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**The human race became relationally corrupted with Adam and Eve...
Repairing this damage is the Great work of the Holy Spirit ...the presence and person of God within us...to restore us to our real culture...relationship with God...ourselves others and our environment...**

Christ is the end of "duty" toward God and the beginning of a "love" relationship with God!!

Romans 5:⁵ And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

- **we walk in the security of God's love... not in the shame or disappointment of our failures**

*Eph 1:*¹³ And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. ¹⁴ The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.

The only coming to Christ that Paul is aware of is one in which the life of the believer has been invaded by the life giving Holy Spirit, who both applies the redemptive work of the cross and also transforms us from within...

- This is a huge part of the Holy Spirits work within us...

Point 2..... for Paul the beginning point of conversion also involves a clearly subjective, personally experienced dimension that will result in some radical changes in the believer, And the Spirit is the absolutely indispensable catalyst for this dimension.

- **For Paul conversion has a clearly *Experiential* quality to it! and by The Holy Spirit we cry...or pray to our Father as beloved children.**

Romans 8:¹⁵ So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."^[i] ¹⁶ For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. ¹⁷ And since we are his children, we are his heirs....

- **For Paul to have the Spirit is to walk life differently than we once did...**
- **this walk includes living with a "newness of Life" a newness of thought.. a newness of communication...a newness of understanding...**

NLT Rom 7:5 Romans 7:5 When we were controlled by our old nature, sinful desires were at work within us, and the law aroused these evil desires that produced a harvest of sinful deeds, resulting in death. 6 But now we have been released from the law, for we died to it and are no longer captive to its power. Now we can serve God, not in the old way of obeying the letter of the law, but in the new way of living in the Spirit.

The Torah law though good led to death...because we can't keep it...Rules

- **but the Law of the Spirit enables us to live a transformed life...not by rules but by His power in relationship with us...and living in us and communicating with us and we with him.!**
- **we have relationship...which means we have direct communication commly called prayer!**

Prayer in its purest form is a love relationship with God. It's an enjoyable relationship, not a religious activity.

It is the privilege of going to the very throne room of God to spend time in His presence. Our souls are starved for this experience—*to speak and to hear from the living God who loves us and is waiting to share his heart with us.*

But if it is to be a love relationship then it would mean that there are two people in that relationship and there are two people that communicate to each other.

That means that a huge part of prayer is that of us listening to God...and yet that is probably one of the least things we do in prayer.

Intimacy does not exist when our relationship is built on one-way speeches. As we pray to God, we must be fully aware that both of us will speak and both of us will listen.

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There are many times in life that we find ourselves in times of trouble. Sometimes those troubling situations in our life are just due to living in a fallen world and with imperfect people. Then ***there are times that we find ourselves in troubling situations because we are knuckleheads or because we made a really bad and willful decision outside of God's desired will for our life.***

➤ **The Spirit changes us...**

*TIT 3:3 At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. ⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and **renewal by the Holy Spirit**, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,*

➤ **He gives power ([Acts 9:31](#))** gives courage be a witness and a testimony....to do that which we have never done.. like these disciples

AC 1: 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

• **Builds us up ([Romans 8:26-27](#));**

RO 8:26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

➤ **He loves us..** *RO 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.***

➤ **Loves Forgives...forever...** *HEB 10:15 The **Holy Spirit** also testifies to us about this. First he says: ^{HEB 10:16} "This is the covenant (**unconditional promise**) I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds."*

HEB 10:17 Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more."

➤ **The Holy Spirit will complete... will complete what he starts..a contining growing Relationship in every way...**

PHP 1:6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you (the Holy Spirit) will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

The Holy Spirit is the best gift he gives to those who ask...God in us...we are free...no longer separated from God but united to God...

For where The Holy Spirit is...There is freedom...we have been freed from the yoke of slavery to sin... to separation from God we are joined in union with God

➤ **We continue to grow in our relationship with God forever...through a greater relational connection ..**

Going back to Luke 11:13.... *how much more* will your Father in heaven *give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!*"ask him means prayer

******Since we are in this permanent interpersonal relationship with the Holy Spirit we have the power to hurt God...**

NIV Eph 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

NLT Eph 4:30 And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.

