



GrowthTrack

MY TRINITY

Congratulations! You have taken your first step in becoming a part of the Trinity Church family. We are really glad you are here. My Trinity happens on the first weekend of every month.

MY FOUNDATION

Discover the foundations that are at the core of what you believe as a follower of Christ. My Foundation happens on the third weekend of every month

MY PLACE

You were created with a purpose and God wants to see you use it. Discover who God has created you to be and learn how He can use you here at Trinity. My Place happens on the second weekend of every month.

MY FREEDOM

My Freedom is designed to encourage you to hear from God and live out the full life He has intended for you. My Freedom kicks off the fourth weekend of every month and continues with a 7-week small group, culminating with a powerful Freedom Weekend Experience.

Small Group

Don't do life alone. Find a place where everyone knows your name. Lifegiving, fun and encouraging relationships are good for your soul, so join a small group today.

Water Baptism

This celebration is an outward sign of your decision to follow Jesus. The Bible says when we give our lives to Jesus and decide to follow Him as our Lord and Savior, follow that decision by being water baptized. You can sign up for the next scheduled Water Baptism and don't forget to invite your family and friends to the party. Water Baptism is on the fourth weekend of every month.

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Step 1

MYTRINITY

The Story of Trinity's Beginning



Our Lead Pastors

Dr. Charles E. Anderson and Dr. Judith F. Anderson are the Lead Pastors/Founders of Trinity Worship Center International Ministries, Inc. They are committed to proclaiming the gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ by teaching people how to fulfill their purpose in Christ. Dr. Anderson encourages others to pursue a personal relationship with God and to live a life worthy of God's presence.

In June 1997, God gave them a vision of becoming a beacon in the community and building a ministry that would meet the social, economic, physical and spiritual needs of its partners. The church was established in 1999 and they have taught people how to fulfill their God-given purpose and to run with the vision of reaching out to the lost.

Pastor Charles and Judy are proud parents of two sons, one daughter-in-law and nine grandchildren.

OUR STATEMENTS

“Let there be real harmony among you so there won’t be any split in the church. I plead with you to be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.”

(1 Corinthians 1:10 LB)

Our Purpose Statement (Why We Exist as a Church)

The purpose of our church is summarized in a single sentence:

“WE EXIST SO THAT INDIVIDUALS MAY KNOW GOD, FIND FREEDOM AND DISCOVER THEIR PURPOSE.”

We seek to achieve our purpose by helping each of our members to focus on three key priorities:

1. **KNOW God.**
2. **FIND Freedom.**
3. **DISCOVER Purpose.**

Knowing God

“[I pray]...that you may know Him better [personally].” (EPHESIANS 1:17–18)

We consider reaching people who do not know God personally to be one of our greatest responsibilities.

In Jeremiah 9:23-24, *Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.”*

Trinity is very strategic in its approach to raising people up to know God and become followers of Christ. In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus said, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Growing Followers, LEARN, SHOW and GROW like Christ.

“And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.” (John 17:3)

“Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.” (John 8:31 NKJV)

It's our job to make sure that we are telling people about what Jesus has done. We can accomplish this by inviting our own friends and family, who do not attend church, to join us for service.

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Some keys to helping individuals know God at Trinity are our Sunday Services/Children's Church, Mid-Week Bible Study and Evangelism.

Sunday Services/Children's Church

Our Services focus on four values:

- We believe church should be enjoyable, Psalms 122:1
- We believe church should be a place where people experience God's presence. 1 CORINTHIANS 14:24–25 GNT
- We believe church should be a place where people learn how the Bible applies to their daily lives. Eph 4:11-12
- We believe church should be a place where people can accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Romans 10:13-14 NLT

Mid-Week Bible Study

“Let us hold firmly to the hope that we have confessed, because we can trust God to do what he promised. Let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds. You should not stay away from the church meetings, as some are doing, but you should meet together and encourage each other. Do this even more as you see the day coming.” (Hebrews 10:23-25)

The purpose of the Mid-Week Bible Study is to provide a church experience where the gospel is presented in a relevant and understanding way.

We achieve this purpose by:

- Creating an environment where people want to come back. (welcoming smiles, bright atmosphere)
- Providing a safe and fun place for children
- Celebratory worship (Psalms 122:1)
- Prophetic and inspirational messages

Evangelism

We are a beacon in the community that meets the social, economic, physical and spiritual needs of its members. We are a church that proclaims the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by teaching God's people His word and how to fulfill the purpose He has for them.

Trinity's name includes the word International because we are a church that takes the message of Christ globally.

The last thing that Jesus said before he left the earth was go into all the world and preach the gospel. (Mark 16:15) We are called to preach the gospel which is simply telling others the good news. (Romans 10:13-14)

We achieve this purpose by:

- Community Outreaches (i.e. Feeding the Homeless)
- Global Missions (Africa)
- Online Experience

How we share Christ with others:

“Go out into the country...and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.” LUKE 14:23

As we continue to reach people far from God, every one of us can do our part by following these four principles:

- **Accept the personal RESPONSIBILITY.**
- **Build a personal RELATIONSHIP.**
- **Share your personal STORY.**
- **Give a personal INVITATION.**

Find Freedom

“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed” (John 8:36)

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom (liberty), 2 Corinthians 3:17

- **Free from religious stigmas**
- **Free from restricted stereotypes**
- **Free from generational curses**
- **Free from bondage**
- **Free to worship**

From cover to cover, God’s Word points to freedom in Christ. God doesn’t leave us wondering how to grab hold of the freedom; He offers it. It starts with acknowledging our brokenness—and admitting we are slaves to sin. And it ends with **choosing Jesus** and following Him daily. Only He can break the bonds of slavery and lead us to true freedom, now and forever.

We teach the autonomy of the local church, free from any external authority or control, with the right of self-government and freedom from the interference of any hierarchy of individuals or organizations.

A. Connect Groups

“Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another.” (Hebrews 10:25)

We believe that authentic life-change happens in the context of relationships. God never intended for us to go through life alone. Throughout the Bible, we see the importance of being in community. When we fellowship with other believers we’re given the opportunity to experience the full life and freedom He intends for us.

Connect Groups provide three things:

- A place to **CONNECT** with others.

“Yes, whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him.” 1 COR 9:22

Trinity is not just a friendly church, we are a church of friends. Our connect groups are Trinity’s heartbeat. We believe that every partner should be a part of one. You’ll find a place where you can connect with others, share life and grow in faith.

- A place to **PROTECT** each other.

“We know what real love is because Jesus gave up His life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.” 1 John 3:16, LT

When we do life together, our problems become smaller as God uses others to bring support and encouragement to our lives. Small Groups become a place where others don’t just know your name but care about what is happening in your life and want to support you in your spiritual journey.

- A place to **GROW** together.

“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.” (Prov. 27:17)

We believe every person is created with God-given potential to make a difference in the world. Small Groups are a place you can grow with others to become more like Jesus and reach the potential God has put inside you.

B. Giving

The Bible says that by giving generously, we are able to *“take hold of the life that is truly life.”* You aren’t really living unless you are freely giving. (1 Timothy 6:18-19) An offering is giving over and above the tithe.

At Trinity, we practice tithing for the support of Christ’s Body, the church, as God commands. We recognize that giving 10% of our income is the Biblical standard of giving.

Giving tests the SINCERITY of my LOVE for God.

“Since you excel in so many ways—you have so much faith, such gifted speakers, such knowledge, such enthusiasm, and such love for us—now I want you to excel also in this gracious ministry of giving...This is one way to prove your love is real.” (2 Corinthians 8:7-8 NLT)

Committed believers TITHE of their income to God.

“A tithe of everything you produce belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord.” (Leviticus 27:30)

Giving to God Is:

- **A COMMAND: Mal. 3:8-10**
- **A GRACE: 2 Cor. 8:7**
- **A GIFT: Rom. 12:8**

Discovering Purpose

The more we get our focus on serving others and using our gifts and talents that God has given us, the more stable we become. At Trinity, we believe that the main focus of our pastors is to help others discover how God created them and release them into their God-given purpose to serve others. (Ephesians 4:11-16)

At Trinity:

Every partner is a MINISTER;

Every task is IMPORTANT;

Every partner is “gifted” in SOME AREA.

