



Staying Spiritual (Part I)

Continually Walking by Faith

Evangelism



**YOU CAN HAVE
A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP
WITH JESUS CHRIST!**

Do You?



Relationship?

- The purpose of this lesson is to encourage the development of your intimate relationship with God the Son and God the Father through the filling of God the Holy Spirit





New Relationship

- New Position (In Christ)
 - New Birth: John 3:7; 1Pet 1:23
 - New Family: Eph 1:5; Rom 8:14-17
 - New Citizenship: Phil 3:20; Eph 2:19;
 - Inheritance: Eph 1:11; Col 3:24; Heb 9:15
- New Actions
 - Prayer – Talking to the Father 1Thes 5:16-18
1John 5:14-16; Eph 6:18; James 5:14-16; Rom 12:12; Rom 8:26;
Phil 4:6-7; Col 4:2; 1Tim 2:8; James 4:3; James 5:16; 1 Tim 2:1-2;
John 14:13-14
 - Promises – Asking for Help
 - Fellowship [Koinonia] 1John 1:5-10
 - Participation – in God's Plan...daily
 - Sharing – Blessings & Suffering
 - Suffering / Testing

Did God Touch Your Life?

- Do You See the Evidence? – Is there an impact to your mind?
- Do You Listen to His Word? Is there a resultant joy at discovering and understanding?
- Do You Pray?
- Do You See Answered Prayer?





It's Personal

1. Dallas Theological Seminary Test/Divine Will (DW)
2. Arabic & Greek Languages (DW)
3. Meeting my wife (Prayer/DW)
4. Getting Fired Test (Faith/Perseverance/Patience)
5. Feeding Birds Illustration (Learning)
6. Miracles at Church (Prayer)
Tish, Thomas, Tana and others
7. Mom's death [comfort, peace]



Staying Spiritual (Part II)

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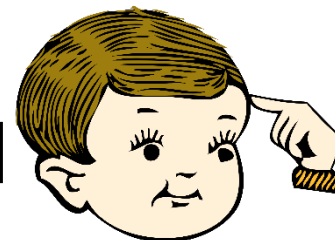
Start with Faith

- Filling of the Holy Spirit by Faith
- Then what?



But You Stay Out of Fellowship?

- You may say it isn't your fault. It is the fault of your sin nature. OK
- But where is your sin nature located
- Story of students of German in Germany





Be Honest With Yourself

- Don't rationalize sin away
- Stories of Dishonesty
 - AA Meeting
 - Seminary Student Cheats
 - 2 Samuel 18
- If You Don't Admit There is a Problem, You Won't Attempt to Find a Solution
- The Alternative is Divine Discipline

Self Deception

- 1 John 1:8
 - ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, **we are deceiving** ourselves and the truth is not in us.
- Sin in the singular – sin nature, principle of sin
- Deceiving
 - Present Active Indicative
 - Lead Astray, deceive

Lying

- 1 John 1:10
 - If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.
- Wuest p 106: “In verse eight, we have the denial of the indwelling sinful nature. In this verse we have the denial of specific acts of sin.”



Confession?

- ⁹ If **we confess** our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.



Sin Entangles You

- When out of fellowship, your sin nature rules
- Hebrews 12:1
 - Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which **so easily entangles us**, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
- Your mind dominated by the sin nature will rationalize
 - It was only a “white lie.”
 - I didn’t actually do it.
 - I only thought about doing it.
- Bible Truth: As a man thinks so is he
Proverbs 23:6-7
 - Do not eat the bread of a selfish man,
Or desire his delicacies;
⁷ For as he thinks within himself, so he is.
He says to you, “Eat and drink!”
But his heart is not with you.

“Confess”

- “Confess” is the Greek word homologeo (speak the same)
 - Homo – same
 - Logeo – to speak
- Has several meanings (from Bauer, Arndt & Gingrich)
 - Promise, assure Mt 14:7
 - Agree, admit Heb 11:13
 - Confess
 - Judicial Language: Acts 24:14
 - Religious & Moral Language 1Jn 1:9
 - Declare (publicly), acknowledge, confess
- Often seems to imply a change of mind



Admitting there is a Problem

- Admitting there is a problem is the first step is fixing it
- AA Meeting and the first step
- But the admission itself is not the fix

Step One

“We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.”

