GREETINGS FROM TUCSON BIBLE CHURCH

Romans 12:1–2 – 1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Mark 1:12 (NIV) ἐκβάλλω

¹² At once the Spirit <u>sent</u> him out into the desert,

Mark 1:12 (ESV)

¹² The Spirit immediately <u>drove</u> him out into the wilderness.

Mark 1:12 (NAS)

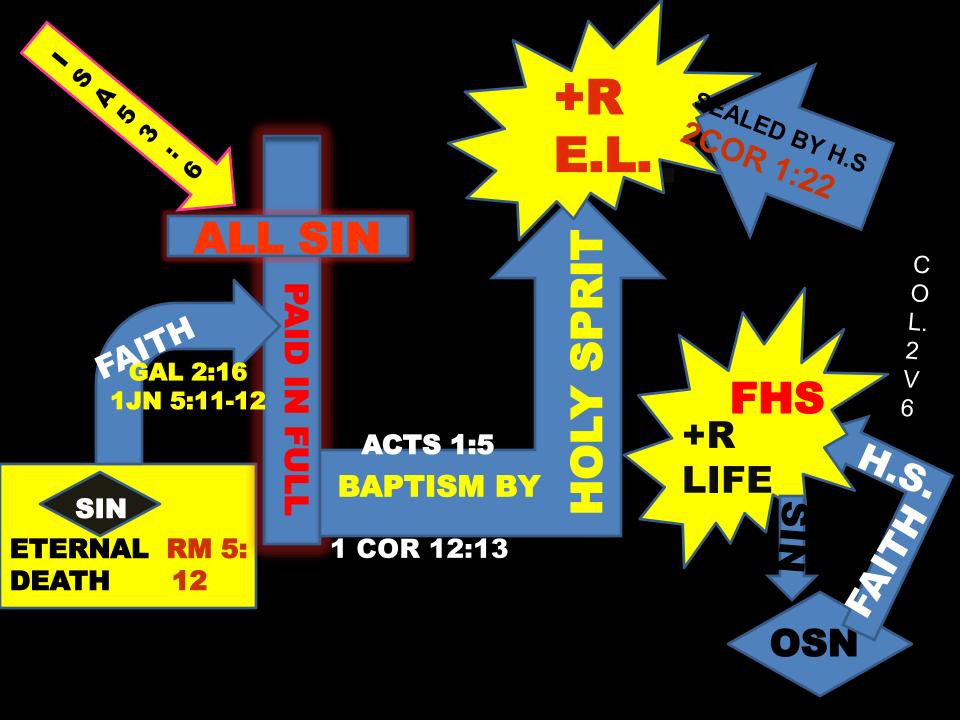
12 Immediately the Spirit <u>impelled</u> Him *to go* out into the wilderness.

WHEN WE ARE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT WE ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT!

DRIVEN BY THE SPIRIT: DRIVEN FROM WHERE WE ARE TO WHERE THE SPIRIT WANTS US TO BE..

DRIVEN FROM WHAT WE ARE DOING TO WHAT THE SPIRIT WANTS US TO BE DOING!

Mark 1:12 is a special case: The Spirit drives Jesus into the wilderness, i.e., Jesus stands entirely under the powerful impetus of the Spirit. Balz, H. R., & Schneider, G. (1990-). Vol. 1: Exegetical dictionary of the New Testament (406). Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans.



WHEN WE ARE WALKING IN THE SPIRIT, WE ARE GOING SOMEWHERE, WE ARE BE **DRIVEN SOMEWHERE, SUCH** AS TO LEARNING GOD'S WORD.

THE HOLY SPIRIT DRIVES US TO **STUDY GOD'S WORD!** THE HOLY SPIRIT DRIVES US TO **PRAY!** THE HOLY SPIRIT DRIVES US TO **SUPPORT OUR LOCAL CHURCH** WITH OUR PHYSICAL AND **FINANCIAL PRESENCE. GIVING!** THE HOLY SPIRIT DRIVES US TO **SERVE!**

LET'S TURN NOW TO COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 2, VERSE 1

- BY HAVING BEEN KNIT TOGETHER: συμβιβάζω
- To cause to come together, to bring together.
- (I) To join or knit together, unite, figuratively of Christians as parts of Christ's spiritual body, the Church, in the pass. (Eph. 4:16; Col. 2:2, 19).
- TO PUT TOGETHER DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES AND PEOPLE TO BECOME ONE.

UNDERSTANDING: σύνεσις

 the faculty of comprehension, intelligence, acuteness, shrewdness

• The word denotes the ability to understand concepts and see relationships between them.

Colossians 2:2

 2 ἵνα παρακληθῶσιν αἱ καρδίαι αὐτῶν συμβιβασθέντες ἐν ἀγάπῃ καὶ εἰς πᾶν πλοῦτος τῆς πληροφορίας τῆς συνέσεως, εἰς ἐπίγνωσιν τοῦ μυστηρίου τοῦ θεοῦ, Χριστοῦ,

- MYSTERY: μυστήριον
- verbal root μυ-, "make an inarticulate sound with closed lips; keep one's mouth shut." It refers to the content of the cultic ceremony, which is ineffable because it is inaccessible to discursive reason. The initiate does not participate in the sacred event on a rationalcognitive level ($\mu\alpha\theta\epsilon\tilde{i}\nu$) but rather is taken to a deeper level of experience

 In distinction from the state cult, the mysteries focus on the individual, who voluntarily (in the Isis cult, after being called by the goddess) undergoes the initiation rites. Distinctions in social class and gender are subsequently of no account, but the distinction between the initiated and uninitiated becomes all the more important. This esoteric character of the mysteries necessitated the command of absolute silence regarding the content of the mystery.

