

CHRIST IS SPIRIT

2 Cor. 3:17 And the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the Savior of mankind. He came into the world almost two thousand years ago and lived on earth as a genuine man. His life was a perfect human life that exemplifies the highest standard of morality. After thirty-three and a half years of sinless human living, He was nailed to the cross to take away the sin of all mankind.

The Resurrected Christ is the Spirit

The Bible says that Christ went into death for three days, but He did not remain there. On the third day He resurrected spiritually and physically. The abundant witnesses to His resurrection, who saw and talked and walked with Him, are a strong testimony to a historical fact that has remained unshaken for the past two thousand years. Socrates died; Napoleon died; Alexander the Great died; Karl Marx died; and Mohammed, Buddha, and Confucius all died. But Jesus Christ is alive! His tomb is an empty tomb, and He lives within the spirits of millions of people today.

On the evening of the Lord's resurrection, He came to His disciples and did something rather strange to them: He breathed into them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit". The divine breath that He breathed into the disciples was just Himself in resurrection as the life-giving Spirit.

What We Need Is the Heavenly Air—the Life-giving Spirit of Christ

The best way to understand the Spirit is by way of illustration. Consider the air around you. It is everywhere and is available to everyone. Whether you are in the East or in the West, in a closed room or at the market place, the air is always with you. The Bible compares the Spirit to air. In fact, the word for Spirit in Greek is *pneuma*, which can also be translated "breath" or "wind."

Human beings are like a rubber tire, and the Spirit is like the air. Many people live with "flat tires" in their lives; they are depressed and plod along life's journey in a bumpy way. What we need is the heavenly air—the life-giving Spirit of Christ. When we have Him, our ride will be smooth, and we will be filled with the heavenly *pneuma*!

We Can Experience All That God Is by Calling on the Lord's Name

When a person believes in the Lord Jesus, the Spirit comes into this person and lives within him. Second Timothy 4:22 says that the Lord Jesus Christ is with our spirit. We do not need to go to heaven to find God, and we do not need to make any pilgrimage on earth to touch Him. The most holy place is now in our spirit. When electricity is installed in a house, all that a person has to do is to turn on the switch. Today, the Spirit is "installed" in this universe—Christ has accomplished all the work, and as the life-giving Spirit, He is now everywhere. Whenever we call on the Lord's name, our spirits are "switched on," and we can experience all that God is.