



Knowing Christ

United Together

Alive Together

- ^{NAS} **Galatians 2:20** "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.
- ^{NAS} **Ephesians 2:4** But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus,
- ^{NAS} **Colossians 1:27** to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Forever Together

- NAS **John 14:1** "Let not your heart be troubled; ...² "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.³ "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.
- NAS **Revelation 21:1** And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; ...² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He shall dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them,⁴ and He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

Union with God

- ^{NAS} **John 14:16** "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; ¹⁷ that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you... ²⁰ "In that day you shall know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you."

- NAS **John 6:56** "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.
- NAS **John 10:38** but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father."
- NAS **John 14:10** "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works.
- ESV **John 17:21** that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

Ministry of the Holy Spirit

1. The Empowering Presence of God

- ^{NAS} **John 14:16** "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper [Comforter, Counselor, Advocate] ...

2. Teacher of Truth

- ^{NAS} **John 14:17** the Spirit of truth²⁶ "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 that I said to you.

3. Source of Peace

- ^{NAS} **John 14:27** "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, nor let it be fearful.

Fruit of Union with God

- **NAS John 14:21** "He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him ...²³ Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him. ²⁴ "He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.
- **NAS 1 John 3:23** And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us. ²⁴ And the one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And we know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

Aside: The Work of the Holy Spirit

→ *Life in the Spirit NT Commentary*

In Creation and Revelation

- Active in creation
 - Gen 1:2; Job 33:4
- Imparts life to God's creatures
 - Gen 2:7; Job 33:4; Ps 104:30
- Inspired the prophets and apostles
 - Num 11:29; Isa 59:21; Mic 3:8; Zec 7:12; 2 Ti 3:16; 2Pe 1:21
- Speaks through the Word
 - 2Sa 23:1–2; Ac 1:16–20; Eph 6:17; Heb 3:7–11; 9:8; 10:15

In Relation to Jesus Christ

- Jesus was conceived in Mary by the Spirit
 - Mt 1:18, 20–23; Lk 1:34–35
- Was filled with the Spirit
 - Mt 3:16–17; Mk 1:12–13; Lk 3:21–22; Lk 4:1
- Preached in the Spirit
 - Isa 11:2–4; 61:1–2; Lk 4:16–27
- Performed miracles by the power of the Spirit
 - Isa 61:1; Mt 12:28; Lk 11:20; Ac 10:38
- Will baptize believers in the Holy Spirit
 - Mt 3:11; Mk 1:8; Lk 3:16; Jn 1:3; Ac 1:4–5; 11:16

- Is revealed to believers by the Spirit
 - Jn 16:13–15
- Offered himself on the cross through the Spirit
 - Heb 9:14
- Was raised from the dead by the Spirit
 - Rom 1:3–4; 8:11
- Poured out the Spirit upon believers
 - Ac 2:33. 38–39
- Is glorified by the Spirit
 - Jn 16:13–14
- Spirit prays for his return
 - Rev 22:17

In the Church

- Dwells in the church as his temple
 - 1 Co 3:16; Eph 2:22; Hag 2:5
- Is poured out upon the church
 - Ac 1:5; 2:1–4, 16–21; cf. Isa 32:15; 44:3; Hos 6:3; Joel 2:23–32
- Speaks to the church
 - Rev 2:7, 11, 17, 27; 3:6, 13.22
- Creates fellowship in the church
 - 2 Co 13:14; Php 2:1
- Unites the church
 - 1 Co 12:13; Eph 4:4

- Gives gifts to the church
 - Ro 12:6–8; Eph 4:11
- Strengthens the church
 - Ac 4:30–33; 1 Co 12:7–13; 14:1–33
- Appoints leaders for the church
 - Ac 20:28; Eph 4:11
- Works through Spirit-filled people
 - Ac 6:3, 5, 8; 8:6–12; 15:28, 32; cf. Nu 27:18; Jdg 6:34; ISa 16:13; Zec 4:6
- Directs the missionary enterprise
 - Ac 8:29, 39; 13:2–4; 16:6–7; 20:23

