

Peace to the End!
Spirit Life, Part 3
Slide Notations

We're taking a look at the Holy Spirit and what marks His friendship should be leaving on us! We who claim to have His presence in our lives should bear distinct qualities and characteristics...

We should be...

Unshaken! Foundation secure no matter what kind of upheaval we see! **1C3.11 Unafraid!** Courageous as we press in knowing if He is for us, nothing will stand longer than we can! **R8.31, Is54.17, E6.13 On track!** We have a mission to people to complete! **Ph2.6-8, A1.8 Rightly connected!** Lovingly but loosely to people **J2.23**, tightly and trustingly to God! **Lk23.46**

That doesn't mean we ignore what's going on around us to maintain our peace... if the watchmen are asleep the church is doomed to unnecessary pain!

Living in our own little world got us into this mess in the first place!

The enemies of our faith came for prayer, for the Ten Commandments, for the name of God, the definition of marriage, armed with revisionist history and now they've come for Amanda...

NH Court ruled Amanda Kurowski should be in public school to improve her "socialization." The court found "Amanda is generally likeable and well liked, social & interactive w/her peers, academically promising, & intellectually at or superior to grade level." But being raised as a strong Christian was preventing her from learning "to critically evaluate multiple systems of belief and behavior."

"The court is essentially saying that the evidence shows that, socially & academically, this girl is doing great, but her religious beliefs are a bit too sincerely held and must be sifted, tested by, and mixed among other worldviews.

Try this with a Muslim or Buddhist child...

Psalm 91 I say, the Lord is my refuge, fortress, my God, in Him I will trust ... He delivers me from snares of the hunter... His truth will be my keeper... I will not be afraid of assaults night or day nor will I be afraid of destruction... though a thousand fall at my side and ten thousand at my right hand, it will not come near me... He gives His angels charge over me... I have made the Lord my refuge... I live for Him!

Jesus, our Spirit Life model, loved and served people without ever being "thrown" by their actions... good or bad!

His connection to God was so strong, that His connection to people who failed and fell could not bring Him down!

Asides... Talked about when family, friends, leaders, governments and lifestyles fall... And they all do... Only God never fails! **D31.8** Sometimes fully restored/not... **A15/2T4.11** Some you can't walk with @all... **Ph1.15ff**

But what about when people "fall" – die? Our "connections" often show in death! If your connection to them is stronger than your connection w/God, something will die. People who love people but don't trust God with life and death often fall away, returning to old ways; muddy and vomitous, and can end up worse than the unsaved! **Lk11.25, Gal 5.1, 2P2.20-22**

When we are thrown off track by other's people's words, actions and lives it only proves we weren't rightly connected with God!

There's another Spirit Life principle that goes hand in hand with "right connections" with God! People with Spirit Life have peace that goes beyond understanding though it requires reason-able faith!

John 14.26,27 The Comforter, the Holy Ghost (Spirit Life Connector), who the Father sends in My name, will teach you things and bring all the things I have spoken to you, to your remembrance. Peace I leave you! My peace I give to you... *Spirit coming to remind you... My peace! What kind of peace did He have to leave us?*

At the end of His life and ministry Jesus is demonstrating the power to walk on with the wildest fears in check...

But He didn't get it as a download in one critical moment... it came thru a lifetime of living the Spirit Life in a world full of trouble!

Jesus... Born of a virgin, almost abandoned by His step dad, forced into exile by a blood-lusty ruler... **Mt1/2** Brought into direct contest w/Satan on the brink of human extinction... **Mt4** In conflict with religious rulers who turned God's house into a Pet-Mart... **J2** In the hands of a vigilante mob on the edge of cliff... **LK4** Jesus... Sent by God, at the point of man's helplessness, to live and die for the sins of the whole world... **Gal 4.4,5** Challenged on authority by powerless **Mt9** Challenged on law by sinners **Mt12** Called a devil by demonized leaders **12.24ff** Tested by the deceived **J8** Doubted by the grieving **J11** Rejected by the rich **Mt19** Jesus... God made flesh, the Light of the world, sent to live among us, and the world rejected Him... over and over again... **J1** The reception of the hypocrites **Mk19** Turned over by a traitor **Mt26** Abandoned by friends **Mk14.50** Judged by the unrighteous **J18/19** Beaten and hung by uninformed **J19**

In all that turbulence, connected to God, established in perfect peace, He just kept moving forward to the Cross!

Jesus had peace the world knows nothing about... established on three "good-reason" legs of truth!

Trust! Jesus knew He was God's Son/never fails! *Are you anything less?* **R8.14ff** Knew God sent Him on a mission! *What are you here for?* **Mt28.19 J4.35 A1.8** Knew His time to die would come/Hands of God! *How Close?* **H9.27** *How Much Left to do?* **R13.11-14** Jesus was connected w/a bond that could not be shaken! *Doers/Words established/Rock!* **Mt7.24ff**

Timing! Jesus knew the God He trusted had a perfect time and place for everything! "Fullness of time, star appeared in the East, He was born..." **G4.4, Mt2.7** "From that time He began to preach." **Mt4.17 Mk1.15** "My time is not yet come." **J7.6** "My time is at hand, to go." **Mt26.18** "Time to pray &time to sleep on." **v36-45** "In due time Christ died for/ungodly." **R5.6**

Time... for us! To work, prove faithful! **Mk13.33-37** Harvest time is now! **J4.35** When people will make life hard! **J16.2** For suffering for righteousness! **R8.18** To awake from sleep! **R13.11** Time is short! **1C7.29** To set aside childishness! **Gal 4.2-7 E2.2** To redeem our time! **E5.16-18 Col 4.5** To grow up/leaders! **H5.12**

Knowing! Jesus knew what was in men. **J2.23** thought's **Mt9.4** character **J1.48ff** Jesus knew God was w/Him every step... "Father, I thank You that You hear me. And I know that You always hear me but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that You have sent me." **J11.41,42** Knew where He came from/where going! **J13.3** when it was time **J18.4** done **19.28** God would not allow His soul to see corruption! **Ps16.10 A2.27ff, 13.35ff**

Knowing... for us! Called by God, to salvation and to be rich in good works...God is not unrighteous to forget your labors of love, done for His name, as ministry to the saints. **Heb 6.10** He will fulfill all His part! **1C1.9, 10.13 1P4.19** Reservations in a place where everything don't know, will know! **1C13.12** Know everything about people/now – then! Know His nature now/wait for details! Peace!

You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You: because he trusts in You. "Trust in the Lord forever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength." **Is26.3,4**

Jesus came into the world to bring a sword, fire, judgment and chaos!

Jesus came to His own to give us the Sword of the Spirit, The Fire of the Holy Ghost, His righteousness and peace that transcends ordinary thought!

A Spirit Life...Is marked by Peace that Jesus gives! It's not worldly, it's not the result of human reasoning/strength/fortification...

He gives us peace the world can't take away! Unless we are willing to let go of God! And be dragged off into darkness! We have peace in tribulation and sorrow! Knowing He has overcome the world/trouble! Knowing that there is a place coming where there will be no more sorrow!