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It's God's Promise
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Text: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (p.1129)

Christianity is not merely about precepts, principles and our willingness to live these out. It is _____ . (*1 Cor. 4:20*)

Are we _____ something?

One of the purposes of the sacrifice of Jesus – one of the great _____ God wanted to bestow upon people who would trust in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus - was the sending of “the Counselor” (*Jn. 16:7*).

The Greek word translated Counselor or Comforter is the word _____. This Greek word is the combination of two words that together mean *to come along side or with*.

Jesus says that a big part of the reason He did what He did on the cross was that God might send the Spirit to live life with us and in us when we _____ in Jesus.

When we become a follower of Jesus, we are not only forgiven of our sins, we are given a gift – “the paraklete” - the Holy Spirit. God Himself dwells within us, desiring to empower us for a life that is not normal, but _____. (*Acts 2:38*)

This is the way God _____ humanity to live from the beginning. It is the reason Jesus came. And it is the reason people are intrigued with what culture defines as paranormal. Something within the human spirit knows something is missing.

Jesus promises full, abundant life for those who trust Him. But that full, abundant life is utterly connected to and _____ upon the gift of the Holy Spirit within the children of God. (*Jn. 10:10*)

The promises of God in our lives will not be fulfilled by our own _____, but by God's power in us.

- The Spirit empowers us to grow regularly in our ability to grasp the greatness of God's _____ for us (*Eph. 3:16-21*).
- The Spirit convinces us that we truly belong to God and are the _____ of God (*Rom. 8:15-16*).
- The Spirit enables us to walk in greater purity (*1 Cor. 6:18-20*), truth (*John 16:12-15*) and _____ (*2 Cor. 3:17*).
- We can, by the Spirit, have supernatural boldness and _____. (*Acts 4:29-31*)
- Because of the Spirit, we can change and our _____ can be like that of Jesus (*Gal. 5:19-23*), and we can love with a love that is extraordinary (*1 Cor. 13*).
- The Spirit enables us to live in radical _____, love and self-discipline (*2 Tim. 1:7*).

Attempting life as a follower of Jesus is utterly impossible and ultimately _____ if we do not learn to walk in step with the Spirit.

Every believer – every follower of Jesus – is the temple of the Holy Spirit. God's Spirit indwells us. If that is true, should there not be a huge _____ between the person who has the Spirit of God and the one who doesn't?

Galatians 5:25 says that since the fullness of life is found by the Spirit, let us make sure we keep in step with the Spirit. The better we keep in step, the more we really _____.

If we don't seek to stay in step with the Spirit, life is normal and _____ than something in our heart knows it should be.

- Reading this week: *Surprised by the Power of the Spirit*, chapters 1-3.
- For further study:
- David McQueen's 11-8-09 message *The Source* at beltway.org
 - *Forgotten God* by Francis Chan