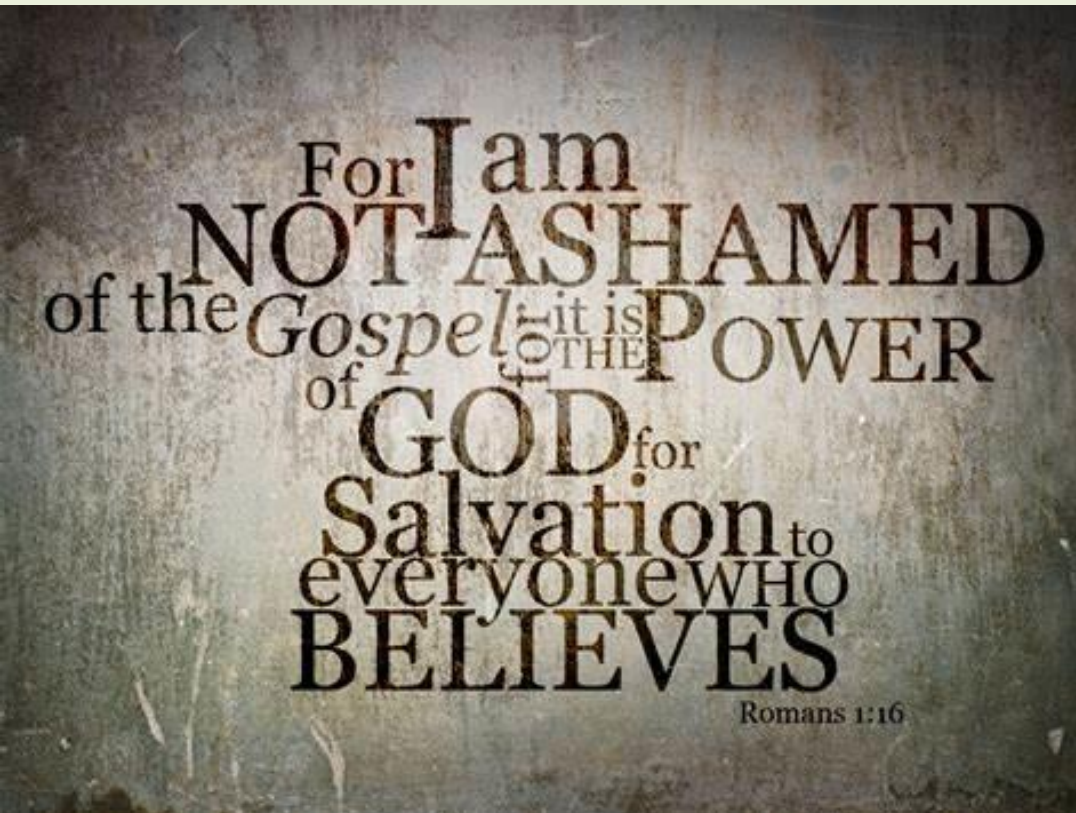


THE GOSPEL IN US

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1

The power of Christianity is the gospel. The gospel is not good news because it makes us feel good about ourselves it usually doesn't. The gospel is 1st a message of repentance. Its initial message is that we are broken as individuals and as societies. This can only be solved when we as individuals admit we are thinking wrong and bring our thoughts, actions and relationships into alignment with God's mind and purpose – this is repentance. The problem is that humans all have a sin nature and desire self-aggrandizement, self-fulfillment and selfish pleasures. Then we tend to elevate these desires of our sin nature above the will of God. The gospel is the answer to this problem.



1 CORINTHIANS 15:1

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you — unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. 7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.

8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.



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In this stained glass window the Holy Sprit brings order to chaos.

JOHN 16:7-14

7 “Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, **the Helper** will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

8 “And when He has come, **He will convict** the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

9 “of sin, because they do not believe in Me;

10 “of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more;

11 “of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

12 “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now.

13 “However, when He, the **Spirit of truth**, has come, **He will guide** you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

14 “**He will glorify Me**, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you.

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There are several things the Holy Spirit accomplishes as our Comforter.

1. He provides Peace in our hearts: John 14:26-27

26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

27 "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

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2. He Testifies of Jesus Christ in and through us:

John 15:26-27 - 26 "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. 27 "And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

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3. He searches our hearts and intercedes on our behalf:

Romans 8:26-27 - 26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

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4. His presence is the guarantee of our salvation: **Ephesians 1:13-14** [also: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22; 5:4-7]

Ephesians 1:13-14 - 13 In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

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He produced a rap in 2018 called “We Gon’ Reign” which is an anthem for the persecuted church around the world. He is deeply concerned about righteousness, holiness and Christian living.

