

Knowing Jesus God's Spirit Within Us

Jesus Priorities for All People

1. Restoring our lives as children of God to God as a Father.
2. Teaching us to love and serve God's children as He did.
3. Teaching us to live in Him so He can produce fruit through us.

Truths We Have Learned

Matthew 18:1-6 There is nothing more promising or assuring in life than becoming a child of God.

Matthew 18:10-14 Children of God have angels watching over them and God's commitment to protecting them.

Matthew 6:9-13 Children of God can talk to God as a Father.

John 2:23-25 Jesus described our problem is a corrupted nature.
see Mat. 15:8; Mark 7:20-23

Matthew 5:20-47 Jesus illustrated our corrupted nature in detail.

John 3:1-8 Jesus taught He could transform our inner nature.
see John 4:10-14; Luke 8:4-15

The "Spirit in Us" is an Eternal Life Necessity

1. As we have seen, Jesus described and illustrated the effects of evil upon human nature destroying real hope.

Matthew 19:16-26 The threat to life of riches. World Bank, 2012, if you make more than \$50,000 annually, you are in the global 1%.

- Jesus offered an achievable standard without sacrificial love.
- Jesus taught what perfect obedience would really look like.
- Jesus' disciples concluded perfect obedience was impossible.

And looking at them, Jesus said to them, "With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

2. **Jesus taught that we need a Holy Spirit instilled life within us to make us fit for God's Kingdom.**

John 3:1-8 "unless you are born of the Spirit, birthed from above."

- God' Spirits within; a soul connection; a shared nature made possible by the elimination of sin.
- A revitalized inner sensitivity to the "things that matter to God" manifesting itself in visible ways.

Jesus is Committed to Transforming Us If We are Willing

3. **Jesus taught that the most important manifestation of God's Spirit in us is listening to Jesus.**

John 18:37 Everyone who is of the truth... defines an inner nature.

John 14:17 The Spirit prioritizes truth revealed by Jesus that people without the Spirit are unable to hear, see or understand.

John 10:24 Jesus taught those who did not believe...

- He had given sufficient evidence by the works He had done and they were clearly not His sheep.
- His sheep were evident by their devotion to listening and following.

The "Spirit in Us" Binds Us as Family

So if you, despite being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?" **Luke 11:13**

- **With the Holy Spirit in us we will grow in understanding of Jesus as a brother who is able to help us know the Father.**

All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son determines to reveal Him. **Mat. 11:27**

- **We will grow in understanding of our bond with all children of God who are dedicated to serving the Father forever.**

²¹that 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 sent Me.

John 17:21