Walking in the Spirit

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The apostle Paul said, "Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16). He also said, "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit" (5:25).

Walking in the Spirit is simply allowing the Holy Spirit to do in us what God sent him to do. Jesus said of the Father, "He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you" (John 14:16-17).

Romans 8:26 describes one of the most powerful works of the Holy Spirit in the heart of the believer: "Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." The Hebrew word for groaning means a *yearning* — a longing for more of Christ. This yearning says, "Jesus, you're the only happiness there is in this world. Walk with me and take control."

The Holy Spirit was sent to us as a gift from God to seal, sanctify, empower, and prepare us and bring us home as a prepared bride for Christ. He is our guide, our comforter, our strength in time of need and he uses every act of deliverance — every touch, every manifestation of himself in us — to make us more suitable as a bride.

The Holy Spirit does not come to entertain or provide signs and wonders just to thrill us or make us feel good. No, he means to wean us from this world, to convict us of everything that would blemish us and turn our eyes away from everything but Jesus. He wants to create in us a longing for Jesus' soon appearance and adorn us with the ornaments of a passionate desire to be with him as his bride.

If you truly love Jesus, he is never out of your mind. And you are more precious to him than you can ever imagine!

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