He challenges the culture of the music industry and speaks from a Christian worldview to American culture.

He is committed to the authority of scripture. While we would likely not agree on everything I consider him a brother in Christ.

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*Do not
follow your
Heart.
Follow the
conviction
of the
Holy Spirit.*

*The heart is deceitful
above all things and
desperately wicked.*

Jeremiah 17:9

The Word For The Day

In John verse 8 Jesus tells us that the Holy Spirit will bring Conviction into the world. Conviction is the work of correction not only in the world but in our lives as well.

There are 3 Things accomplished by the Holy Spirit's work of Conviction:

1. Sin is exposed in the world. This will either bring repentance or hardening of the heart of the individual, community or nation. Ultimately sin comes down to not believing in Jesus.
2. Righteousness is testified to in this world. The Holy Spirit reflects into our world the righteous standard of Jesus Christ.
3. Judgement is pronounced in the world. The Holy Spirit affirms the Justice and authority of Christ in judgement.

1 JOHN 3:20-22

20 For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

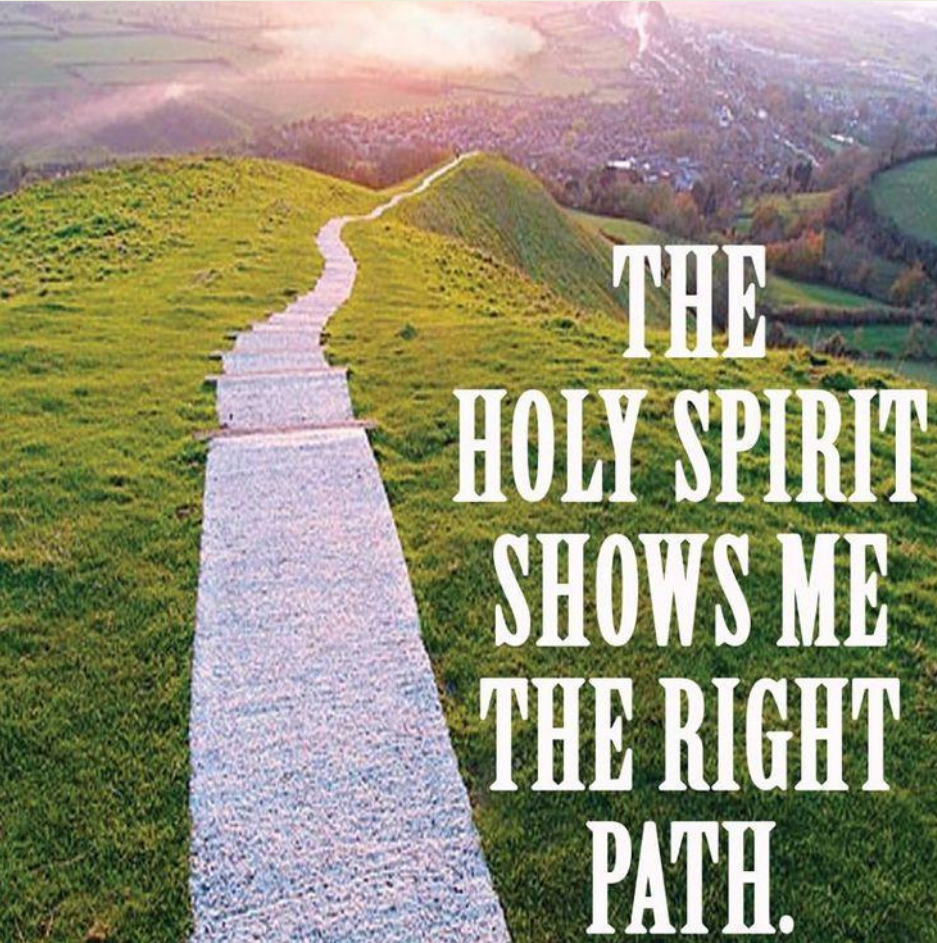
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Jesus knew we at times would struggle with our direction in Him. He promised that the Holy Spirit would bring to our remembrance Jesus' words, guide us into God's truth and give us insight for the future. The writer of Hebrews tells us that the Holy Spirit works through the word of God which is "sharper than a two-edged sword".

The Holy Spirit examines our motives, challenges us to deeper commitment and leads us into God's purpose.

Romans 8:14-16 - 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,...



