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HE DOES THE WORK

A study in the great secret of Christian action



The Profound Hope

... those whom He foreknew, He also predestined **to become conformed to the image of His Son** ...

Romans 8:29

Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, **we will also bear the image of the heavenly.**

1 Corinthians 15:49

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.

2 Corinthians 3:18

The Impossible Command

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Matthew 5:48

... as He which has called you is holy, so you be holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, be ye holy; for I am holy.

1 Peter 1:15-16

The Great Secret to Christian Doing

Faithful is He that calls you, who also will do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:24

Let's Lay a Foundation in our Thinking

The Triumvirate of the Word of God

This is what we as Christians believe. This is where we place our confidence.

- 1) The Word of God in Text
- 2) The Word of God in Person
- 3) The Word of God in Action

The Measurement of the Real Christian

1. Ideological Accuracy
2. Doctrinal Accuracy
3. Behavioral Accuracy

1. Ideological Accuracy

(i.e. - I believe Jesus was God and that He came and died for me)

2. Doctrinal Accuracy

(i.e. - I believe that Jesus was the perfect match for the Old Testament Messiah, and that in matching perfectly with the prophecies and the promises, that He is, in fact, rightfully and appropriately given the place of preeminence in all things)

3. Behavioral Accuracy

(i.e. - Jesus, the One who has all-authority and sits currently in the position of King of all kings, has commanded me to be perfect, be holy, and live without sin)

Introducing “The Helper”

. . . I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever - the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you . . . 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 things that I said to you.

John 14:16-17, 26

The Holy Spirit

a.k.a. - Mr. Plērophoreō - the Guy who makes Christianity actually work

Yet the church is filled with professing Christians whose faith has never gone beyond a conviction that the words of Scripture are true. They believe in the Christ of the Bible, but do not know Him personally. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is sound doctrine to their minds, but their lives are empty of His manifest power either to overcome the power of sin within, or to convert others to Christ.

William Law

The Power of the Spirit

Men are more concerned about proving who has the right doctrinal interpretation of Scripture than they are concerned with whether or not the reality of the gospel is being demonstrated in their daily lives.

William Law

The Power of the Spirit

The Action and the Effect of the Holy Spirit

Plērophoreō (the verb) and Plērophoria (the noun)

Or, Another Way of Saying it . . .

He Plērophoreōs in order to Plērophoria

Plērophoreō - Plā-ro-fo-re'-ō (the verb)

- To bring completely to an end, without stopping short, but completing a long journey
- To fully show something, without any remaining hindrances to sight
- To fully convince someone, to make one certain, to persuade one to a right conclusion

And (Abraham) being **fully persuaded** (absolutely convinced, wholly certain) that, what He had promised, He was able also to perform.

Romans 4:21

Plērophoria - Plā-ro-fo-rē'-ä (the noun)

full assurance, most certain confidence, absolutely convinced, completely persuaded

For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and **in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance . . .**

1 Thessalonians 1:5

Introducing The Holy Spirit

The Revealer of the Word of God

. . . no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

2 Peter 1:21

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.

John 14:26

He Takes us From Text to Action

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1 Thessalonians 5:24

But He, because He (Jesus) continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore **He is also able to save to the uttermost** those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 7:24-25

Mr. Plērophoria at Work

. . . when He, the Spirit of Truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for **He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.**

John 16:13-14

The Lost

- He shows us the Word of God in Text
- And, in so doing, He shows us the Word of God in Person
- And, in so doing, He shows us the Word of God in Action

The Seeker

- And, in so doing, He reveals to us the Power and Authority of the Word of God in Text
- And, in so doing, He reveals to us the Saving power, Regal authority, and Profound love of the Word of God in Person
- And, in so doing, He reveals to us our absolute need for the Word of God in Action

The New Believer

- And, in so doing, He saves us by our childlike trust in the Word of God in Text
- And, in so doing, He makes us new creatures by our faith in the Word of God in Person
- And, in so doing, He causes us to build our entire lives around the Word of God in Action

The Eager Disciple

- And, in so doing, He begins to introduce to us Christ's majesty, His power, and His preeminence in and through the Word of God in Text
- And, in so doing, He opens us to the grand triumphal entry, into our very bodies, of the Word of God in Person

- And, in so doing, He reveals to us more and more the significance, centrality, and power of the Word of God in Action

The Ever-Maturing Disciple

- And in so doing, He alters us, changes us, and completely and utterly transforms us into living epistles, human pictures revealing heaven's message - lives living fully congruent with the Word of God in Text
- And, in so doing, He reveals, in and through our actions, attitudes, and words, the person of Jesus Christ, the Word of God in Person
- And, in so doing, He demonstrates to all the world, in and through our lives as believers, filled with the Holy Spirit of God, the Word of God in Action

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1 Thessalonians 5:24