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SPIRIT WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD

A CHURCH OF GOD IN WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS



A vintage map with a compass rose and a compass needle. The map is aged and yellowed, with various geographical labels and a grid of latitude and longitude lines. A brass compass is positioned in the lower-left corner, with its needle pointing towards the top-left. The word "NORT" is visible on the map, along with "I de Cabo Verde" and "MARE VIR".

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1. Matthew 7:13-14 (KJV): "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for **wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.**"

2. John 16:33 (KJV): "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. **In the world ye shall have tribulation:** but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

3. Acts 14:22 (KJV): "Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that **we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.**"

4. Romans 7:21-24 (KJV): "I find then a law, that, when I would do good, **evil is present with me.** For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, **warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.** O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"

5. 2 Timothy 3:12 (KJV): "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus **shall suffer persecution**

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- 1. Faith Like a Child:** Jesus Himself emphasized the importance of having a childlike faith. [Matthew 18:3] This indicates that the essence of faith is simple, trusting, and humble, much like a child's trust in their parent.
- 2. Basic Principles:** The core teachings of Christianity, such as love, forgiveness, kindness, and faithfulness, are simple concepts that even young children can understand and practice in their daily lives. These principles form the foundation of the Christian life – and marked of a prepared Christian that we will be talking about today.
- 3. Relationship with God:** Christianity emphasizes a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. This relationship is not based on complex rituals or intellectual understanding but on a simple trust and reliance on God's love and grace.
- 4. The Gospel Message:** At the heart of Christianity is **the Gospel** message, which is simple yet profound: Jesus Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again, offering salvation and eternal life to all who believe in Him (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).
- 5. Living Out the Christian Life:** While the core principles of Christianity are simple, living out the Christian life in a fallen world can be challenging. However, the simplicity of the Christian life lies in its focus on following Christ's example of love, humility, and obedience, rather than on complex rules or rituals. We do this by allowing Christ's will to trump our own will. To allow Christ to live within us.

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Psalm 1:1-3 Blessed *is* the man that walketh **not** in the counsel of the ungodly, **nor** standeth in the way of sinners, **nor** sitteth in the seat of the scornful. **But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.** And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

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Psalm 1:4-6 **The ungodly *are not so*:** but *are* like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: **but the way of the ungodly shall perish.**

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Galatians 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that **they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.**

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- 1. Adultery:** Sexual relations between a married person and someone other than their spouse. Example: A married person having a sexual affair with another person.
- 2. Fornication:** Sexual immorality, including any sexual activity outside of marriage. Example: Engaging in premarital sex.
- 3. Uncleaness:** Moral impurity or indecency. Example: Watching or engaging in pornography.
- 4. Lasciviousness:** Lewd or lustful behavior. Example: Engaging in sexually suggestive dancing.
- 5. Idolatry:** Worshiping idols or putting anything above God. Example: Putting material possessions or money before God.
- 6. Witchcraft:** Involvement in witchcraft, sorcery, or occult practices or hedonistic drug use. Example: Consulting a psychic or practicing magic, abuse of pharmaceuticals.
- 7. Hatred:** Intense dislike or ill will toward another person. Example: Holding a grudge against someone and refusing to forgive them.
- 8. Variance:** Contentious or quarrelsome behavior. Example: Constantly arguing with others over minor issues.
- 9. Emulations:** Intense rivalry or competition. Example: Feeling envious and trying to outdo a colleague at work.
- 10. Wrath:** Intense anger or fury. Example: Flying into a rage and shouting at someone in a fit of anger.
- 11. Strife:** Conflict or disagreement, often leading to hostility. Example: Starting arguments and fights with others over trivial matters.
- 12. Seditious:** Inciting rebellion against authority. Rivalry, Division, Disunity. Example: Participating in a protest that turns violent.
- 13. Heresies:** Holding beliefs that contradict established religious teachings. Example: Denying the divinity of Jesus Christ.
- 14. Envyings:** Feeling resentful or discontented because of another person's possessions, qualities, or luck. Example: Being jealous of a friend's success and wishing harm upon them.
- 15. Murders:** Taking the life of another person. Example: Committing homicide.
- 16. Drunkenness:** Being intoxicated by alcohol. Example: Consuming excessive amounts of alcohol to the point of losing control.
- 17. Revellings:** Engaging in lively and noisy festivities, often involving drinking and dancing. "Cutting loose." Example: Attending a wild party engaging in excessive drinking, dancing and frivolities.

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Galatians 5:22-25 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

1. Love (Greek: agape): This is selfless, and sacrificial love. It is the kind of love that God has for us and that we are called to have for one another. (Example: Jesus' sacrificial love on the cross, John 3:16)

2. Joy (Greek: chara): This is a deep-seated gladness and contentment that is not based on circumstances but on the presence of God. It is a rejoicing in the Lord. (Example: The joy of the Lord is our strength, Nehemiah 8:10)

3. Peace (Greek: eirene): This is a state of tranquility, wholeness, and well-being. It is the peace that comes from being in a right relationship with God. (Example: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, Philippians 4:7)

4. Longsuffering (Greek: makrothumia): This is patience, endurance, and forbearance in the face of adversity or delay. It is the ability to patiently endure difficult circumstances or people. (Example: God's longsuffering with humanity, 2 Peter 3:9)

5. Gentleness (Greek: chrestotes): This is kindness, goodness, and a gracious attitude towards others. It is a gentle and humble demeanor, even in the face of opposition. (Example: Jesus' gentleness and kindness towards sinners, Matthew 11:29)