- Guards the church against error
 - 2 Ti 1:14
- Warns the church of apostasy
 - 1 Ti 4:1; Ne 9:30
- Equips the church for spiritual warfare
 - Eph 6:10–18
- Glorifies Christ
 - Jn 16:13–15
- Promotes righteousness
 - Ro 14:17; Eph 2:21–22; 3:16–21; 1Th 4:7–8

In Individual Believers

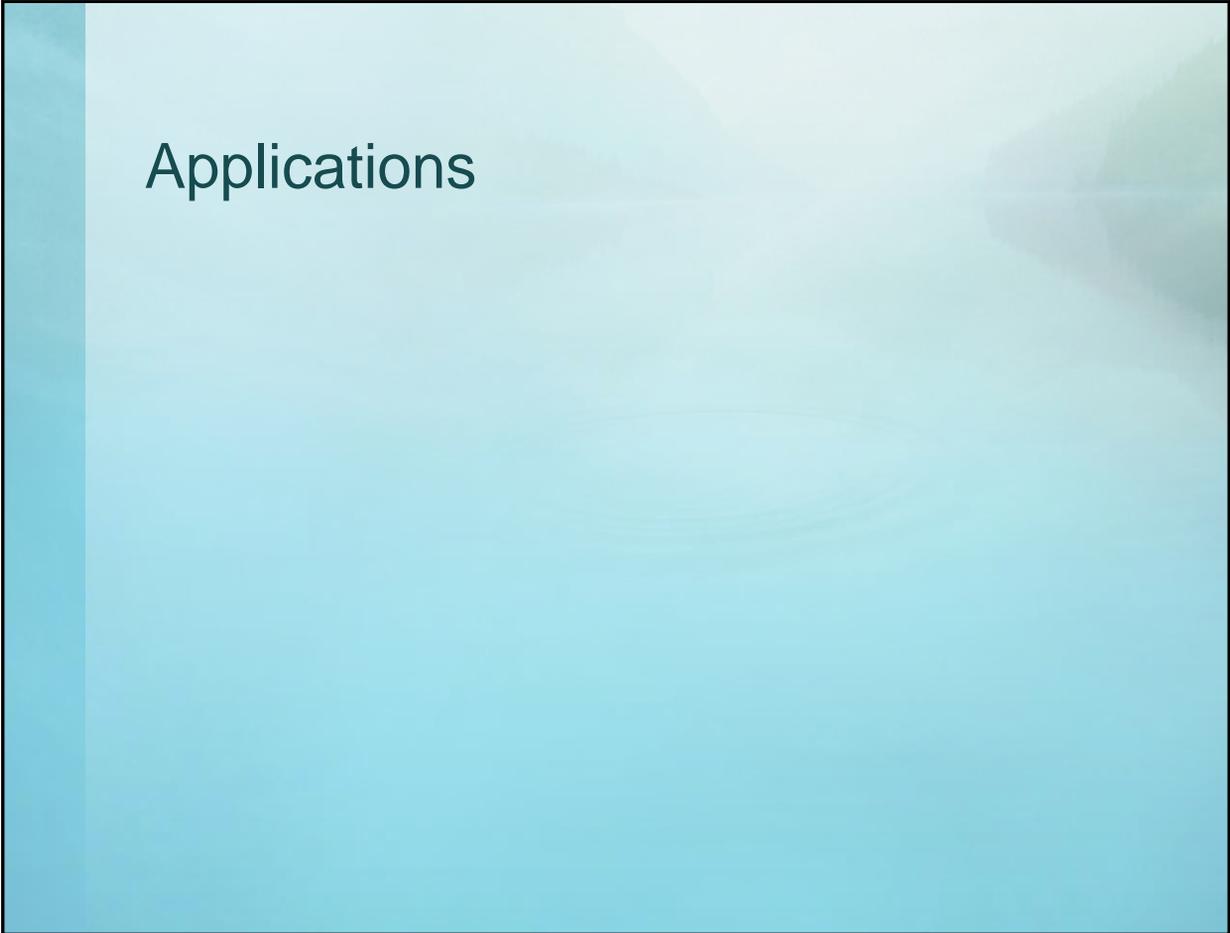
- Lives in every believer
 - Ro 8:11; 1 Co 6:15–20; 2 Co 3:3; Eph 1:13; Heb 6:4; 1 Jn 3:24; 4:13
- Convicts us of sin
 - Jn 16:7–11; Ac 2:37
- Regenerates us
 - Jn 3:5–6; 14:17; 20:22; Ro 8:9; 2 Co 3:6; Tit 3:5
- Imparts God's love to us
 - Ro 5:5
- Makes us realize God is our Father
 - Ro 8:14–16; Gal 4:6

