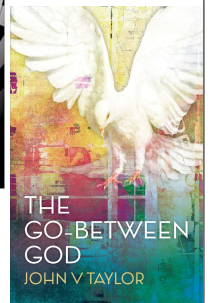
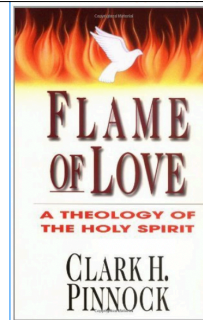




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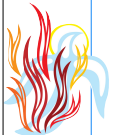
The Indispensable Spirit

Ezekiel 36:24-28:

I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

And I will give you a new heart, and a **new spirit I will put within you**. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

And I will **put my Spirit within you**, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

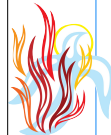


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The Indispensable Spirit

John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Luke 3

4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit." Acts 1



4

The Indispensable Spirit

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2

13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 1 Corinthians 12



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Historic event with continuing effect



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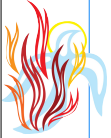


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The Indispensable Spirit

3 There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. **2** After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. "Rabbi," he said, "we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you."
3 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."
4 "What do you mean?" exclaimed Nicodemus. "How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?"
5 Jesus replied, "I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. **6** Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.
7 So don't be surprised when I say, 'You must be born again.'
8 The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit."

John 3 NLT



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The Indispensable Spirit

9 You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you.

And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.

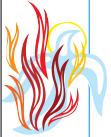
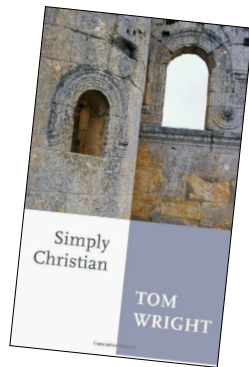
Romans 8



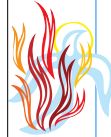
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Without God's Spirit,
there is nothing we can
do that will count for
God's kingdom.

Without God's Spirit, the
church simply can't be
the church.



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the source of NEW LIFE: Grace

And I **will give** you a new heart, and a new spirit I **will put** within you. And I **will remove** the heart of stone from your flesh and **give you** a heart of flesh. Ezekiel 36:24-28

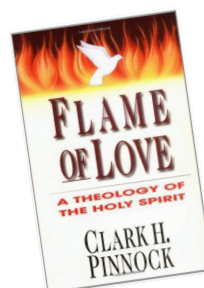
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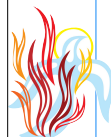
the start of NEW LIFE: Conviction

8 And when [the Spirit] comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment. John 16



Spirit prepares the way for Christ by gracing humanity everywhere... What one encounters in Jesus is the fulfillment of the previous invitations of the Spirit (Clarke Pinnock - Flame of Love p63)

"prevenient grace"

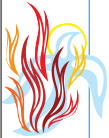


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the shape of NEW LIFE: Jesus

15 "If you love me, obey my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. 17 He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth... 23 Jesus replied, "All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and **we will come and make our home with each of them.**"
John 14

Then coming to the borders of Mysia, they headed north for the province of Bithynia, but again the **Spirit of Jesus** did not allow them to go there. Acts 16:7



13

the receipt of NEW LIFE: Submission

But to all who **did receive him**, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. (John 1:12-13)

38 Peter replied, "**Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**" 39 This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God."

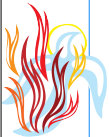


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the prize of NEW LIFE: Knowing God

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

For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the **Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.**
Romans 5:5



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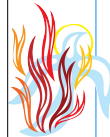
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13 For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. Romans 8



16

the effect of NEW LIFE: Holiness

16 So I say, **let the Holy Spirit guide your lives.** Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. 17 The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the **Spirit gives us desires** that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.....

24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.

25 Since we are living by the Spirit, **let us follow the Spirit's leading** in every part of our lives. 26 Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another.
Galatians 5,6



17

the strength for NEW LIFE: empowered by God

26 And the **Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness.** For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. 27 And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the **Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will.** Romans 8



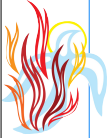
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the boldness of NEW LIFE: Witness & Service

26 "But I will send you the Advocate—the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and **will testify all about me**. 27 And you must also testify about me because you have been with me from the beginning of my ministry. John 15

8 But you will **receive power** when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And **you will be my witnesses**, telling people about me everywhere Acts 1

4 There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all... 7 **A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.** 1 Corinthians 12

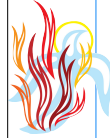
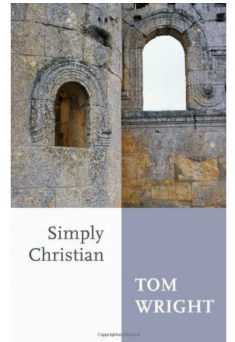


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the boldness of NEW LIFE: Witness & Service

The Holy Spirit and the task of the church. The two walk together, hand in hand. We can't talk about them apart.... The point of the Spirit is to enable those who follow Jesus to take into all the world the news that he is Lord, that he has won the victory over the forces of evil, that a new world has opened up and that we are to help make it happen

(Tom Wright - Simply Christian 104)



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conviction

knowing God

Christ-likeness

strength

holiness of heart and life

power to witness & serve



Come, Holy Spirit

1 I WANT the Spirit of power within,
Of love, and of a healthful mind;
Of power, to conquer inbred sin,
Of love, to thee and all mankind,
Of health, that pain and death defies,
Most vigorous when the body dies.

2 When shall I hear the inward voice
Which only faithful souls can hear?
Pardon, and peace, and heavenly joys
Attend the promised Comforter;
O come, and righteousness divine,
And Christ, and all with Christ, are mine!

3 O that the Comforter would come!
Nor visit as a transient guest,
But fix in me his constant home,
And take possession of my breast,
And fix in me his loved abode,
The temple of indwelling God!

4 Come, Holy Ghost, my heart inspire!
Attest that I am born again;
Come, and baptise me now with fire,
Nor let thy former gifts be vain;
I cannot rest in sins forgiven,
Where is the earnest of my heaven?

5 Where the indubitable seal
That ascertains the kingdom mine?
The powerful stamp I long to feel,
The signature of love divine;
O shed it in my heart abroad,
Fulness of love, of heaven, of God!

Charles Wesley

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