Holy Spirit is and what He does.

Interestingly, Holy Spirit is the first one of the Trinity that is mentioned in the entire Bible, starting in the book of Genesis. It was Holy Spirit that brought order to the chaotic state of the Earth and set all things in motion so that the will of God, heart of God, and desire of God could come to pass. It is through His dynamic power and ability that disorder comes into alignment with God's will.

Within the process of creation, God created man on the sixth day. It was only when God breathed into Adam that he became a living soul; therefore, it was the breath of God that gave Adam life.

It is through the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit, that the empty vessel of a human being becomes alive and vibrant in and with God.

God’s design has always been that people will experience a life of blessing that is produced out of order. From the moment that an individual is born again, the Spirit of God begins to work in setting order and dispelling chaos.

Consider:

* Resurrection power is only available to dead men, in other words, you must die to truly live.
* The life that God produces within a believer is a life of order
	+ The life of God produces order, that is even evidenced in nature
	+ What is the difference between order, chaos, and freedom?
* When a man becomes born again, he becomes a spiritual being and not only a living soul
	+ The spirit of truth brings order to the chaos and dispels disorder and disfunction
	+ The order of God is not stagnant nor is it rigid
	+ But there is a difference between being free in a chaotic state, and being free within the confines of the order of God.

# CENTRAL TRUTH

There is a life that God has designed for you that can only be achieved when we die to self. It is in this place that the resurrection life of Christ can be realized. God brings order into the chaos.

# MAIN PASSAGE

**Genesis 2:7**

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

**John 3:8**

The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

**John 20:22**

And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

# PASSAGE WITH THOUGHTS

**Genesis 2:7**

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* The name of God: “Elohim”
	+ God comes down as a father to human relations with man and reveals His name
	+ The God of infinite love and tenderness
	+ His breath from His own lips brings life to humanity
	+ The creator created immediately. It was not a process.
* Order and creation come through the spoken word
	+ Creation received the blessing of God but humanity received His life.
* The God of order
	+ Order is about the right priorities
	+ Paul said, “Let all things be done indecency and with order”
	+ To be chaotic is to have a life that is in disorder and dysfunction
	+ Good, is that which functions well, in other words, it is in order
	+ Freedom is being in order, it has boundaries
	+ Order has to be created but chaos runs free.
* The breath of God
* Gives us life
* We cannot live an hour without breath
* God will give you the breathe of life, the devil and sin will suffocate you.
* God fills the vacuum of our soul
* We are not self-sustained – it is God within us
* The breath we breathe is borrowed from God.

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* At the fall, Adam lost his spiritual life – BUT Christ restores it
* The lower is dependent on the higher
* In Christ we are made new creations
* Wherever you go, God goes with you.
* The Sprit makes us spiritual beings – we become born again

**1Corinthians 15:45**

And so it is written, "THE FIRST MAN ADAM BECAME A LIVING BEING." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

* The focus of Genesis is on the soul
* The focus of the New Testament is on the Spirit
* Spirit – we are connected to the Divine
* Christ is a life quickening spirit
* The life that Christ gives is divine.

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* Much like what we see in the Book of Genesis, when God breathed into Adam, here, Christ breathed on His disciples:
	+ The crowning glory of the new creation
	+ Our spirit is God’s central throne
	+ Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Ghost
	+ The soul is under His control.

# SERMON CONCLUSION - THE CALL TO ACTION

Receiving the Spirit is as easy as breathing!

**1John 3:2**

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.