“Now God gives us many kinds of special abilities...and there are different kinds of service to God (ministry)...All of you together form the one Body of Christ and each of you is a separate and necessary part of it” (1 Corinthians 12:4-5, 27)

Again, the purpose of Trinity Worship Center International Ministries is this:

“We exist so that individuals may know God, find freedom and discover their purpose.”

Our Core Values Statement

TEACHING the Word of God with simplicity and truth.

REACHING our community through partnerships.

INTEGRITY not compromised for any reason.

NEW LIVES touched daily through outreach and ministry.

IMPROVING ourselves each day by worshiping God and living in godliness.

TRUSTING God to direct our lives.

YEARNING for His presence and anointing.

We will fulfill Trinity’s purpose through our Core Values.

Our Statement of Faith (What we believe)

The essentials we believe and teach:

- **Triune God** - The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- **Jesus Christ** is true God and true Man.
- **The Holy Spirit** is a divine person; it is the will of God that every believer be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- **Scripture** is given by the inspiration of God.
- **Salvation** is provided through Jesus Christ for all men. All have sinned and come short of the Glory of God and are in need of salvation.
- **Healing** is provided in the redemptive work of Christ and is available to every believer.
- **The church** consists of all those who have received Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

- **Resurrection** - There shall be a bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust.
- **The Return** - The personal, visible, imminent return of Jesus Christ.
- **Water Baptism and the Lord's Supper.**

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God created humans to have fellowship with Him, but they defied God by sinfully going their own way. As a result, we need God's saving grace to end our alienation from Him. Salvation comes only through God's grace - not human effort - and must be received personally by repentance and faith.

Jesus Christ, second Person of the Trinity, lived a sinless life on earth and voluntarily paid for our sin by dying on the Cross as our substitute. This accomplished salvation for all who receive grace by trusting in Him alone. He rose from the dead and is the only mediator between God and us. He baptizes believers in the Holy Spirit. He will return to earth to consummate history.

The Holy Spirit draws sinners to Christ and equips believers for personal growth and service to the church. The church's role is to glorify God and serve those in need. At the end, everyone will experience bodily resurrection and the judgment. Only believers will enjoy eternal fellowship with God.

In our beliefs – we have UNITY.

"There is one Body and one Spirit...there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of us all..."
(Ephesians 4:4-6)

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:38)

In our beliefs – we have LIBERTY.

"Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters...Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls...So then each of us will give an account of himself to God...So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God." (Romans 14:1, 4, 12, 22)

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh." (Romans 8:1-3)

In all our beliefs – we show LOVE.

"...If I hold in my mind not only all human knowledge but also the very secrets of God, and if I have the faith that can move mountains - but have no love, I amount to nothing at all." (1 Corinthians 13:2)

OUR STRUCTURE

“For God is not a God of disorder; but of peace...Everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.” (1 Corinthians 14:33, 40)

HOW OUR CHURCH IS STRUCTURED

The nature of the church determines its structure. The structure of the church should not be determined by culture, business practices or even denominational traditions:

1. The church is a FELLOWSHIP.

“They continued steadily learning the teaching of the apostles, and joined in the Fellowship...” (Acts 2:42)

A top priority in a fellowship is UNITY and HARMONY.

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” (Ephesians 4:3)

“So let us concentrate on the things that make for harmony and the growth of our fellowship together.” (Romans 14:19)

ANY attitude that causes disunity is sin.

Scriptures: Col. 3:15; 1 Cor 1:10; 2 Tim 2:14; Pr 17:14; 2 Cor 13:11; Phil 1:27

A good structure promotes unity and downplays DIFFERENCES.

“(Often)...your meetings do more harm than good because I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you...”

(1 Corinthians 11:17-18)

2. The church is a FAMILY.

“You should be like one big happy family, full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds.”

(1 Peter 3:8)

Other Scriptures: Galatians 6:1; Hebrews 2:10-12; 1 Peter 4:17

So, we operate on the basis of RELATIONSHIPS, not rules.

“Don’t reprimand a senior member of the church, appeal to him as a father. Treat the young men as brothers, and the older women as mothers. Treat the younger women as sisters.” (1 Timothy 5:1-2)

1. The church is a BODY.

“The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So, it is with the body of Christ. Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.” (1 Corinthians 12:12-13)

We function based on SPIRITUAL GIFTS, not ELECTED OFFICES.

“Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We each have different gifts according to the grace given us.” (Romans 12:4-6)

2. The church has ORDINANCES.

A) Baptism

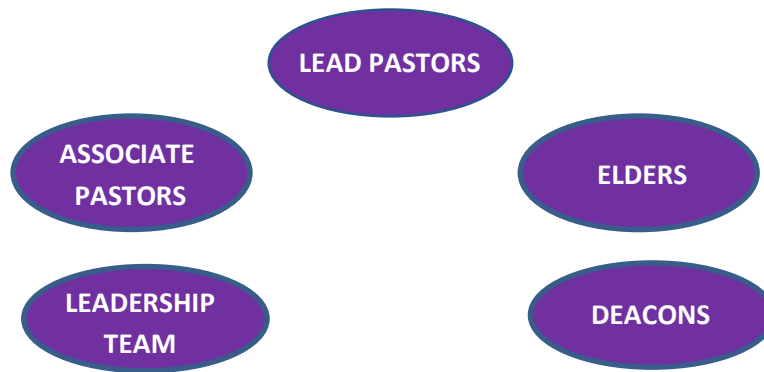
Christian baptism (by immersion) is the testimony of a believer showing forth in solemn and beautiful emblem his faith in the Crucified, buried and risen Savior. Also, in union with Him in death to sin and Resurrection to a new life.

Scriptures: Romans 6:1-22, Acts 8:36-39

B) The Lord’s Supper

We teach that the Lord’s Supper is the commemoration and proclamation of His death until He comes and should always proceed by solemn self-examination.

Trinity's Leadership Structure



Role of Lead Pastors:

Leads the church and the Pastoral staff; oversee the day-to-day ministry and operations of the church; develop and implement the vision of the church. A Pastor's duties involve teaching, preaching, caring and exercising authority where needed. They lead, feed, and guide the people to spiritual growth.

Role of Associate Pastors:

This team serves the congregation and is responsible for the development of the spiritual life of the church. Reports to Lead Pastors. They serve the congregation and the Ministry Team for the development of the spiritual life of the church.

The Role of Elders:

They serve the congregation and the Ministry Team for the development of the spiritual life of the church. They are responsible to model a Godly lifestyle, provide a prayer shield for the pastors, defend and protect the integrity of the church, pray for the sick, mediate disputes and counsel church members as prescribed in Titus 1:6-9.

The Role of Deacons:

Deacons serve the Lord by conducting the caring ministry of the church-doing the benevolence work, visiting the sick, being alert to the spiritual needs of the congregation-for the purposes of freeing the pastoral staff to focus on prayer and the ministry of the Word, promoting unity within the church, and facilitating the spread of the gospel. 1 Timothy 3:8, John 12:26

The Role of Leadership Team:

The Leadership Team assists the Lead and Associate Pastors and oversees various ministries. Those who serve on this team support the ministry through prayer, insight and encouragement.

WHAT NOW?