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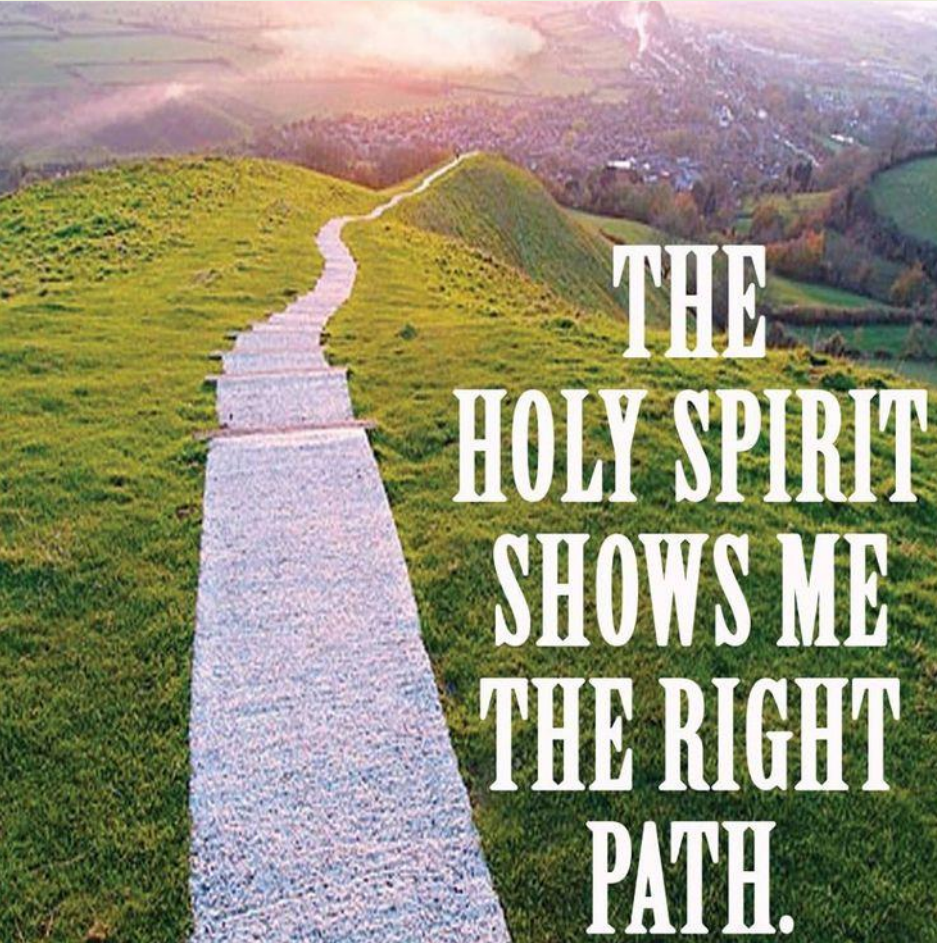
George Barna's Team released a series of reports on the struggles right now with Christianity in American culture in 2020 and in the early months of 2021. The results of their research are sobering and deeply concerning. The Millennial generation [18-36] are the least religious generation in recent history. Of those under age 55 less than 20% are "born again" Christians. The vast majority of the American populace identify with "Therapeutic Deism" rather than traditional Christianity and its doctrines.

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If we are led by God's Spirit in Galatians 5 18-26 we are told that if we are "led by the Spirit we are not under the law" because we do the will of Christ without coercion.

We instinctually know the works that come from our carnal nature and avoid these while allowing the natural "fruit of the Spirit" to flourish in our life which produces Jesus Christ's character in us.

So, as we "live in the Spirit" we also consciously "walk in the Spirit" and avoid conceit [arrogance], enmity with other Christians and envy of other Christians.

GALATIANS 5:18-26

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

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, revelries, 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.** 26 Let us not become **conceited, provoking** one another, **envying** one another.

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SPIRIT OF TRUTH

On his album *FLAME Forward* in 2015, Marcus Gray rapped “Absolute Truth” it is an answer to the Black Hebrew Israelites, Nation of Islam and Five Percenters. Who try to use the Bible to promote their own causes.

At the close of his lyrics he confesses the basics of the Christian faith and challenges these other groups with the claims of scripture about belief in Jesus Christ and the requirement of the law of God.

Most Americans have embraced a syncretic faith that denies the central truth that Jesus is the only means of salvation.

