



**ECCLESIOLOGY**

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- He is fully God



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1. His distinct role: *aid and empower the Godhead*

### MATTHEW 3:16-17

16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and **he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.** 17 And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”.



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1. His distinct role: *aid and empower the Godhead*

### ROMANS 8:10-11

10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 **If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.**



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### 2. We must be reborn to enter God's Kingdom

#### JOHN 3:5-8

5 Jesus answered, **“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.** 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”



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3. Our rebirth causes our faith, not in the reverse

### JOHN 6:63-65

63 The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. 64 Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. 65 He went on to say, **“This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.”**





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### How do we then live out our rebirth?

#### GALATIANS 5:12-25

13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. 16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.



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17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these.



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#### GALATIANS 5:12-25

I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.**



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**ALSO:**

EPHESIANS 2:5

COLOSSIANS 2:13

**How does this reality inform our ecclesiology?**



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- Walking by the Spirit is what we do when the desires produced by the Spirit are stronger than the desires produced by the flesh.
- Works *by* Enablement vs. Works *for* Enablement

### ROMANS 8:6-8

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**We are able to do “it” because of the Holy Spirit**



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### YHWH fulfilling his promises in Christ

#### EZEKIEL 36:26-28

26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. 28 You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.



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**16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.** 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. 18 **But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.**





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**"Walking by the Spirit" and "being led by the Spirit" are *synonymous***

- "Being led by the Spirit" stresses the Spirit's initiative and enablement
- "Walking by the Spirit" stresses our resulting behavior



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### GALATIANS 5:19-23

19 Now **the works** of the flesh are evident: **sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies,** and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But **the fruit** of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control;** against such things there is no law



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### GALATIANS 5:13-14, 19-23

- "The fruit of the Spirit" stresses the Spirit's initiative and enablement to fulfill God's law
- "Works of the flesh" and the "fruit of the Spirit" are contrasted in v.19–23
- *Giving in to the flesh* and *serving each other through love* are contrasted in v.13 and v.14



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### GALATIANS 5:13-25

Gospel Love is the lifestyle of one who bears the fruit of the Spirit, is led by the Spirit, and walks by the Spirit.



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**What pleases God? Movements led by the Spirit.**



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## 1. Confess and Agree

Let's admit our lack and let it have a devastating effect on our pride

## 2. Pray

Pray for his desires to trump the Flesh

- Ezekiel 36:27, Psalm 51:10

## 3. Faith

Pray for your sanctification and that our brokenness we will not hinder the local expression

- Rom 8:14
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Why is this important in our lives and in our ecclesiology?

## 4. Act

Ask for the Spirit's enablement and in his promise do we work with all our might by faith.

## 5. Thankfulness

We should be thankful because he did it all







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