Walking in the Spirit

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What would life be like if Jesus were around today?

- Within three years several persons healed
- Within three years thousands of hungry people were fed

■ Within three years at least two dead persons brought back to life

■ Within three years the forces of nature respond to His authority

JOHN 20:30

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not recorded in this book.

JOHN 21:25

Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

Jesus gets ready to leave His disciples...

JOHN 13:1

It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for Him to leave this world and to go to the Father...

JOHN 13:33

My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for Me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

AS EXPECTED...

- Disciples are troubled
- Peter swears <u>he would die for Jesus</u>
- Disciples had abandoned careers to follow Jesus, therefore troubled...

- they were threatened
- failure looming
- they were confused
- confidence waning
- "but we had hoped that He was the one who was going to redeem Israel" (Luke 24:21)

JESUS INTERVENES...

JOHN 14:1

- Do not let your hearts be troubled...
- Stop worrying
- Stop living in fear
- TRUST ME...

There is no need to worry...

HEAR MY PLAN...

- I am going to prepare a place for you
- I am coming back to get you
- Someone else will take my place
- I will not leave you as orphans

JOHN 14:16

And I will ask the Father, and He will give you <u>another Counselor</u> to be with you forever...

JOHN 16:7

But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

- Whereas Jesus was leaving,
 Counselor will be staying
- Whereas Jesus was with them,
 Counselor will be in them
- Sense of permanence
- Sense of ongoing presence...

EPHESIANS 1:13-14

Having believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit...

...who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession...

2 CORINTHIANS 1:22

God anointed us, set His seal of ownership on us, and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:5

Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

UNTIL JESUS COMES...

- Holy Spirit is God's Agent in the world
- Holy Spirit is God's remedy for the "Jesus absence syndrome"

■ Holy Spirit is God's source of power for evangelism

ACTS 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...

 Holy Spirit affects who we are, not only what we do

... He convicts of sin

"...when the people heard this, they were cut to the heart..." ACTS 2:37

- He develops our character and attitude
- He enables us to become people of honor
- He enables us to become people of integrity
- He enables us to become people of fortitude

GALATIANS 5:22

The Holy Spirit produces...

LOVE

■ JOY

■ PEACE

- PATIENCE
- KINDNESS
- GOODNESS
- GENTLENESS FAITHFULNESS
- SELF-CONTROL

HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?

EPHESIANS 5:15-17

Be careful how you live...

NOT AS UNWISE, but as wise DO NOT BE FOOLISH, but understand what is the Lord's will

EPHESIANS 5:18

DO NOT GET DRUNK ON WINE,

- wine has negative effect on the body
- drinker is controlled by the potency in alcohol
- drinking to encounter other-than-normal experience
- STOP allowing that to happen to you

INSTEAD... Be filled with the Spirit

INSTEAD...

Allow the Holy Spirit to control you

INSTEAD...

Submit to something different

EXAMINE THE VERB TO BE FILLED

- Imperative Mood (command mode)
- Present Tense (continuing action)
- Passive Voice (action by another)

EPHESIANS 5:18

I command you to allow the Holy Spirit to keep controlling you...

- An invitation to surrender to Holy Spirit
- This is not a suggestion
- This is not a good idea to discuss
- This is a command to be followed...

WHEN CONTROLLED BY ALCOHOL

Negative behaviors are seen

WHEN CONTROLED BY HOLY SPIRIT

Positive behaviors are seen

SEEN IN FOUR PARTICIPLES

Ephesians 5:19-21

- 1. There is a <u>speaking to one another</u> ... relationships are affected
- 2. There is singing and melody ... emotional delight

- 3. There is <u>thankfulness</u> ... a spirit of appreciation
- 4. There is <u>submission</u> to one another ... respect and honor

WHEN THE SPIRIT IS IN CONTROL

(one area of behavior is changed)

- There is singing and melody
- There is emotional delight
- There is a quest for joyful expressions
- psalms, hymns and spiritual songs
- -singing and making music with enthusiasm

Music says something about the musician

<u>James 5:13</u>

Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise

Acts 16:25

At midnight...they were singing hymns to God...

