



TRANSFORMATION

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Godly Living: is a lifestyle of holiness and surrender to God's will, characterized by reflecting his character through the power of the Holy Spirit rather than self-effort. It involves faith, obedience, prayer, and abiding in Jesus Christ, resulting in a life that brings peace and bears' fruit.

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Sacrificial Service: is the act of voluntarily giving up personal time, resources, or comfort to serve God and

others, often involving suffering or deep commitment. Rooted in biblical principles of love and devotion. It mimics Jesus' self-giving nature rather than acting out of duty, focusing on eternal value over temporal gain.

Energetic Mission: is a specific, assigned task, goal, or purpose, often involving a journey, duty, or specialized operation. It defines the core purpose of an organization (mission statement), a military objective, or a calling, such as missionary work or a "rescue mission". It focuses on current actionable objectives. A group sent to do missionary work of a "station" established for this purpose. To go out into the world and spread its faith. (Foreign Mission and Home Mission). Matt. 18:19-20

Baptist Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

Baptists believe the Holy Spirit is the third, fully divine person of the Trinity, possessing personality and deity. He convicts individuals of sin, effects regeneration at salvation, and indwells, seals, and empowers believers for Christian Growth, service, and witnessing. While affirming spiritual gifts for ministry, most Baptists reject sign gifts (tongues) as ongoing.

- **Role in Salvation:** The Spirit convicts the world of sin and, at the moment of regeneration, baptizes believers into the Body of Christ.
- **Indwelling and Sealing:** The Holy Spirit dwells within every believer, acting as a guarantee of their final redemption.
- **Illumination and Teaching:** The Spirit helps believers understand and apply the Scriptures.

- **Empowerment and Fruit:** The Holy Spirit cultivates Christian character (fruit of the Spirit) and empowers believers for evangelism and worship.
- **Spiritual Gifts:** The Spirit imparts gifts to believers for the edification of the church.
- **Filling:** Believers are urged to be continually filled with the Spirit, which is distinct from the initial indwelling at salvation.
- **Most Baptist** distinguish themselves from Pentecostal or Charismatic traditions by teaching that the “baptism of the Holy spirit” occurs at salvation not as a second experience and that miraculous sign gifts (like speaking in tongues) were specific to the apostolic age.

God’s Will: Sovereign Will God’s absolute, unchangeable master plan that brings all things to pass, including in some theological views, even suffering and evil, to fulfill His ultimate purpose.

Moral Will: God’s commands and instructions for humanity outlined in Scripture, such as practicing righteousness, purity and thanksgiving.

Permissive Will: Things God allows, such as human disobedience, which He nevertheless directs toward His ultimate purposes.

Personal Will: A unique, tailored purpose for each individual’s life.

How to Discern and follow God’s Will

1. **Be Transformed:** A renewed mind enables believers to test and approve what God’s will is.

2. **Rejoice and Pray:** Scripture states to “rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances. As a direct, actionable form of God’s will for life.
3. **Obey the Word:** Following the ethical commands of the Bible aligns a person with God’s moral will.
4. **Surrender:** A heart wholly surrendered to God is free to choose and act in ways that are pleasing to Him.

1 Thess. 5:16-18

“Believers should rejoice always, pray without ceasing and give thanks in all circumstances because this is **God’s will in Christ Jesus guiding Christians** to maintain a thankful prayerful **mindset rooted in faith**, not circumstances, enabling them to find joy and strength even in hardship by **staying connected to God’s presence**. It’s about a **continuous spiritual posture of faith** and gratitude, not uninterrupted action, **transforming hearts** and **aligning life with God’s purpose**.”

Transformation: Jesus breathed on his disciples, symbolizing the transfer of new holy life (John 10:21-22).

John 10:21-22: *Darby Bible* “Others said, “These sayings are not those of one that is possessed by a demon. Can a demon open blind people’s eyes?”

Now the feast of the dedication was celebrating at Jerusalem, and it was winter.

Discernment and Prudence: Matching God’s word with action and using godly wisdom.

Breath of God refers to the Holy Spirit, often depicted in the Bible as a powerful life giving force representing God’s presence, power and essence. It signifies the

impartation of spiritual life and inspiration, seen in creation (Genesis 2:7) and Pentecost (John 20:22), empowering believers and sustaining life.

Ruach (Hebrew: wind or breath highlighting that God's essence sustains all life. Rhh ak

In Genesis God breathes the breath of life into Adam distinguishing humanity as living beings.

The Holy Spirit: The breath of God is interpreted as the Holy Spirit, which brings spiritual awakening comfort, and empowerment.

God's Breath

1. New beginnings
2. Purification
3. Divine intervention
4. Inspiration

2nd Wind a spiritual, emotional, and mental restoration to fulfill God's calling. The spirit is working within the soul of man: mind will and emotions to fulfill **God's calling**.

God's Calling_ the call of God is a divine invitation to salvation, holiness, and service in His Kingdom. It represents a purposeful summons to follow Jesus, live a consecrated life, and use one's unique gifts for God's work. This calling can be general, encouraging all believers to holiness, or specific, directing individuals toward particular roles, ministries, or vocations.

- Salvation and sanctification: God invites individuals to accept salvation, terms "the called".
- Prophetic/ Ministry Call: God calls individuals for specialized tasks, such as Samuel to prophecy.

Abraham to a new land, or pastors to ministry, often characterized by a strong internal burden or “secret call”.

- **Vocation and Daily Life:** An overarching call to work diligently and ethically acting as a steward in one’s profession, regardless of the field.

The new Wind is a breath from God. That new wind is the Holy Spirit. God knew that you would need a second wind. He used wind in Genesis to give life.

Pentecost: Pentecost is a Christian holiday that takes place on the 49th day after Easter. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles of Jesus, Mary, and other followers.

Pentecost is a major Christian feast celebrated 40 days after Easter, commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus’s followers, marking the birth of the Church, and empowering them to spread the Gospel; it originates from the Jewish harvest festival of Shavuot, where the Spirit’s arrival empowered disciples to speak in other tongues, fulfilling Jesus’s promise.

Significance of Pentecost

1. **Birthday of the Church:** It’s seen as the moment the **Christian Church began its mission.**
2. **Fulfillment of Promise:** It **fulfills Jesus’s promise** to send the Holy Spirit, or counselor,” to guide believers.
3. **Empowerment:** The Holy Spirit filled the apostles, **giving them power and the ability to** speak in other languages (tongues) to preach the Gospel.