WHO cares to admit complete defeat? Practically no one, of course. Every natural instinct cries out against the idea of personal powerlessness. It is truly awful to admit that, glass in hand, we have warped our minds into such an obsession for destructive drinking that only an act of Providence can remove it from us.

http://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/en_step1.pdf



Just Trust God



Are You Aware?

- Aware of what sin is?
- Aware of God's Plan
- Aware of Doctrine needed to live the Christian Life?



Prayer

- Addressed to the Father
- Said in the Power of the Holy Spirit
- Prayer Mechanics
 - Prayer Preparation
 - Prayer Petition
 - Prayer Pursuit
- You can pray that God will remove specific temptations.

Promises

- R.B. Thieme Jr. taught that the Faith Rest technique was spirituality in the Old Testament
- The New Testament teaches us to “walk by faith”
 - Walk by Faith not by sight: 2 Cor 5:7
 - The Righteous shall live by faith
Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11, Hebrews 10:38
(the righteous out from faith shall live)



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Yes – Do It

- It is a matter of your own volition/free will



HAPPY

- Honesty
- Awareness
- Prayer
- Promises
- Yes!



1 John 1:9 versus Faith Rest

- Confession of Sin
 - Does not Save
 - Confessing while sinning doesn't make you spiritual
 - Herman's Journey led him to Trust the Holy Spirit
 - My observation led me to faith



Approaches to Spirituality

1. Salvation Approach
2. Logical Approach
3. Faith-Rest (Life) Approach
4. Righteous Life Approach
5. Humility Approach
6. Work of God Approach



Salvation Approach

- If we say that at salvation we are filled with the Holy Spirit
(Gal 3:3 according to R.B. Thieme, Jr.):
 - Then no confession of sins was involved, only faith
 - Faith at that time was in Jesus Christ
 - But Jesus promised He would send the Holy Spirit as another (of the same kind) Paraclete John 16:7
- We are saved from the power of sin by trusting God the Holy Spirit



L. S. Chafer

He That is Spiritual - Analogy

- “The Bible treats our deliverance from the bond-servitude to sin as a distinct form of salvation, and there is an analogy between this and the more familiar aspect of salvation which is from the guilt and penalty of sin.” p134



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He That is Spiritual - Faith

- “Salvation unto sanctity of daily life is equally a work of God, and the only relation the child of God can sustain to it is an *attitude* of expectation toward the One who alone is able. There should be an adjustment of the life and will to God, and this should be an adjustment of the life and will to God, and this salvation must then be claimed by faith; but in this case it is an *attitude* of faith. We are saved from the power of sin as we believe. The one who has been justified by an *act* of faith must now *live* by faith. p137



Galatians 3:1-5

- 1 You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified?
- 2 This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?
- 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?
- 4 Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain?
- 5 So then, does He who provides you with the Spirit and works miracles among you, do it by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?



Logical Approach – Passages 1

- Col 2:6-7 Therefore **as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him**, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude. [NASB]
- 2 Cor 5:5-8 Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge. 6 Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord— 7 **for we walk by faith, not by sight**— 8 we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.
- Gal 5:16 But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.



Logical Approach – Passages 2

- Rom 14:23 But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and **whatever is not from faith is sin.**
- Heb 11:6 6 And **without faith it is impossible to please Him**, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.
- Eph 5:18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but **be filled with the Spirit**,...
- 1 Cor 2: 4-5 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵ so that **your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.**



Logical Approach - Reasoning

- Logic
 - If we are to be filled with the Holy Spirit
 - If as a result we are walking in the Spirit
 - And since our walking is by faith, the logical conclusion is that we enter into the filling by faith
 - Whatever is not of faith is sin
 - Cannot please God without faith
- Observation
 - I can name or cite my sins as I am committing them and not enter into the filling of the Holy Spirit. So there must be something besides just naming of sin for the filling.
 - Some of those, like Chafer, who emphasize confession of sins, add that there must be a reliance or dependence on the Spirit. Dependence is a synonym of faith, belief, trust!

ATΩ Faith-Rest (Life) Approach

- Faith Rest Background
- Definition
- Faith Rest Technique
- Faith Rest Examples



Faith Rest Background

“R.B. Thieme, Jr. developed the doctrine of the faith-rest drill early on in his ministry. The term faith rest describes the way of life of the believer in the Old Testament and faith rest is one of the spiritual mechanics in our lives as believers in the Church Age.”

http://kukis.org/Doctrines/faith_rest.pdf



Faith-Rest Description

- From Hal Lindsey in “Combat Faith”
 - “The faith-rest, briefly described, is that principle taught in the Word of God by which we enter a divinely provided dynamic rest from struggling to live for God. This is done by believing the promises of God’s Word, which releases God to work in and through us with His mighty power and wisdom. Even the indispensable means of living the Christian life called “walking in the Spirit” is appropriated by believing God’s promises of the Holy Spirit’s ministry to us.”



