



Sunday February 07, 2021
Overcoming Part-4: Walking In The Spirit

Living victoriously over the flesh, the world, the devil.

Quick review:

Part-1: We established that every believer can live an overcoming victorious life over the flesh, the world, and the devil. The way to live an overcoming life is through faith.

Part-2: We discovered the basis for living a victorious, overcoming life as believers. We can live overcoming lives because of what Jesus accomplished for us on the Cross and because of the new life we have in Christ.

ON THE CROSS – THE POWER OF SIN WAS BROKEN, SATAN WAS DEFEATED AND WE WERE REDEEMED
OUR NEW LIFE IN CHRIST GIVES US NEW IDENTITY AND NEW SPIRITUAL CAPABILITY. Our identity is who we are in Christ. And we are empowered by God in all things.

Past-3: We discovered that the Word of God is one of the important ‘tools’ we use to overcome the flesh, the world and the devil. This is something God has made available to us and has instructed us to use as we seek to live overcoming, victorious lives. We overcome with the Word. We must:

#1, FEED YOUR INNER PERSON WITH THE WORD

#2, RENEW YOUR MIND WITH THE WORD

#3, SPEAK THE WORD

Today, we develop this further and discover one additional key to living victorious, overcoming lives as believers. This is to WALK IN THE SPIRIT.

Let us read the following Scripture texts:

Romans 8:1-11

Galatians 5:16-26

Ephesians 5:17-21

SOME KEY INSIGHTS

- ✓ We are instructed and empowered to walk in the Spirit (Galatians 5:16,25)
- ✓ Walking in the Spirit is key to overcoming the flesh (sin) and death (things that destroy) (Romans 8:2).
- ✓ Walking in the Spirit is necessary to living a life pleasing to God (Romans 8:8)
- ✓ Walking in the Spirit leads to life, peace and righteousness (Romans 8:6,10)



NOTE: We use the terms walk in the Spirit, live in the Spirit, and Spirit filled life interchangeably and synonymously. They refer to the same thing. The believer living filled with the Spirit.

We will address these three questions in today's sermon:

- What Does It Mean To Walk In The Spirit?
- How Do I Do This Practically?
- How Do I Know If I Am Walking In The Spirit?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO WALK IN THE SPIRIT?

We see the apostle Paul using such language as 'do not be drunk with wine, but be filled with the Spirit', 'walk in the Spirit', 'live in the Spirit', 'be led by the Spirit'.

To walk in the Spirit is to walk yielded to, under the influence of, in submission to, under the direction of and by the empowering of the person of the Holy Spirit.

This means that regardless of what is happening in my mind, my body, or around me – my spirit is in a place of submission, yielding, under the leading and direction, and under the empowering of the Holy Spirit. I am Spirit governed.

We walk in the Spirit, live in the Spirit and are led by the Spirit.

HOW DO I DO THIS PRACTICALLY?

How do we walk in the Spirit, practically, day to day?

1, Stay filled

Ephesians 5:18 ...be filled with the Spirit

Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to fill you. Welcome Him.

Any time you feel His presence in your life diminish, just ask Him to fill you once again.

It is not that the Holy Spirit leaves us, that we need to ask Him back in. Instead, we understand that this is a moment by moment staying under His influence. If I move myself out of that place, then I need to bring myself back into a place of being under Him.

2, Think about and pursue what pleases the Holy Spirit



Romans 8:5

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

Those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

The Passion Translation

Those who are motivated by the flesh only pursue what benefits themselves. But those who live by the impulses of the Holy Spirit are motivated to pursue spiritual realities.

See how other versions render the second part of Romans 8:5

Contemporary English Version:....**Everyone who is ruled by the Holy Spirit thinks about spiritual things.**

Easy To Read Version:...**But those who live following the Spirit are thinking about what the Spirit wants them to do.**

Good New Bible:..... **Those who live as the Spirit tells them to, have their minds controlled by what the Spirit wants.**

You will be spiritually minded – affections set on the things of God.