- Enables us to say “Jesus is Lord”
 - 1 Co 12:3
- Reveals Christ to us
 - Jn 15:26; 16:14–15; 1 Co 2:10–11
- Reveals God’s truth to us
 - Ne 9:20; Jn 14:16–17, 26; 16:13–14; 1 Co 2:9–16
- Enables us to distinguish truth from error
 - 1 Jn 4:1–3
- Incorporates us into the church
 - 1 Co 12:13
- Is given to all who ask
 - Lk 11:13

- Baptizes us into Christ
 - Mt 3:11; Mk 1:8; Lk 3:16; Jn 1:33; Ac 1:4–5; 11:16; 1 Co 12:13
- Fills us
 - Lk 1:15, 41, 67; Ac 2:4; 4:8, 31; 6:3–5; 7:55; 11:24; 13:9, 52; Eph 5:18
- Gives us power and boldness to witness
 - Lk 1:15–17; 24:47–49; Ac 1:8; 4:31; 6:9–10; 19:6; Ro 9:1–3
- Gives us special gifts
 - Mk 16:17–18; 1 Co 1:7; 12:7–11; 1Pe 4:10–11
- Gives visions and prophecy
 - Joel 2:28–29; Ac 2:17–18; 10:9–22; 1 Co 14:1–5, 21–25

- Develops his fruit in us
 - Ro 14:17; 1 Co 13; Gal 5:22–23; 1Th 1:6
- Enables us to live a holy life
 - Ps 51:10–12; 143:10; Eze 11:19–20; 37:26; Ro 8:4–10; 15:16; Gal 5:16–18, 25; Php 2:12–13; 2Th 2:13; 1Pe 1:2
- Frees us from the power of sin
 - Ro 8:2; Eph 3:16
- Enables us to fight Satan with the Word
 - Eph 6:17
- Enables us to speak in difficult moments
 - Mt 10:17–20; Mk 13:11; Lk 12:11–12
- Gives us comfort and encouragement
 - Jn 14:17–18, 26–27; Ac 9:31

- Helps us to pray
 - Ac 4:23–24; Ro 8:26; Eph 6:18; Jude 20
- Enables us to worship
 - Jn 4:23–24; Ac 10:46; Eph 5:18–19; Php 3:3
- Is our pledge of final redemption
 - 2 Co 1:22; 5:5; Eph 1:13–14
- Makes us yearn for Christ's return
 - Ro 8:23; Rev 22:20
- Gives life to our mortal bodies
 - Ro 8:11



Applications

Ministry of the Holy Spirit

- ^{NAS} **2 Peter 1:2** Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; ³ seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. ⁴ For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises
- ^{NAS} **Titus 3:4** But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, ⁵ He saved us, not 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,