- **The word "grieve" or "sorrow" is a significant word...it comes from a Greek word which denotes a pain or grief that can only be experienced between people who deeply love each other.**
- **Think about it>>> if something grieves God...what makes us think it will fulfill us?**
- **Do you know God suffers in loving us...just as we suffer in loving others...** God is passionately committed to us... so God is suffering and God is loving us At the same time.
- **You need to let this sink in for a moment**
- **God the Father loves us so much that He gave us His Spirit who loves us just as equally as Father**

- just as someone in love thinks about, dreams of, and cherishes the one he loves, the Holy Spirit longs for us, thinks about us, desires to be close to us and wants to reveal Himself to us
- and because He is in a love relationship with us, we can cause Him to grieve
- **One can only be truly grieved if they love a person. Grief involves suffering.**

However even though the Spirit will never leave us, He may temporarily withdraw His fellowship and power..because of grief...

- **for the Christian who consistently abides in the Spirit, no consequence could be more devastating**

1 John 2:27 But you have received the Holy Spirit, and he lives within you, so you don't need anyone to teach you what is true. For the Spirit teaches you everything you need to know, and what he teaches is true—it is not a lie. So just as he has taught you, remain in fellowship with Christ.

- **Jesus desires that we are continually aware of the Holy Spirit's indwelling presence and sensitive to his teaching and leading...his communication to us...so that we enjoy unbroken fellowship with Him.**
- **The surest way to avoid grieving the Spirit is communicate with Him... and walk in a moment-by-moment, love and obedient, relationship with Him, then, grieving Him becomes unthinkable for it is painful to grieve someone you love.**

The remedy to grieving the Holy Spirit and suffering the disruption of His fellowship is for Christians to confess their sins and be cleansed by Jesus Christ

1 John 1:9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

- **As we appreciate fellowship with God...(intimate sharing of lives including communication)**
- **and the restored fellowship when we sin thru confession and forgiveness...and experience what it feels like to be restored... we love God**

more, and we are more motivated to avoid grieving the Holy Spirit. because we don't want to break fellowship with him...

Gal 5:25 Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

- So a question for you all....**Why doesn't God put to rout by way of divine healing us from our capacity to sin and therefore inflict Grief?**
- Because the capacity to sin is precisely where the great mysteries of the cross and our lives correspond.
- **Jesus suffered because of love.. there is suffering involved to love....** because we will get hurt by those we love...
- **This did not end with Jesus...kthe Holy Spirit with whom we are sealed...also suffers because of his committed love for us**

If we are the image of God and if there is suffering in the world, then we along with God must also be suffering in loving the world....

We may not find refuge from our suffering and grief and sin, but we can also not find refuge from God's love, which permeates our suffering sin and grief through and through.

God is suffering and God is permeating love. At the same time. we are called to do the same...for ourselves and others..

The cross reveals this ultimate reality. Jesus did not observe human suffering from a distance but was instead, "somehow at the center of human suffering, with us and for us."

we want to love but not suffer...they are unavoidably linked

God loves us and yet we grieve him...and yet he will not abandon us...he calls us to do the same!

I believe in a God who suffers with me and surrounds me with a love so great it will one day make all things new. end

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- Here are some simple guidelines for knowing God's voice and discerning when it's not him, but the voice of the enemy:
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- • Jesus is a gentle Shepherd, and his voice drips with mercy. Jesus does not condemn your personal worth; but satan is a condemning and an accuser.
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- • The Lord's voice is often quiet and deeply internal; satan's is intrusive and vulgar.
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- • The Holy Spirit calls and draws us; satan threatens, demands, and drives.
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- • The Lord's voice lines up with Scripture; the enemy speaks lies.
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- • The Lord's voice will bring a fresh "now" word that will change you and touch you; satan will lock you in the past.
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- • The Lord's voice is rooted in hope; satan brings negativity or despair that leaves you feeling hopeless.
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- • God's voice inspires us to love; satan inspires us to criticize others.
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- • Peace comes from God; satan brings anxiety.
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- • The voice of the Spirit will always glorify Jesus; satan glorifies self.
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Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul(us) and spirit, joints and marrow (physical body); it judges the thoughts (mind) and attitudes of the heart.(emotions)

- only one of those dimensions is visible to us Joints and marrow....yet God's word penetrates every dimension ...
- Hebrews 4:12 compares the Word of God to a sword, because it is sharp and is able **to pierce the inner man just as a material sword pierces the body.**
- and is able to attack and pierce the enemy who engages up close..."Wrestles us"
- **A physical sword requires the hand of a soldier, but the sword of the Spirit has its own power, for it is "living and powerful"**
- Interestingly...**The more you use a physical sword, the duller it becomes, but using God's Word only makes it sharper in our lives.**
- The Spirit wrote the Word, and the Spirit wields the Word as we take it by faith and use it.
- **A physical sword wounds to hurt and kill, while the sword of the Spirit wounds to heal humans...and cripples an enemy attack**
- When He was tempted by Satan in the wilderness, Christ used the sword of the Spirit and defeated the enemy. Three times Jesus said, "It is written" (Luke 4:1-13).