Jesus through out John chapters 14-16 calls the Holy Spirit the “Spirit of Truth”. We live in a world that does not believe in the concept of absolute truth. And certainly does not accept



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Jesus's claim to be absolute truth or even the concept that there is such a thing is held by only 6 percent of the population. In the Evangelical Christian community presently only about half hold a view of the absolute truth of Scripture. As we face this post-Christian culture that has accelerated according to Barna's data over the last decade, we need Christians who are truly seeking Truth and committed to the Holy Spirit's leadership. In Ephesians 4:11-16 Paul tells us goals toward which the Spirit of Truth is directing the Church:

1. Growth and Development of the Body
2. Unity of Faith
3. Knowledge of Jesus Christ
4. Perfection of Christian Character
5. Solidness in doctrine and practice.

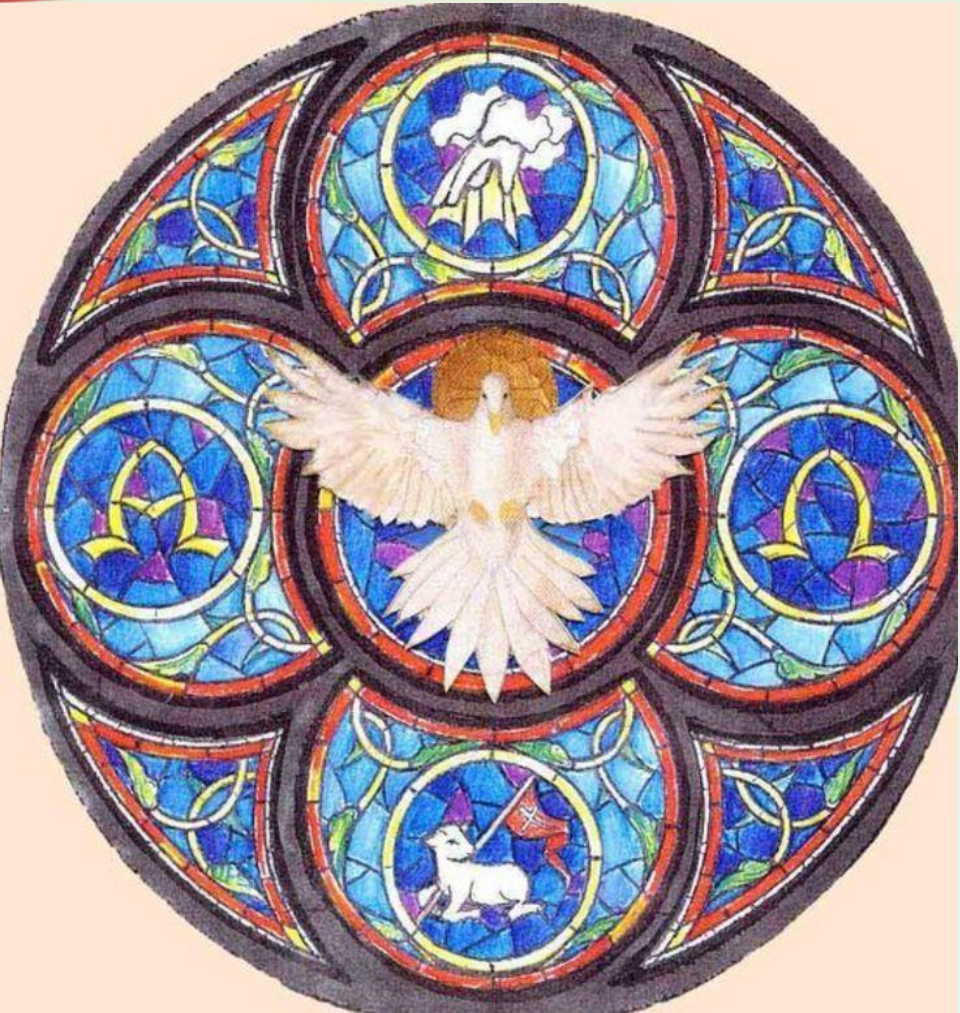


EPHESIANS 4:11-16

11 And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ — 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

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The Glory of Jesus Christ is the ultimate goal of the Holy Spirit in the world . He minister's in and through Christians as individuals and as a body to bring about the glory of Jesus Christ. In 1 John 4:4 we are told that we overcome the world because “greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world”. We have confidence in the work of the Holy Spirit as He glorifies Jesus Christ in us.



2 CORINTHIANS 4:5-7

5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake.

6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.



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The Holy Spirit came into the world to help us in our faith, convict of sin and salvation, to give direction and to provide the truth. As He works in our lives He accomplishes all these things.