6. Goodness (Greek: agathosune): This is moral excellence, virtue, and beneficence. It is doing what is good and right according to God's standards. (Example: God's goodness and mercy, Psalm 23:6)

7. Faith (Greek: pistis): This is not just belief or trust in God, but also faithfulness, loyalty, and commitment to Him. It is a confident assurance in God's promises. (Example: Abraham's faith in God's promise of a son, Romans 4:20-21)

8. Meekness (Greek: prautes): This is humility, gentleness, and a mild disposition. It is strength under control, not asserting oneself over others. (Example: Moses, who was described as the meekest man on earth, Numbers 12:3)

9. Temperance (Greek: egkrateia): This is self-control, moderation, and restraint. It is the ability to control one's desires and impulses. (Example: Joseph's self-control in resisting Potiphar's wife, Genesis 39:7-12)

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John 8:31-32 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;** And ye shall know the truth, **and the truth shall make you free.**



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Colossians 3:12 Put on therefore,
as the elect of God, holy and
beloved, bowels of mercies,
kindness, humbleness of mind,
meekness, longsuffering;

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Ephesians 6:10-13 Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord**, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

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James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God.
Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

1 Peter 5:8-10 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle *you*.

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1 Corinthians 16:13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he *it is* that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Joshua 10:25 And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.

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Devotion & Esteem

Romans 12:10 *Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;*

Philippians 2:3 *Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.*

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Judgment

Romans 14:13 **Let us not therefore judge one another any more:** but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in *his* brother's way.

James 4:11-12 Speak not evil one of another, brethren.

He that speaketh evil of *his* brother, **and judgeth his brother,** speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. **There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?**

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Leviticus 19:15 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honour the person of the mighty: *but in* righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour.

John 7:24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

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Harmless & Unprovoking

Galatians 5:15 But if ye **bite and devour one another,** take heed that ye **be not consumed one of another.**

Galatians 5:26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, **provoking one another,** envying one another.

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Helpful & Patient

Galatians 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Ephesians 4:2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love.

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Comfort & Pray

1 Thessalonians 4:18 Wherefore **comfort one another** with these words.

1. James 5:16 Confess *your* faults one to another, and **pray one for another**, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

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Stimulate Good Works

Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider one another
to provoke unto love and to good works:

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his
workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus unto**
good works, which God hath before
ordained that we should walk in them.

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see **your good works**, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

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Exhort & Encourage

Hebrews 3:13 But **exhort one another daily**, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; **but exhorting one another**: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

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Kind & Forgiving

Ephesians 4:32 And **be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,** even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

1.Colossians 3:13 **Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another,** if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, **so also do ye.**

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Submission

Ephesians 5:21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

1 Peter 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. **Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility:** for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

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Lie not against the Truth

Colossians 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

Ephesians 4:25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

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Edify

Romans 15:14 And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, **filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.**

1 Thessalonians 5:11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, **and edify one another,** even as also ye do.

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Teach

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; **teaching and admonishing one another** in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

2 Timothy 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, **apt to teach**, patient,

Acts 5:42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

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No Grudges

James 5:9 Grudge not one against another,
brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold,
the judge standeth before the door.

**1 Peter 4:9 Use hospitality one to
another without grudging.**

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Be Hospitable

Hebrews 13:2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Romans 12:13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

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Serve

1 Peter 4:10 As every man hath received the gift, *even so* **minister the same one to another**, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Galatians 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love **serve one another.**

Mark 10:43-44 But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, **shall be your minister**: And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, **shall be servant of all.**

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Faith

- **Romans 1:17** For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from **faith to faith**: as it is written, **The just shall live by faith.**

Hebrews 11:6 - "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

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Colossians 2:6-7 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: **Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith,** as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Colossians 1:23 If ye **continue in the faith** grounded and settled, and *be* not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

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Ephesians 2:8-9 - "For **by grace** are ye saved **through faith;** and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

James 2:14, 17 What *doth it* profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? ... Even so **faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.**

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Hope

1 Peter 1:3: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again **unto a lively hope** by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Romans 15:13: Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, **that ye may abound in hope,** through the power of the Holy Ghost.

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Romans 5:2-5: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, **and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.** And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Hebrews 6:19: **Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast,** and which entereth into that within the veil.

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Love

Romans 13:8 Owe no man any thing, but to **love one another:** for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

1 Peter 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto **unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:**

Galatians 5:14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; **Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself**

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1 Thessalonians 3:12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in **love one toward another**, and toward all *men*, even as we *do* toward you:

1 Thessalonians 4:9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: **for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.**

1 John 3:11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that **we should love one another.**

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2 John 5 And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, **that we love one another.**

1 Peter 3:8 Finally, *be ye* all of one mind, having compassion one of another, **love as brethren**, *be* pitiful, *be* courteous:

1 John 3:23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, **and love one another**, as he gave us commandment.

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1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us **love one another:** for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

1 John 4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, **we ought also to love one another.**

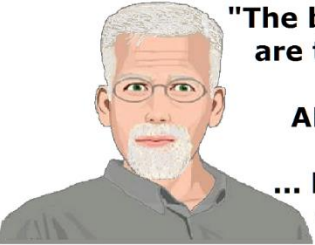
1 John 4:12 No man hath seen God at any time. If **we love one another,** God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.



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"The bible makes it clear that there are two essentials of the gospel
 1.) **BELIEVING IT**
 AND
 2.) **BEHAVING IT**
 ... but then I repeat myself"
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