

Sermon Notes: Boost —May 15th & 22nd, 2022
Impact Church Bridgewater
“Holy Spirit Driven Identity”

FOUNDATION OF FAITH:

Colossians 2:10

“and you are *complete* in Him...”

The Holy Spirit wants to close the gap between your perception of yourself and who you really are.

The Holy Spirit is more than a manifestation, a sign, a wonder, a miracle, a tongue and a feeling.

Hebrews 10:14

“For by one offering He has *perfected* forever those who are being sanctified/holy”

We are perfected and complete. We just don't know it and believe it, and so we don't act like it!

The Holy Spirit helps you recognize your personal identity in Christ.

Life Through the Spirit

Romans 8 :1Therefore, there is now (**no condemnation**) for those who are **in Christ Jesus**,² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you^[a] free from the law of sin and death.³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh,⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

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. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life^[d] because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you. **PAUSE.....**

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. 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. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.^[i] **(The Greek word for *adoption to sonship* is a term referring to the full legal standing of an adopted male heir in Roman culture)**

And by him we cry, “Abba,^[g] Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

Romans 8:14- 16 Passion The mature children of God are those who are moved by the impulses of the Holy Spirit. And you did not receive the “spirit of religious duty,” leading you back into the fear of never being good enough. But you have received the “Spirit of full acceptance,” enfolding you into the family of God. And you will never feel orphaned, for as he rises up within us, our spirits join him in saying the words of tender affection, “Beloved Father!” For the Holy Spirit makes God's fatherhood real to us as he whispers into our innermost being, “You are God's beloved child!”

Note: The Holy Spirit will always bear witness to the spirit of a person. You are Spirit, Soul and Body. You have a spirit where the Holy Spirit

dwells. The Holy Spirit speaks to your spirit that you are a Child of God.

¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

HOW IMPORTANT IS IT FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP YOU and REMIND YOU OF WHO YOU ARE?

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. **¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.**

²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that^[h] the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

NOTE: ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. There is a groaning in creation anxiously waiting for you to understand, realize, recognize who you are.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

NOTE: When we comprehend the fullness of our identity in Christ **EVERYTHING** changes. Look at vs 17 again, “heirs of God” What does that mean? There is a revelation to be revealed. The unveiling of royalty wrapped or masqueraded in earthly flesh.

All sufferings are for a moment because our sufferings are temporal, but victories are permanent. Our earth suit with its impeccable design is much different than our glorified heavenly body even with Holy Spirit living in it.

CREATION GROANING in VS 22

The Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. Vs 26

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. VS 16

SO, the goal of the Holy Spirit is to reveal your identity

²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who^[i] have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

More Than Conquerors

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

SO YOU HAVE CREATION< THE SPIRIT AND NOW THE SON in vs 34
groaning on your behalf that you may GET IT!!

My question is what will it take for us to start functioning from the Spirit rather than the flesh?

Stop living from a place of pain but rather position!!

BJ says, “he wants to reveal the significance of adoption that HE chose YOU.” You were dead in sin and had no options and nowhere to turn. Your back was against the wall.

Our promise is found in vs 28

Check out vs 23 but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

Now you have your spirit groaning as well..... Don't reduce prayer to just words. Your spirit is praying as well

³⁵ **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?** Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”^[1]

³⁷ No, in all these things we are **more than conquerors through him who loved us.** ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,^[2] neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, **will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Kathryn Kuhlman:

“Christians today operate very little in the Holy Spirit because of their ignorance concerning the Holy Spirit Himself.”

C. H. Spurgeon:

“You may know a man and have an idea that he is powerful; but to know him and his power over you, is a stage further. ... you may have no knowledge of him and of his personal influence over yourself.”

We must know by experience the Person of the Holy Spirit, and to know his power and influence upon us. We want the Boost He brings!

CAA Time for a boost when your battery is dead.

We don't want to limit the Holy Spirit to some mystical entity that we must plug ourselves into, but we must connect with Him on a relational level.

We want to know the power of the boost personally not just the historical evidence of it.

Kathryn Kuhlman:

"The Holy Spirit is the greatest promoter who ever lived, and he promotes just one person: Jesus Christ."

He only promotes Jesus Christ, but when he does, he promotes you too!

Can you see yourself IN CHRIST? Or can you see Christ in you?

Identity: What is it and where does it come from?

If someone asked you the question, "who are you," how would you answer?

Are you your name? **BOBBY** Or is that what you are called?

Are you your job or your ministry (**BI-VOCATIONAL**) or is that what you do?

Are you what others think of you, or is that your reputation?

Are you what you think of yourself, or is that mere self-perception?

Are you the sum of how people treat you, or does that reflect them?

Are you your genetics, or is there something deeper about you?

Are you the product of your environment or your choices?

Are you fundamentally defined by your nationality, ethnicity, socio-economic status, or even your sexual orientation?

