

Theme Connect with God Always

Topic The Works of the Spirit – What We See,

Hear and Feel

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Wessage Summary

Spiritual Objective: The Works of the Spirit

God blessed us with our senses and we use these to see the works of the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, the Spirit works through faith and not through our efforts. Hence, we should ask the Holy Spirit into our lives through faith so that His works will be revealed to us. In this sermon, the focus is on how the works of the Spirit are unveiled through what we see, hear and feel.

What We See, Hear and Feel

1. What We See

There are three ways in which we can see the works of the Spirit – in creation, miracles and transformation. One obvious work of the Spirit is that He brought beauty and substance into the world and it is through that we can perceive His eternal power and divine nature (Gen 1:1-2, Rom 1:20). However, not many can see these because we tend to turn to learning instead of seeing this beauty. Another work would be miracles. For example, in Acts 14:3, the Holy Spirit worked through the apostles, granting signs and wonders to be done by them because they relied on Him when they preached. Lastly, we can see the work of the Holy Spirit through the transformation in a person's life (Rom 12:2). We cannot see the process but we can see the impact of God's Word in a person's life as he obeys the Word.

2. What we Hear

There are also three ways the works of the Spirit can be heard - revelation from the Scripture, prophecy from prophets (1 Cor 14:3) and the Gospel. Scripture cannot be understood until it is revealed by the Holy Spirit (2 Tim 3:16). A good way would be to read and write what you learn. Furthermore, we should always pray for that is when we can learn more as we use more than just our sight. In terms of prophecies, we may have one in our lives but we need to wait, and we should never create our own prophecy. Lastly, the Spirit works through the gospel when we hear and accept it as the Word of God and not as the Word of Man (1 Thess 2:13).

3. What We Feel

There are two ways the Spirit works through what we feel - the presence of the Spirit and the love of God. The presence of the Holy Spirit can be felt when we devote ourselves to the Word of God and fellowshipping with other Christians. Not only can the presence be felt but the

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manifestation of the Holy Spirit brings about a sense of awe, causes signs and wonders to happen as well as brings us times of refreshing (Acts 2:42-43, 3:19). However, one must be warned against seeking the experience alone. We should instead truly believe in God. For when we do, the Holy Spirit dwells in us. Finally, the Spirit works through the love of God. God gave us the Holy Spirit who taught and allowed us to love and thereby bringing hope, which will never disappoint (Rom 5:5).

Conclusion

The Spirit works in our lives through our senses – seeing, hearing and feeling. We should therefore learn to use them in order to be aware of how the Spirit is working in our lives as well as teaching and transforming us. However, faith is crucial to the Spirit working in us. We should learn to be sensitive towards Him and allow the Spirit to lead us.



Knowing the ways that the Spirit works, which way do you believe the Spirit works in your life the most? Share a recent time when you encountered the touch of the Holy Spirit.

What are the consequences when we lack faith and choose to do things our own way?

Being led by the Holy Spirit is crucial in our walk with God. What are some ways you can do, on a regular basis, to work towards that?

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