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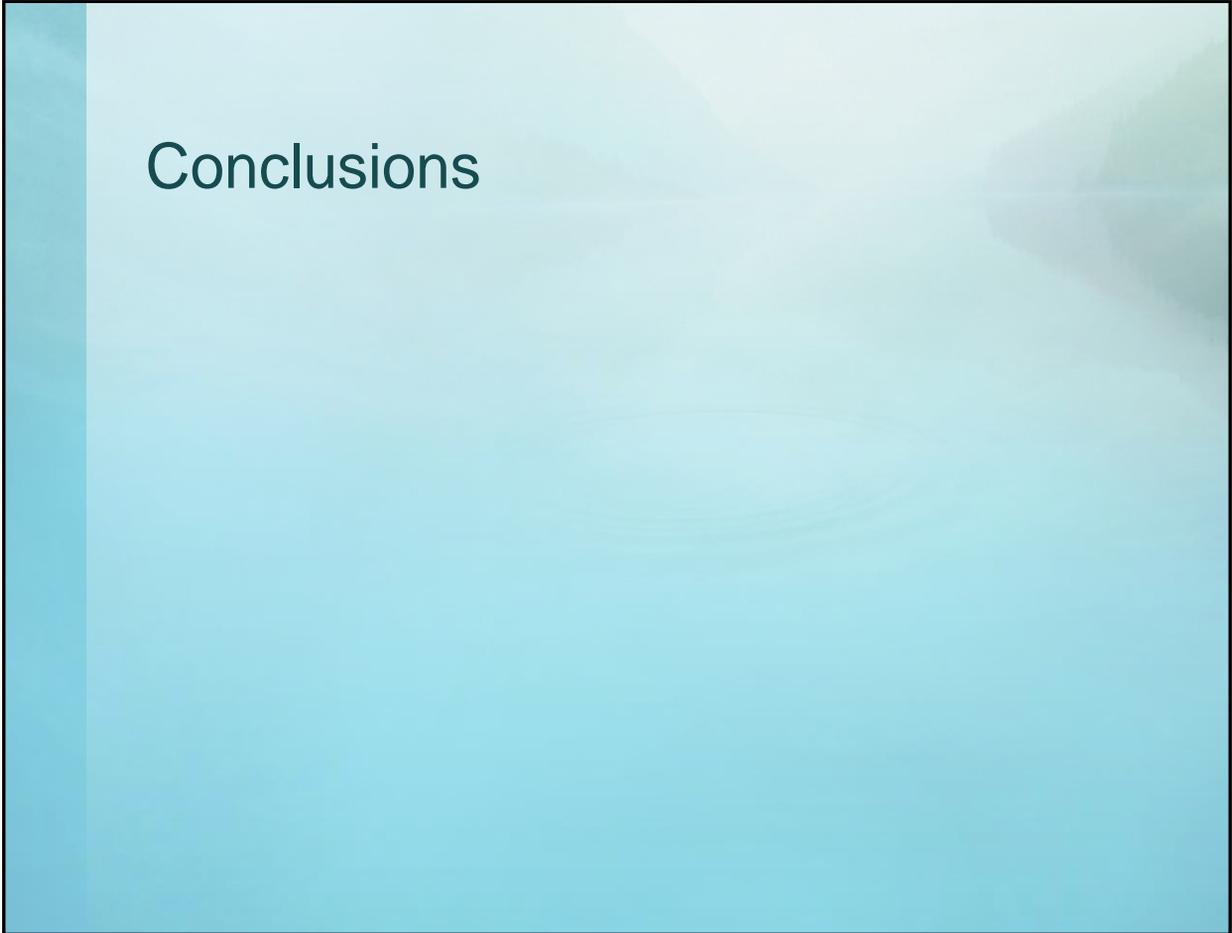
- ^{NAS} **2 Peter 1:4** For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature ...
- ^{NAS} **2 Corinthians 3:18** But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.
- ^{NAS} **Colossians 3:10** and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him
- ^{NAS} **1 John 3:2** Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is.

Fruit of Union with God

- **NAS 2 Peter 1:5** Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge; ⁶ and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. ⁸ For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **NAS Galatians 5:22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

A Note of Caution

- ^{NAS} **2 Peter 1:9** For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; ¹¹ for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.
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Conclusions

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- ^{NIV} **2 Corinthians 1:20** For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. ²¹ Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, ²² set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

Blessed by God in Christ through the Spirit

- ^{NIV} **Romans 5:5** And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.
- ^{NAS} **2 Corinthians 3:18** But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.
- ^{NIV} **Romans 14:17** For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,
- ^{NAS} **Romans 15:13** Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.