

**Moral
Clarity
Holy Spirit**

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The last few weeks we have been looking at Moral Clarity as presented in the Scriptures. However, moral clarity is worthless unless we have the desire and the power to carry out the things that God requires. Therefore, it is very important to understand that God not only gives us the Moral Clarity, but also God gives us the desire and power to carry out the Moral Clarity HE requires!

Acts 2:38 (ESV)

And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

When we accept Jesus as our Savior, not only are our sins forgiven but also the Holy Spirit comes to live within us. God gives us HIS very presence; the very presence of Christ.

Colossians 1:27 (ESV)

This mystery is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Technically, Jesus is seated on the right hand of God in Heaven and it is the Holy Spirit who comes to live within us.

With the presence of Christ in us (or more literally the Holy Spirit in us), God transforms us to behave the way God desires us to behave. God transforms us to live out the Moral Clarity HE requires!

2 Corinthians 3:18 (ESV)

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are **being transformed** into the same image **from one degree of glory to another**. For this comes from the Lord **who is the Spirit**.

In the original Greek language, “being transformed” is the word from which we derive our English word “metamorphosis” just like a caterpillar changing into a butterfly. In the same way, God is transforming us by the Holy Spirit just like a caterpillar is changed into a butterfly.

I love the quote from Oswald Chambers in “My Utmost for His Highest.”

“The redemption means **that Jesus Christ can place within anyone the same nature that ruled His own life, and all the standards God gives us are based on that nature.”**

The old evangelist Ian Thomas said, “The Christian life is Jesus behaving in us!”

When we accept Christ, we are not only receiving forgiveness, but we also receive Christ’s nature!

Let me present another fact here. Not only do we receive the Holy Spirit, but we also receive Grace from God.

The definition of Grace in the original Greek language has an expanded meaning, “The divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life.” Since Grace is a divine influence on one’s heart with the reflection in one’s life, we can say Grace is the Power of God on our lives. Therefore when we say, we live by Grace, we are saying we live by the Power of God. **In fact everyplace in the Bible where we see the word Grace, we can legitimately substitute the word Power.**

Phil.2:13 is a good definition of Grace. God shows us how Grace also is transforming our behavior.

Philippians 2:13 (ESV)

For it is #1God who #2works in you, both to #3will and to #2work for his good pleasure.

#1We must understand that God is the source of our power and Moral Clarity!

#2Works means puts forth power, empower, energy!

#3To give you the Desire! The power of Grace!

Definition: The divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life.

The Scriptures give us Moral Clarity. However, God Himself gives us Grace, The Power, in our internal being to live out all that HE reveals to us!

Not only does God give us Grace, Power, but God also gives us the Holy Spirit to lead us and empower us consistent with HIS revealed Moral Clarity! This is like Two Power forces working in each and every believer! Therefore the following Scripture has a deeper and even more profound two-fold meaning!

Galatians 5:25 (ESV)

If we live by the Spirit, **let us also keep in step** with the Spirit.

As Christians, we have the Scriptures to guide us and the inner presence of the Holy Spirit and the Grace of God to empower us!

Of course this applies to every aspect of our life. With this same reasoning, we must address the social issues of the day and the false reasoning the world promotes.

The world says it is okay to be a homosexual; but God says, “You are not in step with the Holy Spirit!”
The world says it is okay to be a transvestite; but God says, “You are not in step with the Holy Spirit!”
The world says it is okay for a man to marry a man or a woman a woman; but God says, “You are not in step with the Holy Spirit!”

Make this same application to any other sin. What if the world said it is okay to be thief; **but God says, “You are not in step with the Holy Spirit!”**

We have to understand that when we accept Christ, we are not accepting just a different set of rules.

When we accept Christ, we receive the person of Jesus through the Holy Spirit and are being transformed into HIS image. Christians don't just follow different rules, we are new creations!!!

Galatians 6:15 (ESV)

For neither (rules) counts for anything, nor lack of rules), but a new creation.

God alone brings moral Clarity and also the Power to change! Therefore, to those without Christ, we have “one” message:

John 3:16–17 (ESV)

¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him **(AND HAVE MORAL CLARITY!).**

Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.