The Trinity Partnership Covenant

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized, and agreeing with Trinity's statements, strategy and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Trinity Worship Center family. I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

1. I will protect the unity of my church by:
 - Acting in love toward other partners
 - Refusing to gossip
 - Following the leaders

"So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony and on the growth of our fellowship together." (Romans 15:19)

"Live in complete harmony with each other - each with the attitude of Christ toward each other." (Romans 15:5)

"Have a sincere love for your fellow believers, love one another earnestly with all your hearts." (1 Peter 1:22)

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs..." (Ephesians 4:29)

"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be no advantage to you." (Hebrews 13:17)

2. I will share the responsibility of my church by:
 - Praying for its growth
 - Inviting the unchurched to attend
 - Warmly welcoming those who visit

(To the church) *"We always thank God for you and pray for you constantly."* (1 Thessalonians 1:2)

"Go out into the country...and urge anyone you find to come in, so that My House will be full." (Luke 14:23)

"So warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified." (Romans 15:7)

3. I will serve the ministry of my church by:
 - Discovering my gifts and talents
 - Being equipped to serve with my pastors
 - Developing a servant's heart

"Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you..." (1 Peter 4:10)

"God gave...some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of ministry, so that the body of Christ may be built up..." (Ephesians 4:11-12)

"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ...who took on the very nature of a servant..." (Philippians 2:3-4, 7)

4. I will support the testimony of my church by:

- Attending faithfully
- Living a godly life
- Giving regularly

"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...instead let us encourage one another." (Hebrews 10:25)

"But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ." (Philippians 1:27)

"Each one of you, on the first day of each week, should set aside a specific sum of money in proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering." (1 Corinthians 16:2)

"A tenth of all you produce is the Lord's, and it is holy." (Leviticus 27:30)

Step 2

MY FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The sole basis for our belief is the Bible, which is uniquely God-inspired, without error, and the final authority on all matters on which it speaks. As the Bible teaches, there is one God, eternally existing in three Persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—each possessing all the attributes of deity.

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In our beliefs—we have Unity.

"There is one Body and one Spirit...there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all"
(Ephesians 4:4-6 NIV)

In our beliefs—we have Liberty.

"Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters...Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls...So then each of us will give an account of himself to God... So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God."
(Romans 14:1, 4, 12, 22)

In all our beliefs—we show Love.

"If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing." (1 Corinthians 13:2 NIV)

THE BIBLE AND THE TRINITY

The sole basis for our belief is the Bible, which is uniquely God-inspired, without error, and the final authority on all matters on which it speaks.

God-inspired means that the Bible was written by God through human authors.

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3:16 NIV)

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“Every word of God is flawless.” (Proverbs 30:5 NIV)

For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:21)

This perfect God is making His perfect plan known to us. He included everything we need in Scripture, making it the final authority on all matters.

“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and of spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12 NIV)

As the Bible teaches, there is one God, eternally existing in three Persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—each possessing all the attributes of deity.

We believe that God is one, through total unity among all Three persons of the Trinity.

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.” (Deuteronomy 6:4 NIV)

The three Persons of Father, Son and Spirit all existed together before Creation.

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light.” (Genesis 1:1-3 NIV)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.” (John 1:1-5 NIV)

“Then God said, ‘Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.’” (Genesis 1:26 NIV)

Though their roles are different, the Father, Son and Spirit all share the same attributes.

- **All Present—Everywhere all the time**
Deut. 31:6; Ps. 139:7-12; Prov. 15:3; Jer. 23:24; Col. 1:17
- **All-Knowing—All mysteries and knowledge are His**
Job 42:2; Ps. 139:1 -6; 147:5; Isa. 40:12 -14; 46:10; Heb. 4:13
- **All-Powerful—Everything is under His control**
Ps. 147:5; Matt. 19:26; Eph. 3:20
- **Changeless—Never changes His character, purpose, or essence**
Num. 23:19; Ps.102:27; Mal. 3:6; Rom. 11:29; Heb. 13:8; James 1:17
- **Ageless—Lives outside time, was never born and will never die**
Ps. 90:2; 93:2; 102:12; Eph. 3:21
- **Holy—Perfect, pure and good**

Ex. 3:5; Lev. 19:2; Ps. 5:4-6, 99:5; Isa. 6:3, 57:15; Hab. 1:12-13; 1 Pet. 1:14-19; 1 John 1:5

- **Loving—The source of all love**
Ex. 34:7; Ps. 84:11; John 3:16; Gal. 5:22; Eph. 2:4-7; 1 John 4:8-16
- **Truthful—His perfection makes all His words true**
Num. 23:19; John 14:6, 17:17; 2 Cor. 1:20; Titus 1:2

SALVATION

God created humans to have fellowship with Him, but they defied God by sinfully going their own way.

We were made for relationship with God.

“God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” (1 Corinthians 1:9 NIV)

We pushed Him away by our rebellion.

“And the LORD God commanded the man, ‘You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.’” (Genesis 2:16-17 NIV)

As a result, we need God’s saving grace to end our alienation from Him.

We are separated from God.

*“Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned.”
(Romans 5:12 NIV)*

“Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.” (Colossians 1:21-22 NIV)

Jesus Christ ends our separation from God through His work on the Cross.

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.” (Romans 8:1-2 NIV)

Salvation comes only through God’s grace—not human effort—and must be received personally by repentance and faith.

God has done all the work to end our separation from Him.

“His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.” (2 Peter 1:3 NIV)

“For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” (Colossians 1:13-14 NIV)

It is up to us to turn from our sin and trust God with our life.

“If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9 NIV)

“You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.” (Ephesians 4:22-24 NIV)

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9 NIV)

JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ, second Person of the Trinity, lived a sinless life on earth and voluntarily paid for our sin by dying on the Cross as our substitute.

Because of sin and death entering the world, humans needed a Savior .

“Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned.” (Romans 5:12 NIV)

“...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23 NIV)

Jesus left heaven to come to earth to show us who God is and proclaim the Kingdom of God.

“The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.” (Colossians 1:15 NIV)

“Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.” (John 14:9 NIV)

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” (Luke 4:18-19 NIV)

By living perfectly while on earth Jesus was able to be our sin.

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” (2 Corinthians 5:21 NIV)

Jesus solved the problem of sin by willingly sacrificing Himself to pay for our sin on the Cross.

**This accomplished salvation for all who receive grace by trusting in Him alone.
We deserve death because of sin.**

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23 NIV)

When we repent, we turn our sin over to Jesus.

“I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” (Luke 5:32 NIV)

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9 NIV)

Jesus gives us grace over our failings.

“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.” (Romans 5:1-2 NIV)

He rose from the dead and is the only mediator between God and us.

When Jesus rose from the grave He solved the problem of spiritual death.

“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.” (1 Corinthians 15:20-22 NIV)

Jesus gives us what we lost in the garden: eternal life and relationship with Him.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16 NIV)

He baptizes believers in the Holy Spirit.

“I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” (Matthew 3:11 NIV)

“Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.” (2 Corinthians 1:21-23 NIV)

He will return to earth to consummate history.

Jesus is coming back.

“Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” (Matthew 24:30 ESV)

“...waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.” (Titus 2:13 ESV)

We don't know when.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” (Matthew 24:36 NIV)

“Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.” (1 Thessalonians 5:1-2 NIV)

The Church needs to be ready for His return.

“Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes.” (Luke 12:35-37 NIV)

THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE CHURCH AND THE END

The Holy Spirit draws sinners to Christ and equips believers for personal growth and service to the Church.

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit.

“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.” (John 16:7 ESV)

The Holy Spirit draws sinful people to Jesus.

“And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.” (John 16:8-11 ESV)

The Holy Spirit equips believers.

“There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call.” (Ephesians 4:4 ESV)

“There are different kinds of gifts. But they are all given to believers by the same Spirit. There are different ways to serve. But they all come from the same Lord. There are different ways the Spirit works. But the same God is working in all these ways and in all people.” (1 Corinthians 12:4-6 NIRV)

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” (Galatians 5:22-23 NIV)

The Church’s role is to glorify God and serve those in need.

The Church is God’s presence on earth.

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (Ephesians 2:10 NIV)

“His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms.” (Ephesians 3:10 NIV)

As we become more like Jesus, we invite others into the Kingdom.

“Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:46-47 NIV)

“Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.” (Ephesians 4:15 NIV)

The Church is supposed to help those in need.

“Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.” (Philippians 2:4 ESV)

“But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him?” (1 John 3:17 ESV)

At the end, everyone will experience bodily resurrection and the judgment.

“Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. “Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. “Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.” (Revelation 20:11-15 ESV)

Only believers will enjoy eternal fellowship with God.

“Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.” (1 Thessalonians 4:17-18 NASB)

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. “He who was seated on the throne said, ‘I am making everything new!’ Then he said, ‘Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true. “He said to me: ‘It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.’” (Revelation 21:3-7 NIV)

CONCLUSION

We exist so that individuals may know God, find freedom and discover their purpose.

In our beliefs—we have unity.

*“There is one Body and one Spirit...there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all”
(Ephesians 4:4-6 NIV)*

In our beliefs—we have liberty.

“Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters...Who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To his own master he stands or falls...So then each of us will give an account of himself to God...So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God.” (Romans 14:1, 4 BSB; Romans 14:12, 22 NIV)

In all our beliefs—we show love.

“If I hold in my mind not only all human knowledge but also the very secrets of God, and if I have the faith that can move mountains - but have no love, I amount to nothing at all.” (1 Corinthians 13:2 Ph)

“SO, NO MATTER WHAT I SAY, WHAT I BELIEVE,

AND WHAT I DO, I’M BANKRUPT WITHOUT LOVE.

Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn’t want what it doesn’t have.

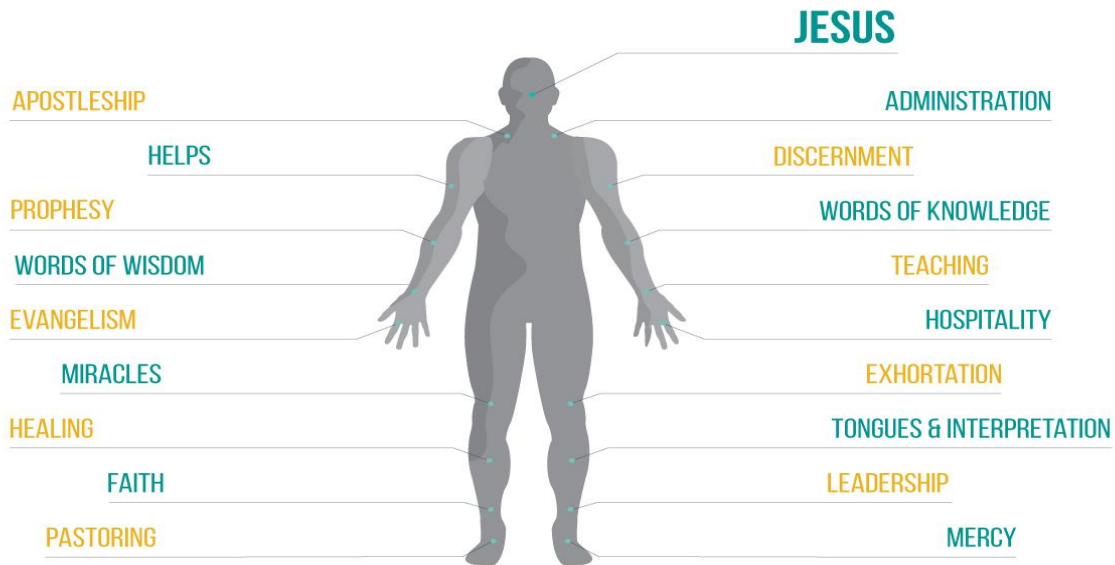
Love doesn’t strut, doesn’t have a swelled head, doesn’t force itself on others, Isn’t always ‘me first,’ doesn’t fly off the handle, doesn’t keep score of the sins of others, doesn’t revel when others grovel, takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, puts up with anything, trusts God always, always looks for the best, never looks back, but keeps going to the end.”

(1 Corinthians 13:3-7 The Message)

Step 3

MYPLACE

SPIRITUAL GIFTS: FULLY ALIVE!



JOINING JESUS IN HIS WORK
FOR THE **MATURITY** & THE **MISSION** OF THE CHURCH

List of Spiritual Gifts in the Bible

Romans 12:4-8

Prophecy
Ministry
Teaching
Exhortation
Giving
Leadership/Ruling
Showing Mercy

1 Cor. 12:29-30

Apostles
Prophecy
Teaching
Miracles
Healing
Tongues
Interpreting tongues

1 Cor. 12:8-10

Word of Wisdom
Word of knowledge
Faith
Healing Miracles
Prophecy
Discerning of Spirits
Kinds of tongues
Interpreting tongues

Ephesian 4:11

Apostles
Prophets
Evangelists
Pastor
Teacher

Step 3 – MY PLACE

What was I created to do!

Why are you alive on earth today? What were you created to do? What is your specific assignment on earth?

God creates every person for a specific assignment on earth; to good works ordained before you are created.

Eph 2:10: For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to good works, which God has before ordained that we should walk in them.

Before God formed you in your mother's womb, He knew you and ordained you for a specific task on earth like He revealed to Jeremiah.

Before I formed you in the belly I knew you; and before you came forth out of the womb I sanctified you, and I ordained you a prophet unto the nations (Jer 1:5)

You are not on this earth by mistake. No person is born by mistake; it is the plan of God.

There are different kinds of gifts but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. (1 Cor. 12:4-5). Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. (1 Pet. 4:10). Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. (Romans 12:4-6a).

God is the Giver of gifts, and through His Holy Spirit, He helps you identify, develop and use yours.

God has gifted you in unique and wonderful ways. The Creator has crafted you with particular abilities and talents. When you develop those God-given attributes and use them to serve other people in love, great things can be accomplished.



SPIRITUAL GIFTS



Spiritual gifts are tools God gives Christians to do the work of the ministry -- to fulfill the Great Commission to reach, baptize, and teach and to minister to one another. A spiritual gift is the primary channel by which the Holy Spirit ministers to the believer. It is a supernatural capacity for service to God -- and He gives you a supernatural desire to perform the duties of that gift. Spiritual gifts are tools for building the church. They are a source of joy in your Christian life and influence your motives. A spiritual gift is a divine calling with a divine responsibility, because what God has gifted you to do, He has called you to do, and what He has called you to do, He has gifted you to do. While there are many spiritual gifts, this survey covers the nine team or task-oriented gifts used in daily life to do the work of Christian ministry. Every Christian has a dominant spiritual gift and many possess more than one. Through this analysis, you will discover your dominant spiritual gifts. You can then begin to concentrate on further developing your spiritual gifts as you exercise them in daily life and in your local church ministry.

<https://gifts.churchgrowth.org/spiritual-gifts-survey/>



Evangelism

That does not necessarily mean you are supposed to travel the world, preaching the Gospel. The Greek word "Euangelistes" means to proclaim glad tidings, a **messenger of good**. It denotes a **proclaimer of the Gospel**. The evangelist can either be a preacher who stands before a crowd, imploring them to be saved, or perhaps an individual sitting in a living room or on a plane, trying to persuade someone to accept Christ. As an evangelist you have the **Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by leading people who are beyond your natural sphere of influence to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ**. You are sometimes classified as the **aggressive soulwinner** who seeks the lost.

- As an evangelist you are likely **very outgoing and personable**.
- You have an intense spirit of unease at the thought of all the unsaved people in the world.
- You are **very committed**.

You compliment strangers and are not afraid to ask questions about their lifestyle - such as where they work, what hobbies they have, what's their favorite sports team, where they were born, and do they attend church. This opens the door to talk about their relationship with Jesus Christ - something you're just itching to do. Be careful not to be too overbearing or you may push some people farther away from Christ.

You urge other Christians to do the same by directly telling them they must win souls or by encouraging them by telling about your most recent experience. However, you must be careful not to belittle them or make them feel unspiritual because they do not have the burden for lost souls like you do.

How can you use this gift?

