



- Once our spirit is alive and connected to God's Spirit, the Holy Spirit begins the work of destroying the fortresses of the flesh.
- Our Self (both intellectually and emotionally) violently resists this determined onslaught of the Holy Spirit
  - It is deeply painful
  - Self-Life Threatening

### Romans 7:21-23

I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. <sup>22</sup> I love God's law with all my heart. <sup>23</sup> **But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind.** This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me.

## This is the Beginning of the Spirit's Work of Sanctification

### 7 Supernatural Results of Spirit-Led Living

#### 1. Now I Am Directly Connected to the Mind of God

##### 1 Cor. 2:12-16

<sup>12</sup> **And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.** <sup>13</sup> When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths. <sup>14</sup> **But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means.** <sup>15</sup> **Those who are spiritual can evaluate all things, but they themselves cannot be evaluated by others.** <sup>16</sup> For, "Who can know the Lord's thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?" **But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.** Also See (Romans 12:1-2)

#### 2. The "Abba-Father" Relationship

##### Romans 8:14-16

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, **you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."** <sup>16</sup> For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. See (Heb. 4:16)

#### 3. The Goodness of the Spirit Overflows to Others Through Me to Encourage Others

##### Ephesians 5:18-19

**18** And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, **19 speaking to one another** in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

#### 4. The Eyes of My Heart Are Open to the REAL World

##### Ephesians 1:17-18

I ask God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you **spiritual wisdom and insight** so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. <sup>18</sup> **I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.** <sup>19</sup> **I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him.** This is the same mighty power <sup>20</sup> that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. **Also See (2 Cor. 4:16-18)**

#### 5. Continual Revealing and Cleansing of the Evil Inside Me

##### Hebrews 4:12-13

**For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.** <sup>13</sup> Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable. **Also See (Romans 8:13)**

#### 6. My Spirit & God's Spirit Intimately Communicate

##### Romans 8: 26-27

...The Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for *us* with groanings too deep for words; **27** and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to *the will of God*.

#### 7. I Receive The Spiritual Gifts The Holy Spirit Chooses For Me

##### 1 Cor. 12:4-7, 11

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. <sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. <sup>7</sup> **A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other...** <sup>11</sup> **It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decide which gift each person should have.**

