

Holy Spirit in the Life

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: II Timothy 3.

B. Subject: the Christ-centered life.

C. We have a spirit of control with regard to the thought life. (II Timothy 1:7, Psalm 9, II Timothy 3:1)

II. Christians are spiritually in trouble today.

A. They are covetous. (Luke 16)

B. They lie and are proud.

C. Satan always targets God's person, word and grace.

D. People are unthankful and lack love.

III. Jesus Christ is the truth. (John 1)

A. The Word was God.

B. Everything was made by Jesus Christ.

C. In Jesus was life.

D. Christ is the image of the invisible God. (Colossians 1:15)

E. Although Christ was in the form of God, He became man and died for us. (Philippians 2)

IV. One of the basic reasons we have problems is because we deny the sufficiency of Christ.

A. Life is our Christ. (Colossians 3:4)

B. Life is made up of difficulties. We have no reason to resent these things because Christ is sufficient for them.

C. Christ lives through us.

V. The Spirit brings the life of Christ to us. (John 13)

A. We must cooperate with the Holy Spirit.

B. We are to allow our minds to be transformed. (Romans 12:1-2, Ephesians 4:23-24, Colossians 3:10)

C. We are what we think. (Proverbs 23:7)

VI. Requirements for change.

A. The Word of God. (II Peter 1:3)

B. Prayer. (Ephesians 3)

C. Obedience. (John 13, I John 2:3-4)

Application questions:

1. Why is it important to understand that the spiritual battle takes place in the mind?

2. What role does Christ and the Spirit play in the battle?

3. What role do we play? Explain.
