

The Holy Spirit Does Jesus live in Bellevue Church?

Introduction:

1. There is a war in the heavenlies, and we are seeing it manifest in the natural
2. I have never seen such a time as this
3. It seems as if all the norms of society are eroding
4. *"A civil war of discourse a civil war of conduct"*
5. New definition of "hate speech"
6. There is a crumbling of confidence in the country's democratic institutions and its paralyzed federal government.
7. There is a rise of tensions in all regions and types of government
8. These conditions will contribute to the expanding threat from terrorism and unrest
9. Then there is China There is a consolidation of power in the new emperor
10. The church in the West is in crisis
 - a. The center of Christianity has shifted from the global North to the South and from the West to the East
 - b. There are more Christians worshipping in China worshipping than in the USA
11. So, what accounts for this? They have embraced the power and move of the Holy Spirit while the church in the West has opted for a show, a lecture a celebrity driven model
12. Churches in the West have abandoned the Holy Spirit
13. We can't ignore the third part of the Godhead
14. How can we disregard most of the New Testament?
15. **1 Cor 1:20-23; 1 Cor 2:13-14; 1 Cor 2:11; Job 32:8**
16. So, we have to get back to ministering on the Holy Spirit and as a people we have to grow our Spirit Man
17. **Romans 8:14 "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God."**
18. Feeding your spirit man, enabling your faith and anointing, lifts you to the place where you live as God has required of us

What if Christ....?

1. What if Christ came to Seattle?
2. Does Jesus still live at Bellevue Church?
3. These questions are a backdoor to the scripture for today – Galatians 5
4. **Galatians 5:16-25**
5. A command in **verse 16** and repeated in **verse 25 "walk by the Spirit"**
6. **Gal 5:17 "The flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please."**
7. That's the conflict; we are simultaneously righteous and sinful.
8. The deeds of the flesh are in **verses 19-21**
9. There will be a growing process of sanctification (Hagiosmos) – which means set apart
10. **Verses 22 and 23: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."**

Unpacking this all:

1. The Fruit of the Spirit is a package deal – they don't come one by one
2. At the end of **verse 23**, ***“against such things, in other words things like these,”*** which means there are more than that which is listed
3. The fruit of the Spirit is not something you do line by line

Reference in Scripture:

1. ***Hosea 14:8 “From Me comes your fruit.”***
2. ***Psalm 1:1-3a “How blessed is the man who doesn't walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree planted firmly by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season.”***
3. ***Matthew 13 “The word of God is like seed that's planted; and when it finds good soil it brings forth fruit, some thirtyfold, sixtyfold, a hundredfold.”***
4. ***Romans chapter 7:4 “Christ was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.”***
5. ***John 15:2 “Every branch in Me that doesn't bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, he prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.”***
6. ***Verse 4 - “Abide in Me, and I in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you're the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.”***
7. A follower of Christ bears fruit – some 100 – some 60 – 30-fold
8. ***Matthew 7:17 “Every good tree bears good fruit; bad tree bears bad fruit. Good tree cannot produce bad fruit, bad tree cannot produce good fruit. Every tree that doesn't bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire,”***

Finally:

A. “Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit” (Galatians 5:25).

1. This is a military term when soldiers are standing in rank
2. This is a wonderful image of the Christian life
3. Day by day, step by step, we are always looking and listening and watching to see where the Lord is leading us.
4. ***“This man has been in the army” – How do you know? By his walk”***

B. Keep your hearts right towards each other:

1. ***“Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other” (Galatians 5:26).***
2. We need to keep our eyes on Jesus not the other persons to our left and right
3. Remember the fruit of the Spirit is available to all of us
4. I began this message by asking if Jesus lives in Bellevue Church – this depends on you
5. Tony Campolo story – ***“hey mister you want some of my coffee”***
6. Campolo calls this living sacramentally displaying the fruit of the Spirit
7. He explains that just as the Holy Spirit can help us experience Jesus' presence coming somehow to us in the communion time the Holy Spirit can also help us recognize Jesus in the presence of those around us.
8. We need to proclaim his salvation, his love, and his mercy by our lives
9. We are ***hyper-nike – more than conquerors in Christ (Romans 8:37)***