



Who is the Holy Spirit?
Study series Part 2
Going and Growing in the Spirit

Session 5
**The Spirit and the
Healing of The World**

Session 5
**Recap of Session 4
(Steen)**

No Dualism or Deism here either!

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Last week

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Strength

Weakness

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We let the Word of God permeate our lives

- Dwell in the Word / Study the Word / Discuss...
- The Word of God is our authority and power
- The more the Word of God is alive in us, the easier it is to recognise the Spirit's voice
- Discernment is not perfect in this world
- Therefore a little humility goes a long way

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Romans 8:1-11

Dwelling in the Word
(Noel)

Range finding exercise

If we allow the Spirit to lead, where will he take us?

I always find the tension between Romans 7 and 8 tricky. I know we all live in both chapters but sometimes I'm struggling to see the freedom of Romans 8.

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Creation is twisted: Cannot bear fruit properly



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Romans 8:19-21

The whole creation is on tiptoe to see the wonderful sight of the sons of God coming into their own. The world of creation cannot as yet see reality, not because it chooses to be blind, but because in God's purpose it has been so limited—yet it has been given hope. And the hope is that in the end the whole of created life will be rescued from the tyranny of change and decay, and have its share in that magnificent liberty which can only belong to the children of God! (J.B. Phillips)

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The glory to be revealed is the new **community**

Ephesians 2:13-22

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You're no longer wandering exiles. This kingdom of faith is now your home country. You're no longer strangers or outsiders. You *belong* here, with as much right to the name Christian as anyone. God is building a home. He's using us all—irrespective of how we got here—in what he is building. He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now he's using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day—a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home (Eph. 2:19-22 Message)

New Community?



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COOPERATION

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UNION WITH CHRIST

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New Community

- Vine and Branches
- Bride and Bridegroom
- Father and Family
- Temple and Presence
- Head and Body

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Romans 1 is one side of the story

Romans 12 is the other

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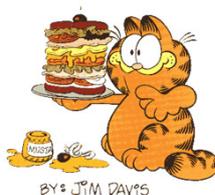
A witness on earth of the Triune life

The community of the Spirit who testify to the Father's plan of redemption of the world in Christ.

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Time for a short break...



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WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING FOR HEAVENS SAKE?

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Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."
[Rev 21:1-4]

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Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.
 [Romans 5:1-5 NRSV]

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Not "I sure hope so"

But "A Sure Hope"

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Next Week



We continue our journey with Jesus through Palm Sunday, to the Upper Room, his Crucifixion, Burial and Resurrection. Thank-you and God bless you!

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