

KEEP IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

ATTENTION:

[TUNING INTO THE HOLY SPIRIT CHANNEL]

- How many of you are radio channel surfers?
 - What are you looking for?
 - Oldies? What radio station do you turn to?
 - Country? What station do you tune in to?
 - Contemporary Christian? What is your station?
 - Current hits? What is your station?
- Similarly, we are all tuning into our preferences/favorites for life.
 - *As Life Channel Surfers* we surf life's options and then select what we like, the music by which we want to live!
 - Day in and day out we listen to the music we choose.
 - That *Life Music* shapes us!
 - Like shaping a piece of playdough with your fingers.
 - These choices shape everything about us.
 - Thoughts about everything!
 - Choices we make day in and day out!
 - Our convictions, priorities, attitudes, judgements, what we do and refuse to do, etc.
 - Everything flows out of the life music we listen to!
 - **Only 1 station plays the music of the Holy Spirit!**

[WHERE THIS LESSON FITS IN SERIES]

ATTUNE:

- We are going back the question asked in previous weeks:
 - *What does the Holy Spirit do all day?*
- We're walking on Holy Ground as we attempt to identify the continuing activity of the Holy Spirit.
 - We've often been content to ignore the question.
 - Many have concluded: *The Spirit does nothing specifically assigned to Himself since the inspiration of the Scriptures.*
 - Believing TODAY: *the Holy Spirit IS simply a general participant in the activities of "GOD."*

TRANSITION:

- **Let's give thought to some clarifying possibilities:**

BODY: THE HOLY SPIRIT = THE GOD WHO SPEAKS [THE HOLY SPIRIT SPEAKS]

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS IN THE LIVING WORD:

- Are you tuned into the Holy Spirit = Open to the Holy Spirit!
 - If the Holy Spirit was speaking on a radio channel and you are not even listening to the radio you are not going to hear anything said.
 - ...and you are listening to country music station...
 - To be open to the Spirit as a Christian is not to:
 - ...focus on what we have to do
 - ...focus on conditions we have to meet
 - ...rules we must follow
 - ...be pursued as a goal to achieve
 - ...a game of strategy like chess
 - To be open to the Spirit...
 - ...is an inside-out work of the divine
 - ...means God's grace is at work in us through the Spirit.
 - ...listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit
 - ...open to the Spirit's steps
-  When open to the Spirit = first of all we go to "Scripture"

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed. You know those who taught you, ¹⁵ and you know that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:14-17



²⁰ Above all, you know this: No prophecy of Scripture comes from the prophet's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by the will of man; instead, men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:20-21

- When open to the Spirit = given insight, understanding, guaranteed inheritance

⊕ ¹³ *In him you also were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and when you believed. ¹⁴ The Holy Spirit is the down payment of our inheritance, until the redemption of the possession, to the praise of his glory.*

⊕ ¹⁵ *This is why, since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶ I never stop giving thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, would give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so that you may know what is the hope of his calling, what is the wealth of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the mighty working of his strength.*

Ephesians 1:13-19

⊕ ¹⁰ *Now God has revealed these things to us by the Spirit, since the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except his spirit within him? In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who comes from God, so that we may understand what has been freely given to us by God. ¹³ We also speak these things, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual things to spiritual people. ¹⁴ But the person without the Spirit does not receive what comes from God's Spirit, because it is foolishness to him; he is not able to understand it since it is evaluated spiritually. ¹⁵ The spiritual person, however, can evaluate everything, and yet he himself cannot be evaluated by anyone. ¹⁶ For **who has known the Lord's mind, that he may instruct him?** But we have the mind of Christ.*

1 Corinthians 2:10-16

PROJECT:

⊕ We'll discuss practical implications of the Holy Spirit as the God Who Speaks but this is all we have time for today.

- Something essential to experiencing the fullness of the Christian life, it is this: Hearts filled with the Holy Spirit!
 - As Helper - Counselor - Answering prayer - Giving Wisdom - Insight - Understanding - Guidance, Courage, Strength, etc. etc.
 - To keep in step with the Holy Spirit let us have an absolute loyalty to the scripture while being completely open to the Holy Spirit when He steps into our today - 21st century - 2019!

ACTION:

Open Your Bibles & Open Yourself To The Holy Spirit Alive And Active In You!