Eph 6:18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. **The Energy Prayer is the spiritual energy that enables the Christian to use power to cut through very dimension ...right to the throne of God...above all..for our victory, and Satan's defeat...dimensions are altered in prayer...**

- *the energy of prayer actually changes dimensions*

Matthew 6:9 "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in **heaven**, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in **heaven**.

Matthew 18:18 "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in **heaven**, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in **heaven**. "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in **heaven**.

- **all power all might is His...He is in the dimension of Heaven and fully in control of all dimensions seen and unseenand prayer cuts through it all right to his throne!!**
- **Pray his will in all...and against the enemy ..**

Pray always. This obviously does not mean "always saying prayers." we are to,"Always be in communion with the Lord. Attuning ourselves to the spiritual dimension... if we are to defeat an enemy in that dimension we must stay connected to that dimension.... A surprise attack has defeated more than one believer who forgot to "pray without ceasing."

Pray with all kinds of prayer. There is more than one kind of praying: prayer, supplication, intercession, thanksgiving (Phil. 4:6; 1 Tim. 2:1). The believer who prays only to ask for things is missing out on blessings that come with intercessions and giving of thanks. In fact, thanksgiving is a great prayer weapon for defeating Satan. “Praise changes things” as much

Intercession for others can bring victory to our own lives. “And the Lord turned the captivity of Job when he prayed for his friends” (Job 42:10).

Pray in the Spirit. The Bible formula is that we pray to the Father, through the Son, and in the Spirit. Spirit power effects all dimensions...the past -present-future..people...the enemy...

Romans 8:26–27 tells us that only in the Spirit’s power can we pray in the will of God. ask the Spirit to give you the words to pray...

It is possible to pray fervently in the flesh and never get through to God. It is also possible to pray quietly in the Spirit and see God’s hand do great things.

Pray with your eyes open. alert means “keeping watch.”

- The phrase “watch and pray” occurs often in the Bible. When Nehemiah was repairing the walls of Jerusalem and the enemy was trying to stop the work, Nehemiah defeated the enemy by watching and praying. “Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch” (Neh. 4:9).
- **Peter went to sleep when he should have been praying, and the result was he was not ready for the attack of Satan**
- God expects us to use our God-given senses, led by the Spirit, so that we detect Satan when he is beginning to work.

Keep on praying. The word *perseverance* simply means “to stick to it and not quit.”

- Perseverance in prayer does not mean we are trying to twist God’s arm, but rather that we are deeply concerned and burdened and cannot rest until we get God’s answer. As Robert

“Prayer is not getting man’s will done in heaven; it is getting God’s will done on earth” Most of us quit praying just before God is about to give the victory.

- Not everybody is so constituted that he can sincerely spend a whole night in prayer, but all of us can persevere in prayer far more than we do.
- Keep on praying until the Spirit stops you or the Father answers you. Just about the time you feel like quitting, God will give the answer.

Eph 6:18....With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Pray for all the saints. The Lord's Prayer begins with "Our Father"—not "My Father." We pray as part of a great family that is also talking to God, and we ought to pray for the other members of the family.

- **Even Paul asked for the prayer support of the Ephesians—and he had been to the third heaven and back.**
- **If Paul needed the prayers of the saints, how much more do you and I need them! If my prayers help another believer defeat Satan, then that victory will help me too. Note that Paul did not ask them to pray for his comfort or safety, but for the effectiveness of his witness and ministry.**

The Encouragement

Eph 6:19 Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should. ²¹ Tychicus, the dear brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will tell you everything, so that you also may know how I am and what I am doing. ²² I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage you. ²³ Peace to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love

Paul says Pray for Him and greet Tychicus

- **We are not fighting the battle alone. There are other believers who stand with us in the fight, and we ought to be careful to encourage one another. Paul encouraged the Ephesians; Tychicus was an encouragement to Paul (Acts 20:4); and Paul was going to send Tychicus to Ephesus to be an encouragement to them.**
- **Each person had dimensions of History they carry...Prayer carries through those past times histories**
- **Paul was not the kind of missionary who kept his affairs to himself. He wanted the people of God to know what God was doing, how their prayers were being answered, and what Satan was doing to oppose the work.**
- **His motive was not selfish. He was not trying to get something out of them.**

The church is an army, and the soldiers need to stand together and fight together. Note the words Paul used as he closed this letter: peace—love—faith—grace!

Prayer cuts through every dimension

James 5:16 The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

This is one of the Image of God we have been given...we can interact in every dimension through the Word and Prayer...pray for one another