- Prison Ministry
- Local Outreach
- Evangelism Team Leader
- Family Ministry



Shepherding or Pastoring

The Greek word "poimen" means **pastor**. In Paul's spiritual gifts listing in Ephesians 4:11, this term is translated "pastor." Although the word "poimen" is translated pastor only one time in Scripture it is used sixteen additional times. The remaining sixteen are all translated "**shepherd**." Therefore, we are actually discussing the GIFT of shepherding, not the POSITION of pastor. Though a good pastor must have the gift of shepherding, everyone who has the gift of shepherding is not called to be pastor. **The gift can be used in many positions in a church.**

- As a gifted shepherd, **you have the Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by overseeing, training, and caring** for the needs of a group of Christians.
- You are usually **very patient, people-centered**, and willing to spend time in prayer for others.
- You tend to be a "Jack of All and Master of ONE," meaning you are usually dominant in one of the speaking gifts (evangelist, prophet, teacher, exhorter) as well.
- You are **often authoritative, more a leader than a follower**, and **expressive, composed, and sensitive**. Your pleasing personality draws people to you.

You have a burden to see others learn and grow and are protective of those under your care. You are willing to study what is necessary to feed your group and are more **relationship oriented** than task oriented. You are a **peace-maker and diplomat** - very tolerant of people's weaknesses. You tend to remember people's names and faces. You are more concerned with doing for others than others doing for you. You are faithful and devoted and may become a workaholic. You can become an all-purpose person in order to meet needs.

How can you use this gift?

- Sunday school teacher
- Small group leader
- Pastor or Assistant Pastor
- Special ministry leader (youth, children, men, etc.)
- Nursery worker
- Outreach volunteer



Mercy-Showing/Compassion

The Greek word "ellco" means to feel sympathy with or for others. As a mercy-shower you have the **Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by identifying with and comforting those who are in distress.**

As a mercy-shower, you seem to say the right thing at the right time. You find it easy to express yourself and are outgoing with a **low-key, inoffensive personality.** You are easy to talk to, **responsive to people, a good listener, peaceable, and agreeable.** You tend to make decisions based on feelings more than fact and like to think about things for a while before making a decision.

- Tears come easily when you see or hear things that sadden you.
- You **express love, grace, and dignity to those facing hardships and crisis.**
- You are willing to deal with and minister to people who have needs that most people feel very uncomfortable working with; the poor, aged, ill, underprivileged, etc.
- People in need like to have you around, because you cheer them up.
- You are not easily repulsed by the sight of miserable people but usually think, “How can I help?”
- You tend to attract people who are hurting or rejoicing because you identify with them. Be careful not to let others use you. Try not to resent others who are not as understanding as you. Refrain from becoming a gossip when you are around other mercy-showers. Because of your supernatural ability to show mercy, others accuse you of taking up for people, being a softy and a compromiser. They may think you are too emotional.

How can you use this gift?

- Deacon
- Youth worker
- Counselor
- Hospital, nursing home or shut-in worker
- Greeter, Usher



Prophecy

That does not mean you are supposed to have visions of the future. It means you are a "forthteller," telling or "speaking forth" the mind of God: **boldly preaching, speaking, and teaching God's Word**. You are **very discerning**; one who points out sin with the goal of making people aware of sin in their lives so they will repent. A prophet in full-time Christian service may be a preacher, often traveling to churches, evangelistic events, and on missions' trips.

- You have **the Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by proclaiming His truth**.
- You have a **strong sense of duty** and are **very opinionated**, impatient, and likely more depressed or serious than lighthearted about life.
- You enjoy being alone, but would rather be in a group than relate to people one-on-one.
- You are likely **hard-working**, devoted, able to discern people's motives and character, and willing to stand up for what is right.
- You do not like in-depth study.
- You **desire to speak publicly**.

As a prophet you have an **ability to see that which is wrong**. In fact, you tend to easily spot what is wrong and have to look to find something right. You probably spend much time praying and even weeping over the sins of the church and for those who have yet to accept Christ. You have a great burden over the sinful condition of the world around you. Because of this, you take every opportunity to proclaim that everyone must repent or perish.

. **How can you use this gift?**

- Speaker
- Pastor
- Prison ministry
- Counselor
- Coordinator of events
- Leads an evangelism or mission team
- Ministry planning



Teaching

The Greek word for teacher "didaskalos" means master, teacher or doctor. As a teacher you are **one who communicates knowledge, guides, makes known or relays facts**. You are likely more in-depth than the average Sunday school teacher. You are **organized and enjoy studying**.

As a teacher **you live to learn and teach** (or perhaps write if you teach through the written medium). You should learn to teach in two manners which may be contrary to your nature. The material must be simple so students can understand it, and it must be practical. The pastor/shepherd, the prophet, and the exhorter (those with speaking gifts) usually rely on your resources to help fulfill their responsibilities.

- People will constantly understand truth as a result of your teaching.
- You are **not satisfied with unclear or obscure meanings**. They will work at it until the truth is clear and easily understood and with accuracy.
- People progress in knowledge and understanding as a result of the work of these gifted teachers.
- You are **generally confident, self-disciplined**, and sometimes technical.

How can you use this gift?

- Teach classes
- Growth Track Instructor
- Host small group studies
- Children's Ministry teacher
- Youth Ministry Leader
- A facilitator
- Worship Team Leader and Member
- Creative Organizer



Serving

The Greek word "Diakonia" means to do service. In Acts 6:1 the word is interpreted "ministration." Our word deacon comes from the same Greek word. Actually the gift of serving combines helps and ministering. The word "helps" is used in 1 Corinthians 12:28 and "ministering" in Romans 12:7. As a server you have the **Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by rendering practical help in both physical and spiritual matters.** You enjoy meeting the practical needs of your fellow Christians and the church.

- You **gladly work behind the scenes** in order that God's work is fulfilled.
- Persons with this gift **usually have unselfish natures** and like to do small things, even menial tasks, with not thought of receiving credit.
- You would rather do a job than find someone else to do it.
- You enjoy relationships more than recognition

You are **quick to respond to needs** and impressed with the need to respond when exhorted to serve. Because of this, you **find it difficult to say no.** You like to support a good leader. Some consider you a workaholic. You tend to emphasize practical needs over spiritual needs.

The gift of serving is not the gift God gives you when you cannot do anything else. It is **spiritual in nature and as important as any gift in the church.** Never think it is anything less; it only becomes less if you do not use it as God intended.

How can you use this gift?

- Helps Ministry
- Manager of maintenance and grounds.
- Work in the church (paint the walls, pick up trash, keep the nursery, cook meals, paint signs)
- Audio-video worker
- Greeter



Giving

The Greek word "metadidomi" means to give over, to share, to give to, to impart. As a giver you have the **Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by giving of your material resources**, far beyond the tithe, to further the work of God. You have **a strong desire to meet the financial needs** of your fellow Christians and church members. People with this gift do not ask, "How much money do I need to give to God?" but "How much money do I need to live on?"

- You **support the work of ministry with sacrificial gifts** to advance the Kingdom.
- You meet tangible needs that enable spiritual growth to occur. **Give without recognition.**
- You **provide resources, generously and cheerfully**, trusting God for His provision.
- You disapprove of anyone who gives for the wrong motive.
- Your motive is to further the work of God and meet real needs, not to show off or get something in return

.You are **usually well organized, keep to yourself, have an accurate self-image**, are **interested in helping people**, and are **conscientious and self-disciplined**. You may also have the ability to make money. You are sensitive to the financial and material needs of others, alert to needs others overlook, ready to give, want your gift to be high quality, make quick decisions concerning finances, want to ensure your gift is used properly, and may have a burden for missions. Chances are your spouse has the gift of giving too.

Be careful not to measure other Christians' spirituality by the amount of their giving or their success by the amount of their material assets. Realize that though God has called everyone to give, He has not called everyone to give as you do.

How can you use this gift?

- Your gift is welcome anywhere large or small amounts of money are needed
- Finance or budget committee
- Trustee
- Support any ministry
- Team Leader of any ministry



Administration/Leadership

The Greek word "kubernesis" means one who steers a ship. This expert had the responsibility to bring a ship into the harbor through the rocks and shoals, under all types of pressures. As an administrator you have the **Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by organizing, administering, promoting, and leading** the various affairs of the church. The administrator is not a glorified file clerk.