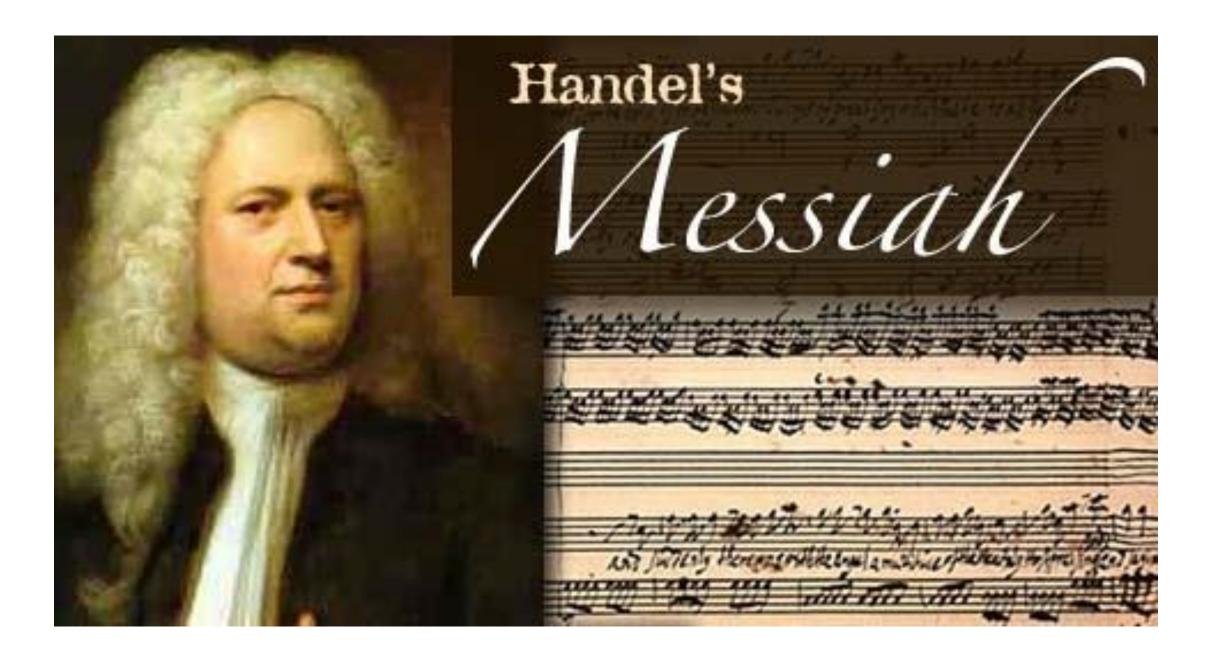
Music does something to the listener

Scientific studies have shown the value of music on the body, mind and spirit

- 1 Samuel 16:14-23, David was employed as a music therapist to King Saul
- 2 Kings 3:15, Elisha uses a musician to prepare the people to receive the word of the Lord

Music does something when we worship

- Musicians in worship 2 Chronicles 5:12-14
- Among the Levites, 4,000 assigned to praise Lord with instruments
- Another 288 trained as vocalists (1 Chron. 25:7)
- Most qualified Levite expected to lead music (1 Chron. 15:22)



PSALM 69:30-31

I will praise the Lord in song and glorify Him with thanksgiving. This will please the Lord more than an ox, more than a bull with its horns and hoofs.

WHEN WE ALLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT TO CONTROL US...

- He gives us joy
- He gives us melody
- He gives us enthusiasm
- He gives us a song

Jesus gives me a song as I travel along on life's weary, toilsome road. I can sing as I go, for there's one thing I know that will end life's heavy load.