

THE SPIRIT LEVEL

Jesus prepared a level of life for us; it is called the abundant life. It is the uncreated eternal life of his divine nature, his manifest presence. Access to this life is found in the secret place of intimacy with him, it is the beauty realm, where our awareness of his Spirit is so great—everything else takes a secondary place.

The life of God flows out of heaven like a river, but we have a door in our spirit, that we have to open up. We have to open up our spirit on a moment to moment basis, for this life to flow into it.

Some people only experience the presence of God when they go to church, they may experience it in the atmosphere. Sometimes they may experience it when reading the word of God, the holy spirit will quicken a passage, and they become aware of his presence.

When our spirit is alive to God, the river flows under the door and we experience the life of God every once and a while as his life trickles through. It flows through in a thin stream. But we can learn how to open the door of our spirit so that the flow increases.

When need to learn how to be filled with The Spirit so that we our whole being is immersed in God and then it naturally overflows out of us. This increases our capacity as a vessel of God.

This level of his Life is opened up to us the moment our spirit comes alive to him, and our soul is immersed in his Spirit, through his infilling. We have to discover and learn the gateways of spirit, soul and body, because there are areas in our soul that will block the life of God flowing into us on a continual basis.

Our spirit, soul and body have senses that become gateways for the life of God to flow through us on a continual basis, but we have to become aware of them, and allow the Holy Spirit to cleanse, heal and restore them, so that we become a whole person.

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The life of God flows out of heaven into our spirit and then into our soul and then into our body out into the world around us bringing the kingdom into the natural realm.

We have to learn how to live from the inside out, so that we become aware of our spirit and it senses the inflowing of God's life that strengthens our spirit so that we are empowered to bring our soul into submission to the lordship of Jesus over our spirit.

We have to learn how to live on the spirit level, where our spirit is ruling and reigning being strengthened through intimacy with Christ-the anointing or Power of his Spirit being present.

If we learn how to worship the Lord with all our heart, we will become aware of His presence. Our spiritual senses have to be developed, through our awareness of the presence of God in them. Once we become aware of one of the gateways of our spirit, then we can learn how to activate it through our will.

The Spirit level is where our spirit-is in contact with the Holy Spirit-and his Eternal life is flowing into the soul. It is called being filled with the Spirit-where his Spirit is occupying-all our heart. This is an intimate experience, where God is more real to us than anything else at that moment in time.

The Word of God directs us to be continually filled with his Spirit-which is an imperative-a commandment that can only be accomplished by the yielding of our heart to the Holy Spirit's influence. When we are filled with the Spirit then the commandment to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind and strength can be fulfilled.

When we respond to God's calling to walk with him in the spirit, we face problems that will not go away until we press into a certain level in the Spirit; we rise above that which has been troubling us by appropriating a greater measure of his nature in our spirit.

Pressing in, being persistent that our spirit take ascendancy is not to be a way of life, because we are to live in mystic union, but we have

been trained to live from the outside in, so we have to learn how to walk in the spirit and not in the soul-flesh.

The circumstances which are troubling us do not go away until we find out exactly what God is trying to work into our spirit and then once that part of his nature is worked into us, the problems no longer bother us and we no longer struggle in that area of our lives.

The reason we have problems is because our soul gets tied to the things of this life-people, places, things, possessions and the list goes on and on. Desires for other things and the cares of this life will trouble us until we are no longer focused on them. When we die to them, by pressing into a new level of the Spirit of God occupying our life, then the problem or circumstance disappears.

Our soul has certain needs and desires that are God given, but God desires to meet all these needs through His Spirit. In the past we have tried to get all these needs met in the flesh. The flesh is that union of soul and body that acts independently of the Lord.

When we look to the world to get our needs met we can end up getting hurt, broken and damaged because we were not led by his Spirit. Being led by the Spirit is becoming a mature son and daughter of God, and is something we grow into as we learn how to follow the pathway of intimacy or relationship with God.

When our focus is on anything other than the Lord, it becomes an idol. The blessing of God becomes more important than God himself. When we become content without the blessing, then God adds the blessing because we will never allow it to take his place in our heart.

Abraham against natural hope believed in hope and received a son, and then he was required to offer his son to the Lord. When he was willing to offer up his son, then he received back his son forever.

When we reach a spiritual level where God can bless us, then we have to lay that blessing on the altar. When we are willing to sacrifice that blessing to God then he gives it back to us forever.

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God is not against joy-in his presence is fullness of Joy. He is the God of pleasure-the pleasures that originate in his Spirit. The only kind of pleasure that the Spirit of God is not in, are those pleasures which lead away from him, those which are deceitful in nature-they seem to be good but in the end produce death, because they are perverted in that they lead us away from his Spirit. The Spirit of God is in that which draws us to him. Anything that increases our intimacy with God is of God; anything that disconnects us from him is not of him.

The soulish level is the thinking and emotions and desires which are on a human level-that are independent of the Spirit of God-these thoughts and feelings do not originate in him. They originated in our fallen nature, a level of life which is below, which falls short of his Glory-who he is and what he does, the way he thinks and the way he feels, the life force inherent in him that moves and motivates him, the essence of which he is.

When we yielded to the lordship of Jesus Christ, our spirit became alive to him, in the sense of being aware of his presence inside of us. We now have the mind of Christ in our spirit, but our natural mind in our soul and our bodies has been trained in unrighteousness and has to be renewed. So we have to learn how to no longer walk after the flesh, but learn how to walk in the spirit.

The beginning of a walk with God starts with repentance-because our thinking and feelings are on to low of a level. Repentance is the result of revelation flowing into our spirit, and walking in it. The Spirit of God has to open up our eyes to see his beauty-as he reveals his Glory it transforms us and we begin to walk in it.

The reason we fall short of his Glory is because we have sunk down to a lower level. There is a gravitational pull that tries to pull us down. The reason a person gets overcome, is because they have not learned how to guard their heart, to abide in him. If our spirit is not in

active communion-fellowship with God, we are living on too low of a level and circumstances can come in and wipe us out.

As our spirit is in contact with God's Spirit it is being glorified with his beauty, but because our soul and body are not yet glorified, and we live in a world that is not yet glorified-there is a gravitational pull-so that the moment we come down and sink below the level of Spirit to a soulish level our awareness of contrary circumstances can become greater than our awareness of his Spirit.

As we learn how to walk in the spirit, we reach into a higher level, where we are being blessed, where our spirit is communing with the Lord and our awareness of God is so great, that our awareness of problems do not affect us the same way that they do people who are not living in active fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

Our soul ties us to this world, but these ties are broken as our spirit ascends to a new level in God, more of his nature is worked into our spirit so that our soul no longer hinders the freedom we have in our spirit. We lose our soul (life) and then find our soul (life). That area our soul (life) now stays in submission to our spirit (God's life).

Our soul life consists of every desire we have on a human level, all of these desires must come into submission to the lordship of Jesus Christ. This includes even the basic desires of what we shall eat and what we shall drink and what we shall clothe ourselves with-everything we need on a human level and everything we desire on a human level.

We are to take no thought on a human level as far as what we need and what we desire. We are not to mind earthly things; we are to focus on God's rule in our heart and others and the development of his divine attributes in our life. It is as we learn how to maintain a right spirit that our soul comes into submission to it. Then whatever our soul desire on a human level is added to us.

God's nature is love, as we grow in this love we overcome self-love. The root of almost every problem we have in life is in the self-

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nature. Every new level in God requires more of his love operating in our heart. Our focus becomes God centered and then other people centered-especially the household of God.