- As an administrator you are a **take-charge person** who jumps in and starts giving orders when no one is in charge. You will put a plan on paper and start delegating responsibility.
- You **may lean toward organizing things, events or programs**, OR toward organizing people, emphasizing personal relationships and leadership responsibilities.
- You are a person with a dream and are not afraid to attempt the impossible.
- You are **goal-oriented, well-disciplined, and work best under heavy pressure; a planner**.
- You are **probably a perfectionist** and want things done your way now.

You don't often admit to mistakes and do not like to take time to explain why you are doing things; you just expect the job to get done. If things in the church, office, club, etc. become fragmented, you can harmonize the whole program if given a chance. You are often **a good motivator** and not a procrastinator. You are **serious minded, highly motivated**, intense, and have an accurate self-image. You tend to be more interested in the welfare of the group than your own desire.

How can you use this gift?

- Leader of a project, ministry or program
- Chairman of a committee or board
- Church Planner (fund-raising projects)
- Office Manager
- Small group leader
- Vacation Bible School Director

Step 4

M Y F R E E D O M

Thank you so much for taking the My Freedom Session! We are so excited to see what God is going to do in your life.

The Big Idea of this experience is:

True Freedom is not the absence of some “thing,” but the presence of some “One.”

What then, is true Freedom? Have I ever experienced true Freedom?

Are there “things” keeping me from what I think God has for me?

Are there “things” in my life I have a hard time breaking away from?

Are there “things” that are not healed inside me?

Are there “things” that I believe, but are not true?

Are there “things” that I seemed to inherit from someone else? Are there “things” outside my control that influence my life?

Who is this some one’?

These are fantastic questions.. On this journey you will have a guide; His name is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will speak to you and help you learn, grow and understand how to get rid of some ‘things’. In the process of this, you will get to know the only “one” who can bring you to the place of true Freedom.

***“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Freedom.” - 2 Corinthians 3:17
(emphasis added)***

WHAT IS FREEDOM?

What Is Freedom?

Freedom is not the absence of something, but the presence of Some One.

A better way to phrase this would be, "Freedom is the presence of God, experienced through the Holy Spirit."

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." 2 Corinthians 3:17

Who Needs Freedom?

God designed us to live in Freedom every single day. That simply means we are to remain in His presence daily. Based on individual life circumstances, that's where God wants to bring Freedom to the hurts and pain that life can bring.

The simple answer: Everyone needs Freedom.

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."- Galatians 5:1

Through the Holy Spirit we can then deal with the "things" we need freedom from.

We call this Topical Freedom. Topics include Lust, Pride, Addiction, Wounds, Codependency, Workaholism, etc....

You can't experience lasting Topical Freedom without the lasting presence of the Holy Spirit.

Where Can I Find Freedom?

God is always there and speaking all the time.

When Can I Experience Freedom?

This makes Freedom available all day, every day!

How Can I Experience Freedom?

Listening to The Holy Spirit.

Why is Freedom Important?

Jesus gave His life to set us free.

It's His desire for us to be free.

"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." - John 8:36 (ESV)

"For FREEDOM Christ has set us FREE; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." - Galatians 5:1 (ESV) (Emphasis added)

The church is at its best when it lives in freedom and is free from sin and death.

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you FREE in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death." - Romans 8:1-2 (ESV) (Emphasis added)

GUIDE TO FREEDOM

The Holy Spirit will be your guide on your journey of Freedom

"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come." - John 16:13

In Jesus, you have the guidance of the Holy Spirit

"In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory." - Ephesians 1:13-14 (ESV)

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come." - 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

The Holy Spirit speaks to us to make the will of God known.

"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you." - John 16:13-15

"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 through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God." - Romans 8:26-27

"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children." - Romans 8:14-16

Part 1

What was God's original design for all of Creation?

The Big Idea: God's intended design for all of Creation was perfection; we were designed to live in this perfect state of Creation.

In order to walk daily in our Freedom, we are going to step back to the very beginning. We are God's Creation. In order to grasp the magnitude of who we are, we need to start with these questions

- 1: Who is God?
- 2: How does God reveal Himself to us?
- 3: How did God design me for relationship with Him?
- 4: How can I connect by hearing Him?
- 5: How do we reflect God's attributes?

Why This is Important

The problem is that most people, when faced with questions of this magnitude, choose not to seek the truth. However, John 8:32 states that when we know the truth, "the truth will set us free." The foundational truth of where we find our Freedom is in 2 Corinthians 3:17, which says, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Freedom." (emphasis added)

We live in a society where many consider truth to be relative; so, rather than look for truth, we accept the lie that we may never know the answers to these Essential Questions. However, this lie does not make the questions go away.

God Is

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light." - Genesis 1:1-3

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

Who Is God?

For Your Consideration

The first four words in the Bible are "In the beginning God." These words raise questions: Who is this God? Where did He come from? Today, we'll focus on the fourth word in the Bible: God. We will examine three unique characteristics of who God is, and begin to process how we can build a relationship with Him and find our Freedom by being in His presence.

God Is Self-Existing

The first mystery we will explore is that **God lives in the infinite. He existed before the beginning, and exists outside of Creation and outside of time and space.** In 2 Peter 3:8 we read, "One day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." (DRA) God doesn't look at time the way we limit it. If He lives outside of everything we know, then what sustains Him? Based on Genesis 1, the answer is still uncertain. However, when we take into account the entirety of Scripture, we know that God needs nothing to be sustained other than Himself. **God is not dependent on any part of Creation for His existence or His nature. He is completely self-contained and self-existing.**

God is Equal, but Different

One Hebrew word for God is Elohim, which is grammatically considered plural. This leads us to our second mystery. When you are introduced to someone, you learn his or her name, yet when we are introduced to God, we learn He is called Elohim. **Elohim is a generic title of who God is, but not His name. Elohim is applied to one person, but in a plural form.** This would be similar to using the word "they" to describe only one person. Why would one person be addressed in a plural form of a word? If you use only the first four words of the Bible this is impossible to understand. But if you continue through the rest of the verse, you will see "God created," then the "Spirit was hovering" over the waters. These are two separate persons, yet they are both identified as God. This is the first clue in the mystery of **the Trinity: three separate persons, yet all equal and in perfect relationship with one another.**

God Speaks

"God said...." - Genesis 1:3,6,9,11,14,20,24,26

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

How does God reveal Himself to us?

For Your Consideration

We have been introduced to a mysterious **God, one who existed before everything, one who is three and one who is the Source of all Creation**. You might have asked: How can I know this mysterious God? One way God makes Himself known is through speaking. This mysterious God reveals who He is through the use of speech.

Trinity Speaks

All three persons of the Trinity speak. Since they are all equal as God, they can **all speak with equal authority and total unity**. So, the words of God can be trusted, everything we know came from Him. We see here that God the Father speaks all of Creation into existence. The Bible goes on to reveal more of God to us, when Jesus (John 10:27) and the Holy Spirit (Revelation 2:17) speak. God speaks to us so we can know Him.

Speech Creates Reality

When God spoke, He constructed the reality that we would be created to live in—His perfect world. He builds this world out of nothing to give us a place to connect with Him. In the same way that parents prepare a room for their child to be born into, God prepared for us a perfect Creation filled with bright light, pristine water, blue skies, a variety of plants, sea creatures, birds and animals. **This diverse and perfect Creation revealed that God is a God of infinite beauty and perfection. It's in this perfection of God's that man was formed.**

Speech Creates Relationship

All of this was created for man. Creation is the beautiful, wonderful and expansive picture of who God is. **God didn't create it to impress man, but instead to build relationship with man, with us**. God was totally self-existent; He didn't need to create man because He was lonely. He created the world to welcome man into the perfect, unbroken, loving community that the Trinity shared for eternity before Creation. **The primary way to build relationship is communication, and God uses the same tool that created reality to create relationship with us**. God gives man the gift of language to be in relationship with Him. **A free exchange of love and intimacy is possible between God and man, because God designed man to connect with Him**. This connection all begins with being in relationship with our Creator, being in His presence.