Faith-Rest Technique

- Hebrews 4:1-2 (NASB)
 - Therefore, let us fear lest, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you should seem to have come short of it.
 - For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard.



Faith Rest Examples

- Faith Heroes of Hebrews Chapter 11
- Positive Example: Hezekiah
 - Is 36
 - 2 Kg 18:13 – 19:37
 - 2 Chron 32:1-23
- Negative Example: David 2 Sam 11:1-27



Righteous Life Approach

- Habbakuk 2:4 [Rom 1:17, Gal 3:11; Heb 10:38]
 - Hab 2:4 “ ... But the righteous shall live by his faith.” [NASB]
 - Gal 3:11 “...the righteous man shall live by means of faith.” [Wuest]
- “+R” righteousness is not something a human can produce. Only God can produce it.

Humility Approach

- Humility
 - Old Testament ('oun)
 - New Testament (tapeinas)
 - Concept:
 - Physical world: poor, poverty – you have nothing
 - Spiritual world: approaching God with nothing but faith
- Slave (Romans 6 – doulos)
- Yield (Romans 6 – paristemi)
- Dependence (Chafer / Walvoord)



Yielding to the Will of God

- “A yieldedness to the will of God is not demonstrated by some one particular issue: it is rather a matter of having taken the will of God as the rule of one’s life. To be in the will of God is simply to be willing to do His will without reference to any particular thing He may choose. It is electing His will to be final, even before we know what He may wish us to do. It is, therefore, not a question of being willing to do some one thing: it is a question of being willing to do anything, when, where and how, it may seem best in His heart of love. It is taking the normal and natural position of childlike trust which has already consented to the wish of the Father even before anything of the outworking of His wish is revealed.”
L. S. Chafer, “He That Is Spiritual,” p 113



What is True Spirituality?

- What then is true spirituality? It is the unhindered manifestations of the indwelling Spirit. There are in all, seven of these manifestations. These blessed realities are all provided for in the presence and power of the Spirit and will be normally produced by the Spirit in the Christian who is not grieving the Spirit, but has confessed every known sin; who is not quenching the Spirit, but is **yielded** to God; and who is walking in the Spirit by an **attitude of dependence upon His power alone**. Such an one is spiritual because He is Spirit-filled. The Spirit is free to fulfil in him all the purpose and desire of God for him. There is nothing in daily life and service to be desired beyond this. “But thanks be unto God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” L.S. Chafer “He that is Spiritual” page 133

Synonyms of Dependence

dependence  ★ [see definition of dependence](#) show

noun **reliance**

Relevance  A-Z Complexity  + Length 

Synonyms for dependence Common

noun reliance

confidence

dependency

addiction

belief

craving

credence

faith

habit

jones

obsession

trust

addictedness

Faith words

<http://www.thesaurus.com/browse/dependence>



Work of God Approach

- John 6:28-29
28 Therefore they said to Him, “What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?”
29 Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.”
- John 16:7
But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper [Paraclete] will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

Bill Bright - CRU

FILLED BY FAITH

How can one be filled with the Holy Spirit? We are filled with the Spirit by faith. We received Christ by faith. We walk by faith. Everything we receive from God, from the moment of our spiritual birth until we die, is by faith. Do you want to be filled with the Holy Spirit? You can be filled right now, wherever you are, by faith.

<https://www.cru.org/train-and-grow/spiritual-growth/transferable-concepts.html>

Karate Kid

- Wax On, Wax Off
 - Training Disguised as Something Else
 - God may “train” you in many different ways
 - Eventually Connect the Dots and See the Work of God
 - Karate Kid Movie: Mr. Miyagi trained Daniel in basic karate moves by having him do chores around his house:
 - Wax on Wax off (the car)
 - Paint the fence
 - Paint the house
 - Sand the floor
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OmsRAFptnBY>
 - Lots of Hard Work
 - Repetition



Extra Slides



Faith Definitions and Characteristics

- Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. (Heb 11:1)
- Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.
- Whatever is not from faith is sin (Rm 14:23)
- And without faith it is impossible to please Him.



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