THAT WHICH <u>TRANSCENDS</u> NORMAL UNDERSTANDING!!!

- "THE MYSTERY OF GOD CHRIST IN WHOM (WHICH) ARE HIDDEN ALL THE TREASURES OF WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE."
- THE MYSTERY IS SOMETHING DIFFERENT THAN GOD OR CHRIST. THEY ARE THE SOURCE OF THE MYSTERY; THEY ARE <u>NOT</u> THE MYSTERY.

- Luke 8:10 And He said, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.
- Romans 11:25 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this MYSTERY—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in;

- COL. 2, VS. 3. "IN THIS MYSTERY OF **SPIRITUAL LOVE WHICH FITS TOGETHER DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES AND PEOPLE IN** THE LOCAL CHURCH TO BECOME ONE, ARE **HIDDEN FOR THOSE WHO HAVE EYES TO SEE** AND EARS TO HEAR, ALL THE TREASURES **OR WEALTH OF WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE;** IE, HOW TO WALK IN LOVE BY SIMPLY **TRUSTING THE ONE WHO SAVES YOU FROM** THE POWER OF SIN AND WHO FORMS **CHRIST IN YOU."**
- LOOK TO THE CROSS FOR A GREAT CLUE; VS
 6.

• HIDDEN: ἀπόκρυφος

• TO CONCEAL; HIDDEN AWAY.. IT IS SOMETHING PURPOSELY HIDDEN BY ANOTHER.. A MYSTERY. Colossians 2:6 Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, THEREFORE: οὖν markers of result, often implying the conclusion of a process of reasoning
JUST AS: ὡς IT SHOWS COMPARISON.

YOU RECEIVED: παραλαμβάνω
to take into close association, *take*(to oneself),

To take to oneself, seize
or take into one's
possession.

• WALK: περιπατέω

- GREEK MEANING: to go here and there in walking, go about, walk around
- 2 to conduct one's life, comport
 oneself, behave, live as habit of conduct
- Ephesians 4:1 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

 περιπατέω^b; πορεύομαιd: to live or behave in a customary manner, with possible focus upon continuity of action—'to live, to behave, to go about doing.'

- Ephesians 5:8 for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; <u>walk</u> as children of Light
- Ephesians 5:15 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,
- Colossians 1:10 so that you will <u>walk</u> in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
- Galatians 5:16 But I say, <u>walk</u> by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

- Colossians 2:6 Therefore just as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,
- How did you <u>receive</u> Christ Jesus the Lord?
- By works?
- By simple faith???

Ephesians 2:8–9 (NAS) 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;

9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. **Titus 3:5–6 (NAS)** 5 He saved us, <u>not</u> on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, **6 whom He poured out upon us richly** through Jesus Christ our Savior,

Acts 16:31 (NAS) 31 They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

παρακλητος

HOLY SPIRIT STAY THIRSTY, my friends

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ST&Y THIRSTY MY FRIENDS

- <u>FULL ASSURANCE:</u> πληροφορία
- state of complete certainty, full assurance, certainty
- SUPREME FULLNESS!
- The word is thus one of the terms which Paul uses to try to define linguistically the great richness of the divine work in the present life of Christianity,

- IT IS IN THIS PASSAGE THAT ONE OF THE GREAT MYSTERIES OF GOD AND OF CHRIST IS UNLOCKED.
- IT IS THE MYSTERY OF HOW WE ARE TO LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE, HOW TO LOVE AS JESUS LOVED!
- IT IS THE MYSTERY OF HOW WE ARE TRANSFORMED INTO THE IMAGE OF JESUS CHRIST.
- IT IS THE MYSTERY OF HOW WE GLORIFY OUR GOD.
- IT IS THE MYSTERY OF HOW WE FULFILL OUR DESTINY AS BELIEVERS IN JESUS CHRIST.
- IT IS THE MYSTERY OF HOW WE CAN HAVE AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL THREE MEMBERS OF THE GOD HEAD.
- IT IS THE MYSTERY OF HOW WE CAN HAVE THE CHARACTER, THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST SHINING OUT FROM OUR SOULS.
- IT IS THE MYSTERY OF HOW WE WALK IN THE SPIRIT OR HOW WE ARE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT.

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Self Control

(reachable, Recognizes (One who has a **NEW status of** power and can now do what the New You, The New Man desires to do)

You are God Dependent accepts authority of God

Faithfulness

(Loyalty & commitment to

God as you trust Him; Lovalty

Goodness

a zeal for goodness and

Kindness

being helpful or

beneficial to others)

truth

(energized to be generous,

(interest in the welfare of others; the quality of

to local church & others)

and of others)

Walking by Faith in The Spirit, filled with the Spirit

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Patience

(being tranquil while waiting for the outcome of an event)

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