God's Image

"Then God said, 'Let us make mankind in our image, in our like-ness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.' So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."- Genesis 1:26-27

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

How did God design me for relationship with Him?

For Your Consideration

God lived in perfect, unbroken, loving relationship before anything was created. He didn't need anything to fulfill Him. This raises another mystery question: Why did God create people? Genesis 1 tells us that when man was created, He was made in God's "image." The word image means resemblance or likeness; you were made to be like your Creator! Just as children are born with the traits of their parents, you have been made with the traits of God Himself.

Body

God designed our image in three parts: body, soul and spirit. The image of God does not refer to the appearance of your body. After all, human beings come in all shapes, sizes and ethnicities. Instead, **every one of us is made in His image to bring us into relationship with Him. God's design was that our spirit becomes the strongest part of our three-part design.**

Soul and Spirit

God made us similar to Himself by giving us a soul. The soul, simply put, is our mind, our will and our emotions. Regarding the soul, God's Image means that I resemble God in what I think (mind), in what I want (will), and in what I feel (emotions). Think of the soul as the "response center" that decides what to do when we hear God's voice. Only the spirit gives us the capacity to connect with God. **Think of the spirit as the ear in which the words of God resonate.**

Man—Equal, but Different

Genesis 1:27 says that God made male and female, both in His image. They both reflect God equally, but in different ways. God designed man and woman to be one in essence, but two separate persons. **This is also to give us a picture of who the Trinity is, one in essence and three in person.** Because we are made in God's image, we all have the same value, dignity and worth to Him. Our being made in His image also gives us the same desire for relationship and community that He has. When He made us, He extended the perfect, unbroken and loving relationship He has to us.

Connecting

"God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'" - Genesis 1:28

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

How can I connect by hearing Him?

For Your Consideration

It's interesting that God speaks everything into existence, yet the only thing that He forms by hand and breathes a spirit into is man. Then man comes alive. Nothing else in all of Creation bears the image of God and can connect with Him like we can.

God Connects with Man

Immediately after breathing a spirit into man, God blesses and then speaks to Adam and Eve. God is the one who took the initiative for relationship. In the same way it is up to a parent to define the relationship with his or her child, God models and defines that relationship to His children, Adam and Eve. Because **He breathed a spirit into them, they were able to hear His voice and connect with Him.** God is always speaking to us, and He has wisdom for every area of your life. **The entire purpose of God's design was for pure and perfect connection with us.**

Connected with the Source

God is the Source for everything we need. He designed us to connect so that He can be not just our Creator, but also our sustainer. Our spirit is where we hear His words, which are the Source of spiritual nourishment and true life. Our soul is where we respond to the words of God and is the Source of intellectual, emotional, and actionable growth. Our body houses the soul and spirit, and as a result is brought to health by the words of God. God is the Source of physical nourishment we need to preserve the body. Before we were even formed, He planted trees to nourish us. Nothing is an afterthought with our Father. He is the Source for everything we need.

Connected To Reflect

This connection with God has an incredible side effect. **When we are connected with our source He provides life to us.** When we receive that life from Him, we reflect who He is to all of Creation. When His words change us, we reflect God through all that we do. **God designed all humans to function as receivers of His words, love and relationship.** We all can freely connect with Him; then, as we are changed, we reflect who He is and can live in Freedom daily.

Reflecting

“God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.’” - Genesis 1:28

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

How do we reflect God’s attributes?

For Your Consideration

We discussed the first portion of this verse, which shows how God connected with man through speaking to them. This part has to do with reflecting who God is to all Creation, now.

God’s Crowning Achievement

God announces man’s design in the same breath that He also declares man’s authority (our authority) over all of Creation. Man is God’s crowning achievement. God connects with us so that we could care for Creation the way that He would. In My Foundation and My Freedom we discuss different attributes that only God has:

All-Present—Everywhere all the time

All-Knowing—All mysteries and knowledge are His

All-Powerful—Everything is under His control

Changeless—Never changes His character, purpose,, or essence

Ageless—Lives outside time; was never born and will never die

Holy—Perfect, pure and good

Loving—The Source of all love

Truthful—His perfection makes all His words true

Living Mirrors

So that man can rule over Creation, God shares some of His attributes with us through connection. When we are connected with God, we naturally reflect His attributes as if we are living mirrors:

Present—We can’t be everywhere, but God told us to multiply to reflect Him.

Knowing—Souls increased in intellectual, emotional and actionable ability.

Powerful—God gives us authority to put all of Creation under our control.

Ageless—When connected with our Source, we were designed to live forever.

Holiness—God is pure, so we are designed to reflect purity.

Love—God is love, so we are loving.

Truth—God is the Source of all truth, so we are truthful.

Part 2

Who am I?

The Big Idea: Because of what Jesus accomplished, I am **(this)**, so I do **(that)**.

Jesus paid my sin, so I am Free!

Jesus reconnected me, so I am free to be God's friend

Jesus' holiness covers me, so I am a Priest

Jesus brought me back into relationship, so I am God's Child

Jesus was an Heir, so I am a Co-Heir

Christ came to bring us into a completely different way of Kingdom living, and with that new way of living comes a brand New Identity. Jesus doesn't just fix our broken image; He gives us a completely new one. The Big Identity comes from whatever gives you value, dignity and worth. In the kingdom of darkness, value and worth are determined by action. In the Life-Giving Kingdom of God, action grows out of who you are. And certain actions naturally grow out of our New Identity. Often, we classify these actions as spiritual disciplines. They become something to do, rather than responses of love and renewed identity. So what is this New Identity and what are the actions that are a natural byproduct of it?

I am this ... so I do that

I am Free, so I praise

I am God's Friend, so I follow

I am a Priest, so I worship

I am God's Child, so I pray

I am a Co-Heir, so I speak with authority

There are more than these five different aspects of our New Identity in Christ. However, if we could just live out these five, the church would look strong, beautiful and loving, a Life-Giving family who reflects God.

Why This is Important

Knowing WHO we are in Christ is key to our Freedom. The enemy tries to confuse and deceive your identity. When we don't live in or operate out of this New Identity, we dip back into our old life, before Jesus freed us from sin. We become consumed with fear of death. We try to work hard to earn God's love, favor and approval. We end up working rather than resting in the finished work of Jesus. If we don't activate our New Identity in Christ, the cause He died for gets cheapened to a powerless religion of works and anxiety, rather than of love and Freedom in relationship with Him.

I Am Free

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" - 2 Corinthians 5:17

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

What do free people do?

For Your Consideration

Christ set us free from past hurts, past wrongs and past sins when He shed His blood for us on The Cross. Praise Him. Thank Him. **We should always start with praise of what God has done. Praise is saying thank you to God for the Freedom He has given to you.**

Upward—Praise

How often have we said "Thank God" even for something small and seemingly insignificant? **Thanksgiving is simply praise offered to God in response to His faithfulness and Freedom.** The Greek word for praise, epainos, means a story. Stories change our hearts, increase faith in God and fill us with gratitude. Our story starts as a thought that God has done something worthy of praise. This story saturates our heart with gratitude for God. Our story eventually makes its way out of our mouth as we praise God. **When our praise is heard by others it inspires more faith in God and shows how much we value how Jesus set us free.**

Inward—Stay Free

As believers we continually praise God for the amazing things that He's done for us through Jesus Christ. However we are not perfect. In fact, **even though we are completely New Creations, it's still very easy for us to begin dipping back into our old life and old habits.** This is the tension that makes Christianity difficult at times. Jesus took care of everything that could potentially destroy our relationship with God and us, but sometimes we get in our own way by stepping back into sin or old habitual patterns. **We need to remember when we do slip back, Jesus paid for that sin as well on The Cross.** So now once again you can live free and stay free by living and staying "in Christ" and not in your past, in your hurts or in sin that entangles you.

Outward—Free People Free People

There's no limit to telling people about the work that God has done in your life. Let's constantly be praising Him and maintaining our own Freedom through the Holy Spirit. **When you sing His praise and when you are continually becoming more free, there's a natural overflow that occurs.** This overflow happens when you tell God stories to other people. These stories inspire faith and help others get free. When you are free you help others be free. We've heard "Hurting people hurt people." Well, we can also know that "Free people Free people!"