Do not tolerate anything that might grieve or displease Him (Ephesians 4:30). Do not quench Him (1 Thessalonians 5:19) or resist Him (Acts 7:51).

Think about the Holy Spirit as One who is always with you and whom you wish to please all the time.

3, Ask the Holy Spirit for help

When you feel your flesh 'rising up', feeling angry, feeling irritated, the pull of wrong desires, temptations, etc. ask the Holy Spirit to help you at that moment.

When you see situations getting bad, storms rising, mountains in your way, unexpected situations, etc. lean on the Spirit. Stay under His influence. Draw from Him.

Talk to Him. Ask Him to empower you. Ask Him for strength. Ask Him to fill you with His love and peace.

If you make a mistake, be quick to repent. Tell Him 'sorry'. Get things right with people.



4, Speak the Word

Ephesians 6:17

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit. We speak it. The Holy Spirit makes it effective and causes it to produce results.

Speak His Word over your mind.
Speak His Word over your flesh (desires, affections).
Speak His Word over your situations and circumstances.
Speak His Word against satan and demonic powers.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM WALKING IN THE SPIRIT?

How can we tell if I am really living filled with the Spirit and walking in the Spirit

1, I will manifest the fruit of the Spirit

Instead of the works of the flesh (listed for us in Galatians 5:19-21), I will be manifesting the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

2, I will edify others

Ephesians 5:19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,...

The point is you will be speaking (edifying, encouraging, inspiring) one another through words (psalms, hymns, spiritual words) that come from the Holy Spirit.

3, I will be in a place of communion with the Lord

Ephesians 5:19-20

..singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

with a heart of thanksgiving and worship, for all things, in all things, at all times,

4, I will walk with humility and submission



Ephesians 5:21

submitting to one another in the fear of God.

Walking in humility before others. Looking out for others interests.

SUMMARY

Walking in the Spirit is an important key for us to live victorious and overcoming lives over the flesh, the world and the devil.

We must learn (train ourselves) to walk in the Spirit, or to live Spirit-filled lives.

COMING UP

In the upcoming sermons in this series, we are going to share how we apply what we have understood this far in living victorious in each of these three areas – the flesh, the world and the devil.

SALVATION CALL

The GOSPEL (Good News) in brief.

Here is how we RECEIVE the Good News for our personal lives.

We make it a simple A,B,C,D. We must:

ACKNOWLEDGE: our sin, the consequences of our sin, and our need for a Savior

BELIEVE: in Jesus Christ, in who He is and what He has done on the Cross, personally

CONFESS: Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior of our lives

DECIDE: to follow Jesus Christ as His disciple for the rest of our lives

MINISTRY TIME

Call ministry team up.



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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The is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at apcwo.org/sermons . Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture passages: *Romans 8:1-11; Galatians 5:16-26; Ephesians 5:17-21*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1, Discuss what it means to walk in the Spirit, or to live filled with the Spirit?

2, Review the four insights presented to help us practically walk in the Spirit or live the Spirit filled life

1, Stay filled

2, Think about and pursue what pleases the Holy Spirit



- 3, *Ask the Holy Spirit for help*
- 4, *Speak the Word*

- 3, *Review the four indicators that will be evidence that we are walking in the Spirit*
 - 1, *I will manifest the fruit of the Spirit*
 - 2, *I will edify others*
 - 3, *I will be in a place of communion with the Lord*
 - 4, *I will walk with humility and submission*

If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, *families to be protected and strengthened*
- 2, *a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*
- 3, *for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.*

Close by thanking God together.



USEFUL RESOURCES



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

BIBLE COLLEGE: <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

E-LEARNING: <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

WEEKEND SCHOOLS: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

COUNSELING: <https://chrysalislife.org>

MUSIC: <https://apcmusic.org>

MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP: <https://pamfi.org>

CHURCH APP: <https://apcwo.org/app>

CHURCHES: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/churches>

WORLD MISSIONS: <https://apcworldmissions.org>