Who are you and who told you who you are? This is one of the fundamental issues of life, that if gotten wrong can set your whole life on a trajectory of disconnection, pain, and even sickness and misery. This sense of self is such a powerful force in determining the course of our lives.

Who are you, and who told you who you are?

What you identify with/as is not really who you are?

Knowing your God-given identity **gives you confidence, self-esteem, and awareness**. Knowing who you are and Whose you are changes everything. If you knew that you were fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14), that would change the way you view yourself.

Genesis 3:1-6

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?”

2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ”

4 Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.

5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

The devil is planting a seed in Eve in vs 5 that something is wrong with her because she can't see God. Eve you don't measure up.

The snake said, “You could be like God!” She was made in God’s image, but the devil tried to convince her she wasn’t. She knew the tree was poison but when looked at through the lens of her own deficiency it took on a different look. It appealed to her.

Vs 11 “And he(God) said, “**Who told you that you were naked?** Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

Who told you? Who changed your perception of yourself? Many people live under a false identity. An alias if you will.

EX. (John 1:43-46). Philip comes to find Nathaniel (Bartholomew) because he was excited about Jesus.

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.” Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.

Philip found Nathanael and told him, “**We have found the one** Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of **Nazareth**, the son of Joseph.”

“**Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?**” Nathanael asked.

“Come and see,” said Philip

Note: When Nathaniel heard Jesus was the one, he was excited but when he found out where he was from, he was skeptical and sarcastic.

Nazareth? Bridgewater? New Germany, Oakhill, Caldonia, Riverport (Name your town) (put your name in the black) Can anything good come from _____? Can anything good come from me?

Nathaniel could not comprehend that something good could come from them. HE was one of their own....

When you have a view about yourself that has been fashioned by others, or you accept the labels people place on you because of your personality, your place or your position, there comes a time when you believe the lies that nothing good can come from you.

Some of you are trapped! Not in trials, temptations , traditions or even your transgressions. You are trapped in the lie that God can't transfer that lie into truth. **You are trapped in your Nazareth.**

I'm here this morning to break the lie that you are trapped in what and who you were!!!

Don't believe the label the devil puts on you...NOT YOU!!

You don't need people to tell you who you are!!

You are accepted not rejected!

Our Problem: Someone Wants to Label You!

1. The World

In the 1970's it was reported that the average person was exposed to 500 – 1600 ads per day. By 2007 that has increased to 5000 ad per day, and its estimated that today people are exposed to anywhere from 4000-10,000 ads per day.

2. People

The way people treat you, talk to you, interact with you, what they

expect from you, all speaks to how they see you and has some pretty clear messaging.

3. The Devil

Revelation 12:10

“...for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.”

4. Ourselves

We talk to ourselves a lot!

Psychology Today. “Self-Talk: Don’t be Mean to Yourself” by Linda and Charlie Bloom.

“In Robert Gerzon’s book, Finding Serenity in the Age of Anxiety... He claims that for those people who have a real chatterbox of a mind, there can be a velocity of up to 400 words per minute.”

That’s 24,000 words an hour, and 576,000 words a day!

God’s Solution:

We are complete and whole in him:

Colossians 2:10

“and you are complete in Him...”

Hebrews 10:14

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Romans 8:16 (NIV)

“The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.”

Romans 8:16 (MSG)

“God’s Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are.”

We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children.”

1 Cor. 6:17

But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

1 John 4:17

“...as he is, so are we in this world.”

Colossians 3:4

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Appear / φανερώω: phaneroó: to make visible, make clear... to become apparent (“graspable”).

John 15:26

“But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

Truth / ἀλήθεια : alétheia: truth. “(alétheia) was synonymous for “reality” as the opposite of illusion...”

When Holy Spirit makes Jesus real, plain, visible and clear, he also makes you plain and clear and visible in him!

Let's get Practical: The Boost

1. Actions and Choices

When life messaging says you are not enough, Holy Spirit will be there speaking deeply into your heart letting you know that you are enough.

Ephesians 1:6

“...to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.”

Galatians 5:25-26 (MSG)

25-26 Since this is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives. That means we will not compare ourselves with each other as if one of us were better and another worse. We have far more interesting things to do with our lives.

Each of us is an original. Embracing your authentic original self is a life lived in and by the Spirit.

2. Relationships

Holy Spirit will rescue you from trading in your authenticity to try to be liked.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

3. Job/ Performance / Ministry

Holy Spirit will show you that Jesus did it all, sat down, and is now waiting for you to enter his rest too! You don't need to prove anything, and striving is superfluous. Your work adds nothing to his!

1 Corinthians 2:12

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God,

Galatians 4:6-7

Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Therefore, you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

4. Self-Perception

He will help you walk through life in a way that reflects that new found belief about yourself as you are in Christ!

2 Timothy 1:7

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Summary:

The Boost: In a world that wants to define you, limit and label you, a personal, present, identity coach is one incredible BOOST!

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