I Am a Friend

"I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you." - John 15:15

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

What do friends of God do?

For Your Consideration

Friends with God. Friendship is something we undervalue in today's culture. It's easy for us to think that we have lots of friends because of social media; yet the truth is, even though we're living in the most connected time socially, we may feel disconnected from others. **Friendship with God is one of the characteristics of identity that is very practical and impactful, but often gets missed.**

Upward—Be Connected

John 1:14 says about Jesus, "So the Word became human and made his home among us." (NLT) Jesus embodies the entirety of Scripture. This is the same Jesus that calls us friends. Why? Because friends know each other's business. **Jesus says we can know the Father's business.** How? **Through reading the Bible, and hearing His voice.** Friends connect by doing things that both parties enjoy. In order to build a friendship with God, we need to get to know Him. **God reveals what He likes and what He doesn't like through Scripture.** As friends, the easiest way to begin building a relationship with Him is by connecting through Scripture and accepting Jesus' invitation to follow Him. Friends connect with each other.

Inward—Be Accepted

Through connecting with God daily, it becomes easier to discover how He gifted you and how you can use your gifts to develop into who He designed you to be. God fully accepts who you are, because He designed you and continues to make you more like Him. **God genuinely likes who you are.** He enjoys the aspects of your personality that make you unique because He placed them in you. Friendship with God allows you to understand and unlock those aspects and use them to reflect who He is to others. When you feel accepted, you can easily accept others. Friends accept each other.

Outward—Be Friendly

As we live in perpetual friendship with God, we will start to change. The personality attributes that He gifted us with become increasingly more oriented to how He originally intended for us to be. **What is truly unique about friendship with God is that He will change you to begin loving the unlovable.** He transforms you to be friendly to others and accept them where they are, so He can reach them. **You are a friend of God to be a friend to others.**

I Am a Priest

"You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth." - Revelation 5:10

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

What do priests do?

For Your Consideration

Your upbringing may bring to mind different images of what priests should look like, but being a priest isn't about what we look like. **Being a priest is a state of the heart.** Old Testament priests were the only people allowed to go into God's presence. Now, **through Jesus Christ, we can have access to God's presence whenever and wherever we go.** His presence now lives in us through the Holy Spirit. So who are you? You're a priest! **And priests praise and worship!** Worship is our response to God for who He is and what He has done, expressed by the things we say and the way we live.

Upward—Worship

If The Cross proves how much we are worth to God, then our worship proves how much God is worth to us. Worship is a lifestyle for those who are in Christ. Worship is not confined to Sunday! In fact, we are all worshipping all the time! Our mind, will, and emotions determine what we worship. Our worship has no start or end. We choose what we worship every moment of every day. It's our soul's only job to worship. It's all our soul knows to do. However, **it's our job to teach our soul to worship upward, to Jesus, and to express love through our spirit.**

Inward—Purity

Worshiping God for who He is changes us inwardly. As a priest it's our responsibility to maintain internal purity. Jesus criticized the Pharisees because on the outside they looked perfect, but on the inside they were filled with uncleanness and wickedness. When Jesus died on The Cross, He completely cleaned us internally. **But it takes our partnering with the Holy Spirit to be able to maintain internal purity.** This internal purity deals in the soul. Are your thoughts pure? Do your emotions ever get the better of you? When we allow our internal purity to begin to be corrupted, we begin to reflect our old life before Christ rather than reflecting God's grace, love and peace to others.

Outward—Representation

A priest's primary job is to represent God to people by reflecting who He is. A priest also represents people before God through prayer. This love of others is an extension of the idea of Free people Free people. **Free people can't free people in their own power; they can only free people through God's power.** So, as priests, it's our job to enter into God's presence and ask Him to free others. As a Kingdom of priests, we create a Life-Giving society through worship, internal purity and representing God to people and people to God, offering Freedom to all.

I Am a Child

"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God." - John 1:13-14

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

How and/or why am I a Child of God?

For Your Consideration

This is one of the most powerful aspects of identity because being a child relates to being unconditionally and totally loved. There's an aspect of parenting that's all about being unconditional. This is the same way that God looks at us—with unconditional love for His child. **The way we receive this love and build this relationship with Him is through prayer.**

Upward—Continual Communication

Prayer is simply talking to God and listening to His voice. If we did this with a human that would be called having a conversation, would it not? These are the types of conversations children have with parent. This type of conversational prayer flows out of a body, soul, spirit love. This love is about intimacy and connection. It is not based on what God can do for us. **Conversational prayer is the free-flowing exchange between you and God day-to-day.** This is the place where intimacy with God is birthed. Throughout the day we have intimate conversational prayer with a Father who unconditionally loves us as His child. **This type of prayer is not a discipline to be learned, but a response to live out.**

Inward—Unconditional Love

Prayer is the cornerstone to our understanding our role as a Child of God. Conversational prayer has to be totally submerged in love. Think of how a parent spends time with a small child, connecting with and having conversation on the child's level. What communicates love to that child isn't just the words of love, but also the time and attention given to the child. This is the same way God connects with us, on our level, totally loving us where we are. **He desires and wants to fill you so full with His unconditional love that this love in us as a Child of God overflows into others.**

Outward—Overflowing Love

As this love spills over, we surround people in the love and peace of God. The whole point of this is to love others as God loves them. We believe the best in others, trust them and love them because first He did that for us. We treat others with the innocence and purity of a child. When we operate out of total love and acceptance, the external world no longer affects our internal world. This is what allows us, who are loved by God, to love others with a childlike innocence. Because each of us is a Child of God.

I Am a Co-Heir

"Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory." - Romans 8:17

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

What is a co-heir and what can co-heirs do?

For Your Consideration

An heir is someone who receives an inheritance after the death of someone else. If someone has something they want to give you upon their death, when they die you receive it as an inheritance. **Jesus died to pay for our sins, but as our inheritance He gave us a New Identity, a new heart and the Holy Spirit.** The Bible describes us as not just heirs, but also co-heirs. This means that EVERYTHING Jesus has inherited we have as well.

Upward—Understand My Authority Comes from Jesus

The entire focus of a being a co-heir is upward. **The Bible says that Jesus is in heaven sitting at the right hand of God and we are seated with Him in heavenly places. Not only is the presence of God with us every day through the Holy Spirit, but this means we are with Christ in heaven every day.** This should give us a heavenly perspective. Think about this: if you were sitting next to Jesus right now what could you not accomplish? How does this change who you are? Jesus took back the authority that Satan had stolen and handed it back to us as His co-heir.

Inward—Be Filled with Faith

This gives you a new perspective on the world. Instead of being surrounded by the kingdom of darkness, **we operate from a heavenly place. That heavenly place sees Jesus with all power, all authority, and capable of doing anything.** Because we are co-heirs we can operate from that same authority every day. When we let this perspective take root in us, our faith begins to blossom. And just like God's love and acceptance fills us to the point of overflow, faith will do the same. **Being filled with faith allows you to be free from bondage and use the same power as Jesus to speak with authority.**

Outward—Speak with Authority

Now, even though we are seated with Christ spiritually, physically we are on Earth. **We see the world from a Kingdom-of-God perspective rather than a Kingdom-of-darkness perspective.** But we are not here to float passively through the dark until we are actually present with Christ. Instead **we are here to create a new Kingdom reality the same way God created reality in the beginning.** Jesus gives back to us our authority over the Earth so we can speak God's Kingdom into existence. **And if we are completely co-heirs with Jesus, we have the same power, authority and ability that He gives us to declare the coming of God's Kingdom and the Freedom to those captive and oppressed**

Your Journey of Freedom never ends; we will always be growing in our relationship with the Holy Spirit. With His help we live in our New Identity.

All of this has laid the foundation of Freedom for you. You are going to experience a connection with God unlike anything you've ever felt before as you continue on your journey of Freedom.

**WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HOW GOD MOVES IN
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