

# True Freedom and Transformation Only in the Lordship of the Holy Spirit

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*Romans 7 illustrates the person trying to do good, but sin in him spoils it. Stop trying to get better. God is not redeeming your flesh; He is crucifying your flesh.*

*Christianity is: Christ paid for my sins; I receive Christ in me by the Holy Spirit; I am not to be reformed because I now have a new Man inside me; Christ in me can live the Christian life by the Holy Spirit; and I'm growing to be more dependent upon the Holy Spirit.*

*Last week's recap:*

## **Essential Atmosphere to Activate the Law of the Spirit Life**

- 1) Faith Consciousness of Indwelling Spirit
- 2) Full Yielding to Lordship of Spirit
- 3) Active Fellowship and Listening to Holy Spirit
- 4) Step-by-step, Practical Obedience to the Spirit's Leading

*Christianity does not mean you are forgiven of the penalty of sin, but you can keep doing whatever you want to do. You're not free if you're sinning. Sin will kill you.*

## **2 Corinthians 3:7-18**

Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, fading though it was, <sup>8</sup>will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? <sup>9</sup>If the ministry that condemns men is glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! <sup>10</sup>For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. <sup>11</sup>And if what was fading away came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts! <sup>12</sup>Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. <sup>13</sup>We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at it while the radiance was fading away. <sup>14</sup>But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. <sup>15</sup>Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. <sup>16</sup>But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

*The glory of Moses' ministry was amazing, but not lasting.*

*Now we have a greater covenant and ministry of the Holy Spirit.*

*There is bondage for everyone who tries to live according to Law. "I'm never going to do that again."*

*The only true freedom on the planet is slavery to Jesus Christ through the dominion of the Holy Spirit.*

*You are being lied to from the enemy that discipleship and obedience to God is bondage for you. Every time you obey the Lord, He supplies the power for you to accomplish it and experience righteousness, joy, and peace in the Holy Spirit.*

*Pastorally, my observation is that most believers do not need more counseling to get over situations, they need to stinkin' obey what the Holy Spirit said in the first place. I do not want to be unsympathetic about the complexity of sin-ridden circumstances, but I tell you, there is power that manifests when you obey.*

*Many people are stalled in their faith because they won't pull the gear shift of obedience.*

*God loves you even in your disobedience, and you cannot earn any more love. But your obedience will change your experience of that love. You cannot experience anointing and flow of life until you obey the Spirit in the little things. Some think, "God, do the big stuff in me, but I don't really have time for these little issues."*

*If you are a believer, Jesus is inside you, speaking to you. Jesus is not a liar:*

**John 10:27 (ESV)**

*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.*

## **Where the Spirit is Lord, Freedom and Transformation Manifest**

### **1) Revelation of the Spirit's Authority**

*Some may still be under the impression that the Holy Spirit is some influence to help us in our trouble and help us get what we want. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the King of kings and Lord of lords. The Spirit has not come to take part in our lives; He has come to take over our lives.*

*"Lord, show me how in control you are."*

### **2) Surrender to the Spirit's Lordship**

*Our problem is not that Jesus does not love us enough or have enough power. Who is going to drive the car? We need more government of the Holy Spirit in our lives.*

### **3) Obedience, the Only True Fruit**

*Freedom is only found in submission to the Lordship of the Holy Spirit, who is dealing with the anarchy in our hearts. Transformation is possible – guaranteed in the atmosphere of Lordship.*

*The Lord is offering you a risk-filled, faith-filled, wonderful life. You need to obey.*

*Train unto obedience now in the little things, and you will progress to the next level of transformation.*